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"THE RED CIRCLE" TO APPEAR FRIDAY

Absorbing Love Story Dealing With Heredity Will Be Published in This Paper.

Those who remember "Elsie Venner," Oliver Wendell Holmes' remarkable study in the problems of heredity, as well as those who have never read that fascinating story will find an equally absorbing story in "The Red Circle," a serial which will appear in The Gazette-News beginning tomorrow, in 12 weekly installments.

FULL DINING CAR SERVICE FOR XMAS

Southern Railway Will Increase Dining Facilities on Trains Nos. 12 and 15.

Beginning tomorrow the Southern Railway company will operate full dining car service between Asheville and Salisbury, for the accommodation of the large number of holiday passengers on trains Nos. 12 and 15.

Financial

NEW YORK STOCKS. New York, Dec. 22.—Coppers and Oils were again the leaders at the outset of trading on the stock market which was moderately active, with the usual neglect of the more seasoned issues.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton futures opened barely: December, 11.90; January, 11.88; March, 12.17; May, 12.40; July, 12.50; October, 12.21.

OLD NEWSPAPERS, AFTER FEEDING MEN'S MINDS, ARE FOOD FOR CATTLE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—"Don't burn your old newspapers; save them," urges Prof. Hugo Mehner in the Hamburg Nachrichten.

CAPT. VON PAPEN SAILS FROM U.S.

New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Von Papen, recalled German military attaché, left New York today for Rotterdam on the steamer Noordam, bearing safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies.

TREATY OF PEACE IN BASEBALL WAR

Federal League Magnates Will Get Control of Certain Organized Clubs. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Probably the most disastrous war baseball has ever experienced closed here last night when a treaty of peace between the Federal league and both parties to the national baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball, was signed.

NEW TRIAL IS GRANTED FOR JOHN H. PEEBLES

Supreme Court Finds Improper Evidence Was Admitted in Trial of the Case. Raleigh, Dec. 22.—In the list of opinions handed down for 1916 the Supreme court granted a new trial to John H. Peebles, the Haywood county boy who accidentally shot and killed A. M. Bennett, a friend, and was sentenced to six months upon a conviction of manslaughter.

PARDON OF STRIPLING PROBABLY POSTPONED

Atlanta, Dec. 22.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1897, escaped from jail and during his 14 years of freedom became chief of police at Danville, Va., will probably not receive a pardon from Governor Nat E. Harris as a Christmas present.

American Troops Ordered To Return Mexican Firing

Gen. Pershing Reports That Killing of Car Inspector Was Deliberate Act of Mexican Squad—Quiet Prevails in Juarez Today.

El Paso, Dec. 22.—Complete tranquility prevailed in Juarez yesterday. It was reported 1,000 troops had arrived from the south, but they were found to be part of the forces which surrendered by their officers to the Carranza authorities.

Washington, Dec. 22.—American troops at El Paso, the war department has announced, have been given orders to return vigorously any further deliberate firing from the Mexican side of the border.

General Pershing, in command of the American troops at El Paso, reported that the firing which resulted yesterday in the death of an American car inspector, was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared a half mile east of the international bridge.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The release of 30 Americans detained at Chihuahua, Mexico, by General Villa, it became known today, was a condition imposed on Villa in granting him permission to cross the border into the United States.

Nothing definite in regard to the whereabouts of Villa was reported to the state department today. Some uneasiness was manifested after the receipt of advices stating that Villa forces were moving toward Juarez.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 22.—Six members of the bandit gang who were recently captured in Mexico City were publicly executed today, according to news received by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here.

TWO SYRIANS ARE ACCUSED OF ARSON

Sold Their Wares, It Is Alleged, and They Burned the Building.

Frank Jordan, deputy state fire insurance commissioner, returned last night to spend the holidays at home. Mr. Jordan comes here from Smithfield in Johnson county where he secured true bills against W. Abdo and his brother, Tom, who are charged with burning their store some time last fall during a fair at Smithfield.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST SAWYER

Ernest Sawyer of Marshall will be brought to Asheville this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Luther E. Revis to answer to a charge of seduction. A preliminary hearing in the case is set before Magistrate B. L. Lyda for this afternoon.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE IN HAMBURG-AMERICAN CASE

Said to Show Steamship Company Acted as Germany's Fiscal Agent.

New York, Dec. 22.—The arrest of Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Hamburg-American Steamship company, is declared by federal officials to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various plots against American neutrality alleged to have been uncovered by the department of justice.

YOUNG MAN HELD FOR A BOARD BILL

Claud Kee, a young white man, will be brought back here tomorrow from Bryson City, where he is under arrest on charges of beating a board bill in Asheville of \$40. The man is in jail at Bryson City, having been arrested there several days ago on complaint of a local boarding house proprietor.

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St. Vitus' Dance And School Life

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Itching After Bathing

Can you suggest what will prevent or relieve the itching which comes on after a bath? I have suffered a great deal from it.

Dr. Brady will answer all questions pertaining to Health. If your question is of general interest it will be answered through these columns; if not it will be answered personally if stamped, addressed envelope is enclosed.

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