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For practical Christian Christmas work the Young Woman's club seems to take the lead in Bennington.

By the time the anti-everything crowd gets through yowling about it the United States will have the Panama canal built, the republic of Panama annexed and will be doing business at some other stand.

This is not original, but it is good: The gifts of the princely rich are much unlike. Carnegie gives a boy \$500. Rockefeller offers the clergymen advice and Sage gets sued for \$50,000 by a tenant who was injured in one of his tumble-down shanties.

#### ABEEL ARRESTED.

It is said he posed as Young Millionaire to Telek Girl.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—There is no doubt in the minds of the police that the man just arrested on the Canadian side of the river is James Abeel of New York, who, it is alleged, posed as "J. Ogden Goelet, Jr.," claimed relationship to the well known Goelet family and became engaged to Miss Grace Anderson of New York as Goelet. The prisoner, however, still maintains that Hall is his proper name.

On Wednesday of last week two men went to the Savoy hotel at Niagara Falls, Ont., and registered from Chicago. One of the men gave his name as F. S. Hall and the other W. K. Hall.

Saturday night Chief of Police Mains of the Ontario force received a telegram from Inspector McCluskey of the New York police asking him to arrest F. S. Hall at the Savoy hotel, who, the message said, is wanted in New York on a charge of forgery. Hall is still at the Savoy in charge of a police officer. The man with him is not in custody.

Hall has engaged Germain & Pottif, a well known law firm of Welland, Ont., and he will doubtless fight extradition. Acting under the advice of his counsel he will make no statement further than to declare that he has committed no crime.

If Abeel persists in his determination to fight extradition and refuses to return to New York the officials admit they will be at a standstill in the case, because the extradition laws, it is said, will not cover the case.

Abeel said last evening: "So much trouble has been made for me by the police and newspapers that I do not know but what I will return and prove my innocence. I am entirely innocent of impersonating J. Ogden Goelet or any other Goelet. The fact that I am making my home in Canada under an assumed name is purely a personal matter. My family is well acquainted with my reasons, and so long as I do not turn my assumption of an alias to any criminal account I do not think I am answerable to any one. I have communicated with my relatives, and if it is thought best I shall return to New York, and then the truth as far as I am concerned will become known."

The description of F. S. Hall and James Abeel tally very closely, and the police are positive they have Abeel. He will be arraigned before Magistrate Cruikshank this morning.

#### GATHERED IN FIFTY-NINE.

Boston Police Raid Cheap Lodgings in Search of Criminals.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Following out the policy inaugurated last Sunday morning to rid the city of suspicious persons and vagrants, the entire detective department yesterday made a second series of raids on cheap lodging houses. As a result fifty-nine alleged vagrants and suspicious characters were locked up in the city prison. Last Sunday fifty-two arrests were made. This time every lodging house in the west and south ends of the city, where applicants can secure beds for 10 cents, was visited.

The prisoners will be subjected to a rigid examination, and each will be photographed and his Bertillon measurements taken. Those not wanted by the police for a specific offense will be ordered to leave the city.

The present crusade against suspicious characters was prompted by the numerous assaults, robberies and burglaries that have occurred during the past few weeks.

Life Savers Are Safe.

COHASSET, Mass., Dec. 28.—The life saving crew, in charge of Captain Osceola F. James, who manned the Nantasket and, with several of the rescued crew, returned to the schooner Allen H. Jones, which had been left out in the storm, have reached this port, having spent the night on board the schooner. Grave anxiety had been felt for the life savers, and efforts to locate them were continued throughout the night. The sailors of the Allen H. Jones remained aboard the fisherman and have succeeded in getting her under way for her destination.

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#### HEAD-ON COLLISION

Pere Marquette Road Has Its First Disastrous Wreck.

TWENTY-TWO DEAD, MANY INJURED

Cause Assigned In That High Wind Extinguished Red Danger Signal Light and Westbound Train Ran Past Crossing Station.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 28.—A disastrous head-on collision between Pere Marquette railroad passenger trains near East Paris caused the death of twenty-two persons and serious injury to twenty-nine others. Several of the injured will probably die.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.; Louis Baldwin, their son, Mulliken, Mich.; Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.; Burt Myers, Grandville, Mich.; Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Joseph Hull, colored, Windsor, Ont.; Austin J. Wager, baggage man, Detroit, Mich.; Charles A. Stoddard, engineer of No. 6, Detroit, Mich.; Charles A. Devine, Grand Rapids, Mich.; William Heinrich, baggage man, Detroit, Mich.; F. M. Gillet, Burr Oak or Portland, Mich.; Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.; Frank Burns, fireman of No. 5, Detroit, Mich.; Peter W. Wierenco, Grand Rapids, Mich.; George Palmer, American Express agent on No. 6, Detroit, Mich.; William Smith, Saranac, Mich., and four unidentified men.

The injured were mostly Grand Rapids and Detroit men.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind, which extinguished the red signal light in the order book at McCords Station, where the westbound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCords the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it, and train No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into eastbound train No. 6 near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and injured pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches, and the wreckage was strewn across the railroad right of way from fence to fence.

When train No. 5, bound west, whizzed by McCords instead of stopping the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported this fact, and then there was but one action to take. The collision was inevitable.

The dispatcher's office called for medical aid and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the depot and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They then waited for the word they knew must come.

There was no chance of the fast running trains seeing each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down, and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and that there was an awful loss of life.

The westbound engine, No. 397, drove through No. 6's engine like a wedge, separating the gear from the boiler and standing the latter on end like a broken, twisted shell. The running gear was crumpled up like so much twine. Great cast steel side rods bent into many shapes, and even the steel tires of the big driving wheels split and sprung from the wheels, landing in some cases ten feet from the engine. The boiler of engine No. 397 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung forty feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

As the trains came together the steam domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. No. 6, eastbound, was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and diner. The baggage coach, caught between the engine and heavy train, crumpled up like pasteboard, only the roof remaining partially unbroken.

The big blind mail coach, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, but withstood the crash and communicated it to the smoker, next in the rear. The smoker was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker in turn crushed several feet into the parlor car, and it was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car where all the passengers were killed or injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

The westbound flier, with its heavy bulkheaded cars, stayed on the rails back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers in this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed out of the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city. Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less shattered cars of No. 5 and into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash,

turned out with blankets and old valiant services.

According to statements made by officials of the Pere Marquette, the westbound train was traveling down grade at the rate of sixty miles an hour. The eastbound train was climbing the hill at a speed of forty miles an hour. The former carried probably seventy-five passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons. The two trains collided at about the middle of a long, sweeping curve three-quarters of a mile west of East Paris. On the inner side of the curve is a high embankment, preventing a view of the track ahead. When the engines met one turned completely over and lay with its nose in a direction opposite to that in which it had been traveling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the center of the debris.

In the cafe coach of the ill fated eastbound train, which was demolished as far back as the rear of the forward trucks, one of the most shocking of the many tragedies of the wreck was enacted.

Section Foreman Linden J. Baldwin, wife and son had spent Christmas in Grand Rapids and were returning to their home at Mulliken. Between the man and wife, sitting on the top of the car seat and playing with a bank received as a Christmas gift, was their little son. The crash came, and all three met death. A beam flying through the air struck the child, beheading him. Mother and son were found together on the floor of the cafe car by the wrecking crew when they penetrated into the wreck.

General Superintendent Smith said: "I have no reason to doubt the statement of Booth that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed McCords and that the wind extinguished it."

"This is the first wreck in which the Pere Marquette ever killed a passenger on its own train. The road has killed passengers on other trains, persons at crossings and employees, but never before has it killed outright or fatally injured a passenger of its own."

#### WAR CLOUDS DARKEN.

Diplomats at Peking Expect That War Is Inevitable.

PEKING, Dec. 28.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Peking that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable remains unchanged.

Special dispatches from Tokyo say that the Japanese government is adopting an imperative tone in pressing for a speedy reply to its last note.

The Japanese war party is growing in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government.

The Chinese board of war has ordered the viceroys to furnish full information as to the numbers of foreign trained troops available for active service. The viceroys of three of the central provinces in response have reported that 90,000 such troops are in readiness. This is unquestionably a remarkable exaggeration as the great majority of the foreign trained troops exist only on paper.

The dowager empress has issued an edict, at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments.

Influential officials continue in their determination to, if possible, keep China neutral in the event of war.

#### An Ominous Sign of War.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A report here says the Japanese army authorities have requested the newspapers to refrain from publishing news concerning the movements of troops or other warlike preparations. This is regarded as a practical censorship and an ominous sign. The newspapers express concern over the movement of foreign warships toward the far east and particularly over the statement that United States marines have been ordered to Korea, fearing some unforeseen incident may precipitate events.

#### Evarts' Widow Dead.

WINDSOR, Vt., Dec. 28.—Helen W. Evarts, widow of the late William M. Evarts of New York, died at her country home here in her eighty-fourth year. Mrs. Evarts was the daughter of Allen Wardner of this town. She was married Aug. 30, 1845, and since the death of her husband in February, 1901, had lived in her native place. Mr. and Mrs. Evarts had twelve children, nine of whom, four sons and five daughters, are living.

#### Admiral Dewey Sinks Kiowa.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The Clyde line steamer Kiowa was sunk below Boston light in a thick snowstorm by the outboard bound frigate Admiral Dewey and now lies on an even keel, with her masts and the top of her smokestack projecting above the water. Her decks are covered by eleven feet of water at low tide, and great difficulty, it is thought, will be experienced in lifting her.

#### New Yorker Jumped Overboard.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 28.—Captain Evans and the passengers of the steamer Denver, which has just arrived here from New York, say that a passenger named Garth, initials unknown, reported to be a New York city broker, committed suicide by jumping overboard shortly before the vessel reached port. No cause for the act is known.

#### Evans' Fleet Sails For Guam.

HONOLULU, Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral Evans, in command of the fleet here, says that the situation in the far east is too grave for the Asiatic fleet to remain longer in Honolulu and has decided to sail tomorrow for Guam, although he has been authorized by the navy department to use his discretion.

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#### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of North Bennington, Vt., will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other proper and necessary business.

S. B. HALL, Cashier. North Bennington, December 3, 1903.