

# MAN KILLED BY NITRO IN SAFE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The coroner today began an investigation into the death of Stephen Pavltek, who was killed by an explosion of nitro-glycerine which had been placed between the plates of a huge iron safe. The explosion occurred in the shop of the Turnbull Safe & Vault company late yesterday afternoon. The man was engaged in repairing the door when the explosive let go. He was struck by a 100-pound steel plate and was killed almost instantly. It is generally believed that the nitro-glycerine was left between the plates of the door by burglars three months ago.

# WELL, THIS IS THE LIMIT

L. W. Moran is nothing if not a curious creature. When Patrolman Bergstrom was on his way home, shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning, he espied a stranger clinging to a telephone pole, in front of the Berwyn hotel, 1114 Sixth av.

"Come down," ordered Bergstrom. Moran obeyed. "Why the pole-climbing stuff?" inquired Bergstrom. "I was only looking to see if my girl was home," answered Moran. Then, apparently thinking that Bergstrom was too inquisitive, Moran whipped out a saw and cut the pole with his right hand. The fight is described as a pippin. In the end Moran annexed a broken nose. He also landed in jail. He's still there.

# DYNAMITE IN CHURCH

Dynamite, five sticks of it, was found in the vestibule of the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday afternoon by C. E. Downie, one of the church officers. No fuse was attached to the dynamite sticks, but the police are unhesitating in their belief that the explosive was placed for the express purpose of cowing Dr. Adna W. Leonard, who for several weeks has fearlessly attacked the city administration. Two weeks ago Dr. Leonard received a "Black Hand" letter, in which the threat was expressed that unless he quit his attacks on the city administration his church would be blown up. Dr. Leonard publicly denounced the writer as a coward, and has continued his attacks. No trace of the miscreant who placed the dynamite yesterday has been found by the police.

# JUDGE GORDON MAKES POLICE COURT LESS TERRIFYING TO UNFORTUNATES

With its tide of tears and smiles, Christmas always bring a spirit of tolerance, good cheer and forgiveness. This spirit was especially evident today in police court. Stern justice took a back seat and leniency held the throne. Police Judge John B. Gordon was the interpreter. Harmless "drunks" and "drunks" that weren't so harmless appeared before the police judge, and in almost every instance "the boys" were turned loose to enjoy Christmas in freedom. Not to be outdone, Chief Jailer Corbett came down from the city jail with a grin and five women. "Better let 'em go, Judge," said Corbett. "They've only got to serve a few more days. 'Let them go,' said Judge Gordon. "Merry Christmas, Judge," chorused the women. "Some were tattered and torn; others were bright and garish. Not satisfied with his 'jail delivery,' Judge Gordon and City Attorney Ralph Pierce jumped into an automobile and hiked for the city stockade. "Pick out those who won't be harmed by cutting short their time," ordered Judge Gordon, when Chief Guard Owen Roberts appeared. "Well, there's a few here, I guess," said Roberts. "Five 'worthy' prisoners were called out. Four smiled sweetly when told they could go. The fifth said: "Nothin' doin'. There's goin' to be a big feed here tomorrow, and I'm in on it. I couldn't get one



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down town. I'll stay here until tomorrow. "Nothin' doin'. There's goin' to be a big feed here tomorrow, and I'm in on it. I couldn't get one

# XMAS TRAGEDY FROM STORES

(Concluded.) "Just a minute! You said five! Six? Change hasn't come; I can't help it, ma'am! Yes, it's five a package! Show! Yes! I'll wait on you in a minute!" She spoke evenly, in a monotone. "This snow? How much? See here, where's my change? Let's there anyone else waiting at this counter?" Confusion, bustle, noise, hands flying, lips moving—and this would go on for another hour and a half. A man pushed his way through the crowd. "See here, kid," he cried. "You do me up 19 of these—quick!" Mamie leaned forward on the counter and smiled dimly. "Ten? Ten?" "Can't you hear? Eight, nine, ten?" "Ten? Ten what?" She leaned further forward, sighed, slipped and slouched among the packages on the counter. "She's faint," said some one. "Something's the matter! Get water! Help her up." The crowd jammed; the floor-walker broke his way through, muttering. "Mamie down? Thunder! And just now, when we can't replace her! Why couldn't the girl stick it out?" Next morning the nurse in the hospital wished her a merry Christmas. She looked up vacantly and fell into delirium. At the same moment one woman said to another: "The jam was awful last night. I thought I'd never get home. And the service in the stores was insufferable." Asked the other: "Why didn't you shop earlier in the month?" "Why? Oh, you know how it is."

# NO JOY IN THIS MINE TOWN NOW

(By United Press.) MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve in the village of Leigh and in the vicinity of the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton company, where approximately 290 miners lost their lives in an explosion in the pits, was made the time for a great funeral service over the bodies of 186 recovered dead. The charred and mangled relics will be consigned to a single grave near the mine. A pitiable feature of the funeral is the fact that only 50 bodies have been identified.

# WHO'LL RUN AGAINST GILL

All signers of the recall petitions are requested to send to the Public Welfare League headquarters, 25 Scheuerman block, the names of their choice for the recall candidate to oppose Mayor Gill. The recommendations must be in by Tuesday, December 27, and no officer of the Public Welfare League is eligible. The executive committee of the league will then take steps to determine who the candidate should be.

# NO NEW TRIAL FOR WENDLING

(By United Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—Joseph Wendling, convicted of the murder of Alma Kellner, 8 years old, in the basement of St. John's parochial school a year ago, was denied a retrial today by Judge Gregory.

# HOT NEWS

That has NOT happened yet. President Crawford of the Renton line has ordered his conductors to issue \$1 worth of commutation tickets at Orchard Beach free to each passenger tomorrow. The recall signers will be addressed on civic standards by Chief Wapenstein at a mass meeting tomorrow night. No lobbying will be permitted during the next session of the legislature. Sue, remember, it hasn't happened yet.

# HE'LL EAT PLUM DUFF IN JAIL

After biting one man on the arm and sinking his molars into the calf of another stranger's leg, Joe Brett, self-accused "moocher," ran afoul Patrolman Donlan last night. Brett didn't want to spend Christmas in jail and said so. Judge Gordon replied that he would be tickled to death to grant his request, but the gravity of the case demanded \$29 worth of punishment. Not having the coin to liquidate, Joe will eat plum duff in jail tomorrow.

# FOLDING BED KILLS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24.—Alonso Bryant, 68 years old, was killed almost instantly in a folding bed in his home here at 1 o'clock this morning. The foot of the bed gave way, causing the upright portion to fall forward.

# GAS CAUSES DEATH TO 6

(By United Press.) KENTON, O., Dec. 24.—Six persons were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in an apartment at the Lintz hotel here today. Their bodies were discovered by a bellboy. The dead: Charles Latham and Mrs. Latham, Wm. Kennedy, Pearl Kennedy, son of William, aged 24, Harry Newcomb, 23, Miss Bailey, 21. The six persons had gathered for a pre-Christmas revel in a room of the hotel. The management of the hotel did not know of the gathering until it was reported that there was an odor of gas coming from the room. Boy Finds Bodies. A bell boy was sent to investigate. He reported that the door was locked, but he believed he had seen bodies as he looked over the transom. Entrance was forced into the room and the bodies removed. Efforts to resuscitate them proved fruitless. A small stove which had been connected with the illuminating gas had become disconnected, filling the room with gas. The apartment was strewn with empty bottles, and it is believed the revelers had been overcome with liquor before the accident to the stove happened.

# CONFESSES HE SET PHILADELPHIA FIRE

(By United Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—John Cornegia, a Pole, surrendered to the police this afternoon, stating that he started the Friedlander leather factory fire, in which 24 firemen and police lost their lives. He said that the firm refused him employment and that he desired revenge. The police are holding him in custody pending an investigation. They stated that the man was probably mentally unbalanced.

# PENITENTIARY FOR KIDNAPER

Bert Schuman, who kidnaped little Dewey Wellman last July, was found guilty yesterday by a jury before Judge Gay. He admitted a penitentiary record for the same offense before, and upon this admission Judge Gay sentenced him as an habitual criminal to a term of not less than 20 years and not more than 40 years. Schuman is somewhat of a religious fanatic. He took the boy to Omaha, Neb., and it was his invariable tendency to meet with religious organizations that led up to his capture.

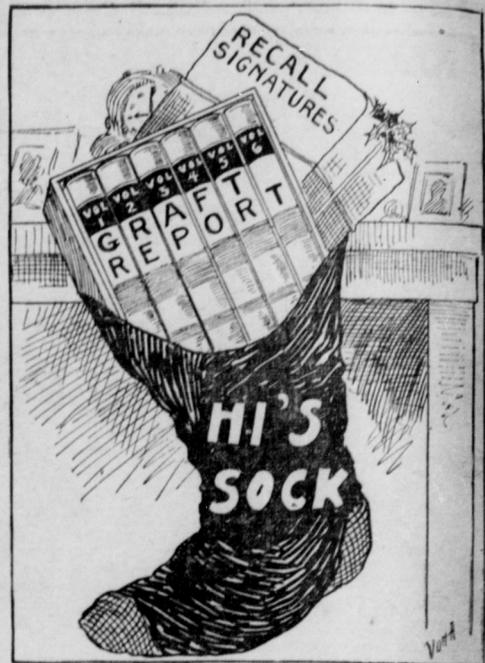
# REBELS HOLD UP TRAIN

(By United Press.) JUAREZ, Mex., Dec. 24.—Revolutionists today held up a passenger train two miles from here, seized provisions and ammunition aboard and then allowed the train to proceed. The hold-up is believed to indicate that the rebels will attack Juarez. The train was bound toward this city. The revolutionists flagged the engine.

# GRAFTER GOES TO PRISON FOR XMAS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Former Police Inspector Edward McCann, victed of taking money for police protection of vice in the West Side district, over which he presided, will spend his Xmas in the state prison at Joliet. McCann surrendered to the sheriff today, and was taken to the county jail. Tonight he will be taken to Joliet, and entered in the prison tomorrow. An appeal to the federal court will be made after McCann begins serving his five-year sentence. Two hundred poor children were made glad yesterday when Santa Claus appeared at the invitation of the Lady Elks in the Elks' lodge room in the Alaska building. More than 600 toys, bags of candy and popcorn did Santa distribute among the happy kids. Mrs. George Stetson made a bully Santa and more than one wondering tot gazed and gazed at her. After Santa ran out of presents several men carried load after load of toys and other gifts to children who could not attend the big tree because they did not have sufficient clothing to make the trip down town.

# Merry Xmas to Hi From Seattle



DRINKS FROM WRONG BOTTLE; DROPS DEAD. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"I'll show you how easy it is to take," said Mrs. Joseph Barone to her daughter, Susie, 11 years old, today, and lifted a bottle to her lips in proof. Susie had objected to taking a teaspoonful of what was supposed to be cough medicine, which her mother poured out of one of a number of bottles. Mrs. Barone fell to the floor in convulsions, and died before an ambulance arrived. She drank from a bottle of acid by mistake. Susie was almost distracted over the thought that her obstinacy contributed to her mother's death.

# THE WOMAN IN THE CASE

(Concluded.) or six years there, reaching to the teller's office, guarded thousands of dollars of other men's money for \$75 a month. However that may be, it was generally known to his friends that he was discontented. He vowed at times that he would quit the bank and work on the docks or in a logging camp. The iron was being slowly driven year by year, into his soul. So much money in his care, so pitifully little his to keep. For \$75 a month doesn't go very far these days. His father, after a long battle with illness, had died. There were big doctors and under-takers' bills to meet. As soon as he made a little money it slipped away. Always there was his mother to care for. Probably Frank Fuhrman would have broken away from the bank years ago and started out to make his living with his two hands if he could have been assured of her comfort. One other thing he couldn't forget. Of the other bright young fellows who had graduated with him, nearly all were doing well. They had good jobs, many had married, some had speculated in tide flat lands and made themselves independent—while Fuhrman had always the struggle to live. Then the big opportunity came—the chance to buy timber and a logging outfit. It would cost a lot of money. But it would pay big. Now if Fuhrman had been one of Tacoma's 500 biggest business men all he'd have had to do would be to go into any bank president's office, explain the situation, sign a few papers and walk out with money enough to swing the deal. But a \$75 a month, or a \$100 a month bank clerk can't do that. You need credit, influence, business standing. Fuhrman didn't have these. He was barred. A fortune lay within his grasp. But he couldn't reach out and take it. His credit wasn't strong enough. What agony of soul Frank Fuhrman went through he only knows. But—he fell. He knows he could have paid the money back. The bank people admit it. If he could have borrowed that money, he'd be respected today. He couldn't, and was driven desperate. Perhaps the years when he worked for \$50 a month and spent it all, without one penny going for drink or tobacco, or the ordinary indulgences of young men, perhaps these years may hold some explanation for his final tragic act. Perhaps, too, if Frank Fuhrman had received from his employer a larger percentage of what he earned, and perhaps if he had been able to keep his mother in comfort without racking his own soul for five long years, for ten years of poverty— But this isn't a story of Might-Have-Been. It's just additional facts that the courts probably won't even hear when they try Frank Fuhrman. But his mother will know. Maybe it'll be some consolation to her.

# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNERS AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES TOMORROW

# FIND BI-PLANE OF LOST PILOT

(By United Press.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—It is reported that a biplane, supposedly the Wright machine flown by Cecil Grace, the aviator, who was lost in attempting a flight from Calais to Dover, has been found in the North sea near Texel. It is believed that Grace has been drowned.

# FAMOUS HEN DEAD

(By United Press.) BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 24.—Capt. Daniel Tarbox's famous black hen is dead. She was 21 years old last May. The captain says she had laid 4,600 eggs.

# Tallest Elk Dead

PADUCAH, Ky., Dec. 24.—John Porteous, 27 years old, who won a prize as the tallest and "skinniest" Elk at the national convention at Denver in 1907, is dead of tuberculosis. He was 6 feet 7 inches tall.

# WHITE WIFE OF CHINESE DOCTOR SEEKS DIVORCE

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 24.—Bessy Leo, the white wife of Dr. Frank Leo, a Chinese physician, today brought suit for divorce after two years of tempestuous married life. Mrs. Leo wants the custody of their 11-month-old child and \$25 a month alimony. She charges cruel and inhuman treatment, culminating in her being driven from home. I want quarrels and at one time a separation for several months have occurred during their married life.

**Christmas Dinner**  
AT THE  
**New Washington Hotel**  
ON  
**Sunday Evening, Dec. 25th**  
**\$1.50**

Grape Fruit Gwendoline  
Neptune Cocktail  
Esquimault Oysters, Half Shell  
Hoods Canal Shrimps, Mayonnaise  
Green Turtle a l'Anglaise  
Chicken Consomme, Chanceliere  
Celery Olives, Radishes  
Grilled Salmon Trout, Parsley Butter  
Sliced Cucumbers, Potato Matches  
Mousseline of Virginia Ham, Champagne Sauce  
Possum and Taters, Georgia  
Calf's Sweetbreads en Surprise, New Washington  
Omelette Celestine  
Young Turkey, Nut Dressing, Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce  
Stuffed Toulouse Goose with Sage and Onions  
Suckling Pig, Apple Compote  
Prime Ribs of Beef, Own Gravy  
Boiled Potatoes  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Creamed Cauliflower  
Spinach and Egg  
Brussels Sprouts  
Fried Egg Plant  
New Peas  
Christmas Punch  
Breast of Imported Duck, Wild Rice, Guava Jelly  
California Tule Birds, Fine Herb Butter  
Head Lettuce  
Lettuce and Tomato  
Chicory  
Asparagus Tips, Vinaigrette  
French String Bean Salad  
Steamed Plum Pudding, Brandy and Hard Sauce  
Apple Pie  
Cold or Hot Mince Pie  
Pumpkin Pie  
Combination Ice Cream, Luscious Assorted Cakes  
Casaba Melon  
Delicious Apples  
Bartlett Pears  
Malaga Grapes  
Mandarins  
Mixed Nuts  
Cluster Raisins  
American Camembert  
Roquefort Cheese  
Toasted Crackers  
Coffee  
Tea  
Milk  
Chocolate  
Cider

**A Delicious Christmas Dinner**  
AT THE  
**Georgian Cafe**  
Usual Moderate Prices  
1422 FOURTH AV.  
Bet. Union and Pike Sts.

**Christmas Day**  
**Hotel Stevens Cafe**  
Will serve a Special Full Course  
**Turkey Dinner**  
FROM 12 TO 8 P. M.  
**75¢**  
Marion St., Between First and Second Avs.

**Merry Xmas and Happy New Year**  
**Special Cooking for Xmas**  
**Turkey Wahman (Special Noodles) 35c**  
**PEKIN CAFE, 2d and Yesler**



The only place in Seattle where you can get first class Chinese cooking.