



WORLD EVENTS TOLD BRIEFLY

Current News Of Interest In Paragraph By Telegraph And Cable

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope this morning received the members of the Sacred College, who brought their Christmas greetings. The ceremony consisted of a simple exchange of felicitation. Cardinals Farley and O'Connell both telegraphed their Christmas good wishes to the Pope from America.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French battle painter, Jean Baptiste Edouard Detaille, better known as Edouard Detaille, died here today, aged 64. Detaille was the best known of modern French artists. He had suffered for a long time from an affection of the heart. His aged parents were at his bedside when he died.

RHEINEBACK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Vincent Astor, the new head of the wealthy family, has ordered an increase of wages for employes of the Astor estate to take effect the first of the year. There are more than 1,000 employes on the estate known as Ferncliffe, and every class of workman is to benefit by the increase.

BABYLON, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Samuel and William Muncy, who claim to be the oldest twins in the world, will celebrate their 94th birthday at their home here tomorrow. Both men are active and they tell inquirers they attribute their long life and excellent health to a total abstinence, not excepting such occasions as they celebrate tomorrow.

WACO, Texas, Dec. 24.—With a hope that he might spend Christmas with relatives at Wilbur, Texas, Ben Jones escaped from the county chain-gang last night in attempting to wade the Brazos River. Jones was caught in the quicksand. He was sinking rapidly when he finally cried for help. County officers responded and rescued Jones.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 24.—Alighting from a moving train to recover a Christmas gift he had bought his aged mother Sudin Ennis, a young planter of Heslin, Va., fell beneath the wheels and was decapitated. The accident occurred in view of a throng of Christmas shoppers who were awaiting their train and several women fainted. The inquest will be held today.

Ice today were asked by Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of the Senator from Georgia, to make a search for a diamond brooch valued at \$5,000, which she lost Saturday last at a ball at the navy yard. The ornament was set with thirty diamonds. Miss Smith told the police she remembered distinctly having it on her gown at the ball and society people are now engaged in trying to ferret out the present possessor of the gems.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—One of the last prizes captured during the Spanish-American war and annexed to the United States navy is now offered for sale. The craft is the "Urdañeta," a small gunboat picked up in the Philippines after the battle of Manila. One Spanish prizeboat, the "Don Juan de Austria," is still used as a naval militia boat on the Great Lakes.

MRS. PAYNE WHITNEY IS DESPERATELY ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Payne Whitney, daughter of the late John Hay, and wife of the second son of the late William C. Whitney, is precariously ill at her Fifth avenue home, following the birth on Sunday of a child, which lived only a short time. It is understood that Mrs. John Hay has been summoned from Washington.

Mrs. Whitney obtained considerable prominence as a poet under her maiden name, Helen Hay. Her marriage to Payne Whitney was one of the social events of the Washington season in 1902, when her father was Secretary of State in the Roosevelt Cabinet.

PLEASE GIVES FREEDOM TO 79 CONVICTS TODAY.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 24.—All records in this State for the number of pardons granted in one day were broken today, when, by order of Gov. Cole L. Blease, 79 convicts confined in the State penitentiary and serving on chaingangs throughout the State, were liberated, their pardons being granted as Christmas presents. Included in the list are prisoners convicted of offenses ranging from first degree murder to minor infractions of the law.

BOMB THROWER IS NOT APPREHENDED

Indian Authorities Search For Would-Be Assassin Of Viceroy Hardinge

DELHI, India, Dec. 24.—The attempt on the life of Baron and Lady Hardinge yesterday by an Indian fanatic kept the police and civil authorities of the imperial city of India busily occupied today.

A large number of persons were arrested on suspicion of participation in the outrage.

In the course of the investigation it has been proved that at least 150 people were gathered at the back of the premises from which the bomb was thrown at vicerey and vicereine. In the vicinity also was a dense crowd of natives. There was an immediate scramble after the explosion of the bomb and confusion prevailed everywhere.

No special police arrangements had been made for the occasion and the ordinary native police commanded by British officers were on duty in the streets.

Scores of theories are abroad in regard to the affair. Some believe that the attempted assassination was the work of a Bengalee who was trying to avenge what he considered the insult of the removal of India's capital from Calcutta to Delhi.

The incident generally is regarded as significant to which any high official is subjected in an Indian city now that anarchy has permeated certain classes of the mixed population of the Indian empire. A close examination of the howdah in which the vicerey was seated when the missile was thrown shows how narrow was the escape of Baron Hardinge. The high back of the howdah, which was made of hardwood and against which the vicerey was reclining was completely wrecked by splinters of metal.

The bomb was of the ordinary type but contained a large number of screams and "talking machine" needles. Some of these were dispersed by the explosion, struck the helmets of men belonging to the battalion of the King's Royal Rifles, who were drawn up in line along the street.

None of the soldiers was seriously hurt.

A bulletin issued this morning by the doctors in attendance on the vicerey says:

"Baron Hardinge passed a restless night. It was necessary to relieve his pain by injection of morphine. He suffered little fever last night and none was present this morning."

It was found through the operation last evening that the muscle under the shoulder blade was rather severely torn.

MELLEN AND CHAMBERLIN IN NEW YORK FOR HEARING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York New Haven & Hartford Railroad and E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, were in New York today to appear in the Federal district court to give bail and to answer to indictments found against them yesterday charging them with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The penalty, upon conviction, is one year in jail, a fine of \$5,000, or both.

Neither Mr. Mellen nor Mr. Chamberlin has had any extended comment to make on the government's charge, which is in effect that the defendants entered into an illegal monopoly agreement, the result of which was to stop the construction of the Grand Trunk extensions into New England. It is understood that bail would be fixed at \$10,000 each.

Although a British subject, with headquarters in London, Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors and co-defendant with Mellen and Chamberlin was expected to come voluntarily to this country to plead on the indictment.

CONSCIENCE STRICKEN FORGER SURRENDERS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Declaring he could not let another Christmas go by feeling that he was a fugitive from justice, John F. Snyder of Atlanta, Ga., walked into police headquarters last night and told the police he was wanted in the Georgia city on a charge of having four years ago forged a check, using the name of a friend. Although the amount he secured was small, Snyder said he wanted to be returned to his home city for trial. Snyder said he enlisted in the United States Army a few years ago in Atlanta.

CHRISTMAS TO SEE MUCH SNOW

New York And Other Eastern States In Grasp Of Season's First Blizzard

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Metropolitan district today found itself in the grip of the first blizzard of the winter. A snowfall which began shortly after midnight continued throughout the morning. At sunrise Broadway was covered six inches deep with a white blanket which shifting winds whirled into deep drifts.

Hopes for a white Christmas were fulfilled, but with distress to the array of day-before-Christmas shoppers and business generally. Most disappointed of all were the street cleaners who had been promised a day off tomorrow for the first time in twenty years.

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Charity leaders said it was also going to be a "big Christmas," if, in addition to their own efforts to relieve want and to dispense cheer, the numerous special Christmas surprises were taken into account.

For weeks past, a number of newspapers have been printing lists of the so-called most needy persons among New York's millions. Detailed stories were given of their circumstances and wants, with numbers substituted for names, and subscription lists have shown a general response.

General appeals have had less success and it is said by charity organizations that the total which they have received through public contributions to Christmas funds is probably only about \$100,000, which has been the usual amount for the past few years.

The charity leaders think it a very small appropriation in a city as large as New York. The years that the sum has run above \$100,000 have been those of severe weather at Christmas time, when the well-to-do seemed more touched with the hardships of the poor.

Snow in Number of Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Genuine Christmas weather will prevail all over the East. In the West rains and snows are predicted. Close on the trail of a Gulf storm, central today off the middle Atlantic coast, a downy blanket of snow is covering the Southern New England and Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley and Tennessee.

In the South Atlantic and Gulf States, it brought rain which may turn to snow in time for Christmas day. More snow for the Middle Atlantic States, to be followed by a short spell of crisp weather, is predicted. In the far West there are snows and rains. Temperatures are predicted to remain unchanged for the next 36 hours.

New England Clad in White.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Snow for the holidays was practically assured for all New England today with the arrival of a storm from the Gulf of Mexico.

Snow began falling in Southern New England shortly after midnight, gradually extending to the Northeast as the disturbance moved up the coast.

Steamer in Distress.

SANDY HOOK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The three-masted schooner John H. May came ashore here during the blizzard today and grounded in a dangerous position. She was bound from Charleston to New York and carried a crew of six men. She was commanded by Captain Stille.

Life savers from the Sandy Hook station went to the schooner to take off the crew with a breeches buoy apparatus should it be necessary.

Charlotte to Have Ideal Day.

A day absolutely ideal, with probably freezing temperatures in the early morning, and warmer during the day, is promised for Christmas. The weather man could not have done better, had he been petitioned by a committee of citizens, stating just what article of weather they desired.

There is some zero weather in the far Southwest, and over New Mexico, and this may make itself felt here Christmas night, but for tomorrow the very best that the weather man has in stock is promised the city.

CHARITY WORKERS SEE A "BIG CHRISTMAS"

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NEWS OF SALISBURY

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(Special to The Chronicle.)

SALISBURY, Dec. 24.—Thornton Lingle, a young farmer of the Faith neighborhood, lost his home and most of its contents by fire Sunday evening while he and his family were away from home.

The Salisbury Bank and Trust Company—Salisbury's fifth banking house—has begun business. W. E. McWhirter, formerly of Marshville, is cashier and a number of prominent citizens are stockholders.

The Rowan County division of the Farmers' Union will hold its annual session Friday and Saturday at Barger's school house near Rockwell. An interesting program covering the two days has been arranged and a large attendance is expected.

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SPENCER, Dec. 24.—The Spencer Y. M. C. A. is sending out announcements of the tenth annual Interstate Convention of the North and South Carolina Young Men's Christian Associations, which meets in Greensboro January 24 to 26, inclusive. The convention met in Greensboro twelve years ago, since which time the city has secured a handsome and modern Y. M. C. A. building. The chairman of the Interstate Committee is Morgan B. Spier, of Charlotte; and F. C. Abbott, of the same city, will be president of the convention. Many prominent speakers from South Carolina, North Carolina, New York and other States will take part on the program.

FIRST CASE OF WIRELESS OPERATOR BEING KILLED

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FIX MINIMUM WAGE

New Jersey Public Service Corporation Establishes Wage for Women and Girls in Nature of Christmas Gift.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The public service corporation of New Jersey, beginning January 1, will establish a minimum wage scale of \$9 a week for women and girls in its employ, because an investigation conducted by the welfare committee of the corporation disclosed the fact that on a weekly wage of less there would be no assurance that a girl or woman could live in freedom from the "pitfalls and temptations" which beset young women who are thrown in contact with the world.

In announcing the new scale, President Thomas N. McCarter referred to it as in the nature of a Christmas gift.

PULLMAN COMPANY GRANTS BIG INCREASE

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Clerks, bookkeepers, stenographers and other office employes of the Pullman Company to the number of 2,500 are to receive an increase in pay of from 6 to 12 per cent at the beginning of the new year, according to a statement of President Runnels, made public today. The lower priced clerks are to be benefited by the greater increase in salary. In all the advance in pay will cost the company \$300,000 a year.

M'GRAW MAKES READY

Leader of Giants Begins Plans for Training of Recruits for Next Year's Team.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Manager John J. McGraw took up work at the local National League Club headquarters today to complete arrangements for the Spring training trip of the Giants. He said he would have the young recruits report at Marlin Springs, Texas, early in February with the regulars following about 10 days later.

He intimated that he would make only few changes in the line-up for the beginning of the 1913 campaign. He said he had asked for waivers on Outfielder Becker, because he was figuring confidently on the ability of young George Burns as a reliable substitute, if not as a regular possibility in the outfield. He said he had heard nothing from Arthur Shafer as to his reported retirement, but if Shafer joined the Giants in the Spring, he would probably have a chance to play shortstop regularly.

RECORD SPEECH

J. P. Morgan Tells Members of New England Society "I Thank you" as After Dinner Address.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Members of the New England Society were declaring today that J. P. Morgan made a speech of record length to them at the 107th annual festival of the society late last night, when he spoke only three words. They were simple Anglo-Saxon "I thank you." But it was regarded as a record since Mr. Morgan is so much more celebrated as a listener than as a talker at large dinners. Then the financier delivered his "address" when it was announced that he had been elected an honorary member of the New England Society. As a response he received a "hip hip hooray" from the 500 diners standing and he was obviously pleased with the demonstration.

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KERN MAKES A GREAT SPEECH

Senator's Plea For Men Accused in The Dynamite Conspiracy

SAYS SOME OF MEN DIDN'T KNOW CHARGE

Says Government Took Thousands of Letters and Used Only Such as Would Convict Men of Crime—Says National Erectors' Association and Steel Corporation Led the Fight Against Organized Labor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—United States Senator Kern argued in behalf of the forty defendants at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today. He appealed to the jurors to remember when preparing their verdicts that most of the defendants came from distant parts of the country.

"Plain workmen," he said, "some of them uneducated iron workers, taken from their homes hundreds or thousands of miles away, and made to face a strange court with a district attorney hurling harsh and abusive language at them—is it any wonder that some of them became confused? Is it any wonder that some of them couldn't remember details of letters they wrote five years ago?"

Men Didn't Know Charges.

"Some of these men did not know what they were charged with. They came to me and asked me what it was all about. I had to explain to them that they were not charged with dynamiting, but only with transporting explosives illegally. You jurors can't convict these men of crimes with which they are not charged. You can't convict them of causing explosions but only with carrying explosives on passenger trains or conspiracy to violate the Federal laws."

Attacking Orrie E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter, as "the greatest criminal of his time," Senator Kern said the Government's charges were based largely upon what McManigal had said.

"This McManigal came here with brazen face and related his crimes with an air of triumph," said the Senator. "Would you permit a contest over a cow to be decided by the word of such a man."

Blames Prosecution.

"It has been said that the National Erectors' Association and the United States Steel Corporation had nothing to do with this case. But it has been shown here that the agents of the National Erectors' Association took from the iron workers' union headquarters 60,000 letters. From these the Government took 400 letters in which it was sought to show a conspiracy existed.

"Did the Government read all those 400 letters? No, only part of those letters were read, the parts which the prosecution thought showed a conspiracy."

"Why, since the time for a change in the administration in this country approaches, I have received scores of letters on a variety of subjects. If you read those letters literally you might convict the writers with almost any charge you wished to make against them."

The Erectors' Association, to which Senator Kern referred, was an organization of "open shop" contractors against whom the iron workers' union had called a strike.

FINISH CATAWBA RIVER LINE QUICK

New System Of Waterworks For Charlotte Is Practically Completed

The completion of the city's new \$300,000 water plant and system to the Catawba river has become a reality and the entire system is as good as finished, so slight are the details that remain to be finished up.

As to the pipe line eleven miles long to the river, that is now complete, and though it proved a greater task by 75 per cent than was anticipated, the last joint has been thoroughly tested and the whole has been pronounced good by the engineer in charge, Mr. Gilbert C. White, to whom was awarded the contract for the engineering work in the Summer of 1911.

The line to the river, while constituting one of the longest in the State, is also said to be one of the best and most satisfactory in the State, complete and modern in every detail.

The system includes the huge reservoir at Chadwick which will hold enough water to last the city for 30 days, in other words over 30 million gallons. Also the pumping station at the Catawba river, located at Sample's mill, where land has been purchased and a station is being completed that will afford the power necessary to pump the water to the reservoir at Chadwick, whence it will be led, largely by gravity to the filters at the pumping station on the Carolina Central Railroad where the water is filtered and pumped into the city for use.

The new plant will suffice, it is estimated, for a city of at least 150,000 at the existing rate of use of water, the capacity of the new system being 7,500,000 per day while the city uses about 1,500,000 gallons daily at the present time. The system can be easily doubled by the laying of another main to the Catawba river from the reservoir at Chadwick where some 60,000,000 gallons of water will be kept in reserve all the while.

The work on the pipe line was taken in hand by the city some months ago when it appeared that the contractors for the pipe-line, Ensinger Bros., would not be able to complete the job in the specified time. The unusual rigor of their first winter on the job and other hindrances, put the contractors to a considerable disadvantage, the city finally stepping in and assuming practical control of the work, though the contractors remained on the job all the while.

The plant is now about ready to be turned over by the board of water commissioners to the city, and the formal transfer will probably be made an occasion of some note in the city. The plant represents one of the most important and biggest additions to the city that it has known in many years and is therefore an event of special consideration and interest.

TAFT AND PARTY HAVE LANDED ON THE CANAL ZONE

COLON, Dec. 24.—President Taft and his party landed here today from the United States warship Arkansas. The party includes the President and Mrs. Taft; Charles P. Taft, Jr., Miss Louise Taft, Charles D. Hilles and Mrs. Hilles, Beekman Winthrop and Mrs. Winthrop; Maj. T. L. Rhoades, United States Army, aide-de-camp; Lieutenant Commander J. W. Timmons, U. S. N.

The trip from Key West was an uneventful one. The weather was fine and the sea smooth throughout the voyage.

The United States minister, H. Percival Dodge, a number of canal officials and President Taft and party were the guests today of Col. G. W. Goethals at Culebra. Tomorrow evening they are to attend a dinner given by the American minister and afterwards a ball in the palace of President Belisario Porras of Panama.

Mr. Taft before landing sent a wireless to Colonel Goethals asking him to have special trains in readiness as 2,000 bluejackets and all on board the battleships Arkansas and Delaware except the prisoners are to be given the opportunity of inspecting the canal during their visit.

SANTA CLAUS IN READINESS

General Cessation Of Business For Christmas Is Expected In Charlotte

The Youngsters Have Already Begun Noisy Demonstrations of Glad Season—All Look Forward to Visit Tonight of St. Nicholas—Special Music Tomorrow and Next Few Days in Local Churches.

Tomorrow is the great day—the day the children and the little folks will celebrate and will remember until they are old men and women.

Tonight, silently slipping down the chimney, and riding in his reindeer-drawn sled, or as some people now say, riding in a big touring car, Santa Claus will come puffing and blowing in getting around before it is sunrise, and before the kids, sleeping in their trundle beds, are up, sometimes hours before daylight, to see what the old fellow has left for them.

Tonight thousands of little stockings will be conscientiously hung over the mantelpieces and little folks will chatter and speculate in childish glee over the coming of good old Santa Claus and the old gentleman will make his rounds this season not only on time, but will visit every home, so it appeared today.

General Business Cessation.

In the city there will be a general and wholesale closing up of all business houses and manufacturing plants.

The freight depots will be closed. The Carnegie Library closes this afternoon until Thursday morning. The postoffice will be open for one hour tomorrow, from 12 to 1 o'clock and the wagons delivering Christmas packages arriving by mail, will be kept busy all day distributing the thousands of parcels which are pouring into the Charlotte office from friends out of town to their friends and relatives in the city.

Practically no work will be done during the day, every store and office having planned to take a day off. There are hundreds of clerks and employes who have been rushed to the very limits for days past in waiting on the holiday trade, and these will be given the entire day off which to rest and enjoy the holiday.

In the Churches.

A number of the churches of the city will hold Christmas services, while in others there will be Christmas exercises either tomorrow or at a date not more than two or three days removed from the big holiday.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert L. Patterson, pastor, will observe the day with an early morning Christmas service which will begin at 8:30 o'clock, special music being one of the features of this gathering at which a large congregation is expected.

Other Church Programs.

The program for St. Mark's Lutheran Church, beginning at 8:30 a. m., is as follows:

Matin Service—Christmas morning.
Prelude—Pastorale Salome
Processional Hymn—"Silent Night!"
"Holy Night!"
Carol—"O Little Babe of Bethlehem"..... Stutt
..... Children's chorus
Offertory—Cradle Song..... Sellars
Carol—"The First Christmas Morn"..... Newton
..... Children's chorus
Postlude—Grand Chorus Dubois
..... W. H. OVERCARRH,
Organist and Director.

At St. Peter's Church.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church the following program will be observed: Christmas Day—Holy Communion will be observed at 7 a. m.

Pro. Hymn 56, "Christians Awake," Salute the Happy Morn..... Fuller
Short Kyrie Barnaby
Gloria Tibi Anon
Hymn 54—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"..... Traditional
Anthem—Glory to God..... Pergolesi
Presentation of Aims—L. M. Doxology.
Sanctus prayer at 11 a. m.
Hymn 58—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"..... Redner
Gloria In Excelsis..... Old Chant
Nunc Dimittis..... Gregorian
Rec. Hymn 59..... Willis
Morning prayer at 11 a. m.
Processional Hymn 49—Adeste Fideles
Venite and Psalter..... Robinson
Te Deum Lloyd
Jubilate Stanford
Holy Communion
Introit—Glory to God in the Highest
..... Pergolesi
Kyrie, Gloria Tibi, Creed..... Ayre
Hymn 51 Mendelssohn
Anthem—Sing O Heavens..... Tours
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Practically no work will be done during the day, every store and office having planned to take a day off. There are hundreds of clerks and employes who have been rushed to the very limits for days past in waiting on the holiday trade, and these will be given the entire day off which to rest and enjoy the holiday.

In the Churches.

A number of the churches of the city will hold Christmas services, while in others there will be Christmas exercises either tomorrow or at a date not more than two or three days removed from the big holiday.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert L. Patterson, pastor, will observe the day with an early morning Christmas service which will begin at 8:30 o'clock, special music being one of the features of this gathering at which a large congregation is expected.

Other Church Programs.

The program for St. Mark's Lutheran Church, beginning at 8:30 a. m., is as follows:

Matin Service—Christmas morning.
Prelude—Pastorale Salome
Processional Hymn—"Silent Night!"
"Holy Night!"
Carol—"O Little Babe of Bethlehem"..... Stutt
..... Children's chorus
Offertory—Cradle Song..... Sellars
Carol—"The First Christmas Morn"..... Newton
..... Children's chorus
Postlude—Grand Chorus Dubois
..... W. H. OVERCARRH,
Organist and Director.

At St. Peter's Church.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church the following program will be observed: Christmas Day—Holy Communion will be observed at 7 a. m.

Pro. Hymn 56, "Christians Awake," Salute the Happy Morn..... Fuller
Short Kyrie Barnaby
Gloria Tibi Anon
Hymn 54—"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"..... Traditional
Anthem—Glory to God..... Pergolesi
Presentation of Aims—L. M. Doxology.
Sanctus prayer at 11 a. m.
Hymn 58—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"..... Redner
Gloria In Excelsis..... Old Chant
Nunc Dimittis..... Gregorian
Rec. Hymn 59..... Willis
Morning prayer at 11 a. m.
Processional Hymn 49—Adeste Fideles
Venite and Psalter..... Robinson
Te Deum Lloyd
Jubilate Stanford
Holy Communion
Introit—Glory to God in the Highest
..... Pergolesi
Kyrie, Gloria Tibi, Creed..... Ayre
Hymn 51 Mendelssohn
Anthem—Sing O Heavens..... Tours
Presentation of Aims—L. M. Doxology
Sursum Corda and Sanctus..... Ayre
Hymn 53 Redner
Gloria In Excelsis Ayre

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FINISH CATAWBA RIVER LINE QUICK

New System Of Waterworks For Charlotte Is Practically Completed

The completion of the city's new \$300,000 water plant and system to the Catawba river has become a reality and the entire system is as good as finished, so slight are the details that remain to be finished up.

As to the pipe line eleven miles long to the river, that is now complete, and though it proved a greater task by 75 per cent than was anticipated, the last joint has been thoroughly tested and the whole has been pronounced good by the engineer in charge, Mr. Gilbert C. White, to whom was awarded the contract for the engineering work in the Summer of 1911.

The line to the river, while constituting one of the longest in the State, is also said to be one of the best and most satisfactory in the State, complete and modern in every detail.

The system includes the huge reservoir at Chadwick which will hold enough water to last the city for 30 days, in other words over 30 million gallons. Also the pumping station at the Catawba river, located at Sample's mill, where land has been purchased and a station is being completed that will afford the power necessary to pump the water to the reservoir at Chadwick, whence it will be led, largely by gravity to the filters at the pumping station on the Carolina Central Railroad where the water is filtered and pumped into the city for use.

The new plant will suffice, it is estimated, for a city of at least 150,000 at the existing rate of use of water, the capacity of the new system being 7,500,000 per day while the city uses about 1,500,000 gallons daily at the present time. The system can be easily doubled by the laying of another main to the Catawba river from the reservoir at Chadwick where some 60,000,000 gallons of water will be kept in reserve all the while.

The work on the pipe line was taken in hand by the city some months ago when it appeared that the contractors for the pipe-line, Ensinger Bros., would not be able to complete the job in the specified time. The unusual rigor of their first winter on the job and other hindrances, put the contractors to a considerable disadvantage, the city finally stepping in and assuming practical control of the work, though the contractors remained on the job all the while.

The plant is now about ready to be turned over by the board of water commissioners to the city, and the formal transfer will probably be made an occasion of some note in the city. The plant represents one of the most important and biggest additions to the city that it has known in many years and is therefore an event of special consideration and interest.

TAFT AND PARTY HAVE LANDED ON THE CANAL ZONE

COLON, Dec. 24.—President Taft and his party landed here today from the United States warship Arkansas. The party includes the President and Mrs. Taft; Charles P. Taft, Jr., Miss Louise Taft, Charles D. Hilles and Mrs. Hilles, Beekman Winthrop and Mrs. Winthrop; Maj. T. L. Rhoades, United States Army, aide-de-camp; Lieutenant Commander J. W. Timmons, U. S. N.

The trip from Key West was an uneventful one. The weather was fine and the sea smooth throughout the voyage.

The United States minister, H. Percival Dodge, a number of canal officials and President Taft and party were the guests today of Col. G. W. Goethals at Culebra. Tomorrow evening they are to attend a dinner given by the American minister and afterwards a ball in the palace of President Belisario Porras of Panama.

Mr. Taft before landing sent a wireless to Colonel Goethals asking him to have special trains in readiness as 2,000 bluejackets and all on board the battleships Arkansas and Delaware except the prisoners are to be given the opportunity of inspecting the canal during their visit.

SANTA CLAUS IN READINESS

General Cessation Of Business For Christmas Is Expected In Charlotte

The Youngsters Have Already Begun Noisy Demonstrations of Glad Season—All Look Forward to Visit Tonight of St. Nicholas—Special Music Tomorrow and Next Few Days in Local Churches.

Tomorrow is the great day—the day the children and the little folks will celebrate and will remember until they are old men and women.

Tonight, silently slipping down the chimney, and riding in his reindeer-drawn sled, or as some people now say, riding in a big touring car, Santa Claus will come puffing and blowing in getting around before