

HOLD 6 MEN FOR \$200,000 DENVER ROBBERY

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Cloudy probably local snows tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature.

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FEAR NEW UPRISING IN ATHENS; SEA BOOTLEGGERS TO USE PLANES

Final Resort When Small Boats Fail

Rum Runners Marooned, With Christmas Cargoes On Coast, Desperate

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Rum running by airplane is the next move anticipated from the few desperate sea bootleggers who still are marooned off the coast with their Christmas cargoes, dry officials said today. The bootleggers hauling off the three mile limit are in a bad way, the dry men say. They cannot get small boats to run the blockade. Their supplies are running low and every night pirates who dare to take a chance are putting to sea and are making life for the bootleggers anything but a joy. It was said 15 airplanes were being prepared today, along the Jersey coast and marshes in an effort to defeat the vigilance of the prohibition enforcement officials.

'HELLO' GIRLS XMAS BRIDES AT NEWPORT

Mr. and Mrs. William Bernard Leave On Wedding Trip to Berlin
Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bateau are leaving today on a belated wedding trip to Berlin, N. H. and Quebec City. They have successfully kept their marriage a secret for some time, and it has just been discovered that they were married some time ago. Announcement was made today to Mr. Bateau's fellow employees at the railroad office where he is employed as manifest clerk, and they are enjoying candy and smokes on the news.

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THE BESTEST DAY IN ALL THE YEAR

By MORRIS



IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Some years ago the New York Sun was interrogated by a little New York girl about Santa Claus and the reply of the editor has become a classic. When the writer died the Sun broke its rule for the first time of editorial anonymity and announced that the answer was written by Francis P. Church, long one of its editorial writers. The letter and answer is here given as our Christmas message:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus, Papa says, "If you see in the Sun it's so". Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

115 West Ninety-fifth street. Virginia O'Hanlon. Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

PLACED IN SANTE FE COUNTY JAIL

SANTA FE, N. Mex., Dec. 23—Six men with heavy suit cases who arrived from Las Vegas in an automobile early today were put in the county jail pending investigation of the \$20,000 robbery of the United States federal reserve bank truck at Denver. They were arrested while eating breakfast in a restaurant.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23—Discovery has been made here of one of the \$5 bills stolen by armed bandits in the raid of the United States federal reserve bank truck at Denver last Monday police officials state today. The bill was passed at a down town restaurant.

LATE NEWS

MIDDLETOWN, Ct., Dec. 23—Clarence W. Davenport of Plymouth, Pa., a member of the Wesleyan University basketball team, died in the Middlesex hospital today after an operation for appendicitis. He was 22 years old.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 23—A radio signal sent by an amateur wireless station in Manchester, England, was heard last night by A. B. Terrill of Riverhead, N. Y., and F. Kral of Washington, according to a report to the headquarters here of the American Radio relay league.

11 SOLDIERS KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH
VALENCIA, Spain, Dec. 23—Eleven members of a regiment of soldiers were killed including the commander and more than 90 others injured when a military train out of control ran down a steep grade and crashed into a freight train in Valencia province today.

DENNISON MANSION IN FRAMINGHAM BURNED
FRAMINGHAM, Mass., Dec. 23—The mansion of Henry S. Dennison president of the Dennison Mfg. Co., on Edmand's road, was burned early today causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. All of the elaborate furnishings were destroyed. Mr. Dennison is in Washington in connection with his duties as a welfare director in the Postoffice dept. Members of his family had no difficulty in leaving the house after the fire was discovered. The cause is not known.

Greek Capital Threatened With Revolution By Anti-Militarists

COMPANY D WINS IN EXTRA PERIOD BY 16-11

Defeats Windsor In Best Game of Year; Ninth Straight Win

(Special to Caledonian-Record)
WINDSOR, Dec. 23—Company D won its ninth straight basketball game last night by defeating the strong Company G quintet here by the score of 16 to 11, in an over time, "sure-death" period. Fans on every hand declare the contest the greatest one seen in years.

At the end of the first period, the score was a tie 4 to 4. At the termination of the second stanza, Windsor forged slightly into the lead with the mark of 6 to 5 in her favor. Came the third period with St. Johnsbury trailing 9 to 11 just before the whistle blew. Just an eye-lash separated the Scaletown five from a glorious defeat when Lucky Fisk unleashed a long distance heave. The ball was in the air when the whistle sounded. The basket counted and made the score 11 to 11.

FOUNDRYMAN BADLY BURNED AT SCALE WORKS

Wilford Cayer Severely Injured by Explosion Friday Afternoon

Wilford Cayer of Capleton, P. Q., is at Brightlook hospital suffering from severe burns received from an explosion at the Fairbanks foundry Friday afternoon and is getting along as well as can be expected. He was taking the hot slag from the cupola to the dump and unintentionally poured it out in a puddle of water. An explosion of the hot gases immediately followed which badly burned Mr. Cayer's eyes, face and one shoulder. He was taken immediately to Brightlook hospital and it is hoped that his eyesight can be saved.

NEWPORT MAN IN WARNING TO VT. VILLAGES

Declares Hydro-Electric Plants May Menace State

Editor Caledonian-Record: Dear Mr. Stone: You recently published a letter from me in which I made observations and statements concerning not only the wisdom of your village employing a manager but made reference to other subjects which incidentally your publication had mentioned.

Among other matters I mentioned was the mortgaging of Vermont for the benefit of the General Electric Company. That observation probably sounded and possibly is thought to be fantastic. However, I cannot bring myself to believe it to be unreal or imaginary when I have in my files a circular issued by the Electric

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FIFTEEN INJURED AS TRAIN IS DERAILED
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C. Dec. 23—Fifteen passengers were injured early today when eight cars including four sleepers and the engine, an Atlantic Coast railroad train from Jacksonville to New York were derailed near Lucama.

Information From Reliable Source Says Trouble Is Brewing

(By The Associated Press)
MALTA, Dec. 23—Information just received here from a reliable source in Athens is to the effect that trouble is brewing there, with the unmistakable find of big counter-revolutionary movement. The population of the Greek capital is at a highly nervous pitch with many of the participants in the late revolution leaving the country. The movement is not against King George but against militarists.

CHRISTMAS IN ST. JOHNSBURY'S CHURCHES

Pulpit Pew and Choir In Celebration of Great Festival
Elaborate musical programs will mark the Christmas festival in the St. Johnsbury churches. On Christmas Sunday and again on Christmas day the churches will hold services and at St. Anselm's, St. Andrew's and Notre Dames des Victoires midnight services will be held Sunday night, Christmas eve.

Christmas cantatas and pageants will be given by the Sunday schools in connection with the trees and on Sunday afternoon around the community tree on the Summer street common, groups of singers from the churches and Sunday schools will assist in the singing of carols.

At the North Congregational church, Sunday, the pastor, Rev. F. B. Richards will preach at the morning service at 10.30 from the theme, "The Fulness of Time." The chorus will render Maunder's "Glory to God in the Highest," Shelleys "Christmas" and "Star of the Orient" and Coomb's "Star of the East." Miss Marjorie French, violinist, will play "Holy Night" by Noel.

The chorus will be made up of: Sopranos, Mrs. R. A. Levesseur, Mrs. R. D. Sherry, Miss Lillian Richards, Mrs. H. E. Smith, Altos: Mrs. Ida Brooks, Mrs. W. E. Blodgett, Mrs. George Cary, Mrs. Roy Skinner, Tenors, C. A. Shields, Carlyle Sargent, Collins Brodien, R. A. Levesseur, Basses, F. H. Brooks, D. G. Tilton, Edward French, A. J. Beck, Organist, A. H. Brooks, Violinist, Miss Marjorie French.

The North Church Sunday school service will be held at 3.30 Sunday afternoon, closing in time for the community tree at 4.30. Carols will be sung by the school and include "Christmas Prayer," "Mildred Gile's Response," Mrs. Frank H. Brooks' class; Scripture, Mrs. John F. Puffer's class; Story of the First Christmas Tree, Eleanor Fuller, Christmas hymns and Christmas verses, primary children. The Christmas story Dramatized will be presented by Dana Baxter, Richard Church, George Barrett, Royce Beck, Phyllis Oliver, Ruth Shields. Presentation of book prizes for church attendance, Superintendent C. W. Steele, Carols and the closing prayer by the pastor.

An orchestra composed of Mrs. W. E. Blodgett, Rolfe Schoppe, Ruth Cary and Priscilla Brooks will assist with the music.

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BANDITS CAPTURE \$20,000 PAYROLL
PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 23—Four bandits today shot Ross Dennis paymaster of the Pittsburg Coal company and escaped with a satchel containing about \$20,000 in currency. The holdup occurred in the hills behind Mt. Lebanon while a party of company officials were taking the Christmas pay to miners at Beading.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH IN RANDOLPH FIRE
RANDOLPH, Mass., Dec. 23—George A. Faunce and John Shea were burned to death when Faunce's shack on the outskirts of this town was destroyed early today. Their bodies were found in the ruins. There was nothing to indicate how the fire started.

STATE LICENSES 43,900 AUTOMOBILES
MONTPELLIER, Dec. 23—Automobiles registered in 1922 will number approximately 43,900, according to figures given out by Secretary of State Harry A. Black. The total number of chauffeurs and operator's licenses issued will be about 51,000. The increase in registration over 1921 is 6,000 and the increase in license is 6,000. The percent increase in registration over 1921 is 17-3-4.

One out of every eight persons in the State owns an automobile and one out of every seven hold an operator's or chauffeur's license. The Secretary of State's report for the year will be about \$782,000, an increase over 1921 of \$114,000.

HAD TO SHOVEL WAY 700 FEET IN SNOW DRIFTS
Telephone Gang In Long Trip from Morgan Sand Beach
Seven men in the construction gang of the New England Tel. and Tel. Company had a strenuous ride Saturday morning in an International truck from Morgan Beach to St. Johnsbury, making the trip in eight hours. They left Morgan at 3 a. m. and had the hardest time at Skimier-hill in Chastleton where they found snowdrifts three feet deep. Here they had to shovel through the drifts for 700 feet before they could start the truck again. The men in the party were William A. Bishop, Carl W. Bacheider, Francis J. Gleason, Clarence W. Geddes, Leon T. King, Fred A. Warden, Harry A. Duvel. They all had their pictures taken in front of the Brigham drug store when they reached St. Johnsbury. The gang has been constructing a new line 18 miles long from Derby to Island Pond and their job is practically completed.

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Extends to all

A Very Merry Christmas

Owing to the Holiday there will be no edition on Monday. Tuesday's paper will contain a complete account of the holiday doings.