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## RICH AND POOR WILL FRATERNIZE AROUND X-MAS TREE TONIGHT

City Will Be Host to All of Its Children and Basket of Christmas Food Will Be Given to Every Needy Family in Town.

## EVERY BOY AND GIRL GETS SOCK OF CANDY AND TOYS

Elk's Club Turns \$77 Over to Fund, Bringing Total Sum To \$600 With Outlook For Big Collection Today—Record Crowd Expected.

### SILENT NIGHT

(By Michael Hayden)

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace,	Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia. Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born! Silent Night! Holy Night! Son of God love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
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### BETHLEHEM

(By L. H. Redner)

O little town of Bethlehem! How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.	And peace to men on earth. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in.
For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above While mortals sleep the angels keep Their watch of wondering love, O Morning Stars, together Proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King	O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out sin, and enter in, Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

### AMERICA

My country! 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died Land of the Pilgrim's pride! From every mountain side Let freedom ring.	Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
My native country, thee Land of the noble free— Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.	Our father's God! to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light, Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

Rich and poor, old and young will forget age and social standing and fraternize tonight around the Municipal Christmas Tree, which will be illuminated and loaded with presents at 7 o'clock tonight. This pageant will be the greatest tribute Cape Girardeau ever paid to charity.

The tree, which will bear a present for every boy and girl in the city, was finally adjusted on its pedestal late yesterday evening by a crew of workmen from the Missouri Public Utilities Company, which had been furnished by A. M. Tinsley, the manager.

A mammoth star, representing Bethlehem, was placed in the very tip top of the tree. This will contain a cluster of almost a hundred electric bulbs, which will radiate light when the current is turned on this evening. Mayor Kage has requested each of the ministers in the city to have the church sextons ring their respective bells for five minutes, beginning sharply at 7 o'clock. These bells will be the signal for the power house to touch the button which will set the Municipal in a spectacular blaze of glory.

Silvered tinsel has been prepared in great quantities by Mrs. E. G. Gramling and members of her various committees. The tree will be decorated today from top to base with this material and other fancy ornaments emblematic of the Yuletide.

Eighteen hundred stockings have been filled by maids and matrons for the little girls and boys of this city. These will be distributed to rich and poor alike, but there will be stockings for all. The baskets of food have been filled and will be distributed today and tonight.

Every basket is laden with good things to eat, and every family will find enough edibles to last them several days.

And erroneous impression prevails in some quarters of the city, Mrs. Gramling announced last night, which

she hopes to rectify. "I am reliably informed that many women expect to be presented with the stockings of candy at the tree. This is a mistake. The tree is for the children exclusively, and they alone will participate in it."

One of the most striking features of the ceremony at the tree will be the musical program, which is to be conducted under the supervision of Mrs. A. H. Hinchey. A chorus of children's voices, several hundred in number, will sing three well known songs. The grown-ups are expected to join in the choruses, but the children will lead them.

Mrs. Gramling yesterday received from W. Palmer Oliver, the sum of \$77.25, a contribution from the Elks

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## PARSON, ACCUSED BY WOMAN GETS 3 YEARS IN PEN

Rev. H. L. Davis, Once Presiding Elder in Missouri, Sentenced in South.

## WROTE OBSCENE NOTE TO MEXICO WOMAN

Former Pastor is Denounced By Judge—Trial is Sensational One.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23—The Rev. Howard L. Davis, formerly presiding elder of the Mexico (Mo.) district of the Southern Methodist Church, has been sentenced to three years in the Federal penitentiary at lanta on his plea of guilty to the charge of sending improper communications and scurrilous matters through the United States mails to Mrs. Virginia W. Davis of Mexico, Mo.

Davis was expelled from the ministry and from membership in the church in August at a church trial at Titusville, Fla., at which he is said to have made a complete confession. He was at that time pastor of the Southern Methodist Church at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Davis, who is 54 years old and distinguished appearance, was accompanied to court by his wife and two grown sons. In pleading guilty he made an impassioned address. Judge Hydon McCall, in sentencing him, spoke for five minutes and excoriated him severely.

"If you were an ignorant man," Judge McCall said, "I would say that you might have merely blundered, but for a man who is supposed to be a teacher of morality to stoop to attempt to defame a woman's character there is no excuse. I sentence you to a term of three years."

The offense of Davis consisted not in sending obscene matter through the mail, but in sending scurrilous messages on postal cards. If the communications had been sealed there would have been no violation of the law.

Before going to Florida, Davis was minister in the Missouri Conference for nearly 30 years. He preached at St. Charles, Hannibal, St. Joseph and other cities, and was an active worker for statewide prohibition. In 1913 he preached and lectured at the Methodist Assembly at Arcadia, Mo. He is well-known in St. Louis.

Mrs. Virginia Davis is the widow of a physician and is reputed to be wealthy. He home was formerly at Mokane, Mo., where Davis became acquainted with her after he was a pointed presiding elder of the Mexico district. Later she moved to Mexico and occupied a house adjoining that in which the minister and his family lived.

Trouble arose between them before he left Mexico, and Davis is said to have written her some letters while still there. In admitting his guilt, he said that he became infuriated. Mrs. Davis wrote to him that she intended to use these letters against him and he then wrote the communication which resulted in his three years' sentence.

The church trial was secret. His expulsion from the ministry and membership of the church was on account of his conduct prior to the writing of the communications on which the court conviction was based.

### BRICK FALLS ON MAN

Harry Brewster, while passing a building near the shoe factory, was struck on the head by a brick which fell from the building and rendered unconscious.

When he recovered sufficiently to realize his condition he went to the office of a physician who examined his injuries and found them not serious. The scalp had been cut by the four edges, and stitches were taken in each incision.

The physician thought at first that the skull had been fractured, but later investigations proved that it was uninjured.

## INTERROGATING A GERMAN PRISONER



Just behind the firing line at Argonne this interesting little episode was photographed. Officers of the French general staff are interrogating a German prisoner concerning the strength and position of the kaiser's forces.

## ZIMMER 20 YEARS IN BREWERY TODAY

Once Soldier in Kaiser's Army to Be Remembered in Gold By Employers.



ALOIS ZIMMER

Alois Zimmer, the oldest employe of the Cape Brewery & Ice Company, will celebrate his twentieth anniversary with that institution today. As Mr. Zimmer will be sixty years of age on his next birthday, the officials of the brewery will present him with \$60 in gold, which represents a dollar for each year of his life.

During the score of years that he has been in the employ of the brewery, he has not been absent a single day except Sundays and during the vacation period each summer. While he is a son of Germany, America became the land of his adoption in January of 1879 and Cape Girardeau his home.

Since he took up his abode in this city thirty-five years ago, he spent eight years in Kentucky, returning to the Cape in the winter of 1894, when he became an employe of the Cape Brewery & Ice Company.

He worked in the ice plant of that institution for four years, and eight years in the engine room. During the past eight years he has served as shipping clerk.

Mr. Zimmer was married in 1880 to Miss Anna Baumann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumann of this city. To this union came four children, two boys and two girls. One of his daughters now lives in Texas, another in St. Louis and both are married. Robert, a son, is employed with his father at the brewery, and Alois, Jr., is the bookkeeper for the M. E. Leming Lumber Company.

Prior to coming to this country, Mr. Zimmer served in the Baden Infantry, Regiment No. 112 and under Prince William in Alsace from December 12, 1774 to August 18, 1877. He was born in Obersasbach, Amt Achern, Baden, June 14, 1914.

## SLAYER FREED ON BOND IS ARRESTED

Charles Gibbs Set Free When Police Learn Clew Is Worthless.

Yesterday afternoon Officer George Talley was approached by a stranger who advised him that a man named Charles Gibbs, wanted for a murder committed in Stoddard County nearly a year ago, was at large in this city and that there was a standing reward for his arrest.

The stranger who gave him the name as Angle, volunteered to accompany the officer and identify the alleged fugitive, if an arrest was desired.

After consulting with Chief Nichols, it was decided to investigate the matter, and the patrolman, in company with Angle, started in search of Gibbs.

They found him on board a train, just preparing to leave for Perkins, a small station on the Cotton Belt, a few miles south of Delta. He was arrested and brought back to the station, where he admitted that his name was Gibbs and that he was the accused of killing Frank Surface, in Stoddard County sometime last April.

He did deny, however, that he was a fugitive, and insisted that at his preliminary hearing last October, he was bound over to the Circuit Court in Bloomfield, and that his trial would come up in March.

The authorities in Bloomfield were communicated with and the prisoner's story was verified. He was then released and permitted to return to home.

### MISS MAUD PRUITT DEAD

Miss Maud Pruitt, a well-known resident of this city, died yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Pruitt, of 1020 Bloomfield street.

Her death was due to stomach trouble with which she had been afflicted for several years.

Miss Pruitt was one of the best known women of the city. The only relatives surviving her, are her mother, of this city, and an aunt of Alton, Ill.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed, but she will perhaps be buried on Christmas day, which will be exactly eleven years since the funeral of her father.

### BANK IS ROBBED OF \$2000

Richmond, Va., Dec. 23—Bank robbers stole \$2000 through the receiving-teller's window of the Central National Bank here yesterday afternoon and escaped before the loss was discovered.

## PORTUGAL WILL GO TO WAR AS BRITAIN'S ALLY

Chamber of Deputies at Lisbon Adopts Motion to Openly Oppose Austria and Germany—To Get Ready For Invasion of Europe.

## MOHAMMEDANS DESERT BRITISH RANKS TO JOIN WITH THE TURKS

Schwab Returning From Europe, Says Order For Submarines U.S. Made Him Cancel Involved Twenty-five Million Dollars—Germans Make Slight Gains.

New York, Dec. 23—Charles M. Schwab, the steel magnate, who arrived from England tonight, said his only excuse for the trip to England was to cancel the contracts he had received from England for the construction of submarines. He said the contracts involved about \$25,000,000.

Secretary of State Bryan told him, he said, that the shipment to any of the belligerent powers would be a breach of the neutrality laws.

Berlin, Dec. 23—It is reported from Constantinople that the Turks passed the Egyptian frontier in great force. The dispatch also states that many of the Indian Mohammedans from the British army are deserting the British for the Turks.

Berlin, by wireless to London, Dec. 23—The official statement issued today by army headquarters says:

"The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. "Battles for possession of the branches of the Bzura River (west of Warsaw) continue.

"Attacks in the region of Lombaertzyde and to the south of Bixchoote have been easily repulsed by us. At Richebourg l'Avoue the English again were driven from their positions yesterday.

"Notwithstanding desperate counter attacks we have retained all the positions which we captured from the English on the Richebourg canal from Aire to La Baccée. Since Dec. 20, 750 British and colored soldiers have been captured by us and five machine guns and four mine throwers taken.

A report from field headquarters states that a German attack has been made in the Eastern war arena, but whether the operations were directed against the Russian rear or main line is not stated.

"The situation in Galicia," the report says, "has cleared. The Russians are holding the east bank of the Dunajec River to Tuchow (a town just south of Tarnow). Another Russian line extends to the southeast of Krosno (on the railroad between Jaslo and Sanok). Heavy fighting is going on at both Tuchow and Krosno and also at Bupkow Pass."

London, Dec. 23—Three of the great German 42 centimeter siege guns have been sent from Belgium to Thom to be hurried across Poland for the bombardment of Warsaw, according to Amsterdam dispatches here today.

Lisbon, Dec. 23—The entrance of Portugal into the European war was foreshadowed today when the Chamber voted in favor of making preparations for Portugal to join England in the conflict.

The Chamber also approved proposals for measures to be taken in defense of the colonies and all steps necessary placing the country on a war footing.

It is generally expected that Portugal's greatest activity will be in Africa against the German colonies, should the decision to enter the war be finally adopted.

The vote in the Chamber today followed an announcement that the Germans had directed another attack upon the Portuguese province of Angola.

Portugal's peace strength consists of 30,000 men, comprising the home army and 10,000 colonial troops. In war time about 250,000 trained troops could be put into the field.

Conscription prevails in Portugal and the army is considered fairly efficient, but not thoroughly equipped.

Portugal already has sent an expeditionary force estimated at upwards of 7000 men to West Africa. The first of these troops were sent during September and more followed during October.

The resolution adopted by the Chamber was introduced by Senor Offonso Costa. It declares: "Recognizing that the recent political crisis was solved on constitutional lines, and that the first acts of the new government have been inspired by a patriotic program, the Chamber repeats its expression of confidence that the Government will continue to defend the republic vigorously and push preparations for the military defense of our colonies and also preparations for our intervention in the war in Europe by the side of Great Britain."

Petrograd (via London), Dec. 23—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow, the Galician stronghold, from the north and east. An important battle apparently is developing in Southwestern Poland near Cracow.

While the Germans are not relaxing their efforts along the line from Sochaczew to Skierniewice, in the movement toward Warsaw, the greatest activity yesterday was in the vicinity of Mieczow and Andrejew, immediately northeast of Cracow. The Russians have moved back to positions along the left bank of the Nida River near its junction with the Vistula, 30 miles east of Cracow. The objective of the Austro-German forces in this vicinity appears to be Kielce. Their front extends about 70 miles from the right bank of the Nida. Their strength is estimated at eight to 10 army corps (320,000 to 400,000 men.)

The Teutonic allies Dec. 18 attacked the outskirts of Pinczew, 25 miles east of Mieczow and were successful in crossing the river. Subsequently, however, they were thrown back with heavy losses after a desperate fight.

The Russians are in force along the Pilica River, 25 miles east of Piotrkow. The gap between that position and the Nida River is occupied by five divisions of German cavalry. The two Russian armies are seeking to close in, moving in the direction of Opoczno. Near the latter point, in the vicinity of the town of Shedboro, an Austrian force was defeated several days ago, losing 1000 men and 17 officers. It is the opinion of Russian military critics that the action in this territory is intended by the Germans to draw away the Russians from the vicinity of Cracow by threatening their communications.