

Merry Christmas

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Two Hundred Mexican Rebels Are Killed In Battle

BRITISH LABOR READY TO RULE

REBELS HOLD BIG TOWN IN MEXICO

Federal Troops are Busy Consolidating Their Victory at Puebla.

200 REBELS KILLED

One Thousand Prisoners are Reported Captured - Airplanes in Attack.

BY FRED'K. G. NEUMEIER Mexico City, Dec. 24.—Fearing a rebel thrust from the south, President Obregon despatched General Arnulfo Gomez, military commander of the capital, with 1,500 men to Cuernavaca, State of Morelos.

General Figuero's rebel force occupied Puente de Ixtle, just south of that city Saturday.

In the east, Federals were busy consolidating their victory at Puebla, which they captured on Saturday afternoon, not earlier, as erroneously reported.

Two hundred rebel dead were left behind when the De La Huerta force was driven from Puebla and 1,000 prisoners were taken. Airplanes and artillery were used in the attack before the city was captured.

(By Canadian Press) Vera Cruz, Dec. 24.—Rebel forces made their nearest approach to Mexico City so far with the capture yesterday of Guernavaca, forty miles south of the capital, it was stated in a revolutionary communication issued here.

The forces advanced from their position in the state of Guerrero into Morelos, of which Guernavaca is the capital. No heavy fighting was reported. The general situation is unchanged except for the nearer approach to the national capital.

An official Government bulletin issued from Mexico City states that Puebla was captured Saturday and that 1,000 prisoners were taken by the Federal forces.

HOME IS RAIDED

Big Still is Found in House at Hawkshaw, Near Fredericton.

Fredericton, Dec. 24.—Chief Inspector Hawthorne and Inspector Fraser Saunders raided the home of Gordon Carson, at Hawkshaw, yesterday, and found a big still with an elaborate copper worm in operation. They took the still and also a barrel of mash, which was alongside the stovepipe upstairs in the house, and then went out into the garage and got a bottle of moonshine—finished product—from Carson's automobile.

Before leaving Hawkshaw, the raiding party also visited the home of Hector Morrison, who they say is also known to them as a moonshine dealer, and seized several bottles of hooch at his place. Information for two further charges under the prohibition act was also obtained on the trip.

Burt's Corner Buildings Burned

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Twenty-five thousand dollars damage was caused by a fire during the week-end, which destroyed the general store of Howard Burt, his home and the residence of Howard Gorman, at Burt's Corner. The stock of the store was destroyed, even the cash register.

East and West Join Observing Christmas

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Christmas this year is unique in that for the first time in 350 years almost all of christendom in theory will celebrate the day on December 25. This means that 125,000 people connected with the Eastern Orthodox National Churches of which the Greek and Russian are chief, will join in the occasion with the others of the Christian world.

Until this year members of those churches have followed the Julian calendar which causes a gap of fourteen days between Christmas as observed in eastern and western churches. Now the Gregorian calendar of western churches has been adopted.

IS BEATEN TO DEATH IN GLARE OF LIGHTS

Murderers Seen by Nurse From Window of New York Hospital.

New York, Dec. 24.—An unidentified young man, short and thin and obviously poor, a war service button on one coat lapel, was beaten to death just before dawn yesterday in the glare of street lights near the Italian hospital, West 86th street.

His murderers tried to toss the body over a high board fence, down a steep cliff to the East River, but the coat caught on a picket, and the body was impaled there until attendants from the hospital took it down.

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CHRISTMAS GLOOM IN GERMAN ZONES

High Prices of Trees, Wines, Geese, Turkeys and Cakes Spoil Holiday.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Much of the joy has been taken out of Christmas in the Rhineland because of the prices prevailing for Xmas trees, wines, geese, turkeys, cakes, fruits and other holiday articles.

Hundreds of Coblentz last year bought turkey and geese at from 15 to 25 cents a pound and a bottle of Rhine or Moselle at about a dollar and a quarter a bottle. Other foods generally are proportionately high. Christmas trees are retailing from two to three dollars each and are about the size of a gooseberry bush.

According to the newspapers the Berlin merchants report a good holiday business, particularly in household goods, dress materials, foodstuffs, cakes, candies, tobacco and liquors, despite the enormous prices. The florists and toy dealers, however, are loudly bewailing because their business has been far below expectations.

Firemen Carry 8 Down Ladders

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 24.—Firemen carried eight people down ladders from the third story of a burning building in Main street and escorted 14 others through smoke filled halls to safety when fire broke out in a toy shop owned by Thomas J. Cole, yesterday.

The blaze started in the cellar of the store and was confined to a small area. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.

Gas Kills Whole Family of Four

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 24.—Carbon monoxide gas added four more to its total of human lives yesterday by wiping out the family of John T. Pili, consisting of Pili, 40, his wife, 35, John, 14 and Mary, daughter, 12, in their apartments, 92 Franklin street.

FEAR FATE OF CREW OF DIRIGIBLE

French Airmen Held Prisoner Four Days in Airship.

57 ARE IN DANGER

Winter Gales Whirl Dixmude From Course - Several Ill.

(British United Press.) Tunis, Dec. 24.—Prisoners of the sky, held aloft, the playthings of tempests for four days—57 members of the crew of the giant French naval dirigible Dixmude attempted desperately to bring their huge craft to earth in Northeast Africa today. With its fuel exhausted and its crew many of whom are ill, subsisting on crumbs of rations that gave out several days ago, the dirigible was finally handed over since the war, had been hovering helplessly over the Gulf of Gabes.

The Dixmude flew from Toulon, France, on a 60-hour cruise of the northern coast of Africa last Tuesday. For two days all went well.

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MOST DESIRED GIFT COMES TO CHILD

Death Relieves Great Sufferings of Thirteen Year Old Helen Hamilton.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Christmas season brought to 13-year-old Helen Hamilton, the gift she most desired.

The one for which she had prayed—death.

Racked for months by almost intolerable pain, due to a ruptured heart, the result of a childish prank eight years ago, the heroic little girl died yesterday with her mother's arms about her, and secure in the belief that she would find a painless, perfect happiness in the world beyond.

DEMPSEY'S FATHER LOSES HIS FLASK

Is Arrested on Charge of Violating Prohibition Laws in Restaurant.

Salt Lake City, Dec. 24.—Hiram Dempsey, father of Jack Dempsey, is free today on bond of \$300 after arrest on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. The elder Dempsey was arrested in a local cafe last night by a policeman who confiscated a flask from which Dempsey is said to have been pouring liquor for highballs. A young woman also was taken into custody but she was released and police declined to give her name.

Predicts the Holiday Much Like Today

The weather man was kind after all and during the night he furnished snow enough to say that it would probably be a white Christmas after all.

When the boys and girls who are expecting sleds from Santa awakened this morning they were highly delighted to see the ground covered with its coat of white and many were the fervent wishes expressed that it would stay. The weather man promises fair weather for tomorrow and not much change in the temperature from today.

Maniac Terrorizes Crew of Freighter

San Pedro, Calif., Dec. 24.—Calls for help from a freighter's crew battling to subdue a maniac, who had run amok aboard ship 2,000 miles from here in the South Pacific reached this port late yesterday in radio messages from the British tramp steamer Roman Star, enroute from London to the Orient.

Dr. A. J. Mangan, police surgeon, responded with wireless instructions and suggestions, but a message last night said the Roman Star's crew had not yet succeeded in subduing the man.

KILLED IN ARMS OF MOTHER AT TREE

Babe is Shot and Father, Said to Have Been Drinking, is Held.

Akron, Ohio, Dec. 24.—While Mrs. George Lawrentz stood before a Christmas tree in her home yesterday holding three month old daughter in her arms, a shot rang out. The infant toppled over dead.

George Lawrentz, 34, the father, was arrested on a charge of murder. Mrs. Lawrentz was shot through the hand.

Myrtle Gilbert, 14, sister-in-law of Mrs. Lawrentz, said that Lawrentz was holding a rifle with which he had been hunting yesterday. "Watch me. I'm going to shoot the baby," Lawrentz exclaimed, according to the story the Gilbert girl is alleged to have told the detectives.

Police said Lawrentz had been drinking.

OFFERS BLOOD FOR HIS PROSECUTOR

Ex-Convict Not Accepted But Nurse's Blood is Used and Woolwine Improves.

(British United Press.) Paris, Dec. 24.—Scotty Repell, ex-convict, sent to San Quentin through the efforts of Thomas Lee Woolwine, walked into the American Hospital here yesterday and offered his blood for a transfusion necessary to strengthen the former Los Angeles District Attorney, who is recovering from a serious illness.

The offer was refused as was that of Woolwine's wife, because the blood was not the right kind. That of a nurse was used in a satisfactory transfusion and Woolwine was reported stronger today.

Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A disturbance which passed eastward with its centre just south of the Great Lakes yesterday caused snow in southern Ontario. Light snow or rain has also occurred in the Maritime Provinces, while in northern Ontario, Quebec and the western provinces the weather has been fair.

Six Are Dead In Shooting In Maine

Six persons are dead as the result of the act of a madman at Cooper's Mills, Me., five of whom were murdered by John Snow after which he committed suicide. The story pieced together by the police is that Snow visited the home of Deputy Sheriff Frank Jewett, at North Whitefield, and asked for the use of his automobile.

This was refused and he shot Mrs. Jewett and her son, Kenneth, a boy fifteen years of age. He then took the car and drove to Cooper's Mills where he shot his wife, Mrs. Ida Snow; her aunt, Mrs. Eva Eaton and her mother, Mrs. Ruth Bram, finally shooting himself.

They Pay High To Dine Out In Paris

Paris, Dec. 24.—It will take a fat purse to partake of one of the traditional Christmas Eve suppers at any of the thousand and one restaurants in Paris tonight. The humblest cafe is asking 25 francs for a meagre feast, with wine extra. Those establishments charging 200 francs for a repast the chief feature of which is a portion accompanied by cranberry or other sauce.

They Are Sure Happy



Captain E. A. Ingram, who recently married the widow of Enrico Caruso, arrived with his bride in New York recently. Here they are with Gloria Caruso, the late tenor's daughter.

Ye Good Old Saint Nick

BY BERTON BRALEY. We hear ye jingle of ye sleigh, And gladly in our soul we pause To welcome on this Christmas Day Ye fat and jolly Santa Claus; He cometh down ye sootie flue To humble cot or lordly hall, And singeth out his loud halloo, "A Merrie Christmas to You All!"

His smile is broad, his heart is warm, Be blingth funne and right good cheer, And be there calm or be there storm, He cometh surely once a year. In our hearts he lights a glow, Beneath his magick spell we fall, Till we, too, greet both high and low With "Merrie Christmas to You All!"

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Robs Aged Woman Of Little Store

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 24.—Police officials are searching for a thief who entered the bedroom of Mrs. E. Wright aged 82, yesterday and demanded her money. Mrs. Wright gave the man all she had, which was \$10.

Many Shoppers Are Out In Capital

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Fredericton is having another big shopping rush, more big crowds flocking into the city today from all over central New Brunswick as on Saturday. Many business houses report Saturday's business as the biggest in history. Turkeys sold in the country market

NEW GERMAN CONFERENCE IS PLANNED

Ramsay MacDonald, Labor Leader, Prepares to Take Over Government.

DANGERS AHEAD

France and England Predicted as in Head-on Collision.

(British United Press.) London, Dec. 24.—Ramsay MacDonald, if the premiership falls into his hands next month, will find the stage all set for his promised new international conference to reconsider reparations, inter-allied debts and post-war problems generally.

The present machinery is temporarily at least broken down. France and England are in head-on collision over details of the proposal to re-examine Germany's financial situation, and on another important issue the Reparations Commission is deadlocked.

Germany recently applied for permission to purchase food from the United States to the amount of seventy million dollars, and have her debt in this regard given priority over her war reparations.

Proposal Is Rejected. When this came before the reparations commission, France and Belgium flatly objected to the proposal with Britain and Italy favoring it. The American observer, Col. Logan, was present, and was not allowed to give the casting vote. In the circumstances, with the machinery created by the Versailles Treaty in such condition, the proposal for a new conference is likely to receive more favorable opinion from the allied and associated Governments than would otherwise have been the case.

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