

### Christmas Greetings

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sun foretell a bright to-  
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### Belgian Soldiers Claim to Have Been Held as Prisoners in Germany.

### Giant Hailstones Fall in Pretoria—Japanese Cabinet Resigns—Commanders of Wrecked U. S. Destroyers Punished.

**17 BURNED TO DEATH.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 27. Seventeen persons were killed last night when a swiftly spreading fire destroyed the buildings of the State Hospital for the insane, at Dunning, Northwestern Chicago. It was the worst institutional fire in Illinois' history. The building was constructed of flimsy material which ignited very quickly and spread rapidly. The blame for the deaths will be fixed by a joint investigation of five official agencies working with Oscar Wolff Cook, County Coroner.

**JAP CABINET RESIGNS.**  
TOKIO, Dec. 27. The Japanese Cabinet has resigned.

**VIOLENT HAIL STORM IN PRETORIA.**  
PRETORIA, Dec. 27. A hail storm of unprecedented violence caused damage to property to the extent of \$100,000 in this city and vicinity on Christmas Day. No lives were lost and few injured as the population found shelter before the storm broke. According to reports stones weighing one pound and the noise of the hail falling resembled an aerial bombardment.

**KU KLUX KLAN.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. E. Y. Clarke, formerly High in the Councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote to President Coolidge to-day, offering co-operation with the Executive in ending the activities of "an element" which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by the founder. Clarke announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to Klansmen calling the better element either to take hold and remedy the existing evils or disband the organization.

**BELGIAN PRISONERS' STORY.**  
BRUSSELS, Dec. 27. The Government has requested the Belgian Embassy in Berlin to make a thorough investigation of the story told by two Belgian soldiers who arrived here yesterday, saying they had been interred in Germany since the

war. They claim they had been working on a farm under close guard and one of them said he knew of sixteen more Belgian soldiers captured during the war who were still held prisoners in Germany. Should the story prove to be true the Government intends to protest to the Belgians. In the event the tale turns out to be a fabrication, as has been the case with numerous returning prisoners of war, these new arrivals have been warned that they will become real prisoners in Belgian jails for outrage to the magistrature.

**DESTROYER COMMANDERS PUNISHED.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. Captain Edward H. Watson, Commander of the United States destroyer squadron which was wrecked on the California Coast last September, will lose 150 numbers in the seniority list which governs promotions, and Lieut.-Commander D. T. Hunter, the Commander of the destroyer, Delphic, one of the squadron, will lose 100 numbers as a result of the Naval Court Martial sentences, approved by Secretary of the Navy Denby. These were the only two cases on trial; the other officers implicated being acquitted and one set aside.

**CATTLE DISEASE IN AUSTRALIA.**  
MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 17. So serious has the rinderpest outbreak been among cattle, pigs and goats in western Australia that it has been decided to isolate the affected areas for a year. This will necessitate the vacation of farm holdings by dairymen for the period maintained.

**GETTING AFTER THE DIRECTORS.**  
MONTREAL, Dec. 27. A group of shareholders of the Montreal Tramways and Power Co. to-day asked Judge Deane for permission to institute quo warranto proceedings against the Board of Directors of their Company with a view of dislodging them from office. Permission was granted.

### Question of a Fortune

#### YACHTING TRAGEDY AND TOBACCO KING'S ESTATE—RICHELONELY LAD INVOLVED IN LITIGATION.

Tragedy, which has left him almost alone in the world, has brought a rich Scottish boy face to face with a litigation which in its multiplicity of aspects recalls the ponderous lawsuit of "Jarndyce v. Jarndyce." David Guthrie Dunn, 18, of Knock Castle, Ayrshire, through the tragic death of his brother, a year his senior, in a yachting mystery of the Clyde, has been called upon to assume the responsibilities of great wealth and settle in the Court of Session legal rights following the unhappy disappearance of his brother. The brothers Dunn—David and John Smith Macpherson Dunn—were left orphans. Their mother died in 1917, and their father, John Dunn, who was known as the Tobacco King, head of one of the great concerns allied to the Imperial Tobacco Corporation, died in February, 1922. The two boys were left alone so far as actual family was concerned, and at their disposal, when they became 25, was an estate which was well over half a million. The spacious castle of Knock overlooks perhaps the busiest and greatest stretch of yachting water in the world, the Clyde from Hunter's Quay to Wemyss Bay, and the two boys had built for themselves a fine yacht in which it was their intention to race. In March, 1923, John Smith Macpherson Dunn was studying with the assistance of a tutor named Archibald R. Johnston, M.A., for an examination which was to take place at Oxford on March 20. He had arranged to go for a cruise with his tutor in a yacht, the Elsinore, which had been recently acquired, immediately after the examination, and on which J. S. M. Dunn and plaintiff, David Guthrie Dunn, were intending to race in the Clyde regattas. About 2 o'clock on Friday, March 6, J. S. M. Dunn and his tutor left the jetty at Knock Castle in a small dingy, taking with them a heavy anchor and chain, weighing about four cwt., with the object of laying mooring for the yacht in the anchorage opposite Knock Castle. A strong wind

was blowing offshore at the time. The laying of moorings from a boat 12ft. long by 4 1/2 ft. wide was an operation incapable of being carried out, particularly in squally weather, without very serious risk of capsizing. Neither the boat nor its occupants have been seen or heard of since, but on the following day two oars belonging to the boat were washed ashore on the Island of Bute. Diving and sweeping operations were carried out over a wide area, and exhaustive searches have been made around the adjacent coasts, but no trace of the boat or its occupants has been discovered. The tragedy of young Dunn raised complications. First of all the fact that John Smith Macpherson Dunn has died must be certified by the Court, and a multiplicity of questions decided. In brief, the estate is made up as follows:—

1. The father's estate, which his sons were to divide when they reached the age of twenty-five, £280,000.
2. The value of the estate under the marriage contract, which was to be shared by the two sons on reaching the age of twenty-one, £50,000.
3. The value of the estate under the will of Mrs. Dunn, the mother, which was to be shared by the two

boys on reaching the age of twenty-five, £150,000.

4. An estate of an uncle of the boys amounting to £3,100.
5. Two life insurance policies which were effected on the life of the boy who was drowned, by his father, of £500 each, i.e., £1,000.

The first legal question to be settled is proof that young John Smith Macpherson Dunn died from drowning. The parties to the litigation are:—

1. The trustees of the late John Dunn, tobacco manufacturer, Glasgow.
2. The marriage contract trustees of Mr. Dunn and his wife, Mrs. M. S. Bell-Smith, or Dunn.
3. Mrs. Dunn's trustees under her will.
4. The guardian for plaintiff, who is in his minority.
5. Certain life assurance societies with whom the policies were effected; and
6. Certain other persons who have interests. The suit, which involves many points, will largely be disposed of by the Judge if he presumes that the young boy was drowned in the Clyde.—News of the World.

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### BILLY'S UNCLE

Lost in the Darkness.

BY BEN BATSFORD.

C'MON BILLY—SNAP OUT OF IT!

GEE—! I'M GOING DOWN TO THE POLICE STATION TO SEE IF THEY HAVE CAUGHT TH' GUY THAT STOLE MY WATCH!

WELL, I'LL BETCHA THAT THEY HAVENT GOT HIM 'CAUSE I SAW HIM GET AWAY—

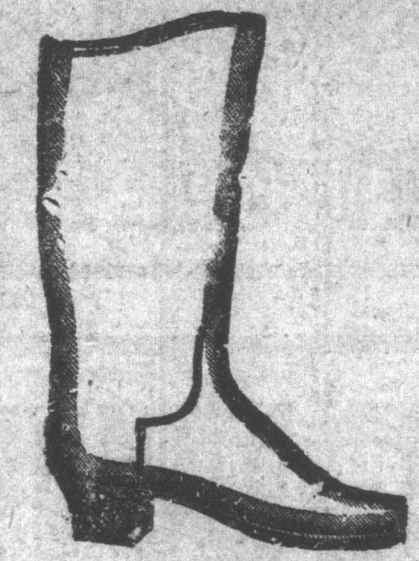
—AN I WAS JUS' GONNA TELL THE COP WHICH WAY HE RAN WHEN YOU GRABBED ME!

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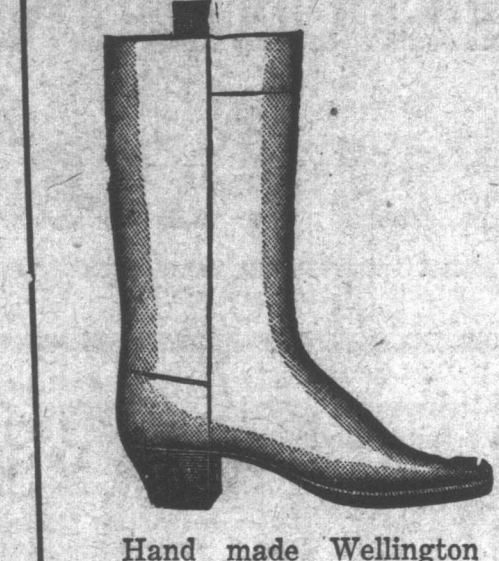
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### League Works Steadily Toward Codified Law

GENEVA, Dec. 5 (A. P.)—Some 30 countries have already signed the convention for the simplification of customs formalities which was recently elaborated at Geneva at an international conference, and copies of the treaty have been forwarded to the United States government for its general information. An American delegation was present at the conference, though it took no active part and did not vote.

The convention marks progress in what League of Nations officials call the codification of international law, which is now being undertaken step by step by the League. Already about two score conventions have been drafted through the machinery of the League. Seventeen of these concern the protection of labor. Three touch the freedom of communications and transit, and others provide for the creation of the world court of justice, the inclusion of arbitration clauses in commercial contracts, the prevention of traffic in obscene publications and the suppression of traffic in women and children, commonly known as the white slave traffic.

In addition to these general conventions several specific instruments of far reaching importance have been negotiated through the League. The most notable of these is the document which provided for the financial reconstruction of Austria.

Publicity of all tariffs and customs formalities is the fundamental note

of the customs convention. Of general interest is the engagement to simplify and make more uniform the rapid delivery of merchandise through customs houses, and the quick inspection of traveller's baggage. Furthermore, the contracting states promise to limit as far as possible the cases where certificates of origin are obligatory in connection with the importation of goods.

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### The Lighter Side.

A little rain, plus muddy highways, always equals changes in plans.

It certainly is fortunate for the average man that brains are not on exhibition.

Hy Braw says it was probably a fish that started the superstition that Friday is an unlucky day.

A prominent local spinster lady says she never had a chance to get married as whenever a young man called on her mother sat in the room with them for fear the young man would go to sleep. O Heins, preserve us!

Ambassador Harvey wears a plug hat and drives a Ford at the same time. Diplomacy is becoming more intricate as the years go by.