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## TWAIN'S INVALID DAUGHTER FOUND **DEAD IN BATH TUB**

Afflicted With Epilepsy For That Was When he Was ill Five Killed in Boiler Explosion Years Was Stricken in Bath

ONLY CHILD LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY

Was Pathers' Pavorite And Closest Companion in all HIS Literary Work

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 24 - Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically this morning while at the bath, bringing poignant grief at Christmas to Stormfield. She was his youngest daughter, endeared to him not only by long companionship but by her frail health, caused by recur-rent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Dr. Clemens without Vin in this country to share his corrow.

Jean Clemens died probably strangulation due to an attack of ept-lepsy or of heart failure. The body was found in the bath tub with the head only partly submerged.

Preparing for Christmas.
Miss Clemens had evinced physical wearines of late, but yesterday after-noon she rode her favorite horse to the postoffice to get the early Christmas mail, and last night she cheerfully prepared a Christmas tree from which she planned to distribute gifts tomorrow morning.

Will she arose this morning she went to the bathroom where her life-less body was found later. Her failure to respond to the maid's knocking on the door revealed her death.

Bears Up Bravely. With characteristic shilosophy, Mark Twain is bearing up bravely, Hundreds of messages of condolence are arriving from throughout this country and abroad. ready taken from him his wife and his daughter Susan.

Jean Clemens was about thirty years old, and was her father's close omnanion in his literary work. Since early womanhood she has been subject to epilepsy, but in recent years her health had improved.

The body will be sent to Elmira V. for interment where the funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon. was said tonight that Mr. Clemens will not be able to attend the funer He is now seventy-four years old and his physicians discourage the unusual fatigue that he would undergo on such

## HAPPYFORAWEEK THOUGH MARRIED BROKAW ADMITS

And His Wife Was Gentle And Loving

WILLING TO TAKE HER BACK NEVERTHELESS

Feared She Would Elope. Man Was too Effeminate

of happiness in two years of married life was the best W. Gould Brokaw could get out of his bargain, he testified in court today. And yet he if boiler that wrecked the repair shop of willing to take his wife back. She, however, seems to prefer separation and \$60,000 a year allmo.y.

"I bear absolutely no towards my wife" he volume e-o t in his testimony today, "and if she will promise to be good, I will take her back in my arms. All I want per to promise is that she will not accuse me of going with other women and that she will stop calling me names, If she makes that promise I will with her a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs. Brokaw was not present to hear her husband offer of reconciliation. A severe cold kept her housed today. But her counsel was disingliaed to credit Mr. Brokan's sincerity. "If Mr. Brokaw means what he said", commented Mr. Baldwin to the court, There is no reason who they rhound rot be reconciled, but it is nothing Windows all over town were shattermore than a well planned scheme to create favor for the defadant."

Thas One Week. At the resumption of the hearing tote Brokaw was asked to describe th ingle week of wedded bliss he would How. He was sick at the time and quarrels and worry were not good for him, he said. His physicians advised by here him not to see Mrs. Brokaw, it is he

"I could not seem to g t Mrs. B .. kaw off my mind" he exclaime nnally the doctors said she could visit me. I drove half way to meet her and

for a week she was very loving and affectionale. Everythin, was lovely." Was Not Jealou-Mr. M. Imyre, Brokay's brought out denials that Brokaw ever set his wife's servants to proving on

his wife, or that he was ; alous of her

## THIRTEEN LIVES SNUFFED OUT ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Which Wrecked Rock Island Shops

FRAGMENTS OF BODIES STREWN OVER THE YARDS

Denies he Was Jealous or Eight, Possibly More, Including Whole Family Burn to Death

> SHAWNEE, Okla., Dec. 24.-Five and seventeen others were injured to day by the explosion of a locomotive the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad. Though railway officials say that only two are cead fragments of bodies found in the wreckage make it almost certain that five were killed Employes say that twenty are missing, The known dead are: Robert Kerr and John Johns.

Five of the seriously injured are in a ospital. Company C., of the Oklaho ma National Guard is on duty by order of Governor Haskell to preserve The shop yards are strewn with fragments of human flesh. The body of Kerr was found three blocks away from the shop. Fragments of the body of Johns were gathered from roofs of adjoining buildings.

EIGHT BURNED TO DEATH. HILLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.-At least eight persons are dead and two

others were seriously injured today as the result of the explosion of an oil lamp in the home of Santano Cier-

The house occupied by Cierbo and family was a frame structure. As a mother and the children are dead and the family has been wiped out. Cierbo kept boarders or roomers. Of the five coarders, three perished in the flames, while the remaining two received light burns.

The fire was caused by the breaking of the lamp in the hallway that had been left burning. In some manner the lamp dropped from a shelf and exploded. The house was completely

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# WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### RED CROSS SENDS SUPPLIES TO KEEP NICARAGUANS FROM STARVATION

Navy Department Cooperates and Order Warship to Transport Provisions From Colon. Surrendered Army in Pitiful State of Destitution, Many Soldiers Mere Boys.

and furnish much needed aid to sol- part: diers of both the Nicaraguan governwere injured in the battle near Rama. The United States government today proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields.

This action on the part of the American government was taken at conditions was pitiable, the urgent request of Captain Ship- lame and hear starvation ley of the United States steamship Des Moines now in Bluefields, who reports that the captured Zelayan army is actually in a state of starvation

The actual situation at Bluefields is ers. The situation is critical, explained in a telegram received by tion or epidemic may occur. Boys in the Army.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 24 .- To re-1 the secretary of the navy from Caplieve the starvation of the captured tain Shipley, under yesterday's date soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and received here today. It says in

"Splendid work is being accomment forces and the insurgents who plished by our hospital service on shore. Seventy-five seriously wounded men were treated last night. So far ordered the cruiser Prairie now at Colon to take on board \$5,900 worth one hundred and fifty wounded have of staple supplies secured by funds of arrived. Hospital facilities assure the American Red Cross society and adequate care for the present, Nearly one thousand men were killed, and the number may total more. nessed the arrival of prisoners whose conditions was pitiable. They were lame and near starvation. Many word boys eleven to twelve years old. Some women and small children were among the prisoners. There are not enough food supplies in Bluefields to supply the revolutionists and prison-The situation is critical. Starva-

The telegram was precided by one from United States Consul Moffat at Bluefields which indicated that a desperate situation existed among the prisoners, which called for immediate action. To this acting Secretary Winthrop replied by sending the follow-ing instructions to Captain Shipley, via navy wireless station, at Colon:

"For Shipley, Des Moines, Muffai cables surrendered Nicaraguan army at Bluebeids is starving. You are authorized to furnish Moffat at his request such supplies as you do not !mmediately require, not exceeding five thousand dollars. American Red Cross will meet expenses.

A dispatch from Captain Shipley dated this morning shows that he is promptly meeting the situation by minimizing the danger from epidemic through cleaning the town and segregating the soldiers at a point outside

### **WORKED** THE GOLD MINE **SWINDLE ON FOREIGNERS** FOR QUARTER MILLION

Imposed on Heirs of Recent ly Deceased by Sending Sending Stories of Wealth

#### OUTFIT COMPLETE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 -- Acting on the information furnished by the postal authorities central office detectives arrested Charles H. Adams yesterday afternoon as he was baving the Breadway Central hotel after calling there for mail. Adams and his assoclates are said to have cleaned up over \$250,000 in the five years that they've been operating. Most of the money came from the heirs of estates in England and Scotland, who were induced to invest in a gold mine that did not exist.

In appearance Adams is the prosperous mining man to the minueest detail. He is sixty-two years old, six feet two inches tall and weighs about 255 pounds.

Detectives Barney McConville and Nelson, from the central office, and Post Office Insepctor O'Brien captured Adams after he had secured mail addrased to John Williams.

Three men operated the swindle, the inspector said. One of them was stationed abroad, who kept watch on the records at Somerset Hall, the English court of probate. From them it is said, the names of wealthy Englishmen recently deceased were procured and cabled over to Adams. Adams, the inspector alleges, then wrote a letter addressed to the dead man in which he stated:

"I arrived here today from the mines in British Columbia, where I left our mutual friend well and prosperous. He requested me to write you at the first opportunity. Last season we cleaned up nearry 40,000 pounds, nearly all of which he is sending out

The letter gave further directions to take the gold to a London bank or the mint and realize on it. Onehalf of the proceeds was to go to the receiver of the letter and the rest was to be sent back to the writer of it. The money was given in payment for the many favors shown 'our mutual friend." Most of the let-

## ENTIRE SNEAD FAMILY TOGETHER IN SUICIDE PACT LETTERS PROVE

Shows That Five Persons Agreed to Die

#### PRISONER ARRAIGNED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Gruesome phraseology in the indictments against Santos Zelava, who three days ago rethe Wardlaw sisters, charged with the linquished the presidency of Nicaramurder of Ocey Shead, was made gua to Dr. Jose Madriz-the same public today in the arraignment of day his army met defeat by the rev-Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, the victim's olutionists at Rama-has fled the mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, ar capital and tonight is in Corinto, suraunt, in the Tombs police court, when rounded by his bodyguard and a few they were recommitted to the Tombs faithful friends. for thirty days, pending extradition

is charged that they did "take the said" Ocey Snead with both their hands. and cast, throw and push said occy Snead into a certain bath tub where there was a great quantity of vater. and by means of which said Ocey Snead was choked, suffocated and drowned."

Another count charges that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead did Incite, procure, abet, counsel, hire and command Virginia Wardlaw to do and commit murder upon the body of Snead. As heretofore told, the grand fury, as an additional precaution, charges all three with aiding and abetting the victim's suicide.

Further complications in the maze of contradictory extdence which investigation of the case uncarthed deeloped today with the discovery of additional documents. found by the Brooklyn police in the Henry street house, once occupied by the Wardlaws, and imbued the detectives with the belief that the entire family had made a suicide pace which vas only partly fulfilled by the death of Ocey Snead.

The alleged pact is said to be revesled by letters signed by Ocey Snead, her husband, Fletcher, Mrs Martin, her mother and two aunts. Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia Accompanying them were several blank forms of power of zttorney, all signed by Ocey Snead. The documents have been turned over to the New Jersey authorities.

## ZELAYA FLEES FROM HIS CAPITAL UNDER COVER OF NIGHT AND HEAVY GUARD

Newly Discovered Evidence Leaves by Special Train at Early Hour in Morning and Embarks

#### TAKES ARTILLERY

CORINTO, Nic., Dec. 21.-Jose

Zelaya departed from Managua under cover of darkness, escorted by fifty of his guard of honor, and . In the indictments against both it squad of artiflerymen with a maxim gun. Just at 3 o'clock this morning the party quietly left the former president's home and half an hour later went on board a small steamer which sailed immediately for Momo

tombo, on Lake Managua. The trip was made without specia incident. There were no demonstra tions along the line, the population benerally being unaware of the identity of the president's special train. All the members of the party including Zelava himself, were heavily Zelaya appeared caim and quite cheerful.

#### KILLED BY TRAIN.

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 24.-W. L. Whitehead, a well known farmer of Winder, was instantly killed here this morning by a Seaboard passenger train which struck his buggy at a road crossing. The buggy was completely demolished, two horses killed and the man dragged fifty feet away

#### KING ALFONSO ILL.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Private advices received here from Madrid state that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperaon a hunting trip in Australia his majesty will go to the palace of the Sunday generally fair and somewhat Countess of Paris at San Lucar, where

the operation will be performed.

#### THREE CORNERSO FIGHT FAMOUS DIXON PENC!L FOR BURIED TREASURE

and Heirs of Man Who Buried it All Claim it

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 24.-A OCALO, Fla., Dec. 24.-Fire which W. J. McClain, while excaviting for the heirs of Dr. Fred Schuckbardt, the man who is supposed to have buried the money before he was murdered, each claims it, and all have employed counsel. The heirs-at-law are William, Robert and George Schnelle, to be heirs

Old residents who knee the doctor trust of the banks. Many believe that the six pots of gold found do not represent all the buried treasure, and it is likely that there will be further digging in the hope of uncovering

McClain has the money at his home in Bellaire, O., across the reper from Wheeling, and he says he can prove is entitled to it. The newest of the coins is dated 1863.

#### BRYAN FEELING BETTER.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24 -Hon. William J. Bryan, who has been ill for several days at the home of his cousin, ex-Governor William S. afternoon for Miami, Fla., from which Cuba, later going to South America. Mr. Bryan was feeling very still suffering from a severe cold.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Forecast for North Carolina: Rain Saturday. colder; moderate tariable winds, becoming northwest by Sunday.

# PLANT IS DESTROYED

Million Loss Threatened to Burn the Town

were despatched to the scene of the the story of a violent death. nephews, and Mrs. Carr, a niece. At fire on a special train at 1 o'clock. least a score of others are claiming Later in the day a message was received stating that the town was in serious danger of being destroyed; about the body were the toys he had say he kept large sures of money that the Ocala firemen were working about the house because of his dis-hard with the citizens in their efforts that the Ocala firemen were working to check the fire

The fire strrted in the boiler room of the Dixon factory, Reports received here at 4 o'clock this afternoon state that the efforts of the firemen have been directed towards saving nearby property, principally the Dixon hotel. No fears were then felt for the business section, though the fire was burning rapidly.

#### SOUTHERN EUROPE IN STORM AND WIND

PARIS, Dec., 24.-All Southern Europe was swept by destructive Jennings, here, left at 4 o'clock this storms and floods today. In Southpoint he will board a steamer for buildings were demolished and lines of communication were interrupted. Ontario towns. much Beigum suffered heavily from wind beffer when he left the city, but was and flood, many factories being forced to close down on account of the inundations.

Madrid reported the most disastrous floods in fifty years. Many towns suf-fered serious damage, but no loss of life is recorded. Two rivers of Portugal were raging torrents from an extraordinary rainfall. Although the belwell church, Lumpkin county last material damage is considerable, no night, in which Homer Clark was killuss of life has been reported.

#### TOO THIN SKINNED.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.— have W. A. Blount of Penzacola, an sn- cape. nounced candidate for United States senator, who had already begun his canvass of the state, today announced his withdrawal from the contest, giving as his reasons for so doing ill health and the self-humiliation would cause him in asking the people for their votes.

## SECOND ATROCITY IN ALMOST SAME PLACE

Finder, Owner of Ground Fire Which Caused Half Greenville S. C. Has Fiend question of financial interst to dim Who Has Committed Two Outrages in Week

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 24 .three cornered legal fight is to be started at 4 o'clock this morning at Closely following the ratal wounding made for the six pots of gold, aggre- Crystal river, near here completely of Wesley Russell, a mill worker, J. E. gating \$50,000 found by Contractor destroyed the Dixon Cedar pencil fac- Liddel, a real estate promoter, toa new building. McClain, who is in tory, entailing a loss of half a million night was slain almost on the same possession, the Wheeling Stamping dollars. The fire spread from the Dx- spot where Russell was struck down, company, owners of the ground, and on plant to nearby buildings and late Liddel's body was found almost covthis afternoon was threatening to de- ered with snow late tonight. The stroy the thire town. Messages ask- body was lying within sight of his ing for aid were received here at noon home, and a terrible gash in the head and the chemical engine and fifty men apparently made with an axe, told

Liddel, who lives on the outskirts HAS ABSOLUTE POWER of the city, had been shopping, and had started for home. Scattered all ought for his children.

Thursday night Russell was found unconscious with four gashes in his head. He died tonight.

The police authorities are investi gating both crimes.

#### FIFTY INJURED IN CANADIAN WRECK

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Dec., 24.spreading rail caused a Canadian Pacific passenger train of twelve conches, four of them sleeping cars to jump into a ditch near Chaptesu, east of Fort William, today and fifty persons were injured, none seriously. It is thought that many of the vic tims sustained internal injuries. Most cast France forests were devastated, of the passengers were western Canadians bound to spend the helidays in

#### FUED BREAKS OUT WITH FATAL RESULT

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Dec., 24 .- A family fued of long standing between the Clark and Crane families broke out afresh at a church social at Nimed outright and his brother Henry shot through the head and fatally wounded, according to reports here today. Mark Crane who is alleged to have done the shotinng made his es-

#### PIONEER CITIZEN DIES.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 24.—Christophul Sheridan, a pioneer citizen of this city and a Confederate veteran died after a lingering illness today. He Wite seventy-five years old.

## EXPLORER'S GLUB DROPS DR. COOK'S NAME FROM ROLLS

Action Taken on Grounds Than His Fake Polar Discovery

**VOTE AGAINST HIM** Has Been Found Gullty of

Irregularities in Ordinary

Pinencial Coalings

STAUNCHEST FRIENDS

NEW YORK, Dec., 24,-The board of managers of the Explorers Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, toted with bowed heads that Dr. Fredsrick A. Cook be dropped frem the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and

on the public. Coming hard upon the heels of the the University of Copenhagen, the acthe result of independent investiga-tions which in no way touch upon the polar controversy and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumu-

Unworty of Credence,
Preliminary to its vote of expulsion
the board met to pass upon the report
of its committee, which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mount McKinley.

This committee, in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claim that he ascended the summit of Mount McKinley in 1906 be rejected by the Explorers' club as unworthy of credence."

The committee's recommendations was based on its finding that 'Dr. Cook had repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with the facts, and that he had entered into

facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has falled to keep and that the missiatements and broken agreements, dealing not only with the matters appertaining to dis overy, but to ordinary financial tranicen to statements and by l Friends Desert Him.

Among the seven shuntures ap-pended to this arraignment are those of Casper Whitney and Anthony Plata polar explorer of hote, both person, al friends of Dr. Cook. The commit ee is further explicit in its statement that it undertook its investigation only after first apprising Dr Cook of the purpose, which he approved in person and that it has disregarded entirely the testimony of Edward Barril', Dr. Cook's guide, and of Frederick Printz. his packer, although such testimon; was before them-because it wished no cloud of partisan contention

Partners Against Him. In addition to the findings of the committee as a whole, individually signed reports are submitted by Herschael C. Parker, professor of physics at Columbia, and Belmore Brown, both of whom are members of the Cook-McKinley expedition, and by Charles Sheldon, who has recently returned from a year's residence on the slope of Mount McKinley, where he went for the express purpose of study-ing the configuration of the mountain, with a view to the possibility of its

ascent. Professor Parker reports that he was a partner with Dr. Cook in the McKinley expedition both physically

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## OVER THE FRIAR LANDS

Opinion of Attorney Establishes Full Title in Philippine Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- The Philippine government has power to sell the 'friar lands' in the Philippines to individuals in any number of acres desirable. An opinion to this effect has been rendered by Attorney General Wickersham. The opinion is in opposition to the provision of the act of the Philippine government which limited the sale of unappropriaed public lands obtained by treaty with Spain, to forty scress.

In devioping the sugar industry of the islands individuals desired to purhase the fifty-five thousand scres contained in the San Jose estate on the island of Mindor which was purchased from the Becole to friars by the United States and which has never been occupied. It was argued that to attempt to sell this land in forty acre tracts would defeat the proposed use of the land. The attor-ney general has held that in authorizing the sale of the land the act of congress provided that the tenants should be given the preference in the

should be given the preference in the disposition of the estates as many tenants held more than torty acres.

This decision does not modify the law providing that every corporation authorised to engage in agriculture shall not hold more than 2.50% acres to said the sugar trust is the prepetive purchaser of the land.

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