

SAY GIRL WAS NOT POISONED

FRISCO GETS 1915 "EXPO"

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A compromise on the Panama exposition question may be considered when congress reconvenes after the holiday recess.

Night Bulletins

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—An act making it compulsory under penalty of fines or imprisonment for owners of steamers to install all passenger steamers of over 400 tons and all freighters of over 1200 tons with wireless telegraphic apparatus has been passed by the Ottawa government.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 24.—Thirty electric street cars, manned by strikebreakers, were stoned in all parts of the city last night and one was burned on Logan avenue in front of the Canadian Pacific Railway shops.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—That there is \$25,000 worth of opium secreted on the Canadian Pacific Oriental liner Empress of India, waiting to be smuggled ashore, is the statement made by one of the men who was arrested recently and sentenced in the police court for bringing the drug down the gang plank.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—That the Duke of Connaught will not be the next governor general of Canada is the growing conviction in official circles in Ottawa. The opinion is based upon a substantial hint of a semi-official nature received from the mother country.

BEST STUNT EVER PLANNED HERE

BY A GOOD FELLOW. Is this Good Fellow stunt of ours a success? Well, you just better bet that it is! More than 300 children will be happy tomorrow morning who would have otherwise awakened on Christmas morning to find that their little stockings were empty and Santa Claus had forgotten them.

bundle, too, and in this bundle were two beautiful dollies. And she wanted the dollies to go to some poor little kiddies who would love them and care for them. Maybe you think the youngsters who get them won't love them. Then there came a letter this morning. It wasn't typewritten. It was addressed with pen and ink, and the writing was somewhat wavy.



There are lots of jobs down on the Panama canal. Let him come over and take his pick. He might make a good comic opera kink. Why don't he tell his troubles from the vaudeville stage, like Count de Beaufort?



He could make a hit and a bunch of coin as a waiter in an American restaurant. As he has such a reputation as a high flier, why don't he cop off a few of our aeroplane contests? But here's the best bet! and right in his line: Make a congressman out of him.

WILL BE NO STRIKE ON ROADS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A settlement between the engineers of 61 eastern railroads and the company officials has been reached and the threatened strike has been averted.

TWO FLIERS MEET IN BAD COLLISION

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BUCYRUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A number of trainmen were killed and a score of passengers injured, some of them probably fatally, in the wreck of two Pennsylvania fliers that collided at Nevada, Ohio, today, according to reports received here.

"ACID PLOT"

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—That leaders of the striking garment workers have distributed acid among the strikers with instructions to throw it into the faces of the strike breakers, is the confession which the police allege Theophile Julik, arrested for having blinded Edward Olsen, made to them.

ROBERTSON EXPLAINS WEAK CHARTER POINTS

Canadian or other foreigner, even though he has declared his intention to become an American citizen, can work in grading a street or digging a sewer. Today The Press presents the second able article by Attorney Fred C. Robertson on the proposed charter. The Press does not necessarily endorse or oppose Mr. Robertson's arguments, but it prints them because it believes that THE PROLE SHOULD KNOW JUST WHAT THEY WILL BE VOTING FOR, GOOD AND BAD FEATURES, ON NEXT WEDNESDAY.

RESCUED BY BREECHES BUOY

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Captain Boissan and 12 men, comprising the crew of the Norwegian bark Speero, were rescued today by means of a breeches buoy when the vessel went ashore on Cape Hatteras. The rescue was effected by members of the United States lifesaving service.

AD TOOK COUNT

CADILLAC, Mich., Dec. 23.—Champton Ad Wolgast is feeling a little sheepish just at present. He has erected a new barn in which he will shelter one of his flocks of sheep. While driving or rather attempting to drive them in the other day, a husky buck introduced himself to Wolgast's stomach with such force as to make the champion fall to the floor and take the count. It was a black sheep.

HOW HIGH RATES ARE KEPT UP

"I desire to express my appreciation of two things The Press is doing just now. One is in printing stories about the needy and unfortunate, and in assisting them, and the other is the campaign for cheaper gas, which your paper is conducting." — Juvenile Court Officer M. V. Whinnans.

Since The Press some days ago mentioned the increase of complaints because of excessive gas bills a number of gas consumers have expressed their approval of the attack on the meters, and also approve the effort to overthrow the meter deposit, started in the city council by Captain John Gray.

An examination of the gas franchise under which the city is being supplied shows that a gas inspector is permitted to inspect any meter complained of and also determine whether the gas sold is of the quality required by the ordinance—15 candlepower. It is believed that someone at the city hall should be designated with whom to register complaints against robbing meters. A merchant on the North Side reported his troubles today over a gas meter. His bills had always been along about \$2 per month, until about five months ago, when the meter went to the bad and each month's gas bill began increasing until it reached \$7 per month.

REVOKES FRANCHISE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 24.—By a vote of 17 to 1, the city council late yesterday voted to revoke the franchise of the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railroad, the company that operates the suburban line into the Rainier Valley, commonly known as the Crawford lines.

NEW PHASE OF CHICO, CAL., CASE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICO, Cal., Dec. 24.—That Lavina Corey, daughter of Mrs. William Whiteline, found poisoned in a room of her cottage here, has feigned her own illness and evidently is not suffering from the same sickness which killed her mother, was an assertion made today by the physicians who have treated the girl since she was taken to the hospital. This statement has added a new element of mystery to the case of the two women, who, when first found, were supposed to have entered a starvation pact.

INDIANS GATHER FOR CAMP MEETING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—Umatilla, Walla Walla, Nez Perce, Cayuse and Yakima Indians are gathering at the Tutuilla Indian mission on the Umatilla reservation near this city for the annual midwinter camp meeting. Features will be the Christmas tree exercises Saturday night and the big feasts on Christmas and New Year's days.

READ THESE STATEMENTS ON PROPOSED CHARTER

The proposed new charter will take away the right of referendum—possessed under the present charter. This is the opinion of Judge Wm. E. Richardson, ex-judge of the superior court, Spokane county. The commission form of government is good, but the proposed charter falls short on important provisions for the protection of the people.—Ex-Mayor and Chairman of the Charter Commission E. D. Olmstead.

TWO FRIGHTFUL WRECKS

FAST TRAINS COLLIDED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BUCYRUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Two passengers and four trainmen were killed in the wreck of the two fast Pennsylvania railroad passenger trains at Nevada, Ohio, today. The dead: WILLIAM FOWLER, passenger, Chicago. FRIEDSTEIN, passenger, Chicago. GEORGE MORTON, baggage-man. C. C. CRAIG, engineer. C. C. MILLER, engineer.

BIG WRECK IN ENGLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, Dec. 24.—Two persons were killed outright and eight others so severely injured that they couldn't crawl from the wreckage were incinerated in the wreck of a Glasgow bound express train today near Carlisle, according to reports received here. Two passengers were seriously injured and many of them probably will die. The express, running at high speed, crashed into a flat car. The passenger coaches were scooped. Two passengers were killed. Their bodies were removed from the debris and laid along the tracks by the unimpaired engines. Before the work of rescuing the injured could be begun, the wreckage took fire and burned rapidly. The injured were unable to crawl from the wreckage unaided. At least eight were too badly hurt to make their way out of the wreckage or to be obtained by heavy machinery. They were burned to death, according to state.

MILKMAN SELLS REAL WATER

WHITINSVILLE, Mass., Dec. 24.—Drinking water is being sold in Whitinsville for the first time in its history. Some of it is brought from Uxbridge. One milkman sold 35 cans of water at 10 cents a can. Returning to his farm he loaded up again and was sold out a second time within three hours.