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ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 26, 1911.

PRICE 3 CENTS

TOUCHED MATCH TO POWDER KEYS

Four Boys in Raleigh Hospital, Two Injured Perhaps Fatal as Result of Christmas Prank.

THE BODY OF ONE LAD STRIPPED OF CLOTHING

Explosion Occurs in Store—The Children Wanted to See What Would Happen When Glass Was Applied.

Shelby, Dec. 25.—A small negro boy, yesterday threw a lighted match into a keg of powder on Smithfield street and as a result he is in St. Agnes Hospital probably fatally injured and three white boys, Sherwood Scott and Archie and Roy Raines, are more or less seriously burned. The accident occurred at Eason Smith's store and the white boys stopped to see what the powder would do when the match was applied.

NEGRO SLAYED DRAGGED FROM CELL AND LYNCHED

Baltimore Black Fights Desperately for His Life—Dead Unnoted in Christmas Din.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—King Davis, a negro, aged 23 years, who last Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, white, at Fairfield, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, yesterday and shot to death by a small party of unidentified men.

NEGRO KILLS WHITE

The Negro, It is Reported, Shot Down Captain of Fire Squad on Street of Chicago.

PLAN TO ELECT REPUBLICAN HEAD

Leaders of the Chinese Revolutionaries Confer at Shanghai, Following Yuan's Failure to Yield.

NANKING IS FAVORED AS GOVERNMENT'S SITE

Chiefs of the Republicans Showing a More United Front, a Complete Agreement Having Been Reached.

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—As no reply has been received by Tang Shao-Yi to his dispatch to Premier Yuan Shai-Yi pointing out that the acceptance of the idea of a republic is the only means of securing a peaceful solution of China's troubles, the revolutionaries are demanding the immediate election of the president of a republic.

GOVERNMENT AIDED BY FALL OF REYES

Captive Chieftain Was the Most Patient and Dared Face of the Maderists.

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—Gen. Bernardo Reyes' surrender at Linares yesterday, it is believed, marks the end of the most perplexing problem facing the Madero government. Reyes' following in Mexico was considered very strong for years and to his strength was attributed the apprehension of the government when he started a revolution.

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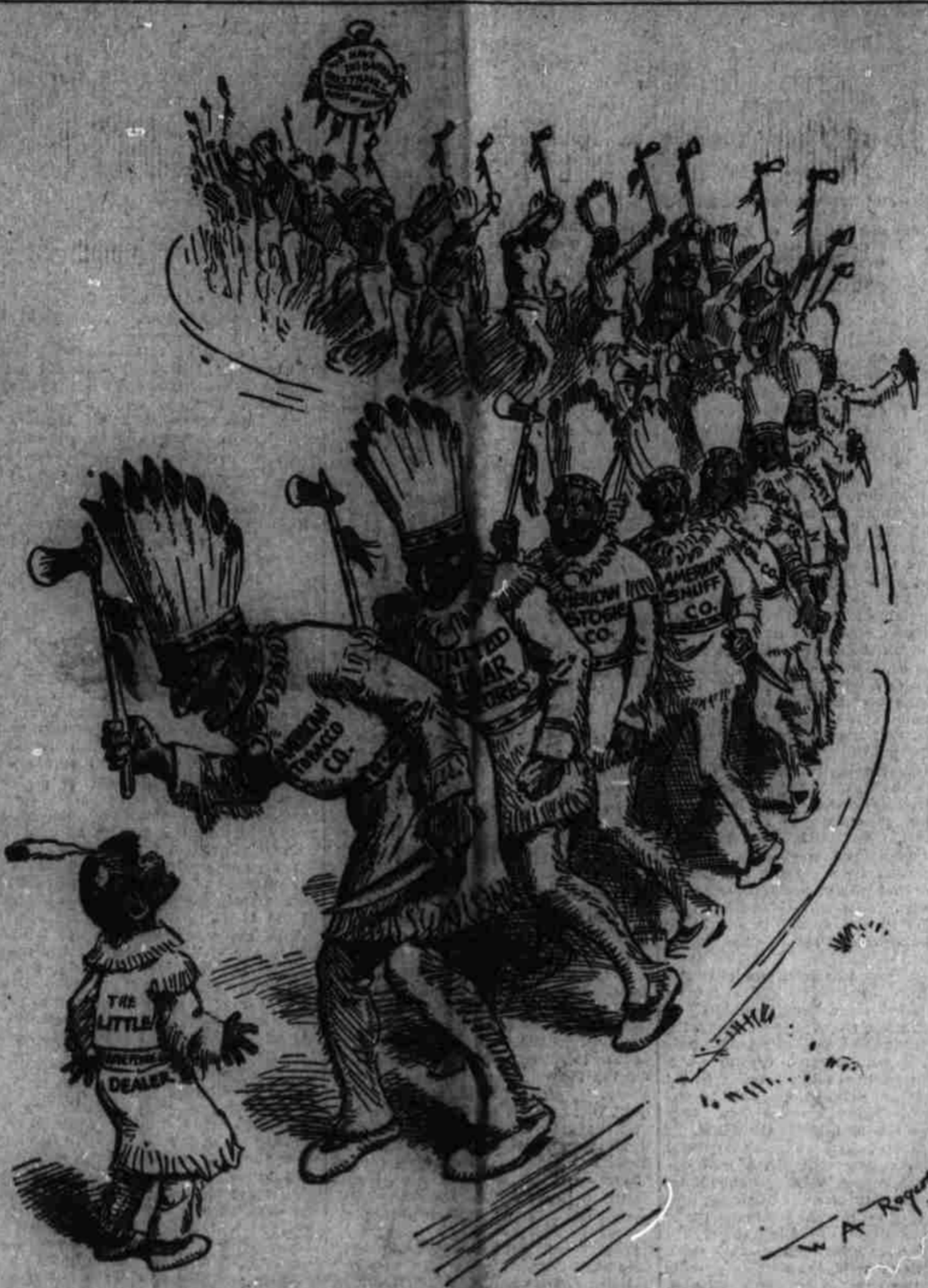
Fatal Fall from Foot Bridge—Man Badly Hurt by Fall While Hunting.

News comes from Bryson City of two accidents that occurred at Judson in the lower part of Swain county during the latter part of last week. In the first one man was badly hurt; and in the other James Lequire was killed as the result of the falling of a foot bridge.

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Followers of Zapata, Parading in Puebla, Are Shot Down—City Now Quiet.

Puebla, Mexico, Dec. 25.—Three persons were killed and 20 wounded when rurales fired into a crowd that was parading the streets shouting for Zapata today. The city is now quiet.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

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PREFER LUXURY TO BABIES

Oriental Rugs and Automobiles One Cause of Race Suicide, Says Professor Spurgeon.

MANY HURT WHEN ROOF OF ROUND HOUSE FALLS

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 25.—A number of workmen were seriously hurt and 20 locomotives were damaged when the roof of the Pennsylvania railroad roundhouse, used for housing passenger locomotives here, fell.

CRUDE OIL PRICES UP

Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—An announcement made by the Joseph Soap Manufacturing company, now the buying power of the oil standard oil companies of an increase in transportation costs, led to a sharp advance in prices.

EVIDENCE AGAINST THE MEAT PACKERS

Chicago, Dec. 25.—When the trial of ten Chicago meat packers for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was resumed this morning before Judge Carpenter, the government began the presentation of its case to the jury.

J.J. SEAWELL SWORN IN AS KENAN'S SUCCESSOR

Gasette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Dec. 25. It is practically certain that L. M. Sandlin, the Wilmington wife-murderer whose death sentence was pronounced December 23, will be executed Friday. It is said the man is sane.

MUTINY IS QUELLED

London, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg this morning reports that mutiny broke out at the naval ordnance yard. The authorities, attempting to quell the disorder, wounded several mutineers.

ROMANCE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIRL'S VANISHING

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Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 25.—When the legislators convene in Phoenix in February, it will be asked to adopt the Swiss system of road and let the Oregon system which was voted out of the constitution on December 12 on the ultimatum of President Taft go by the board.

FOR TELEPHONE AMALGAMATION

Project of Uniting Southern Bell and Cumberland Companies Will Likely Be Approved.

W. T. GENTRY TO HEAD THE MERGED CONCERN

New Operation District to Be Created, Includes Nine States—Directors Vot on the Plan in January.

New York, Dec. 25.—The opening of an amalgamation of the Bell telephone interests in nine southern states will be voted upon next month by the directors of the companies involved. The proposed change is for greater economy and efficiency and will be made by the American Telephone and Telegraph company and embraces the creation of a new operation district. Should the plan be approved, the Southern Bell and the Cumberland Telephone companies will be operated as a unit with W. T. Gentry of Atlanta, now president of the Southern Bell company, as president of both companies. James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland company, it is reported, will become chairman of the Cumberland's board of directors.

500 ARE KILLED IN MASSACRE

Persian Police and Officials and Women and Children Put to the Sword by Russians.

THE TREASURER GENERAL NOTIFIED OF DISMISSAL

Slaughter Has Continued for Days, Notwithstanding No Provocation Has Been Given, Say Persian Reports.

A massacre has been going on in the Resht since Saturday according to official Persian telegrams received in London. These state that 500 Persians were killed by the Russians, many being women and children. The troops have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation. But the massacre continues. Resht is the capital of the province of Ghilan and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished. According to other dispatches the Russians killed four unarmed Mohammedans in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz during the fighting in that city.

SHUSTER NOTIFIED OF DISMISSAL

Telerau, Dec. 25.—The cabinet yesterday notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia of his dismissal from office. This follows the decision to comply with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum. The cabinet announced in its dispatch that they would communicate to him their plans for turning over his accounts to a successor.

35 HURT, CAR DROPS FROM HIGH BRIDGE

Every Passenger Injured When Broken Rail Plunges Trolley Into River.

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