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## HOW MUCH DID BANK DEFAULTER TAKE?

### You Children! Get Packages!

Children who wrote to the Times Santa and who do not receive their packages today, will please call at the Times office this evening or tomorrow.

The auto delivered a good many packages today, but owing to the muddy condition of the roads it will be difficult to make all the rounds.

Therefore, if by this evening a package has not reached your house, come to the Times office after 7 o'clock tonight or any time tomorrow.

### SAYS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN WASHINGTON A FAILURE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—It does not appear that the increasing number of executions in this state has operated as a deterrent of the crime of homicide, says Superintendent C. W. James of the Oregon state penitentiary in his annual report to the governor, just made public, and as a result of my investigation, observation and experience during the past eight years I am fully convinced that capital punishment should be abolished.

"Life imprisonment with restricted powers of pardon would prove equally, if not more effective in protecting society against those who commit the crime for which capital punishment is the penalty and would not only be more in accord with the spirit of our constitution, but more in harmony with the progressive spirit and advanced conditions of the present century."

Superintendent James believes that the constitution should be amended so that anyone serving a life sentence could procure a pardon from the state legislature only.

### OFFERED TO WED IF SHE WOULD CUT OUT POWDER

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 23.—After he had written a letter to Miss Winifred Greenwood, an actress, declaring that he was going to marry her provided she would leave the "cut" off her face, John C. Wagner, one of the wealthiest citizens of South Bend, was arrested today and confined in jail pending an examination of his mental condition.

When taken into custody he was trying to sell a merchant stock in a \$50,000,000 moving picture theater. He has been going to the theater twice a day for more than a year, wearing white silk evening clothes most of the time and paying high prices for choice seats.

Yesterday he wrote the actress the letter, resulting in complaint to the police and his arrest. The letter follows:

"My Dear Miss Greenwood—Today at 1 o'clock I am coming to your theater to meet you and you are going to become my bride—my consort through life and eternity. I only ask that you keep the stage powder off your face and lips."

Yours,  
"JOHN C. WAGNER."

### JILTED GIRL SLASHES THROAT WITH RAZOR

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—When Gertrude Bannell, 19 years old, was arraigned in police court, charged with cutting the throat of her fiancé, Benjamin Silver, she admitted her guilt. Silver is now lying mortally wounded in a hospital.

"Who can blame me?" said the girl. "I intended to kill him and then commit suicide, but the policeman stopped me before I could kill myself. Ben and I have been engaged for a year and we were to be married last night. All arrangements had been made for the wedding. I had my wedding dress and the hall and the musicians had been hired. There were 300

### A Story of the Town

"Oh, lovey, just look at that beautiful doll—those eyes so natural. She had lovey by the coat-sleeve and lovey stopped and lovey looked.

"It would make just the cutest Christmas present for sister's baby."

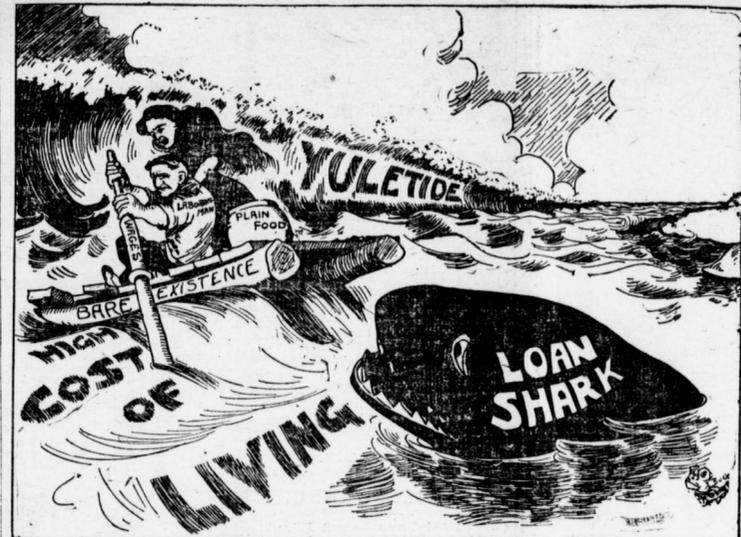
"Huh. That doll's marked \$17.50, and that kid'd bust it all to pieces in 10 minutes."

"Yes, but it's so cute, and the blond hair—"

"Nix. Not for my money."

"But, we'll just go inside anyway, lovey dear."

### The Busiest Season for Loan Sharks



Christmas brings happiness, good cheer, presents, Santa Claus. It also brings the loan shark.

For at Christmas, when everybody is needing money and the people who ordinarily have little have been less, is the best time of the year for the loan shark to work. Then it is that he issues his insidious circulars, letters, with hypocritical wishes of Merry Christmas and a seeming generous offer to help out.

Once he gets his victims in his power he doesn't smile on them any longer. By exorbitant interest charges which are outside the law, by threats of exposure, by a score of petty cruelties and persecutions, he harasses his victims till he has wrested the last usurious penny from them. Some people who have "got in" with the loan sharks at Christmas have not been able to get out before another Christmas comes.

SO KEEP AWAY FROM THE LOAN SHARKS. ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS.

### Hold Ups But Police Are Close Mouthed

Despite the fact that Police Chief Malony continues to maintain that his department has the city well covered and that there are no cases worthy of publicity, it is stated that there has been a holdup every night this week, and some nights two, but the police have not yet rounded up even a suspect.

### Mrs. Turnbull Would Make a Good Lawyer

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Before Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull resumed the witness stand today in her daughter's suit for a portion of the estate of Lucky Baldwin, it was predicted that the ordeal of her cross-examination would be concluded tonight or at the latest, tomorrow.

Mrs. Turnbull is the growing wonder of the trial. So apt has she proved herself in answering the stinging questions asked by attorneys McNab and McEnery that regular spectators have become imbued with the belief that she would have been a clever lawyer herself. McNab also might have entertained such thoughts, judging from a remark during his cross-examination.

"I have heard you use that expression before," he said to Mrs. row.

### New O. & W. Will Be Worth \$115,000,000

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—The properties to be taken over tomorrow by the newly incorporated Oregon, Washington, Railroad and Navigation company is given an aggregate value of \$115,000,000. Today the affairs of the O. R. & N., its ten subsidiary companies and the North Coast, the lines which go to make up the new Harriman merger, are being wound up and sharp on the stroke of midnight tomorrow the companies will cease to exist, and the Oregon, Washington Railway company will begin business.

### GIRL AND WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN POISONED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Mrs. William Whiteline and her daughter, Miss Lavina Corey, both victims of poisoning, are critically ill while the police are investigating what they believe is a mysterious murder. The two women, found yesterday and carried from their home to a hospital, were supposed to have entered into a ravation compact. Physicians, after an examination, declared that both had been poisoned. Mrs. Whiteline died early today. Her daughter, who was unconscious when the two women were taken from the house, has so far recovered as to be able to talk. She said she was poisoned by her mother, but she believes the poison was sent in by outsiders, who planned to kill both her mother and herself.

### Those Who Give Money to Times Santa Claus

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—Hoping that the broad wings of his Wright biplane may have kept him from sinking in the Goodwin quicksands, rescue parties, searching for Cecil Grace, the aviator, lost yesterday while attempting to re-cross the English channel after a successful flight from Dover to Calais, are preparing to search the treacherous sands today. The search is extremely difficult, and the rescuers, with ropes and long planks, are hastening to the Goodwin sands, ready to give aid if possible to the young aviator.

### LABORERS MAY HAVE BURNED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Reports that a dozen stock yards laborers perished in the fire yesterday which killed more than 30 Chicago firemen, caused great crowds to gather today about the smoking ruins of the beef warehouse of Nelson Morris & Co., at the Union stock yards to watch the firemen who are still digging in the wreckage for the bodies of their comrades.

Forty-three engine companies and three truck companies are still at the fire. The blaze is smoldering in the ruins and streams of water are being poured in to keep the fire from breaking out afresh.

### I. W. W. MEMBERS PUT ON BREAD AND WATER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Eighty-five members of the Industrial Workers of the World, locked in the county jail here on charges of vagrancy, or for having violated the anti-street speaking ordinance, were placed on a diet of bread and water today. The change of fare followed a demonstration in the jail last night, when the workers cursed and abused Sheriff Chittenden and the other officers.

The demonstration followed when the Industrial Workers claimed was the sheriff's abuse of a drunken prisoner who had to be subdued after fighting with the guards who took him to his cell.

### CRISIS IN SPAIN

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
MADRID, Dec. 23.—Despite Carlist and clerical attempts to impede the progress of the measure, the cortes today passed the famous "padlock" bill, virtually providing for the separation of church and state in Spain and restricting the establishment of religious orders.

Premier Canalejas did not notify the opposition that the bill would be considered, but quietly directed the anti-clericals and members of the government party to be in their seats. When sufficient votes were on hand the measure was presented and passed.

Perfectly aware that the passage of the bill will cause the church to appeal to the people to overthrow the government, the premier has announced that he will proceed with further anti-clerical legislation and seek the adoption of a plan for the improvement of the condition of the Spanish masses.

### World News In Brief

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Weir Village has a trained goose which delights in the companionship of boys. It is owned by Master Alfred Tripp. One of its favorite pastimes is conasting with the boys on their sleds.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Chased by a collie dog, a frightened cat jumped into the wagon of John H. O'Brien, and, crawling onto the horse's back, started a runaway that continued from Marine park to McNary park at breakneck speed. No damage was done.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 23.—Capt. William H. Davidson, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Norton, celebrated his one hundredth anniversary last week by taking a two-mile tramp over frozen roads. A youth of 76 who tried to accompany him gave up after the first mile and went home in a wagon.

### MRS. VON CLAUSSEN WANTS DIVORCE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Ida von Claussen is preparing to bring suit in a New York court for absolute divorce. Mrs. von Claussen, who threatened to bring suit against Col. Theodore Roosevelt because of his alleged refusal to source for her a presentation at the Swedish court, was divorced several years ago in South Dakota. She said today that she wants a decree from a New York court. Until it is granted, she says, she will not feel that her decree is binding here.

### Anti-Treat Up Saturday

The anti-treating ordinance will be up before the council for special action Saturday morning. It is likely that an election will be called for about the middle of February.

A determined effort is being made by the saloons to get the council to appoint the ordinance and not put it to an election. Commissioner Lawson has promised the mayor that he will not vote for repeal, however, and there is little hope of the saloons using Freeland to pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

About 20 per cent of the names on their petition for a referendum were thrown out by the city clerk but there will be enough left.

Already the anti-saloon vote as well as many drinkers who believe in the ordinance are preparing for battle on the question. N. Y.

### PRESIDENT GIVES OUT NEW SET OF FIGURES

Public Opinion Is That Bank Officials Attempted to Hide Real Facts in Case.

Joseph Frank Fuhrman, the defaulting paying teller of the National Bank of Commerce, and bank officials met in the office of the U. S. marshal this morning for another interview as to the accounts which the accused defaulter juggled.

Fuhrman has not yet been able to furnish the \$4,000 required to gain his liberty pending his trial before the U. S. district court.

This morning the prisoner showed no effect of his first night spent in the county jail, except for a certain nervousness which was evident.

The conference with bank officials this morning is expected to result in Fuhrman's bail being provided by his friends.

How much was the sum total of Frank Fuhrman's defaultation from the National Bank of Commerce? President Chester Thorne yesterday personally told the Tacoma Times that the amount would not exceed \$75,000. He was told that the Times did not wish to cause any unnecessary alarm but would not suppress any fact which came to its knowledge. Mr. Thorne then said the amount was approximately \$75,000.

Since Mr. Thorne's statement of yesterday various other figures have appeared in the public prints. One paper mentioned \$92,000. Another said \$82,000, and still another mentioned \$20,000 only. Naturally the public said other things.

Mr. Thorne was flatly told by the Times today that an apparently well grounded impression had been formed that the bank officials were endeavoring to hold something back. He was again asked for the exact figures. Mr. Thorne then declared that the figures "at present" were \$93,117. He explained his explanation of yesterday by saying that a "payroll" at Des Moines shingle mill had been met.

The difference between \$75,000 and \$93,117 is \$18,117, which would make a tidy payroll.

The Times believes that there was a sad tangle in a "frame-up" as to the exact amount which should be given out to the press. However, Mr. Thorne's seeming discrepancy may have simply been an "oversight."

Covering Up.  
It is now talk in banking circles that the National Bank of Commerce wished at no time to have the full amount become known, and as is seen by Mr. Thorne's latest report there is as yet a question as to the total amount of the defaultation.

Mr. Thorne declared today that he did not know exactly what the report of the bank examiner to the comptroller would be.

Because of the various statements which have appeared and the apparent attempt of the bank to keep the amount of shortage from public eyes and ears much doubt is being expressed as to whether the "unique and amusing methods" employed by the defaulter in placing his money will net as great returns to the bank as has been anticipated.

Every reader of a newspaper and every business man knows that a big bank defaultation is generally given widest publicity by the press unless "special interests" are injured by so doing. A blind man has been able to observe that there has been a tendency to keep from the public the exact situation which prevails at the National Bank of Commerce.

Yesterday President Thorne gave out \$75,000 as the amount. Today he gives "\$93,117, at present."

When met with millions come to earth long enough to realize that the everyday, ordinary citizen is a most remarkably shrewd person when it comes to reading between the lines and grasping facts that are not printed, more confidence will be placed in our leading financiers by the public generally.

It is an open fact that almost everybody in Tacoma is asking how much did Frank Fuhrman get into the National Bank of Commerce for?

If the Times knew it would tell you.

But it should be remembered that the bank examiner has stated that the Tacoma National Bank of Commerce has a reserve fund of \$400,000 or over to cover all losses.

### English Spies Sent to Jail in Germany

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Frank Fuhrman, who defaulted with anywhere from \$20,000 to "nobody will tell how much" of the Tacoma National Bank of Commerce funds. Fuhrman was formerly a member of the "Tacoma" staff, the Tacoma High school paper.

### DOC. COOK TO REMAIN IN AMERICA

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, following his return from Europe on the steamer George Washington, declined today to be seen at the home of his brother, William Cook, in Brooklyn, where he will spend the holidays. Over the telephone, Dr. Cook said that he would give out a long statement Monday.

"I expect to remain under the American flag," said the explorer. "I am not going to lecture, but intend devoting myself to scientific matters that have engrossed my attention for 20 years. I will also convince the American people that I really believe that I did reach the north pole."

At this point Dr. Cook left the telephone, failing to hang up the receiver, thus preventing any further calls.

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