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ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 30, 1909.

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THE SOUTH IS STILL A-SHIVER

Very Cold Temperatures Reported from Away Down on the South Atlantic Coast.

IT IS ONLY 20 ABOVE AT JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

The Cumberland River, for the First Time in Many Years, Is Frozen Over at Nashville, Tenn.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The extreme cold wave now prevailing throughout the south, extending as far as Miami, Fla., falls far below the cold weather records for that section, causing anxiety among orange growers and truck gardeners.

A Long Cold Streak. Louisville, Dec. 30.—The cold wave which has set the south shivering follows almost a straight line from Winnipeg to the Gulf of Mexico.

Cold in New York. New York, Dec. 30.—New Yorkers awoke this morning to find the coldest day of the winter.

At Nashville. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—For the first time since 1893 the Cumberland river is covered with thin ice.

Coldest on Record. Atlanta, Dec. 30.—Today was the coldest day of the coldest December on record in this section of the country.

In Virginia. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—It was the coldest weather in five winters here today, when the temperature dropped to 13 degrees.

Some Zero Weather. Winchester, Va., Dec. 30.—Zero weather prevails over northern Virginia. The thermometer registered 2 degrees above this morning.

Terrible Weather at Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—Half a dozen persons dead from exposure, manufacturing plants suspended, trains late, the mercury registering five degrees below zero, and much suffering, are the results of a cold wave that struck the city last night.

Five to Nine Degrees Below. Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The temperature ranged five to nine degrees below zero in Indiana this morning.

Very Cold Here and in Many Towns. Asheville last night and this morning experienced the coldest weather of the season; in fact, the coldest weather for December for many years.

A personal of the weather map shows that extreme cold weather is prevailing over practically all sections of the country. In Cincinnati it was two degrees below zero; six degrees below at Chicago; 10 degrees below at Denver; 10 below in St. Paul; with 18 above at Memphis; 16 at Wilmington; 16 at Meridian; 22 at Mobile; 14 at Augusta; 20 at Little Rock and 20 at Jacksonville.

The weather report says that 30 degrees above zero—two degrees below freezing—is reported as far south as southern Florida. This indicates that the weather is becoming more and more severe.

BELIEVES HE HAS A TWIN BROTHER, RICH PARENTS

Strange Story That Londoner Says Was Told Him By a Woman Who Heared Him.



New York, Dec. 29.—Somewhere in this world Edward Winstanley, of No. 112 Southbridge road, London, S. E., believes that he has a twin brother and wealthy parents.

The reasons for his search are announced in a letter written by Mr. Winstanley, which reads as follows: I beg of you to assist me to find my parents. In 1882 or 1883 there were born in Fifth Avenue twin boys to a very rich lady.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The commission reports showing the nationality of girls, deals especially, so far as nationality is concerned, with importations and trials in the courts. Eighty-two women have been deported from port at New York on account of prostitution in the last two years.

State Chief McNeil Here—Asheville May Be Home of Firemen's Insurance Co.

CRIME OF M'KINNEY WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED

Man Who Killed Waitress Had Left Two Wives—Robbed to Get Car Fare.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 30.—A carefully laid plan of a love-kill and discouraged man, involving robbery, murder and suicide, culminated yesterday in the slaying of Miss Dora Chapell, a waitress in the dining room of a hotel, by Roy McKinney, who then committed suicide.

Atlanta, Dec. 30.—The design of the memorial to the women of Confederate was selected yesterday by a committee of Confederate veterans appointed at the Memphis reunion in June.

MEMORIAL TO WOMEN; DESIGN IS SELECTED

Miss Kinney the Successful Artist—Committee Named to Get Funds.

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MOST DECENT PLACE, FRANCE

But, the Matin Says, U. S. Report on White Slave Traffic Constitutes French National Disgrace.

CALLS ON GOVERNMENT FOR ENERGETIC ACTION

Circulation of "Scandalous French Literature" in This Country Also Source of Regret.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Matin declares the findings of the United States immigration commission, which placed France first among the nations as the exporter of "white slave" recruits, constitutes a national disgrace.

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FIREMEN TONIGHT ARE TO BANQUET

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The annual banquet tendered to the firemen of Asheville by Proprietor Frank Loughran of the Swannanoa hotel will be served to the firemen, the mayor and members of the board of aldermen and heads of city departments tonight at 9 o'clock at the Swannanoa.

A BIG FIRE TODAY IN NEW YORK CITY

For While it Looked as if a Twenty Million Dollar Plant Would Be Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 30.—Fire which threatened to destroy the twenty million dollar plant of the Standard Oil company started with an explosion in one of the forty thousand barrel storage tanks. The loss was \$500,000.

TWO ACCUSED WOMEN ARE TAKEN TO NEWARK

Mother and Aunt of "Bath-Tub" Murder Victim Made no Fight on Extradition.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bundled into an automobile, Mrs. Caroline Martin, the mother of Mrs. O'cey Sneed, the bath tub victim, and Mrs. Mary Sneed were taken away from the Tombs today to Newark, N. J.

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McAllister, Okla., Dec. 30.—After having been entombed 26 hours in the Helen Darnell coal mine, Superintendent John Brown was today rescued alive, but unconscious.

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WHAT BECAME OF FORTUNE LEFT BY EMPRESS CARLOTTA?



QUEEN ELIZABETH All Sorts of Strange Stories Concerning Leopold's Sister Aloft in Belgium.

KING WAS HER GUARDIAN AND CUSTODIAN OF FORTUNE

Some Say the Insane Ex-Empress Is Dead, Others That She Has Recovered Her Reason.

Brussels, Dec. 30.—For years the name of the ex-Empress Carlotta, widow of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, has been an unspoken one in Belgium, but since the death of King Leopold, who was her brother, guardian and trustee, all sorts of wild stories have been set afloat concerning her.

Washington, Dec. 30.—With the president of the United States a guest, Miss Louise W. Taft, his niece, will be married today to George H. Snowden, of Seattle, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, in West 48th street.

SCENE OF MURDER ACROSS THE LINE

Men Familiar With Locality Say Cabin Where Tragedy Occurred Stood in Tennessee.

Another interesting chapter in the story of the murder, 16 years ago, of the Chinaman, Ling Gun, revived recently through a confession of Pardee Morris to the effect that Morris' brother, Bob Morris, killed the Chinaman at the cabin of Nance Williams and that several persons divided the Chinaman's money, was learned today in conversation with W. H. Gudger, esp. of Asheville and Sheriff Cole of Madison county, who was in the city this afternoon.

\$20,000 PERSONAL INJURY SUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN

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Norfolk, Dec. 30.—Rev. Father Francis A. Schmitz, for many years active and prominent in Catholic mission work in North and South Carolina, and for seven years chaplain of St. Vincent's hospital, this city, died at that institution today, following a lingering illness.



ALBERT I, KING OF THE BELGIANS

Albert I, King of the Belgians, made a state entry into the capital from Laeken. Cannon boomed forth a royal salute, church bells rang out merrily and hundreds of thousands of subjects lined the route, crying "Long live Albert!" and "Long live Elizabeth!"

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PINCHOT ROW CLEAVAGE LINE

Roosevelt's Friends on One Side, Taft's on the Other—Investigation, the First Business Undertaken.

LIKELY TO OVERSHADOW SESSIONS OF CONGRESS

Pinchot's Attitude of Bold Defiance—Interest Now Centers in Selection of the Probing Committee.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—The investigation of the administration of the department of the interior under Secretary Hallinger, will be about the first thing congress undertakes when that body meets Monday next. It has been decided that the investigation will be conducted by both the senate and the house of representatives.

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