# THIRTY-TWO BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Death Toll May Reach Thirty-Seven In Schoolhouse Blaze.

## FEW ARE IDENTIFIED

Hobart, Okla., Dec. 25 .- With the identification of the last victim established, the recheck of the death list in the Christmas eve fire at the Babb switch rural school stood at 33 tonight.

Twenty injured persons are still confined in two hospitals. One is expected to die, and two others are in a critical condition.

Funeral services for sixteen of the dead will be held tomorrow.

Associated Press Despatch Hobart Okla., Dec. 25. - With 32 bodies, most of them burned beyond recognition, lying in a temporary five others listed as missing, as a result of a Christmas eve fire at the district school house at Babb's Switch, seven miles from here, Hobart citizens tonight were continued.

Switch, seven miles from here, Hobart citizens tonight were continuing their efforts to identify the dead.

At a mass meeting today, called by Mayor F. E. Gillespie, committees were named to look after every detail of the sad task, and the work was going forward systematically. It has been decided to bury all the unidentified in one large grave in the Hobart cemetery, and late today a crew of men broke the snow that blanketed the burial ground to throw up a large trench of earth.

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Early tonight only ten of the dead had been identified, despite the fact that the morgue was early thrown open to the public. A steady procession of grief-stricken relatives filed all day long between the shrouded forms, but so terribly had they been burned that it was impossible in most cases to mark the features of loved ones.

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Among those who have been recognized is the family of T. C. Coffey, a farmer living near the Babb's Switch school. Six bodies, the bodies of the father, mother and four little forms, have been placed to themselves in a corner of the awesome room. Survivors tell stories of how the family standing in the center of the blazing room, every means of escape cut off, threw their arms around each other, and in a final gesture of devotion fell together into the inferno as blazing rafters loosened from the roof struck them down. Amid the awful confusion of the scene survivors say they were struck by the placidity by which the Coffey family met death. There, too, in a place apart, is the body of Mrs. Florence Hill, teacher at the school, who might have escaped had she not tarried in a futile effort to find some avenue of escape for the little chages that were hers. A woman from Fort Worth, formerly Juannette Clemens, of the Babb's Switch district, her three-year-old daughter Mary, and Vesta Jackson complete the list of the identified dead early tonight.

Twenty-seven others are listed as dead or missing, and efforts are going forward to determine whether any are among the injured who were taken after the fire to farmhouses throughout the countryside.

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Program Had Ended. Death entered the Christmas ce bration suddenly, cutting off at its height the program rendered by the children of the neighborhood. The last little girl had spoken her 'piece,'

room structure to capacity looked on.

Santa reached for one of the few remaining candy sacks. His arm struck a candle in the Christmas tree. The tiny blaze fell from its meagre perch and in an instant a ball of cotton on the tree burst into flames. A rush to put out the fire and the tree fell over, scattering blazing twigs. In an instant the room was in a panic. Men and women sprang for the single exit at the rear, and to the windows, beating out the panes, only to find the openings covered by heavy wire netting. The windows shattered, a brisk wind blew through the room, fanning the flames and the Ilimsy structure caught like firewood.

Many were crushed in the jam before the door, and it is believed that most of those who perished had been injured before the flames found them. The injured were taken to Hobart in motor cars, where emergency hospitals with volunteer nursing staffs ministered to their injur-

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The work of fighting the fire and rescuing the dead was hampered by lack of water.

## The Dead.

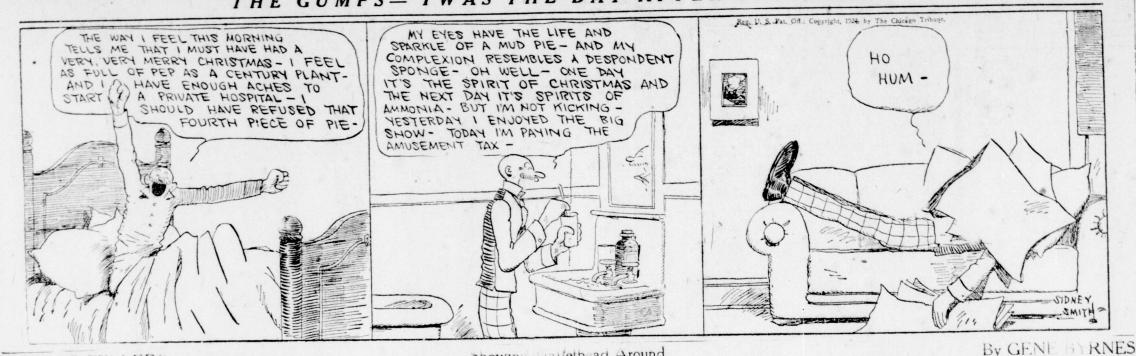
The list of identified dead, as re vised tonight, follows: T. C. Coffey, Mrs. T. C. Coffey, Maudie Coffey, Audrey Coffey, Orley Coffey, Ethel Coffey. Mrs. Florence, Dev.

Mrs. Florence Perry Hill, teacher

tainment.
Vesta Jackson, a married woman from Fort Worth, Texas, nee Juanita Clemons, and her infant
Among those listed as missing and believed to be dead were:
J. T. Goforth, Bud Biggers, Perry Biggers, Dowell Boiding, Eugene Bolding, John Duke, Jun., Mima Duke, Paul Peck, Silas Peck, Opal Peck, William Curtis, 34, Mrs. Wil-Peck, William Curtis, 34, Mrs. William Peck, William Curtis, 34, Mrs. Wil-

8 and 10. Mary Elizabeth Eden (child), John Hetzenburger, Curtis Peterson, Cyril Peck (child), Lila Reville, Lynn Reville. Gladys Cle-mons, 22, Mary Lois Clemons, 21, Mrs. Glen Young, Mrs. Rhoda Brad-shaw, 37, Mattie Bolding, 13, Edward Bolding, 10, William Baker and Wal-ter Vickers.

# THE GUMPS—'TWAS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



Showing Mailethead Around.

THIS IS MY

COUSIN MALLETHEAD

MOM TOLE ME !

HAFTA TAKE 'IM AROUN' AN SHOW

IM THE TOWN!

WELL, I'LL GIVE HIM

THIS RUBBER BALL!

WATCH HIM CATCH

GRR-R

IT , TOOTS!

DA

FROM THE COUNTRY!

I DONT KNOW WHAT TO SHOW

SPARE-RIBS SURE CAUGHT

THAT BALL NICE! BY GOLLY
I THINK BUTTERCUP WANTS
ME TO THROW IT TO
HIM, TOO!

PAPA GAVE ME TO SPEND! A DOLLAR

KNOW A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN GET A BANANA SPLIT FRAPPE WITH NUTS, CHOCKLATE AN DOUBLE WHIP CREAM ALL FOR TEN CENTS! MAYBE YOUD L SEE THAT FIRST HUH? opyright, 1224, by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

TOOTS AND CASPER

POOR SPARE-RIBS

DIDN'T GET A
THING FOR
CHRISTMAS!

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## Buttercup's a Prospective Pitcher.



By JIMMY MURPHY I DON'T BELIEVE HE'S HURT, TOOTS! HE'S PROBABLY EMBARRASSET TO THINK THAT THE DOG IS A BETTER CATCHER THAN HE IS BUTTERCUPS CUT OUT TO BE A PITCHER = YOU CAN TELL THAT TEA-SPOONS

@1925. by King Features Syndicate. Inc. Great Britain rights reserved After Old Santa Makes His Visit. MUTT AND JEFF HOT DOG! S-SH!

# COUNTESS VICTIM OF JEWEL THEFT

Wife of Italian General Robbed of \$50,000 Gems In New York Street.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 25.—The Countess Daisy di Robilant, wife of General di Robilant, who commanded the fourth Italian army before Monte Grappa, and who represented his country on the supreme war council in France, was revealed by police yesterday to have been the victim of a \$50,000 robbery last Thursday.

Mrs. Glen Young, Mrs. Rhoda Bradhaw, 37, Mattle Bolding, 13, Edward and Madison, 13, Edward and Madison, 14, Edward Bolding, 13, Edward Bolding, 1

# Santa Claus In Alaska Finds Mercury Stands At 41 Above

Nome, Alaska; Dec. 25.—Santa Claus was given a warm reception in this usually frigid town yesterday when he appeared on the main thoroughfare here in a sleigh loaded with Christmas presents and drawn by real reindeers. The presents were distributed to whites and Eskimos alike.

While Canada and the United States shivered from sub-zero weather, fur overcoats and heavy clothing was discarded here yesterday when the mercury registered 40 degrees above zero. Nearly an inch of rain which fell yesterday melted the small amount of show on the ground. A temperature of 21 above zero recorded a week ago stands as the coldest day of the winter. The local hospital was without patients today for the first time in many months.

# COLOGNE TROUBLE AROUSES GERMANS

Admit Laxity In Payment of War Claims-Discredits Liberals.

BY EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER. Special Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright. Berlin, Dec. 25,-The question of

the evacuation of the Cologne zone is not only causing bad feeling and aiding Nationalist sentiment, but is

## Widow's Faith Is Rewarded

pecial to The Advertiser. Lynn, Mass., Dec. 25.—For fi years, Mrs. Katie F. Carter, widow, of Great Woods road North Saugus, set a lamp in the window each night and said a prayer for the return of her son John Edward, unheard from since

John Edward, unheard from since a short visit when he returned from the war.

Tonight the lamp was gone and Mrs. Carter was weeping tears of joy over a telegram kay-ing her son had just arrived in New York on a ship from China, and would be home within a few and would be home within a few

Whether the German government

# HONORS COME EASILY IN SMALLEST NATION

By "Bud" Fisher

Orders and Decorations Awarded For Donations To Charity.

BY HIRAM K. MODERWELL. By Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.

Republic of San Marino, Dec. 25. Americans desiring titles, orders, decorations or knighthoods, may, if of good character, obtain the same by applying to the government of San Marino, the smallest nation in the preventing formation of a new German government, since it discredits
Liberal elements and prevents ConWhether the German government

world, according to a statement made to the writer by Commendatore Giuliano. Gosi, secretary of state for foreign affairs, who directs the for-

## RADIO

TOMORROW'S LIST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27. WEAF, NEW YORK-492.

p.m.—WEAF quartet. p.m.—Cantor katchko, basso. 45 p.m.—Hohner harmony hour, 15 p.m.—Special Chirstmas program. WNYC, NEW YORK-526.

WJZ, NEW YORK-455.

7 p.m.—Walderf orchestra. 8 p.m.—Alice Hurrell, soprano. 8:30 p.m.—Williams College con p.m.—Astor dance orchestra. WGBS, NEW YORK—316.

WOR, NEWARK-405.

WFI. PHILADELPHIA-395.

5 p.m.—Sunny Jim stories. 5 p.m.—Operetta "Miniature Lady," KDKA, PITTSBURG—326.

WCAE. PITTSBURG—462. WRC. WASHINGTON-469.

WGY, SCHENECTADY—380. WTAM, CLEVELAND-390.

WWJ, DETBOIT-517. WMH.CINCINNATI-309

WSAI, CINCINNATI-309. 12 p.m.—Midnight entertainer WLS, CHICACO—345. 7 p.m.—Ford and Glenn. 7:15 p.m.—WLS revue night. KYW, CHICAGO—536.

Brandt, contralto, p.m.—Congress Classic WQJ CHICAGO-448.

WMAQ, CHICAGO-447.5 6:30 p.m.—La Salle orchestra 8 p.m.—Hilda Farr, pianist. WGN, CHICAGO-370.

KGO, OAK AND-312.

KPO. SAN FRANCISCO-423 KHJ. LOS ANGELES-395.

KFI, LOS ANGELES-469. KGW, PORTLAND-

> SUNDAY, DEC. 28. WEAF, NEW YORK-49: WJZ, NEW YORK-455.

WIP. PHILADELPHIA-569. 10:45 a.m. Holy Trinity church. 4 p.m.—Germantown Y. M. C. A.

WOO, PHILADELPHIA-509. WFI, PHILADELPHIA—395.

KOKA, PITTSBURG-326. 7:45 p.m.—Evening services. WCAE, PITTSBURG—462.

10:45 a.m.—Temple services.
3 p.m.—People's church service.
4 p.m.—Otto Kalteis, planist. WCAP, WASHINGTON-469. WGY, SCHENECTADY-380.

m.—Knecht's orchestra. WBZ, SPRINGFIELD—337.

p.m.—Organ recital, etc. WJAX, CLEVELAND—390, p.m.—RAC orchestra. WWJ. DETROIT—517. m.—Detroit News orchestra p.m.—St. Paul's Cathedra WCX, DETROIT—517.

10:30 a.m.—First M. E. chure (Central Standard Time.) WMH. CINCINNATI—309. p.m.—Religious service. WLS, CHICAGO—345. 6:20 p.m.—Emerson, organist. 7 p.m.—Concert program. WGN, CHICAGO—379.

9 p.m.—Master artist rectal.
WLW, CINCINNATI+423. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday school, 11 a.m.—Church service. 7:45 p.m.—Evening servic Kopp's orchest

KYW, CHICAGO-536. 11 a.m.—Central church.
2:30 p.m.—Studio chapel.
7 p.m.—Sunday Evening Club.
WCBD, ZION—345,
WOC, DAVENPORT—484.

WBAP, FORT WORTH—476.
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KFI, LOS ANGELES-469

Concert program. KGW. PORTLAND-492.