ABOUT CHRISTMAS

BillArp Gives the History of the Great Annual Event.

ON OLD FATHER TIME'S PROBLEM.

erent Days Celebrated as Christ-Russians and Greeks Celede January 5th.

Nearly sixteen hundred years have passed since Christmas was first velo-traced by Christians. During all these long contries they have not failed to nect somewhere and and pay reverence to the day that somehow was chosen as the birth of the Savior. It is not at all certain that the 25th of December was His birthday, but that does not matter much, so that Christian people. observe some day and show their grati-tude. Indeed, the Greek and the Russiams still celebrate the 5th of Januacy and call it Christmas for they have never yet adopts, the new calendar es-tablished by Pope Gregory XIII in the year 1882. Now, it is important for the young people and many of the old ones to know that for nearly sixteen centuries old Father Time had been gaining a little every year on the exact time that it takes the earth to go act time that it takes the earth to so round the sun. This gain had amounted to about twelve days, so the pope, who was a great and wise man, issued his mandate that time should be set back. and it was set back. All the Roman-Catholic countries conformed at once to the new date, but the Protestant countries were jealous of the page, and so Germany would not conform until the year 1700. Great Britain and ireland refused to conform until the year 1752, and the American colonies put it off a few years later. Greece and Russia have not conformed yet, but stussia have not conformed yet, but they will. They, are getting tired by having to put two dates to all their let-ters and commercial transactions of the other countries. When General Young was our consul at St. Petersburg, all his letters that were written home oad two dates that were twelve days appronis jetters that were twelve days appri-One he marked "N. S.," for new style, and the other "O. S.," for old style. England had to abandon about measure of time, for until about two hundred years ago the new year begap the 25th of March. Some country began it on Easter day. I tell you, my young friend, old Father. Time has had a perplexing problem to keep his calendar straight. The day used to begim at 6 o'clock in the morning. week began on Monday. The Jows hall twelve lunar months of twenty-eight days, and every third year had thir-teen to make up for lost time. For conuries there were only ten months in the year among the Greeks and Romans, and February had thirty-sadiays just like all the other months. By popes and emperors ruled the clydize popes and emperors ruled the civilized world, and changed the measures of time to suit their own whims. Pope Gregory was a scholar, a mathematic cian and a promoter of public educa-tion, and be knew that the calculate

same and he knew that the characteristics was wrong, and was getting more so every year. It was a bold stroke of power; but he was backed by all the great astronomers of Europe and he set the clock back, and it stands.

But what about Christmas? It has to be written about every time it comes round, for there is a new generation of young people coming on every very and they must be taught to kno much as those who are older. T happened in the history of the wo and every man and woman and ev and girl who can real should be as familiar with it is they are with the spelling book. The word "mass" Los not literally mean birth. It is as "dismissed," and came into use becausafter any service in the Roman Cithilic church the priest would say condgregation is now dismissed Latin, it is "mass" Hence, there high mass and low mass and ca mass and Michael mass and Christma - a dismission and benediction after

and downs they could not establi holy days or feasts or festivats. Som emperors were kind and tolerant and some were cruel and persecuted them During the reign of the Emperior Diocletian the Christians of Rome det mined to celebrate Christmas in to own church where they had been p mitted to worship, but Diocletian b taken ereat distike to them, and after the church was full be sent soldiers there and looked the doors and set fire to the building and burned them up alvie—men, women and children. The wretch died soon after but it was many years before Christians dared to the brate Christmas again. This was about the year 316. But the utmost et forts of kings and emperors to extin forts of kings and emperors to extin-guish Christianity failed. The more martyrs, the more Christians. They seemed to thrive on persecution, and hence it was said that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

Just think how much we have to thankful for in this age and in this land of religious liberty. No martyrs, every man and woman can worship God according to their own conscience. with mone to molest or make then afraid. The turrets and spires of beau-tiful churches adorn our land in every city, town and village, and are a silent guarantes of good will and protection to every stranger that comes.

But Christmas has had no good time in coming down to us through the ages. In some countries it was made a frolic—a bacchanalian revel. The gay and dissipated danced to the music of silly and profane carols and deserrated the day with wine and irreveren song. This deserration got to be suniversal and so shameful that many good Christians ceased to celebrate The Puritans refused to observe it a The Puritans refused to observe it and so did the people of Scotland. The Scotch do not observe it now, Well, it is a description over here, for it is made a day of thoughtess feasting and frolic instead of a day of thankfulness. Christmas-trees and gifts to the citi-dren are very proper, and cities for the dren are very proper and gifts to the poor are especially so, but all the day long our gratitude to God for His good f all intelligent people. The chil of all intelligent, people. The chil-dren, of course, we must humor to their innocent faith in Santa Claus and uls reinder, for he is supposed to be agreet and good old man who loves, them and is wonderfully rich. His Russian name is St. Nicholas and his butch name is Kriss Kringle, and for ifteen hundred years he has been mown as the patron saint of all good hildren. He is now myth but was a ren. He is no myth but was a able bishop in his day and was not devoted to little children, but took e in helping young men and to control.

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maidens to mate and many. The mistictor feature of Caristmas came down from him, it is said, and if a young man and maiden will plight their troth, that is, become engaged on Christmas day while ständing under a mistictoe bough, they will never forsake their love now be differed.

This is enough for me to write about Christmas. The books have many presty stories and pooms about this ever momerable day. The mest besuifful and impressive of them all is the one written by Clement 8. Moore, beginning, "Twas the right before Christmas." The next best is by a Viginia lady, "Kate Festetlia. Her maiden name was Neely, but she for some reason swapped it out for some outlandish jaw-breaking name that I don't understand, Her poem on Christmas is an exqualite gam. The last verse says:

"Let none unchristmassed go.

"Let none unchristmassed go. Let none from any door Unwarmed, unfed. No kind word said. Helpiess be turned away For Thine own sake we pray."

That is the best part of Christmas making others happy and if I was a lawmaker I would make the whole week a holiday and give a good dinner to the poor and even to the prisoners in jail. And nobody should dun anybody or write a dunning letter to disturb his tranjullity. I received one this moraling. The clans have begun to gached at the family massion and the meterfal ancestor is happy, and trips her light fantistic toos all over the house. It does not sogst anything to run Christmas at our house, for the children bring their rations with them, and one of the far-away boys writes. "Her another servant or two at my expense. I don't a holiday and give a good dinner ! far-away boys writes. "His another servant or two at my expense. I don't want daddy to have to bring in wood and coal any more, and I want a Sun. day dinner every day in the week.

Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

LONG AGREES.

Accepts the Findings of the Schley Court.

Special. - Secretary Washington. Long Saturday issued the following order, dissolving the Schley court of injuiry. The order was commun cated at once to Admiral Dewey, 176 sident of the court, who acknowled its receipt and said that in conforma-ty with the order of the secretary, he had appropried the dissolution of

Following is the text of the letter sent by Secretary Long to Admiral, Dewey dissolving the Schley court of

Sir: The court of inquiry of which you are the president, convened by department's order of July 6, 1901, for the purpose of inquiring into the ext. dore) W. S. Schley, U. S. N. retired during the recent war with Spain and the events connected therewith, is this day dissolved. You will inform the other members of the court and the judge advocate accordingly. Ver,

Secretary Long has disposed finally

Serietary Long has disposed finally of the Schley case so far as the Naxy department is concerned, by acting upon the findings and conclusions of the court of inquiry.

He approves the findings of the tall court he approves the realority optimum the gaptoves the realority optimum the gaptoves the realority optimum the court holds that the court could not an entered into a consideration of the entered into a consideration of the of Santiago and final," he accepts the recommendation that no further pro-ceedings shall be hid.

The secretary also has declined the

hear them on that point.

Washington, Special—The following was made known Saturday effortness by Specialary of War Root.

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"Navy Specialary of Washington D. C., Dec. Dwellear Admiral A. S. Barker," Commandant Navy Yard New York. Sir Lam directed at the president to ask Edgar S. Maclay smellal laborer, general, storekeen president to ask Edgar S. Maclas apetal laborer, general storckest er's office, navy vard, New York, t send in his resignation. (Sjorfed Very respectfully, John D. Long, Secretary,"

Valparaiso. Special.- The Aine government has recalled secretary. Diplomatic relations tween the two countries have not been broken off.

Buenos Ayres, via Galveston, ial.—General Mitre, president of boundary commission and form President of Argentina, will appro-the resolution of the Argentine a-ermment to withdraw Sonor Porte-the Argentine minister to Chill. T people are flocking to the public it ranges. Each person is allowed shoot 35 cartridges from a Man rifle gratis. diers are being organized.

Lives Lost in Fire.

New York, Special.—Isaac Gill, tailor, 52 years of age, and an unidefitified man, lost their lives at a fir tifled man, lost their lives at a fire which destroyed a four-story sevent shop building on Clinton street Sun day night. Four people were injured, none of them fatality About forty men and women were at work in the building. The fire started in the base ment and gained such headway that escape was cut off. The people juried from the windows to save themselves. Many whose names were not men tioned were slightly injured. The loss tioned were slightly injured. The los

Would Have Given \$40,000,000

London, By Cable.—Chauncey M. D. pew, in an interview with a representation ciated Press said Sa tative of the Asso tative of the Associated Press, said Sunday that had M. Hautin, former president of the Panama Canal Company offered to sell the canal for \$40,000,000 instead of expecting us to dicker about the price, the United States probably would have bought the property. The Senator also said he believed that the decision reached yesterday by the Panama Canal Company had come too later

Distressing Loss of Life.

DuBois, Special.-Word reached here Sunday of a holocaust that occu about three miles from Summerville Jefferson county, Saturday morning The home of John Ashbaugh, a farmwas destroyed by fire and four person. burned to death. One other is burned in such manner that recovery is very doubtful, and four others, are seriously burned and injured.

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Mothers, Didyou everuse Goosa Grazz Liniment for your little oney? You should never be without this rome 'y-it cures mil nobes and pains.

A witchcraft scare is agitating the A witchcraft scare is agitating the mining districts about Wilkesbarre, Fa. For the last' few weeks, it is alleged, bread will not rise in the pans, keys will not fit in their locks, doors stick fast in their jambs, the cooking stoves "smoke horribly, the water in the wells becomes muddy, oil in lamps will not burn without sputtering and other queer things of the kind have been noticed. All of the trouble has been attributed to a "witer" has been attributed to a "when" known as "Black Annie," and the miners declare they will give her a liss coat of tar and feathers ride her on Chili. a rail and shoot her picture with silin fear of her life.

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The Beet Sugar Industry.

Messrs. Oxnard's and Cutting's views on the best sugar industry in this country appeared on the editorial page of the New York Evening Post of December 12 last, and as every household in the land is interested in sugar the article will be of universal interest.

THE BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY. The Evening Post bids the beartiest welcome to every American industry that can stand on its own bettom and make its way without leaning on the poor rates. Among these self-supporting industries we are glad to know, is the production of beet sugar. At all events, it was such two years ago. We publish elsewhere a letter written ia 859, and signed by Mr. Oamard and Mr. Cutting, the chiefs of this indus try on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains, showing that this was the happy condition of the trade at that time. If parties masquereding as beet sugar producers are basinging the President and Congress at this mioment, and pretending that they will be ruined if Cuban sugar is admitted for six months at half the present rates of duty their false pretences ought to be

exposed.

The letter of Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting was probably written for the purpose of inducing the farmers of the Mississippi Valley to go more largely into the cultivation of beets for the sugar factories. This was a hudable motive for telling the truth and show ing the large profits which awaited both the beet grower and the manufaccurer if the industry were perseveringly and intelligently prosecuted. this end it was pointed out that farmers could clear \$65 per acre by culti-vating beets, and might even make \$100. But in order to assure the cultivator that he would not be exposed to reverses by possible changes in the tariff, they proceeded to show that the

industry stood in no need of prosection.

The beet sugar industry, these gentlemen say, "stands on as firm a basis as any business in the country." They point out the fact-a very important one—that their preduct comes out as a finished article, refined and granulated. It is not, like case sugar grown in the West India Islands, a black and offersive paste, which must be earried in wagons to the senboard and thence by ships to the United States, where, at ter another handling, it is put through a costly refinery, and then shipped by rall to the consumer, who may possi-bly be in Nebraska, alongside a beet ugar factory, which turns out the refined and granulated article at one fell swoop. Indeed, the advantages of the producer of beet sugar for supplying the domestic consumption are very great. We have no doubt that Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting are within bounds when they say that "sugar can be pro-duced here cheaper than it can be in Europe." The reasons for this are

"The sugar industry is, after all, morely an agricultural one. We can undersell Europe in all other crops, and sugar is no exception."

It follows as naturally as the making of flour from wheat. If we can produce wheat cheaper than Europe, then naturally we can produce flour cheap

But the writers of the letter do not pend upon a Riori reasoning to prove hat they can make sugar at a profit without tariff protection. They point to the fact that under the McKinley tariff of 1890, when sugar was free of duty, the price of the article was four cents per pound. Yet a net profit of \$3 per ton was made by the beet sugar factories under those conditions, not counting any bounty on the home production of sugar. They beast that they made this profit while working under absolute free trade, and they have a right to be proud of this result of their skill and industry. Many beet sugar factories had been started in bygone years, back in the sixties and seventies of the nineteenth cen-tury, and had failed, because the projectors did not understand the busi ess. Since then great progress has been made, both here and abroad, in the cultivation and manipulation of the What was impo sible thirts years ago is now entirely feasible. The ndustry is already on a solid and enuring basis. There are factories in he United States, these gentlemen tell us in their letter, capable of using 350,000 tons of beets per annum at a profit of \$3 per ten, and this would make a profit of \$1.050,000 as the inome to be earned under absolute free

It must be plain to readers of this letter, signed by the captains of the beet sugar industry, that the people in Washington who are declaiming against the temporary measure which the President of the United urges for the relief of the Cuban people, are either grossly ignorant of the subject, or are practising gross decep-tion. The tenable ground for them is to say: "Other people are having pro-tection that they do not need, and therefore we ought to have more than This would be consistent with the letter of Messrs. Oxnard and Cutting, but nothing else is so.

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