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LAST CALL FOR SPOKANE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS---"PRESS" PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW GIFT-LADEN FOLKS HURRYING THROUGH BUSINESS SECTION TODAY

No Need of "Good Fellows" aid.

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NEW ARREST IN MURDER TRIAL

New developments came fast this morning in the case of Joseph Bacile, charged with the murder of Giovanni Parise, the Italian who was shot and killed September 23, and whom it has been charged was an agent of the Black Hand sent to Spokane for the purpose of killing Frank Bruno, the well known Italian saloon man.

The most important of these was the arrest of Jack Lamana, a witness for the prosecution, who was taken into custody this morning, following statements made to the prosecuting attorney by Bacile.

According to Deputy Prosecutor Crow, who caused the arrest of Lamana, the authorities now believe that Bacile is not the man guilty of the murder, but they believe that he knows who the murderer is, and that he is shielding the real criminal, under fear of his own life.

Lamana is the witness who has testified to having been with the murdered man an hour or so before the killing, and he has also cast much suspicion on Bacile by his testimony to the effect that the accused was in company with Parise, the murdered man.

As the authorities now view the matter, it is believed that Parise was killed by a well-to-do member of the local Italian colony and that the Black Hand or its agents were directly responsible for the killing.

KIRK MURDER TRIAL ENDING.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 23.—All evidence in the Kirk murder trial having been completed at the night session of the court last night, this morning was devoted to arguments of the counsl. The case goes fo the jury late today.

WHO WANTS ONE, OR TWO, BABIES FOR CHRISTMAS?

Who wants those Christmas babies, who are going to be found homes by The Press?

Who wants a Christmas present of a fine, fat, healthy baby boy, to love and keep and raise for their very won?

The Press has two of the finest iittle youngsters you ever saw to give away. One is a tiny tot of only three years, dark haired, brown eyed, bright, wholesome and happy dispositioned. The other is a baby of one year old.

They are perfectly desirable children, their parentage is all that could be desired. The adoption papers are absolutely clear, and there will be no doubt about someone getting them.

They will be given to the most desirable parties making application for them either today or tomorrow.

Did you read the little letter from Babykins, the younger of the two, in yesterday's Press?

If you didn't, read the story of these two little youngster's lives, and the reason they are to be given to some loving family for Christmas presents. Here it is:

The two little youngsters, Budgie and Babykins, are the child of healthy and respectable parents, but their father is a cripple, being paralyzed and unable to do anything for them.

Their mother left them not long since, going away, it is said, with a man who was able to provide her with more of the good things of this life than could the father of the two little unfortunates.

When the mother went away she placed the children with a woman who was to take care of them, the mother promising to pay for their board.

As women will, sometimes—once in a very, very great while—she forgot her babes, and failed to pay for their care. The woman who had them was unable to provide for them properly, and so they were turned over to a man who brought them to the Orphan's home.

And now these two little deserted waifs are looking, through The Press, for homes of their own.

They can be taken together, or if you don't want them both, you can take either of them.

Do you want one of them?

If so, write The Press at once, and on Monday a committee will be appointed to decide which home would be the better for the babes.

MAN SAW HER TRYING ON NEW DRESS, SO SHE SUES HIM FOR IT

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Minnie Fluer has sued for $2500 damages from fright that followed the sudden appearance of Thomas R. Stone, a wealthy lumberman, in the rooms of a dressmaker, where a dress was being fitted on her.

Mrs. Fluer classifies the damages as disability which deprived her of an opportunity to get $800 in a business deal, and $1700 as a balm to her wounded modesty.

Mrs. Fluer was scantily attired and standing on a chair when the door was opened suddenly and a man stood with an unobstructed view of the complainant. In an effort to avoid his gaze Mrs. Fluer fell off the chair and asserts she fractured five ribs, receiving also internal injuries.

Stone states that he called to collect rent.

WIFE'S SPIRIT HAUNTS HIM; SEEKS DIVORCE

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—In a petition for divorce filed in the circuit court here today, Marvin Minnear, a bookkeeper, alleged that he has been hounded by his wife's spirit, and that it is more than he can stand. He says the wife, Anna Minnear, declares she posseses power to separate her spirit from her body and can send it where she likes. He alleges she accused him of infidelity, basing her charges on her power to have her spirit shadow him and make him report to her all of his actions.

BREST—Bluejackets on the American battleships were entertained here today on a big scale by the municipality.

IT'S HARD ON MAIL CARRIER

"U-g-h," grunted the mail carrier, shifting his heavy sack from one shoulder to the other as he wended his weary way along East Sprague avenue this morning, stopping at almost every house to leave a bundle of letters and packages.

"Christmas may be a gladsome time of year all right, for ordinary folks, but there is nothing doing in the joyful line for the mail carriers.

"I used to get around my route and deliver all the mail at one trip, making two rounds during the course of teh day, but now that Christmas is here, I have to handle about ten times as much mail matter as usual, and it just keeps me on the jump all the time," he informed a sympathetic passerby who had taken note of the immense sack of mail matter under the weight of which Uncle Sam's hired man was staggering along."

INDICATIONS OF HOLIDAYS

More indications of the holiday season. Last night three overcoats were stolen, two attempts at burglarizing were reported and a hent roost was robbed of 100 Plymouth Rock chickens. This is the total of one day's reports to the police, indicating that some of the less fortunate are taking the matter of having Christmas cheer into their own hands by trying to force their fortunes.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The decline of effective saddle horses for army use has raised the suggestion that the government co-operate with the farmer in the breeding of suitable horses for the cavalry and artillery.

41 DEAD IN FIRE

Report That 12 Chicago Stockyard Men Died in Flames.

(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 stockyards 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 smouldering in the ruins and streams of water are being poured in to keep the fire from breaking out afresh. Most of the firemen, however, are searching the ruins, lifting the heavy girders and the mass of masonry that crushed out the lives of the fire fighters.

The estimate of dead today is placed at 41, not including the stockyards workers reported killed. There are 26 known dead.

SANTA CLAUS IS RESCUED

(By United Press Leased Wire)

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Little girls and boys of Boston are smiling behind their spectacles today all because Mr. Santa Claus, the man who gets father's savings, was never drowned after all. The report was that the kindly old saint had plumped into the waters of Dorchester bay.

Members of the Interclub Yacht Racing association have saved the faith of Boston youth in the reindeer driver, even if they didn't rescue Kris. The yachtsmen, who were out on the bay, saw a portly figure with a red fur-trimmed coat and white, flowing whiskers bobbing about in a very undignified way on the Dorchester bay waves.

In spite of the fact that a storm was blowing, the clubmen lowered a boat and pulled for the helpless saint. When the weary oarsmen finally reached the sinking figure they found only a stuffed Santa, with coarse hemp whiskers.

72 VOTES, 36 AGAINST

CHARTER BALLOT.

For charter..... Reason .....

Against charter.....

Name ..... Address .....

Mail to The Press.

In a group of 10 unemployed voters at the city free employment office this morning not a single man in the group was in favor of the proposed city charter.

One man made the remark that it was hardly right to ask him to vote to pay city officials $5000 a year when he would work for $3 per day or less to get the price of another meal.

In about 72 men seen by reporters for The Press this morning on their preference in regard to the proposed new charter, 21 were for it, 36 against it, 10 were not voters or had not registered and five were noncommittal.

While these men were from various walks of life, the bulk of them were laboring men. Four of those talked to were women at the city hall, who were equally divided in their preference.

There has been a decided trend of public sentiment against the proposed new charter in the last week. The chief objections seem to be that the small property owners are not protected and that the commissioners have too great power for the safeguards thrown around them.

Sunday night D. C. Coates of the charter revision commission will debate the charter with E. Stephens, an accountant, before the meeting in the carpenters' hall, under the auspices of the socialists' local. The socialists are opposed to the charter on the ground that there is too much centralization of power.

BOY BROKER'S EFFECTS BRING SMALL PRICES

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The first day of the auction sale of the personal effects of Robert Davie, the missing boy broker, attracted a crowd that filled the auction rooms to overflowing.

Davie's favorite Bible was among the offerings.

"Any marked passages in it?" one man asked. A woman bought the Bible for $1.10.

Then came a graphophone with 95 records.

"Say," called out a woman, "any Lauder records there?"

The records went for $150.

Davie's silk hat was bid in for $2.25.

His six-cylinder Stevens-Duryea automobile, with monogram on the door panels, was knocked down at $1100. A number of books, including valuable sets of Balzac, Oscar Wilde, Shelley, Hawthorne, Goldsmith and others, brought $750.

When Davie's office desk was offered Constable Hale said: "This is the desk where Davie used to sit and smoke his cigar."

"Someone else's cigar, you mean," came from the throng.

Among Davie's unpaid bills is the modest sum of $1162.80 for theater tickets and a bill of $7.50 for an hour and half's consultation with an astrologer.

272, THAT'S ALL

WEST UNION, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and seventy-two indictments were returned today in connection with the Adams county alleged election frauds, bringing the total number of true bills returned in the case up to 631.

One hundred of these indictments contained counts against voters. The remainder charge boodling and affected those who would be benefited by the alleged fraudulent ballots.

ARGUMENT AGAINST PROPOSED CHARTER

THE PRESS, IN GIVING BOTH SIDES OF ISSUE, HERE PRESENTS BEST OPPOSING ARGUMENT.

The Spokane Press does not believe that voters should go to the polls next Wednesday to vote on the proposed new charter without a thorough knowledge of its good and weak points. Attorney Fred C. Robertson, one of the ablest legal minds in the northwest, is leading the fight for those who believe that the new charter does not contain proper safeguards for the people. He has studied the charter most thoroughly and intelligently, and so The Press will present what he says, between now and next Wednesday, as the best argument opposing the charter. Today the following from Mr. Robertson, regarding several features in the charter, is printed:

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

"The initiative and referendum pretended to be in the new charter is absolutely not there. The immediate taking into effect of these ordinances take away the right of referendum and the charter provides, as proposed, as follows:

"'An emergency ordinance or resolution may be enacted without previous filing, provided it contains a statement of emergency and be passed by a four-fifths vote.'"

SWEEPING POWERS.

"The commissioners may let an improvement for $500,000 in a night, without advertising for bids, without the privilege of referendum, may create a local assessment district without the consent of the property owners. And may contract with any patented process and at any price they see fit.

"Was not this done for the purpose of giving a contractors' ring the right to get a short cut to the city's money? Is not a government better that has an executive responsible to the people, a comptroller and city treasurer elected by them, and a city council elected at large, composed of 10 members, as there will be at our next election, under our present charter, than to turn over our city and its resources, its hope and its future to five men, whose will is the law, and against whom no charter restraints of any kind can be invoked to protect the interest of the public?"

The next article by Mr. Robertson will be printed tomorrow.

ANTI-PICKETING

(By United Press Leased Wire)

OS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Cases against 72 men charged with violating the anti-picketing ordinance will not come to trial. The cases were dismissed by Police Judge Frederickson at the instance of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Reeve The reason given for dropping the cases, according to Reeve, lies in the fact that many of the witnesses he had intended to call have left the city. There remain but 50 cases against persons accused of violating this ordinance.

TACOMA BANK SHORTAGE GREATER.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—President Thorne of the National Bank of Commerce admitted today that the figures he gave out yesterday, stating $75,000 to be the amount of Paying Teller Frank Fuhrman's alleged embezzlement, were incorrect. He stated today that the amount is now $93,117. In banking circles there is a belief that the total amount of Fuhrman's alleged peculations will reach $100,000.

NO STRIKE YET

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Commissioner of Labor Chas. P. Neill today presented the representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers with a supplementary peace proposition and a new conference is under way to prevent a strike of the engineers on 61 western railroads. When question concerning the new offer, Grand Chief Engineer Stone said:

"This is no time for talk. I will say that the railroads must offer more than they have thus far or there will be a fight."

SHARON, Pa.—Several thousand cats will be shipped to Western Washington to rid ranchers of the troublesome gopher.

OBLIGES DOUBLE BY SERVING LATTER'S JAIL SENTENCE.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 23.—There are two John O. Pollacks in Waterbury, Conn., both looking exactly alike and living in the same house. They are cousins, but John No. 2 is unmarried.

No. 1 was arrested for a breach of the peace and persuaded No. 2 to be the goat. No. 2 took his place in court, pleaded guilty and served the 20 days' sentence.

But there was an old fine against No. 1, and when No. 2 was arraigned to explain why he hadn't paid it he said it was the last straw and gave the thing away. The authorities now say No. 2 will have to serve a 20 days' sentence and No. 2 says he is going to sue for false imprisonment.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS

(BY UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.)

TURKEY FOR WHITE HOUSE EMPLOYES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Each married employe of the White House received a turkey as a gift from President Taft. Single men were not included in the list given by the president to his commissary clerk. One hundred and twofowls were distributed.

HOT TIME IN FRESNO.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 23.—Eeighty-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 abused Sheriff Chittenden and the other officers. They allege he abused one of the prisoners.

WILSON ON WAR PATH.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson today issued a statement charging James Smith, Jr., with bad faith to the democratic party in becoming a candidate for election to the United States senate against James Martin, the choice of the party, at the primary election. Before election, it is said, Smith assured Wilson his health would not permit him to accept the nomination for the senatorship, but after election he told Wilson that he wanted the office.

SPAIN PASSES "PADLOCK BILL."

MADRID, Dec. 23.—Despite Carlist and clerical attempts to kill 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.