

EVER HEARD OF GOOD OLD SANTA

Four Little Boys Found in Hut
Who Were Ignorant of
Christmas.

New York, Dec. 21.—Four little boys in rags were found living in a miserable, cheerless hut in a forest yesterday. They could not read or write. They had never heard of Christmas nor of its glad significance. No hand ever gave them a Christmas gift. No tongue ever told them the story of The Three Wise Men and the Babe of the Manger. These babes in a wood had never heard of Santa Claus, and knew none of the sweet myths of childhood. They had never been beyond the limits of the woodland where their poverty-stricken, bare little denlike home stood.

To these four children of Archie Johnson, poor woodchopper, came Jared Kimball yesterday. Kimball is a representative of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and he came to relieve the poverty of the children. But when he found their great poverty in material things was as nothing compared with their poverty of mind, in pity he told them about Santa Claus and the wonderful sleigh laden with toys that makes its mystical journey over the housetops once a year. And they listened in awe—and only partly understood. For they had never seen a toy. So from the hut out beyond West Caldwell, N. J., Kimball brought them to New York.

The grain made them tremble. The street cars frightened them still more. They feared the skyscrapers would fall on them and they screamed in agony of mind when they were placed in an elevator and begged their protector not to kill them. Story after story, such as every child is supposed to know, Kimball told to calm the little heads. And at last, fed, bathed and clad in clean white gowns and conducted to clean beds, they were in a maze. For they had always slept in their rags on piles of dusty hay.

MORE WITNESSES RE ALLEGED COAL RING

Hon. B. F. Pearson and T. M. Cutler
Tell What They Know in
Connection With It.

Halifax, Dec. 21.—Two more witnesses were examined in the alleged coal conspiracy case last evening. Hon. B. F. Pearson, vice-president of the North Atlantic colliery, and T. M. Cutler, secretary of the Ardenian sugar refinery. They denied the knowledge of a combine existing between the coal companies. Mr. Cutler said he did not know anything about the standard price, as there was not much competition, because few had the kind of coal they wanted.

Mr. Pearson said that he was interested in coal mining in Nova Scotia, was now vice-president of the North Atlantic colliery, and had been secretary of the Dominion Coal Company. He did not know of any combine being held to discuss prices. Mr. Dick had been assistant manager, and sales agent, when he was secretary of the Dominion Coal Company. They had talked a good deal about business, but he had no recollection of any comparison of cost of mining. He frequently found the Dominion Coal Company selling at a lower price than the North Atlantic colliery. He did not know of any arrangement between the companies.

GRANTS TO VETERANS

Petition of South African Association
Not Yet Considered.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mr. Sheppard Grimwood, general secretary of the Imperial South African Service Association, filed this morning the following communication from Hon. Frank Oliver:

"Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1909.—Dear Sir:—I have your letter of the 14th inst. with regard to the petition of the Imperial South African Service Association for a grant of land in return for military service rendered to the country. In reply I regret to say that up to the present time the matter has not been considered with regard to myself, but will probably be dealt with during the Christmas vacation. Yours faithfully (Signed), Frank Oliver."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York—Arrived: Duna decha Abruzzi, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Oscar II.
Boston—Arrived: Victorian.
Halifax—Arrived: Sardinian.
Glasgow—Arrived: Pretorian.
Liverpool—Arrived: Arabie.
London—Arrived: Minnehaha.
Bremen—Arrived: Kron Prinzessin Cecilie.
Naples—Arrived: Athenal, Regina d'Italia.
Sandy Hook—Signalled: Lusitania; dock Friday.

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SICK
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HEAD
Aches, they would be almost indispensable to those who suffer from this distressing complaint, but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who try them will find them a most valuable remedy in many ways that will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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AGENT AT RED WATER BRUTALLY MURDERED

T. N. O. Railway Official Was
Clubbed to Death by Un-
known, Who Escapes.

North Bay, Dec. 21.—Station Agent Dyson at Red Water Junction on the T. and N. O. Railway was murdered Monday night by a stranger, who made his escape.

While waiting for a train a man became boisterous and Dyson remonstrated with him. A fight followed, and during the scuffle another man rushed in and crushed Dyson's skull with a club.

Another man witnessed the murder, but did not recognize the assailant, who escaped.

Police from Latchford are now hunting for the fugitives.

CHRISTMAS TREE WANES IN ENGLAND

Even Children Prefer Gifts in the
Form of Checks, Aeroplanes
and Automobiles.

London, Dec. 21.—For some years the old-fashioned Christmas tree, which used to be one of the greatest delights of the children, has been dying hard. Indeed, it is only at Sandringham, the greatest "home of England," and in the restaurants that the Christmas tree as a social function remains. Like most of the early Victorian fashions, nearly all of which had German origin, the idea has ceased to appeal to a generation in which even the children are realists and which prefers its gifts in the more solid form of checks, automobiles, aeroplanes, and other things which can conveniently be hung on a Christmas tree.

At Sandringham, however, where the King insists on the strict observance of tradition, the Christmas tree is still the crowning event in a day of simple domestic joys. It is always of enormous dimensions, planted in the middle of the great hall, with its top brushing the painted ceiling. To joyous, childish laughter and shouts of delight from the grandchildren of the King and Queen and their guests, Queen Alexandra touches the switch which unveils the tree and transforms it into a brilliant, scintillating piece of electric illumination. Sometimes for the "baby" members of the party tiny trees are provided, in addition to the big one, and in real German fashion, too, small tables, one for each guest, are set around the room, laden with presents and the inevitable "surprises."

Queen Alexandra is never happier than when she is busy selecting and giving her Christmas presents. The buying is mostly done inside Buckingham Palace, which for some weeks before Christmas is like a toy and fancy jewelry store. At the same time, both the Queen and princess do more shopping in Bond street than most people are aware of. The King and Queen now make it a strict rule that every article sent to the palace on approval must be marked in plain figures, because their majesties are no longer inclined to pay for things as they are, but rather to pay for things as they are.

THE BEAUTY SECRET AT LAST REVEALED

Chicago Venus Tells Women
How to Reach Physical
Perfection.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—"Take one quart of cold water and pour into any ordinary porcelain lined bath-tub. Then pour in another quart, and another quart, and another, and another, until it just won't splash over, when you climb in. Then climb in. Then climb out."

That's all!
For its guarantee as the best beauty prescription to be had in Chicago, look at the character of the goods sold by the Fine Arts Society of Oak Park and adorned by art poses in Greek gowns of Helen Loeve, of Englewood, the most perfectly proportioned girl in the city, measurements of whose figure tally with standards set by statues of the goddess Venus.

No conditions for neck and arms, no "dips" for internal organs, no application, no Bulgarian or Fiji Island massages, no breaking of backs over upturned chairs or scoots down the back stairs bunnies, no punching bag nor swinging rings, no ten minute noon naps without any pillow. Being beautiful is just the simplest thing in the world. And, listen, it isn't necessary to begin back ten or fifteen years, neither is good health an essential at the beginning of the campaign for beauty. For five years ago Helen Loeve, the Venus of Chicago, was almost a helpless invalid. Five years of cold plunge and the ordinary life of an ordinary girl have wrought a transformation almost miraculous.

Just a Cold Bath.
"That's the principal thing I do—take a cold bath every morning," Miss Loeve said. "I have been simply an ordinary girl, living an ordinary life. I have no use for all the agencies that the average beauty expert recommends. I generally get up about 7 o'clock in the morning and fix my cold bath. I climb in and get wet all over—no, longer than that. Then a vigorous rub with a crash towel fixes me for the day."

"That is really the only thing that I do regularly or consciously. I get the fresh air I can, but everyone should do that. I am not in the habit of staying up late, but whenever I want to I do. A little loss of sleep occasionally can do no harm. The only exercise I take is walking, and then I don't walk with the idea that I'm forcing myself to exercise, but because I love to walk."

"It is only through exercise that is absolutely natural that the figure can be made beautiful. I think it is not natural for a girl to dangle her arms about a chair and try to touch the gas jet with her foot. And yet some beauty experts advocate such stunts. I generally take my meals at regular hours, but I'm no stickler for anything of the sort. A meal an hour or so either way out of the way is not going to disturb one's health."

"Five years ago I was an invalid, and had little thought of one day attaining the health I enjoy now. The cold bath, fresh air, and the ordinary life of an ordinary girl did it."

ENGLISH DREYFUS DIES IN POVERTY

The Norwegian Was Wrongfully
Imprisoned for Space of
Five Years.

London, Dec. 21.—Adolf Beck, the victim of one of the most remarkable miscarriages of justice in modern times, is dead in the Middlesex Hospital, from bronchitis and pneumonia. He was destitute.

The story of Beck's wrongful imprisonment stirred so much public comment and indignation five years ago that it earned him the name of the "English Dreyfus."

He was born in Norway, but spent a considerable part of his life in England on business connected with the mining industry. In 1885 he was arrested on a charge of defrauding women, and was sentenced to the Old Bailey in the following year to seven years' penal servitude.

He served five years and a half, protesting his innocence all the while, and was released; but, however, he was arrested again in 1901 on a similar charge. Again he was convicted; but, providentially for him, Mr. Justice Grantham deferred his sentence, and while he was in custody awaiting his second committal to prison, another man was arrested on a similar charge, and happened to pass in front of him.

The man was not his double; this was the strangest part of the case, for Beck had been identified by several women, who claimed to be his victims, but the stranger walked like Beck, and had a small scar on his face, which several of the women said they remembered.

This almost miraculous chance meeting of the two men saved Beck a further term in prison and cleared his name. The haunting yet elusive likeness between the men induced Inspector Kane to begin exhaustive police inquiries, which proved beyond doubt that Beck had suffered for the crimes of another man.

He was granted a "free pardon," which established his innocence; but his business had been ruined, and in consideration of this he was offered a "solutum" of £200 by the treasury.

Public indignation and sympathy had been aroused, however, by his case that the solutum was on every hand pronounced insufficient, and he was finally awarded £500. Since receiving his award he lived in comparative seclusion, never regaining the health which he lost during his undeserved imprisonment.

ALL FRANCE ALARMED BY WAVES OF CRIME

Shocking Brutality in Some of
Cases Explained by Absinthe
Drinking.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A succession of crimes of the most shocking brutality has alarmed all France. Again it has been proved that when the usually mild and home-loving French peasants turn to crime through drunkenness, caused by absinthe or that of a hereditary taint, they become fiends incarnate.

Two boys in the eastern part of France murdered a barkeeper on a farm to get money with which to start an adventurous life. The boys were Joseph Vienny, 14, and Joseph Jaquiard, 15. They helped to cure for the boys of a peasant named Verriere, who lived with his wife and four children near the boundary of Switzerland.

How Boys Did Killing.
The boys got some dime novels and, selecting one in which two roving characters were pictured, they sought to emulate them. With their wages they bought revolvers, and, returning to the farm at dusk, shot and killed the farmer and his wife. Then they called a servant into the house, shot her, and after chopping her head nearly off, threw her body into a well. Two farm hands sought to capture them, and both were killed by the boys. They also shot one of the farmer's sons, a boy about their own age, but he is expected to recover.

The youthful murderers hid in a barn, but when they found that their whereabouts had been discovered, they boldly surrendered. They are now in jail, where they apparently take delight in reciting the details of their crimes.

Before their outbreak the boys always had been mild-mannered, but investigation showed that Jaquiard, when a small child, showed distinct criminal tendencies.

Barkeeper Runs Amuck.
On the same day of these murders, Alexandre Roux, a barkeeper of Marseilles, killed his wife and three children, and then committed suicide. He drank absinthe until he became crazed, and during a slight altercation with his wife grabbed a knife and cut her throat. He then took a revolver from a drawer, and in his mad fury shot his eldest daughter. Going to another room he cut another child's throat and shot two babies who were sleeping.

His wife staggered into the room in an effort to save her children, and, turning upon her a second time, Roux put a bullet through her heart. Finally he turned the revolver on himself. The eldest daughter alone may survive.

Kills Helpless Insane.
From an insane asylum in Eastern France have come meagre details of a wholesale slaughter of inmates by a keeper named Leon Thabais. He was allowed 12 cents for everybody he buried, and he strangled the unfortunate under his care to collect the burial fees. How many inmates he killed is unknown, but it is said that he had a burial every two days for some time past. His method was to select the helpless and stupid, and then with his hands. Most of his victims were paralytics or aged men and women. He has been arrested, and it is found that he was a confirmed absinthe drinker.

Numerous atrocious murders have been committed in Paris, and each one had added to the alarm felt because of the wave of violent crime.

One woman became suddenly insane and killed her daughter by cutting her throat. She then tried to kill herself, but failed to do so.

Another woman under the influence of absinthe spilled kerosene on her grand-daughter, and then dropped a lighted match on the child. The little tot burned to death, while the woman slept and snored in a corner of the room.

Hamilton Will Endeavor to Deport a Man and His Wife.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Charles J. Stratford, of Dundas, who made two deliberate attempts to end his life last week by shooting himself, was before Judge Monk this morning on that charge. He and his wife have figured very prominently in the courts of late.

\$10 All the Cash Required to Buy in a Proposition That Will Surely Make You Independent. You Must Make Your Application Immediately. Thursday Night, Dec. 24, Closing Out Date.

As a final word of warning we wish to explain to the readers of this paper that those who have not forwarded their application for shares in the CHICAGO ALBERTA OIL FIELDS COMPANY, LIMITED, while the price is at 25 cents, must do so immediately.

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The Company controls 9 square miles of oil lands in the Pincher Creek country in Southern Alberta. John W. Warren, the eminent oil expert and for many years in the confidential employ of the Standard Oil Company, visited our property and in his report unconditionally indorses it as one of the finest Petroleum properties he ever saw.

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We have advised our most intimate friends not to buy less than 200 shares while the price is 25 cents a share, since the stock will surely be selling at 50 cents a share in a few weeks' time, being naturally more active at that price and in greater demand, they could sell 100 shares at 50 cents, and retain the other 100 shares free of cost to themselves.

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We want to impress upon the readers that unless they are absolutely sure their application will reach this office on or before 9 o'clock, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, they should wire us the number of shares they wish to take up. On receipt of wire, the shares will be placed in reserve until application remittance is received.

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TURMOIL AT ATHENS

Tempestuous Time in Deputies Over
Army Reorganization Bill.

Athens, Dec. 21.—Yesterday's exciting scene in the chamber of deputies, which culminated today, may provoke another political crisis. The minister of war, Colonel Lapathiotis, in submitting the new army reorganization bill, violently attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis, who also held the portfolio of minister of war.

His tenure of office, Col. Lapathiotis asserted, had left the army in ruins. The supporters of the ex-premier protested, and left the chamber in a body, whereupon the minister of war addressed himself to the galleries, where a large number of officers were sitting, to the effect that he had determined to accomplish the mission confided to him by the people. The officers applauded.

Mr. Rallis, also an ex-premier, joined the protesters and left the house. The sitting was suspended in disorder. M. Theotokis later interviewed Premier Mavromichalis, and declared that he would demand the resignation of the minister of war, under the threat that a majority of the chamber would abstain from taking part in the sittings.

MAY SEND THEM BACK

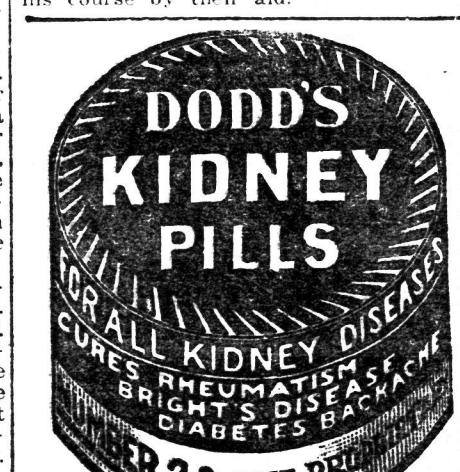
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the latter having been spirited away

by some men and located in Toronto. Stratford was so grief-stricken over the acquittal of the man, and his wife's part in that, that he decided to end his life. The judge suspended sentence, and efforts will be made to have the whole family deported, although they have been in the country two years.

In Australia there are ants which build their nests along a north and south line so accurately that a traveller may direct his course by their aid.



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