

# "CRAZY" IS THEIR PLEA

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The car barn bandits were arraigned this morning. The four prisoners, neatly dressed and well groomed, but minus the air of bravado that marked their conduct immediately after their arrest, were placed in a row before the judge's bench. VanDine and Niedemier wore a serious look, but Marx and Roeski seemed unable to realize their plight.

Marx smiled continually, while Roeski looked bored when the indictments were read charging VanDine Marx and Niedemier with the murder of Johnson and Stewart in the car barn and Roeski with the murder of Bauer in the saloon hold-up.

Marx's attorney asked for a continuance for two months, on the ground that present public opinion would prevent a fair trial.

An affidavit was presented showing Marx to be the victim of parental influences. His father was a man of low and vicious instincts and is now serving a term in the penitentiary at Joliet for assault on a 14-year-old girl. The affidavit also claimed that Marx was further irresponsible by reason of an injury to his head which was inflicted by his father, who struck him with a broomstick in infancy. A similar plea for continuance and hereditary insanity was set up for VanDine.

Niedemier and Roeski asked for continuances and presented affidavits pleading mental irresponsibility. The court passed the cases until tomorrow.

## OPERA HOUSE

On New Year's day the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is planning to have an open house. All the young men of the city will be welcome during the day to enjoy the various entertainments planned. The juniors will probably give an entertainment.

## CITY ITEMS

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the public library committee will meet to formulate plans for the next year. Shortly after New Year's another consignment of books will be ordered by the librarian. The library will close this year with 23,910 books on the shelves.

Herman Dickman, an engineer in the employ of the St. Paul mill camp No. 5, was brought to Tacoma from Orting today. Wickman is ill with typhoid fever and is in a serious condition. He was removed to a local hospital.

## CHILDREN HELP

William Hoover, manager of the Associated Charities, received a large amount of useful articles every month from the different Sunday schools of the city. Nearly every school in the city donates to the cause and helps out the charitable institution a great deal.

## LATE TELEGRAPH

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 28.—Harry Chapman, aged 18, colored, shot and killed his father last night because the latter struck the boy's mother.

ODESSA, Dec. 28.—An ice floe in Soroka bay broke away today, carrying 40 horses and 150 men, who were herring fishing, out to sea. All of the horses and five of the men were drowned. The others were saved after desperate efforts.

## THEATERS

TACOMA THEATER. The Olympia opera company opens an engagement at the Tacoma theater tonight. "Olivette" is the first piece that will be put on.

LYCEUM THEATER. "The Head Waiters" played an engagement at the Lyceum yesterday.

## DIDN'T PAY FOR POLICY

The case of Lowell against McKeever was tried before Judge Griffin this morning. Attorneys Sledge and Aldrich appeared for defendant and W. H. Harris for the plaintiff. McKeever, of Eatonville, took out an insurance policy for \$1,000 with the Northern Life & Savings company in June, 1902, giving a note for \$120, which he was to pay within a year in \$10 installments. McKeever made four payments, then stopped. It was to recover the balance that suit was brought. The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$80, the amount asked. The case will probably be appealed.

## TO RECEIVE BIDS

Bids will be received Tuesday by the commissioner of public works for the improvement of South Seventh street, in local improvement district No. 77. The street is to be graded and sidewalks built.

## MUSICAL SERVICE

The special features of the services given at the First Congregational church last night were the vocal music by Professor W. B. Gibbons and the instrumental selections rendered by Professor Olof Bull. The musical program last evening was one of the best that has been given.

## POLICE COURT.

Ed Morrell and Charles Bob, an Indian, were committed to jail for two days by Judge Griffin for drunkenness. This is their second appearance in jail in a week.

## STRUCK DOWN BY POLICEMAN

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—James Williams, who was struck by Patrolman Bannick

Saturday night, is still alive, although Dr. Snyder, who is attending him, says his skull is fractured. While Williams may live, it is doubtful if he will ever recover the full use of his faculties.

Public sentiment is in favor of the officer. Williams was struck while attempting to release a prisoner in the custody of the officer. Williams is an engineer and prior to his encounter was employed at Carbonado.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT NEW YEARS DAY

A special series of games will be played on the links of the Tacoma Golf club New Year's day. The principal event will be the competition for the Balfour medal. Another interesting event will be the contest for the medal donated by Phillip Tilghman, formerly a Tacoma attorney. Contests will also be held for the longest

## PANAMA REPUBLIC MILITARY CHIEF



Gen. Esteban Huertas

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 27.—The accompanying photographs are of three of the men who played active and prominent parts in the late uprising at Panama. General Huertas was in command of the "Batallion Colombia" at the time of the uprising, and was the one to give the order of arrest for Generals Tovar and Castro, which was executed by Captain Salazar.

General Reuben Varon was in command of the gunboat "Bogota" (November 21) (Panama) at the time, and was lying close to the gunboat "Bogota" when she shelled the city of Panama. Owing to a failure to

and the best drive. A reception will be held on the grounds.

## MEETING OF MINISTERS

The Methodist Ministers' association met at 10:30 o'clock this morning at the University of Puget Sound. The organization agreed to co-operate with the Ministerial Alliance of this city in holding cottage prayer meetings throughout the city. During January and February these prayer meetings will be held in homes during the afternoon, once a week.

Dr. E. M. Randall, president of the University of Puget Sound, delivered an address on "The Kind of Preaching That Brings Conviction." The discourse of Dr. Randall was afterward discussed by Rev. Roy A. Kirkpatrick, Rev. A. L. Hutchison and Rev. Monroe of Portland, Ore.



Gen. Ruben Varon and Col. Marcos Salazar

send General Varon orders from shore he did not try to intercept the Bogota.

General Huertas has an excellent military record, having fought in 20 land and 15 sea battles. His first promotion was in January, 1885, when he was given the place of drummer. From this he gradually moved upward, step by step, until in February, 1902, he was appointed a general in the Colombian army.

General Varon has held many important positions in the military and civil offices of the Colombian government, and has been very prominent in the politics of that government.

Captain Salazar has been in the military service of Colombia a number of years, and has a very fine military record.

The above three men not only played a very important part in the recent independence movement, but had any one of them failed to carry out his part of the agreement, the independence movement might have been frustrated.

## NEW YORK HAS HEARD WAGNER'S "PARSIFAL"



PARSIFAL BEARING THE "HOLY GRAIL"

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Parsifal has been given and New York breathes free again.

Nothing has ever so torn up this town as this exploitation of Parsifal. No breakfast food was ever half so well advertised. Its flaunting to the public eye brought the blush of envy to the cheek of the most hardened publicity promoters. Sunny Jim was faded on the dead walls in its rival glare. The 57 varieties were forgotten. Manager Conried got more space in the papers than Mr. Morgan's ship scandal. Mr. Conried's press agents did their work well, as the box office can testify. And for their signal service this gallant band doesn't even require a "thank you."

That's because they happen to be the composer's outraged widow, a bishop, a half dozen ministers and a few hundred gossips—all still more or less outraged. The axiom that "a knock is a boost" solved the problem for the Parsifal promoters. From the moment that Mr. Conried slipped away from Wagnerland with his Parsifal manuscript in his coat tail pocket he gave a standing order for reporters and bared his unclipped head for knocks. He saw to it that the acoustics were fitted so that each hammer stroke was made to reverberate to the ends of the metropolis. The boiler factory anvil chorus that resulted filled the New Yorker's ears. It had the subway beaten a block. One after another the shrewd Mr. Conried led the classes of New York within the radius of his box office web. With his name abbreviated and a gold brick he couldn't have performed a more artistic bit.

First Frau Wagner filled the papers with her lamentations. A question of Business vs. Ethics was raised, and that's always interesting in New York. While the hand organ division of the musical



DIRECTOR ALFRED HERTZ.

were learning how to pronounce Beirut the score pushers were already in the toils of the ticket man. But that meant only gallery and standing room. Then Conried played his trump card. Little by little the religious symbolism of his Parsifal was allowed to filter out. The impresario folded his hands and waited. He didn't have to wait long. The pulpit was from. Flocks were advised to avoid the shoals of the Metropolitan opera house on Parsifal night. It was sacrilegious, proclaimed half a dozen clergymen. "We'll see whether it is or not," promptly cried half a dozen flocks. In the ensuing onslaught upon the box office the gentlemanly ticket skinner almost forgot to look bored.

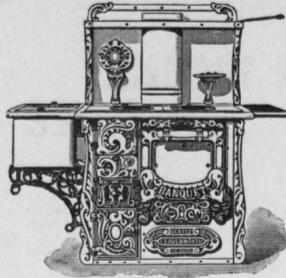
By this time the women had taken up the Parsifal question. All bets were declared off. You couldn't escape Parsifal talk. It whistled through the grove of hang-strings in the cars, it came with your "draw one" and "ham-and" at the lunch factories, it overshadowed the gabbling stretch of the Christmas shop counters. You got it with the coffee, over the bootblack stand; you were still getting it with dinner and the theater. They told you it was mean shame to treat a widow so. But they also told you to be present or accounted for at the box office. It must be determined just how mean the shame was.

So Conried sold his house and turned an army away. But one more promoter confronted him. He must steel the backbone of society to sit up and be counted throughout his six-hour Parsifal performance. The people who had the bonds and boxes were weakening as Christmas eve approached. But the impresario rose to the emergency. He served up to society two questions nearest its heart. Dress and dinner must be arranged, he caused it to be heralded abroad. Low necks and waistcoats at 5 o'clock in the afternoon? Dinner at 7, at home, in a restaurant, or in the foyer? High necks and waistcoats at 9 in the evening, with a dinner, or a change to low things without dinner? Society bit at the dangling worm. On the eventful night there wasn't an absentee. Everyone had to be on hand to prove his or her particular theory on the high and low right.

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## BALLOONIST A VICTIM

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Fire today destroyed a rooming house on Court street. Professor Marshall, the aeronaut, a well known character, was suffocated. He had been in Boston several months, working on another airship model.

## RIOT WAS SEQUEL

WINTER QUARTERS, Utah, Dec. 28. married coal mine strikers this morning. A deputy sheriff who attempted to evict married coal mine strikers precipitated a riot. Armed guards of the Utah Fuel company withdrew and returned with a company of militia. The strikers then submitted peaceably.

## EAGLE SOCIAL

Preparations are on foot among the

## YE GODS AND LITTLE FISHES! IS THIS A DREAM OR NOT?



WHAT THE WOMEN ARE FRAMING UP.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Not satisfied with the trouble caused by deciding on their own garments, the members of the Irving Park Women's club have decided to edit the men's pants. The garment is called pants in Chicago, but in Irving Park it is called trousers.

The crusade against the present "meal sacks tied with a string," worn by the college boy and his imitators, was started in jest and now assumes the dignity of earnestness and has reached proportions that cause the men to sit up and take notice.

Morning, noon and night the masculine resident of the park has reform talked to

members of Tacoma aerie No. 3, Fraternal Order of Eagles, to hold a social next Sunday in connection with the installation of officers. A large class of new members was taken into the order yesterday.

## DARING THREATENS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A general alarm was sent in to police headquarters today for the son of Mrs. Charles Hendricks, the wife of the physician who figured a year ago in the Laura Bigger suit against the Bennett estate. The missing boy was kidnaped this morning by a man, who drove up front of the residence in a cab, seized the child and escaped.

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

A marriage license was issued to John C. White and Miss Clara E. Murphy at the auditor's office this afternoon.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—James Abbott, who was arrested at Niagara Falls, charged with impersonating J. Ogden Goelt, the millionaire, and making love to a New York restaurant keeper's daughter, will fight extradition. He was arraigned this morning and charged with forging Goelt's name to his letter of introduction.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The cruiser New York sailed for Panama this afternoon. It will be Admiral Glass' flagship when it reaches the isthmus.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 28.—David Van Houghten, who shot and killed Albert Young last night, was captured in his barn at Montavilla this morning. He made no resistance and claims Young despoiled his home.

ver buckles at the knee. Another wants dress trousers cut off at the knee and trimmed with real lace. In addition to the discussion on pants, the crusaders have invaded the collar field and declare against the stiff linen collar and in favor of a rolling effect in lace that would make the stalwart six-footers look like Little Lord Fauntleroy after a 20-year sleep.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—It was learned from an authoritative source today that three alternatives were presented to the United States in the note regarding Panama which General Reyes submitted to the state department.

First, that the status existing prior to the revolution on the island be restored. Second, that American keep hands off while Colombia tries to whip Panama into submission.

Third, if the United States will accept neither of the preceding propositions, then it should pay Colombia damages for injury inflicted through the loss of territory, the amount to be fixed through submission of the case to The Hague.

No publication of the text of Reyes' note is expected until it is sent to congress, with other documents bearing on the Panama case. It is a lengthy communication, and based entirely on the Colombian interpretation of the treaty of 1846.

The note carries a threat that failure on the part of the United States to heed Colombia's protests or accept the propositions submitted will result in a severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

## DESERTER

Charles Ellison, a deserter from the United States army at Fort Keogh, Montana, gave himself up at the police station last night. He told Sergeant McKay that he would face trial for desertion rather than be a hunted man.

## STATE EXAMINATION

The state board of education commenced a teachers' examination in the Central school building this morning for applicants for state certificates. A large number of teachers are taking the examination. It is probable that they will last three days.



"Oh! Get away from my window!" cried the Tacoma weather man to Jack Frost this morning while stooping over his aching corns.

Jack will go. The weather man has ordered partly cloudy weather for tonight and Tuesday, with light north to east winds, and things will warm up a very little bit.

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