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CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCES IN THE CITY
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Churches at Which There Were Special Services Well Attended.
BILTMORE ESTATE GIFT DISTRIBUTION
Pleasing Entertainment by Central Methodist Church at the Auditorium.

One of the most interesting events of the Christmastide in this locality were the festivities at the Biltmore estate yesterday. It is customary for the Vanderbilts to spend the Christmas holidays on their broad estate near this city, and they generally furnish some form of entertainment for their employees. The festivities on the estate began at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and lasted for several hours. A number of Asheville guests who were present had tea in the breakfast room. From there they went into the dining room, where they were entertained by the performances of a New York magician. In this room was a large Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and laden with gifts for every person on the estate. The first regiment band furnished music for the occasion. Everyone was filled with the holiday spirit and all, from the owner of the princely estate to the smallest employee, seemed to enjoy themselves most heartily.

On the streets of Asheville yesterday there was as much activity as usual.
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but the liveliness of things was of a very different character from that generally to be seen. The booming of the cannon firecracker, the piercing and deafening report of the torpedo can and the whizz of the sky rocket all tended to keep the pedestrian's nerves on edge.

There was little driving owing to the biting cold, which was very penetrating. The saloons kept open for the greater part of the day, but towards evening there were many places where a "smile or two" could be had without the discomfort of a long walk. "Christmas is a day of the year which cannot be compared to any other one out of the 365. There is never a time when the atmosphere of liberty and good feeling so prevails that a shrewd business man will not talk "shop" other than Christmas.

Never before has there been a time when the entire city seemed to lay aside its cares and burdens so much as it did yesterday. Everything was closed. Even the railroad offices and postoffice.

AT THE AUDITORIUM
A large and appreciative audience witnessed the entertainment of the Sunday school of the Central Methodist church at the Auditorium last night. The program was a pleasing one, and its presentation showed that the performers had been carefully trained.

The first number on the program was the amateur play, "An Open Secret," rendered by the young ladies of the Normal and Collegiate institute. This performance was very entertaining and was well received. Each actor performed her part well and with credit.

The next production was also an amateur drama, "The Christmas Crusade." This was also a decided success. Its performance was doubly creditable when the experience of those concerned is considered. The costumes in the play were very striking.

Next came Santa Claus and his Christmas tree. Capt. W. T. Weaver acted as Santa Claus in place of Harvey Malone, who originally had the part, but who was suddenly taken ill before the performance. The stage setting at this point was decidedly good. The large Christmas tree was loaded with presents, the groups of merry children were gathered around, while on one side was a large chimney in which a fire blazed.

The entertainment was a novel one, and was one of the most elaborate ever given by the school. There was a very large audience present, the Auditorium being more than half filled. The whole performance was one of continuous merriment and laughter.

The services at the St. Lawrence Catholic church were beautiful and impressive. The floral decorations added much to the appearance of the church and the large star over the altar, which was studded with electric bulbs, made a beautiful effect, in combination with the other decorations, which were on a more elaborate scale than ever before.

Low mass services were said with high mass singing. The singing of Mrs. O. C. Hamilton was beautiful, and the services throughout were enjoyed.

A NEGRO LYNCHED IN A KANSAS TOWN
For the Murder of a Policeman—Rope Broke at the Hanging
Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 25.—Montgomery Godley, colored, was taken from jail here today and lynched for the shooting and killing of Policeman Hinkle while he was trying to protect himself from a crowd of disorderly negroes. The officer had to use a club to protect himself. Godley grabbed the officer's revolver, placed the muzzle behind his right ear and fired. Hinkle died in a short time. Montgomery Godley and his brother, Joe, were arrested. Subsequently the mob took Montgomery from jail and hanged him to a telephone pole. The rope broke and Godley fell to the ground. When he fell someone in the crowd cut the negro's throat, severing the jugular vein. He was then hanged again.

THE KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR
The members of the Knights Templar met yesterday in their lodge room over T. C. Smith's drug store. The following toasts were offered and responded to by the Knights: To our eminent grand commander, Henry Bates Stoddard; May our order under his sway become the noblest champion of Christian virtue. And to the Sir Knights: "May each so live and act that he may exemplify the teachings of the blessed Emmanuel."

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PRESIDENT URGES ALLIES TO USE HAGUE TRIBUNAL

They Wish to Make a Condition That We Shall Give Assurances.

THAT VENEZUELA WILL NOT DODGE

Blockade is Rigidly Enforced—Caracas Lands Her Cargo in Curacao.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The President has not decided whether to accept or to decline to serve as arbitrator of the Venezuelan imbroglio. In view of the virtual assurances of the allies in their invitation to him to act as arbitrator they are not unfriendly to the president's suggestion that the case be referred to the Hague tribunal. The correspondence with them on this phase of the negotiations has been reopened by Secretary Hay under the president's directions. Roosevelt has not neglected the opportunity offered him of again urging the reference of the dispute to the Hague and cablegrams of instructions of that character were sent today to the American embassies at London, Berlin and Rome. In the opinion of the administration the great danger in the present situation lies in the increasing chance with every day's delay in the settlement that something may occur which will compel the United States to define more clearly the scope of its policy and the rights which it assumes under the Monroe doctrine. No doubt is felt at the white house that the time is rapidly approaching when this definition must be given and be adhered to by the United States. Until that time arrives the president is unwilling to render any interpretation on the famous doctrine beyond that which Monroe enunciated, which was in substance that the acquisition of territory on the western hemisphere by non-American power through conquest or colonization would be regarded by the United States as an unfriendly act.

ANOTHER CONDITION ASKED.

Washington, Dec. 25.—It was learned tonight that one of the causes for the hesitation of the administration to turn the Venezuelan dispute over to the Hague tribunal arises from the fact that the powers have requested from the government, in that event, a definite assurance that the award would be accepted by Venezuela. Such a guarantee would, to a certain extent, make the United States responsible for the award.

A RIGID BLOCKADE.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 25.—The American steamship Caracas, which was not permitted to discharge her full cargo at La Guayra owing to the allies ordering her to leave, brought the unloaded portion of her cargo here.

The blockading war vessels are using searchlights along the coast nightly to prevent vessels running the blockade in the dark.

The British cruiser Tribune captured a sloop and schooner yesterday. The German cruiser Falke captured a schooner. Forty vessels are detained at La Guayra.

London, Dec. 25.—A despatch from Caracas says that Venezuela had agreed to submit her difficulties with the powers to the arbitration of the Hague tribunal on condition that the blockade be raised and the captured fleet restored.

HEAVY RAILWAY TRAVEL IN AND OUT OF ASHEVILLE

Owing to the lateness of passenger train No. 11 from the east yesterday, a special No. 11 was made up at Asheville and sent on its way west. Regular train No. 11 was five hours late, the cause being attributed to the heavy Christmas travel.

All the trains going in and out of Asheville were heavily loaded yesterday, and affairs at the depot were lively all day long. There seems to be an unusual number of colored people who are taking advantage of the holidays to travel to or from Asheville. This is very noticeable to those who view the passing crowds at the station. The railroads made special accommodations for the negro travelers on the trains.

KING AND KAISER SEND PROTESTS

Philippine Export Duties Give Offense to Great Britain and Germany.

Washington, Dec. 25.—England and Germany have protested to the United States against the export duty on Manila hemp fibre imposed on that product shipped to England and Germany from the Philippines, but which is remitted to that sent to the United States. They assert that this is in violation of the promise of the United States to maintain an "open door" policy in the Philippines. The intent of the export duty is to divert the bulk of the shipment of Manila hemp from England and Germany to the United States.

THE MURDER OF A CHIEF OF DETECTIVES QUICKLY AVENGED

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—Chief of Detectives Donohue was shot and killed this afternoon by James Dougherty, whom he was trying to arrest for disorderly conduct. Dougherty tried to shoot the detective's assistant, but the latter shot and mortally wounded Dougherty.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION DIE AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kenny, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool-room explosion, died during the night. Thus far these are the only fatalities recorded, although four more of the victims are likely to die. These are C. R. Donnelly, Chicago; William Metzger, a 12-year-old boy of Hot Springs; Thomas Ozier, engineer of the Arlington Hotel of Hot Springs, and W. S. McInery, of Louisville, Ky.

PROTEST AGAINST TABLET TO WINNIE DAVIS

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—A storm of protest has been raised over the proposition to place a memorial tablet to Miss Winnie Davis in Grace Baptist temple. The matter will be placed before the congressional meeting Monday. Since the project became known Dr. Conwell, the pastor, has been deluged with letters of protest.

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FLAMES DESTROY ARBUCKLES SUGAR REFINERY

A Great Fire This Morning on the Brooklyn River Front.

MEN BURIED UNDER FALLING WALLS?

Fears That There Has Been Considerable Loss of Life in the Ruins.

New York, Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out on this (Friday) morning in Arbuttle's large sugar refinery, Brooklyn. The flames were first discovered in the coopers department and spread with lightning rapidity. The adjoining property is threatened. Shortly after the fire started the walls of the refinery fell.

It is reported that a number of firemen are buried in the ruins. The loss will be heavy. The fire was a most spectacular one as viewed from this city, the great buildings of the refinery being on the river front. Crowds viewed the scene from the Brooklyn bridge.

SHARKEY'S CHALLENGE TO JEFFRIES OR MONROE

New York, Dec. 25.—As a sequel to the recent defeat of Champion Jeffries by "Jack" Munroe, at Butte, Mont., "Tom" Sharkey has declared his intention of re-entering the prize ring and has issued a challenge to Jeffries or Munroe for any sort of a bout for a side bet of from \$1,000 to \$5,000. If either of them is inclined to accept, Sharkey will post a forfeit to clinch the match.

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