

HUMORIST BROKEN BY DAUGHTER'S END

Mark Twain Spends Sorrowful Christmas Under Care Of Physician.

LEAVING TONIGHT FOR ELMIRA HOME

Miss Clemens' Funeral to Be Held From House in Which Parents Were Married.

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 25.—This has been the most sorrowful Christmas Day Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) ever spent, and his friends who gathered at the house today to look after him declare that they have grave fears for his health.

The body of his favorite daughter, Miss Jean Clemens, rests in a flower-covered coffin in the library of their home here and the great humorist is just beginning to realize the extent of his bereavement. When the body was discovered yesterday in the bathtub, where she had died of an apoplectic seizure, her father was stunned with grief and it was several hours before he could say anything.

Today he remains in his own room, nursing himself for the journey to their old home near Elmira, N. Y., which will be undertaken tonight.

Funeral Plans.

The funeral of Miss Clemens will be held there tomorrow afternoon. The body will rest in the same room in the house of Charles J. Langdon, uncle of the dead girl, where Mark Twain and his wife were married, and from which Mrs. Clemens was buried in 1904, and her eldest daughter died in 1906.

Dr. Smith, the Clemens' family physician, has been at the house ever since Miss Jean Clemens was found dead. He is paying the closest attention to the aged humorist and author, and he makes no concealment of his fears for the effect of his daughter's sudden death on him.

Since the death of his old friend, H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate, Mark Twain, as he is most lovingly known, has been falling in health. He has lately lost most of the snap and vim that formerly characterized him and this, added to a chronic stomach ailment, has greatly worried his friends.

Absolutely Alone.

Now he has lost his favorite daughter and is absolutely alone, save for non-relatives, as his sole remaining daughter, Mrs. Clara Clemens Gabriell, is abroad with her husband, the noted pianist.

Alfred Bigelow Palmer, who has been working with Mr. Clemens on his books, stated today that Mr. Clemens would probably not remain in this country after the funeral, but would go to Bermuda to stay the remainder of the winter. The rigorous Connecticut air, he declared, is too much for the aged man, and this, coupled with the fact that everything about the death of his beloved daughter, makes it unwise for him to remain in this country at present.

MORTON GIRL DYING AT ARMY HOSPITAL

Child Burned Near Oil Stove in Fort Myer Home.

Dorothy Morton, the three-year-old daughter of Frank Morton, a private in Troop C, Fifteenth Cavalry, is dying in the Fort Myer post hospital from burns received during a fire in the Morton home near the barracks last night. The doctors said this morning that no hopes were entertained for the child's life.

Mrs. Morton, the girl's mother, is also in the post hospital suffering from burns about the face, arms and body which she received in the vain attempt to save her daughter from the flames.

A leaking lamp and a coal stove were responsible for the fire. A cloth which had been used to soak up the oil that had leaked from the lamp in some way came in contact with the stove. The child's clothing took fire, and in spite of Mrs. Morton's heroic efforts to have her daughter, almost every inch of flesh on her body was burned and charred.

WIDOW TAKES POISON BECAUSE OF FRIENDS

Commits Suicide When She Finds It Impossible to Choose Between Admirers.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Unable to choose between two admirers, Mrs. Josephine Moll, a widow of Livingston, Ill., ended her life with strychnine.

In a letter, signed "The Unfortunate," Mrs. Moll declared that one of the aspirants had been exerting a "baleful influence" over her, so that she could not make up her mind to wed the other, although she loved him, she thought, more than the first.

Mrs. Moll wrote her will, and addressed Christmas cards to half a dozen friends. "The body which had been put on her best clothes and swallowed fifteen grains of strychnine."

She kept a boarding house, a which Frank Lippman and Henry Mitteger, her admirers lived. She owned considerable property, and this she bequeathed to Mitteger.

CRYSTAL RIVER BURNING.

OCALA, Fla., Dec. 25.—Fire which started at 4 a. m. at Crystal River, near here, destroyed the Dixon plant, causing a loss of \$500,000. Later messages say the town was in serious danger of being destroyed.

DIES LADEN WITH GIFTS.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Dec. 25.—Returning home laden with presents after completing her Christmas shopping, Mrs. Salinda Perry, a widow, fell dead from heart trouble.

TETRAZZINI IN A RAGE BECAUSE OF CRITICISM

Refuses to Sing Lucia in Pittsburgh on Christmas Eve.

VOICE IS SAVED FOR CINCINNATI

Smoky City Opera Patrons Disappointed When Star Declines To Appear.

FITTSBURGH, Dec. 25.—Fittsburg is sorely disappointed today and despite its Christmas greetings, it has a well-developed "grouch" on Hammerstein's Opera Company in general and on Tetrazzini in particular.

Music loving Fittsburg, which had prepared to pass finally on the disputed question as to whether Tetrazzini could sing the opera "Lucia di Lammermoor," was bitterly disappointed last night on reaching the Alvin Theater to find placards announcing that Tetrazzini was ill and would be unable to assume the star role. Hence no opera on Christmas eve.

There are many rumors, one being that the star, enraged at severe criticism of her singing Lucia last Sunday night, declined to sing it again before a Pittsburgh audience. It is not denied by those connected with the Manhattan Opera Company that the opera lovers of Pittsburgh, who had bought tickets for last night's performance, were at least partly sacrificed in favor of Cincinnati music lovers, before whom Tetrazzini is booked to sing on Monday.

Voice Saved For Cincinnati.

Dr. C. C. Sandals, of Pittsburgh, who was called in on the case, said today that the star would be ready to sing in Cincinnati, but that if she had sung in Pittsburgh she might not be able to sing in Cincinnati.

So Fittsburg is enraged today with the half-formed idea that Hammerstein's company has played this city a Christmas eve joke.

It is understood that Tetrazzini does not collect money from her employer when she does not appear.

The audience bade fair to be a record-breaker, so far as society was concerned.

MINOR POINT LEFT IN RAILROAD STRIKE

Governor Eberhart Confident End of Switchmen's Idleness Is at Hand.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—The switchmen's strike, which has tied up the railroad industry of the Northwest for several weeks, is practically at an end.

The situation is now up to the railroads to yield what is regarded today as a minor point, and it is said they will do so.

With his voice reduced to a whisper as the result of the stream of arguments used by him in the recent conference, Governor Eberhart today said that a settlement is in sight.

The only point at issue is whether the railroads shall bind themselves to reinstate all of the striking switchmen. In their statement of Thursday the railroads said they would re-employ all of the strikers as soon as they were able.

The switchmen and the representatives of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor objected to this and refused to yield. They said that to do so would be to sacrifice the principles of unionism. At this point the conference ceased, but the governor believes the railroads see the necessity of this concession. A compromise is expected on the basis of a time limit, say thirty days, within which the men who went out on strike will be reinstated in their former places.

"I have conferred with the heads of the several roads," said Governor Eberhart, "and I am confident that this concession will be made. It ought to be done and there is little doubt in my mind that it will be. I shall call another conference Monday and believe that both sides showed an obstinate front on this matter and the conference finally adjourned with the matter still in abeyance."

The strike might be settled even now without a further conference, were Governor Eberhart to receive the assurances from the railroads that the objections to the re-employment of all the strikers were waived. In that event he could notify President Hawley that the conditions had been met and the switchmen would at once appear in the yards with their red lanterns.

PATTEN TO RETIRE.

Col. William S. Patten, assistant quartermaster general, will be retired on April 13 next, on his own application, after thirty-four years of distinguished service. Colonel Patten is a native of New York, having been appointed in 1875 a second lieutenant in the Eighteenth United States Infantry. He attained the grade of colonel in 1903.

WAS LEADING MAN WITH EDWIN BOOTH

Phosa McAllister, Famous Figure Of the Stage, Is Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Phosa McAllister, for a number of years leading man for Edwin Booth, died here today aged fifty-eight.

RAVAGED BY LOCUSTS.

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 25.—The governor of the state of Texas, Mexico, has made an official report to the federal government that portions of that state are being ravaged by a plague of locusts.

NIGHT RIDERS BUSY.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 25.—A dozen tobacco barns in Spencer and Warrick counties, containing many thousand pounds of tobacco, have been destroyed by fire in the last few days, supposedly by night riders.



MME. TETRAZZINI.

ed, for the critics had only helped the box office along by their cutting sarcasm regarding the instability of the star's voice in Lucia.

Veracity of Critics At Stake.

There was much discussion as to whether the critics were right, and Pittsburgh was turning out, to let the singer prove or disprove the veracity of the critics. But Tetrazzini couldn't, or wouldn't, sing.

A strange feature of the entire affair is that it was not decided until late last evening that the star would not sing, though there had been rumors at the one-o'-clock rehearsal in the afternoon that "Tetrazzini was indisposed," and the bitter words of the star over her being criticized in Pittsburgh were common property among the theater attaches.

It is given out that the foggy Pittsburgh atmosphere was responsible for the throat trouble which the star was reported to have; that she was in Pittsburgh Christmas gifts in person in Pittsburgh stores and went shopping in this shop.

At the same time it is known that the star in rage announced to her managers that she would never sing "Lucia" again in Pittsburgh.

FIGHT TO CONTROL THE MONEY MARKET

Strong Opposition to Morgan and Standard Oil Interests Is Started.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The purchase by the international banking firm of Speyer & Co., of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt's stock in the Union Trust Company, one of the strongest financial institutions in the East, is regarded by Wall Street as the first step in a bitter fight for control of the money market.

The large banking firms here which have been out of the sale of the Morgan combine and outside of the financial district have found that they were outdone by the powerful international cliques and have long been waiting for an opportunity to assert their influence and strength.

Vast Resources Controlled.

The National City Bank has long been the leader in the money market, and has practically controlled the rate of interest for the past few years. This institution, controlled by the late John D. Rockefeller and his associates, has had the insurance companies behind him and the National City Bank, the seven or eight banks and trust companies, which he also controlled.

While the possession of the Vanderbilt holdings does not carry control of the National City Bank, it does, when added to the stock already held by Speyer & Co., bar any other interest in the management of the company's \$500,000,000 deposits.

A Strong Competitor.

The Speyer interests will have much to do in the selection of the successor to Acting President King.

Having control of the Union Trust Company, which is also the depository of some of the Rockefeller millions, the Speyer firm will be in a position to become a very strong financial figure in Wall Street, considering the firm's European connections, and also to combat any Morgan-Rockefeller combination if it is not controlled.

James Speyer is a director of seven banks and trust companies, of three railroads, insurance and automobile companies. He is on the directorate of the Citizens' Savings and Trust Company, of Cleveland; Mercantile Trust Company, of Baltimore; Girard Trust Company, of Philadelphia; Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, and president of the Societe Financiere Franco-Americaine.

SECOND RHODIUS WILL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—A second will of George Rhodius, which, instead of giving \$750,000 to the city of Indianapolis for parks, as did his first will, leaves a greater part of his \$1,000,000 estate to Rhoda Rhodius, his former wife, will be filed for probate in a few days, according to a public announcement of her attorney.

WESTON PLANS LONG WALK.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Edward Payson Weston, pedestrian, is planning to walk from Los Angeles to New York, starting on January 1. The idea was conceived by the Rev. James Farrer, pastor of the church, who thinks the old-time bell ringing out of date. The light will throw its rays at a fixed time before the services.

TO ABOLISH CHURCH BELLS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A searchlight is to replace the bell in the tower of the First Reformed Church in Brooklyn on January 1. The idea was conceived by the Rev. James Farrer, pastor of the church, who thinks the old-time bell ringing out of date. The light will throw its rays at a fixed time before the services.

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PROBLEM OF LIVING UPON \$18 A WEEK

Tickets to "Paid In Full" Given to Best Solutions Submitted.

Can a married couple live on \$18 a week?

Many are married and are doing it. Those who are and can tell how they can take their wives to a little outing at the theater next week and it won't eat into their savings.

The problem is a personal one. Incidentally it forms the basis of a sociological condition that is a timely and pertinent topic.

Eugene Walter suggested it in "Paid In Full." The coming of this play to the Columbia Theater next week suggested the competition to The Times. This paper wants its readers to help solve the problem.

The Times will give to each of the writers of the best seventy-two letters, or essays, containing not more than 150 words, a pair of reserved seats for a performance of "Paid In Full." There they can see how far the two persons who couldn't work out the problem.

A number of the prize-winning answers will be printed in The Times daily. The story of "Paid In Full," which suggested the competition, follows:

Story of Play.

Joe Brooks, the principal male character in the Walter play, was collector for the Latin American Steamship Company of New York city. In spite of the fact that a great deal of money passed through his hands, and that his position was quite a responsible one, he received but \$18 a week.

Joe and Emma, his wife, could not get along well on that amount of "thing," Emma had been used to better things, and under the necessity of having to do her own work, Joe was peevish, morose, muttering threats against his employer, cursing trusts, corporations, and capitalists in general.

In fact, Joe leaned much toward socialism and anarchy.

Being sorely tempted, Joe yielded to some money from his employer and stole the money from his employer and stole the money from his employer and stole the money from his employer.

Joe was kept on stealing, thinking he could win on the races and pay back. Joe accounted for his increased salary, Emma by saying Captain Williams, his employer, had raised his salary, and that he had received three months' back pay.

They went to live in better apart of her husband's stealings, ignorant of her husband's stealings, ignorant of her husband's stealings, ignorant of her husband's stealings.

Joe was not happy, being in constant fear of exposure, which came in due time. His "peevish" wife was the greatest sufferer. Joe had a "yellow" streak in his make-up which came to the surface. He accused his wife of stealing from him, and told her if he went to jail alone to the back of the street, he would go to the back of the street.

Sharply with Lady Godiva the belief that a woman strong in the consciousness of her own purity could at times dispense with conventions, she accepted his suggestion, and viewed the room of his employer at midnight to steal his money.

Emma's Eyes Opened.

Emma's eyes, opened to the character of the man to whom she had given her love, she denounced him.

Joe realized his shortcomings, and the outcome is left to the imagination.

If this couple could have lived happily on \$18 a week there would have been no play. Joe would not have got into trouble.

The time limit for sending answers has been set for Tuesday evening, December 28. Answers must be in The Times office by that hour. They will be judged by competent persons and the writers of the best seventy-five letters will receive a pair of reserved seats for "Paid In Full."

LEAVES A FUND TO HELP ARTISTS

Miss Ella Mooney's Will Is Filed For Probate at Poughkeepsie.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The will of Miss Ella Mooney, of Red Hook, N. Y., daughter of Edward Mooney, an artist, who died some years ago, has been filed for probate.

The estate is estimated at \$100,000, and among the bequests is one of \$15,000 to the National Academy of Design in New York, to be used to enable pupils to study art in foreign countries. Many charitable bequests are made.

In the will, which is a holograph, the testatrix expresses a desire of the kind of monument she wants erected over her grave, and directs that her epitaph shall be, "Make Her to Be Numbered with the Saints in Glory Everlasting."

Miss Mooney leaves a gallery of eighty-two paintings.

BURLESQUE STAGE GAINS A NEW STAR

Miss Ethel Kirk, well known in musical comedy shows, made her debut in the burlesque field last night at the Gayety.

For the past two years the young woman has been on the Keith and Proctor circuits, and last night she was with Richard Carle and Nat Willis.

REPUTATION WON WRITING STORIES

Arrangements are being made today for the funeral of Margaret Menet, a newspaper writer, who died yesterday morning at Homeopathic Hospital. The body will be sent to Lawrence, Kan., for interment.

Mrs. Menet was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Menet, of Washington. Several years ago she was on the staff of the Kansas City Journal, and she gained wide reputation by clever feature stories for the Sunday edition.

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Letters should be written legibly on one side of the paper only and should not be over 150 words long.

Letters to be considered must be in The Times office Tuesday evening, December 28.

The Times reserves the right to publish any interesting letters received.

ALEXANDRIA SPENDS THOUSANDS VOTED QUIET CHRISTMAS FOR AVIATION PRIZES

Scarcely Any Tooting of Horns and Shooting Fire Crackers. Sanctioned Long List of Meets.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Dec. 25.—Christmas Day is being observed in this city more quietly than for many years. There has been scarcely any firing of fire-crackers or the blowing of horns, and the day has had an aspect of Sunday.

The banks and city offices, and most of the stores have been closed. Owing to the inclement weather there were few people on the street.

The day has been one of family reunions. At many places open house was kept. All bar rooms are closed, and will remain closed until tomorrow morning.

Services were held today at the churches as follows:

St. Mary's Catholic Church, masses at 8, 9, 10, and 11 a. m.

Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, services at 7:30 a. m. and 11 a. m.

Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, services at 11 a. m.

St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, service at 11 a. m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, service at 10 a. m.

Trinity M. E. Church, service at 8 a. m.

Fire yesterday afternoon, caused by the burning of a fence around St. Mary's Cemetery, in the southern section of the city, caused slight damage.

The prisoners at the city jail were today given a Christmas dinner of turkey and cake by City Sergeant R. H. Cox.

Miss Hillside Burroughs is seriously ill at her home in South Washington street. Mr. Burroughs is the daughter of Postmaster Thomas Burroughs.

PRESENTS HIMSELF AS GIFT TO POLICE

Samuel Shaw Walks Into Headquarters, and Says He Is Wanted.

"Here's a Christmas present for the Police Department," said Samuel Shaw, as he walked into headquarters this morning. There were no packages under his arms, and Detective Cornwell, who was on office duty, asked Shaw where he had the present.

"I'm the present," replied Shaw. "I'm wanted in Philadelphia for robbery. I just thought I'd give the police a present of myself as a little Christmas token."

Shaw, who is nineteen years old, says that he and a companion held up a man in Philadelphia last Thursday morning and robbed him of a roll of money and his watch. His companion, he says, was captured, but he managed to get away.

A telegram was received at the detective bureau at noon stating an officer from Philadelphia would arrive in Washington this afternoon.

HEARST DECLINES TO TALK POLITICS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—William R. Hearst and his family arrived here today to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. He declined to comment on the report that he had secured possession of his independence league in New York from Fairman Hall in order that he can make the race for governor of New York next fall on an independent ticket.

RAILWAY COMPANY HOST TO EMPLOYEES

The annual Christmas entertainment given by the Washington Railway and Electric Company, for its employees will be given at the Columbia Theater.

In charge of the arrangements is J. T. Moffett, chairman of the committee. Assisting him are C. S. Kimball, vice chairman, and J. A. Kaiser, secretary.

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