

OLD SANTA SEES VIOLETS BLOOM

Christmas Unique in Way of Weather and Brisk as Before the War.

Santa Claus has come! There was no snow to crunch under the hoofs of his reindeer, but in some manner the jolly old fellow has made his aerial trip and opened his packages beside the chimney. Some time during the wee hours of the morning he slipped in with his gifts unheard and as noiselessly went back up the chimney and off to his unknown hiding place. There all alone he will sit and make his toys and wait until the time is ripe for him to reappear to the world again.

The weather man was taken by surprise. Certainly he was asleep at his switchboard. So utterly had he forgotten to prepare for Santa Claus that he actually permitted the violets to hold up their heads in the yards of scores of Charlotte residents. Not once during the long Fall has he permitted Jack Frost to get a good wallop at the little purple flowers, and they have clung on to their stems, seemingly defiant to all the elements of winter. Those in whose yards the violets are still blooming declared that they never before have seen them linger on as they have. It is scarcely believable that they should continue in the open with proud heads right up until Christmas Day.

But they have! And, perhaps, old Santa got the surprise of his life when he beheld them Christmas Eve night. With the mercury rather bold in its attempt to scale the thermometer and the violets waving in the breeze, it is indeed an unusual Christmas for this section. In truth, it is an Indian Summer Christmas.

Saturday found the streets crowded with shoppers and the stores packed tightly all day. Merchants fairly overdid themselves in an effort to deliver their orders before nightfall. The usual Christmas rush was experienced everywhere in the city. Santa Claus in disguise mingled at will among the people. The stores remained open until nearly midnight to satisfy the late comers.

Christmas Eve night itself was full of revelry. Not since pre-war times have fireworks been displayed as they were during the evening. Dances in various parts of the city attracted those who felt that they wanted to "shake a wicked hoof," and the streets and houses took on a holiday aspect from one end of the place to the other. Funmakers by the score worked their plans in and out among the shoppers until the crowd began to thin. Merriment echoed everywhere. All but the tired business man joined in the mirth, and even he had a smile on his face as he started with weary step to tumble in his bed.

Monday will be the holiday proper in the city. Many of the city offices and departments close to take Saturday off, but the majority of the city preferred to designate Monday. The post office, banks, freight houses and other such places will remain closed throughout the day. It will be a day of rest and relaxation from the rush of the holiday shopping season.

CHILDREN FEATURE EXERCISES OF DAY

The Church school of St. Peter's church, 713 and Tryon streets will celebrate the children's Christmas festival Sunday afternoon in the church building at four o'clock. Boys in the upper grades will take part in the service. The story of the Birth of Christ, the Shepherds and the Wise Men will be told by girls in the upper grades and the primary department will render Christmas songs and recitations. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Penick, Jr., will deliver the address.

Monday night, in the parish house there will be given for the children of the church school a Christmas party at 8 o'clock.



YOUR EYES ARE WAGE EARNERS

Do you appreciate the working importance of good eyesight? The person who suffers from defective sight has his wage earning capacity seriously handicapped. To such a one correct glasses would mean capacity for work with greater ease, and his work would be better done. From a purely business view the purchase of glasses will repay those who need them.

If your eyes trouble you at all, have them examined now.

F. C. ROBERTS, Optometrist, 24 S. Tryon St. Phone 3528.

Your Nerves and Your Job

Medical authorities are unanimous in asserting that poor vision heavily taxes nerve force, and is, therefore, a vital drawback to mental efficiency. Unknowingly—70 per cent of us all have poor vision in some degree. Stop "thinking" that your vision is all right—know! See an optical specialist. Remember corrected vision means banished "nerves," more mental energy and efficiency to put into your job.

Start the Day Right by Attending Your Church

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Did Much Shopping Didn't Touch Street

New York, Dec. 24.—John Cosgrove, of Santa Fe, N. M., arrived in New York this week, after five days, attended a series of business conferences, did his Christmas shopping and departed without crossing a Gotham thoroughfare or denting a sidewalk with his high heeled boots.

Mr. Cosgrove arrived at the Grand Central station and went at once to a hotel, which he reached by shuttle train and West Side subway without ascending to the street level. The conferences he came to attend were held at another hotel, which he likewise reached by subway. His shopping was done at a department store, which opens directly on the Astor Place subway station, and he departed from the Pennsylvania station without coming up for air. He was asked how he liked New York: "I didn't see it," he replied.

BANKERS EXPECT BETTER SEASON

Every Indication That 1922 Will Witness Return to Normal Conditions.

BY PHILIP SCHUYLER, United Press Staff Correspondent. New York, Dec. 24.—Leading bankers of the country in exclusive statements to the United Press tonight predicted a prosperous 1922.

First signs that prosperity is at hand were shown in increased Christmas buying which was reported from every section of the country. This buying encourages the belief that the people have confidence in better business, more production and consequently cheaper living.

The bankers in their statements forecast gradual improvements in basic industries such as steel, rubber, textiles, shoes and mining. An accumulation of raw materials, the National Bank of Commerce, says, "assures to the world a supply of cheap food and clothing and real prosperity has never rested on any other basis."

At the same time the bankers warned against over-optimism. "The limitations of arms conference they see as a stimulus to prosperity. However, they are almost unanimous in the belief that there must be a new adjustment of taxes and measures to assist an increase in foreign trade."

The disarmament conference at Washington promises to divert billions of dollars from destructive activity to constructive industries and the outlook for business and finance in the United States in 1922 is encouraging, says Thomas B. McAdams, president of the American Bankers Association and president of the Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va.

"One extremely good sign," he continues, "is the growth of the spirit of economy throughout the country. The constructive industries and while recessions are to be expected at irregular intervals, 1922 should show some improvement over the corresponding period this year. This, however, will be dependent in large measure upon a solution of our foreign trade problems and as the more threatening points in the international situation have been adjusted."

That business is "gradually improving" is the opinion of J. Arthur House, vice-president of the trust division of the American Bankers Association, and president of the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland.

"The unsettled, chaotic conditions in finance and politics in Europe, and the unfavorable exchange situation existing not only in Europe but in all the countries with which the United States transacts business, must be remedied."

House, reporting on present conditions in the great Ohio steel, coal mining, rubber manufacturing plants, also says: "There is a widespread feeling among bankers, manufacturers and dealers that the bottom was reached some months ago, and that, therefore, we may now expect a gradual resumption in all important lines of industry and finance."

John H. Puslicher, first vice-president of the American Bankers Association and president of the Marshall and Ilsely bank, Milwaukee, speaking for his district says: "Textile manufacturers, especially hosiery, made an early and rapid recovery from depression. The trend in shoe manufacturing has been upward. Automobile parts and accessories have had a better year than was expected."

"Conditions in the United States today indicate that the year 1922 as a whole will be more satisfactory to business than the year just ended," is the opinion expressed by the National Bank of Commerce, New York. "Business men should not fear to make plans for the New Year, but they should plan with care and conservatism and with constant effort towards the reduction of costs."

PRESIDENT REMEMBERS FATHER. Marion Ohio, Dec. 24.—Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, today received a check for \$100 from the White House, his son's usual Christmas gift.

NEWBERRY MAY BE KICKED OUT

Administration Leaders Unable to hold Republicans Together.

BY FRASER EDWARDS, United Press Staff Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 24.—In the face of the growing demand that Senator Newberry appear on the Senate floor and defend himself against excessive use of money in his campaign against Henry Ford, Administration leaders revealed tonight that he expects to stay in Detroit until his case is settled.

With six Republican Senators—Capper, McNary, Kellogg, Willis, Jones, of Washington, and one other, said to be Cummins—whose votes had been counted upon by the Newberry forces, threatening to vote against the Michigan Senator unless he makes a personal defense, this announcement gave a serious tinge to the proceedings.

Should this Republican group of Senators bolt, Newberry's unseating is extremely probable. Although Newberry's advisers, in and out of the Senate, have counseled against his taking the stand, Administration leaders admitted that a conference with Newberry would probably be held before the case is taken up for final consideration on January 7.

DEMAND HIS PRESENCE. Senator Curtis, Republican whip, admitted tonight that these Republican Senators had demanded that Newberry should make a personal defense of his title to a Senate seat.

Fear was expressed in Administration circles tonight that these Senators, who now hold the deciding votes, would join with the 42 anti-Newberry Senators and vote for a motion to recommit the case to the committee with instructions to call Newberry before it.

"If I were in Senator Newberry's place," said Senator Willis, Ohio, "I would go before the Senate and explain the charges against me. If I was unable to explain, I would get out. I would resign before I let the Senate kick me out."

Willis is leaving for his home in Ohio tonight, taking with him all the evidence in the Newberry case to study during the Christmas holidays.

WILL VOTE CONVICTIONS. "Nobody is going to wave the club of party regularity over my head in the Newberry case," declared Willis. "I am going to study the evidence thoroughly, while I have the time, and decide the question of Newberry's innocence or guilt for myself. And then I am going to vote for my convictions."

It was evident tonight that Senator Kenyon's charges that Newberry is busy in Newberry's behalf and will play an important part in the final consideration of the case. Already Senators have begun to hear from home about the activities of the "social lobby."

Kenyon himself has received more than 400 letters and telegrams from all parts of the country congratulating him on his attack on "Newberryism" and his exposure of the "social bloc." In only two cases, Kenyon said did the letters criticize him for his attack on the "social bloc."

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY HUSBAND'S PISTOL

Mrs. T. B. Harton was brought to St. Peter's Hospital Saturday night seriously wounded as the result of the accidental discharge of a pistol early Saturday evening at her home on Statesville road. Just though the accident occurred could not be ascertained.

A physician at the hospital, who answered the telephone inquiries after Mr. Harton had sent a request that no mention be made of it, said that Mrs. Harton was seriously injured. It was understood from other sources that a shooting had taken place and that Mr. Harton had brought his wife to the hospital for emergency attention.

EVERETT CALDWELL TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

New York, Dec. 24.—Everett Caldwell, first assistant district attorney of Brooklyn, shot and killed himself in his home here tonight.

Caldwell was slated to succeed his chief, Harry I. Lewis, who, in one week, takes his place as a Supreme Court judge, to which he was elected last November.

Caldwell, according to his friends, had been ill and feared that he might be unable to accept the higher position. Brooding over this led to his suicide. It was believed.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Rube Lee, white, was locked up last night at the police station after being arrested by a special officer at North Charlotte, and will be charged with assault on another white man with a deadly weapon. It is said the two men engaged in a fight while they were drunk and that Lee's opponent was so badly cut he had to be taken to a hospital.

BROCK BARKLEY HERE

Brock Barkley, formerly of The News staff, and now Raleigh correspondent for several newspapers, is in Charlotte to spend a few days with friends and relatives. He arrived late Friday night and will probably return to Raleigh Monday night or Tuesday.

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fecting the welfare of the American people, but it seems to me to be the height of folly to enter into partnership with one-half of the world's most populous nations, and, by leaving out of consideration the other half, run the risk of future war, instead of peace. It is useless to talk about either Russia or Germany being left out of the situation. Sooner or later they will have to be taken into consideration and it certainly would be much better for us if they were our friends than if they were our foes. We have made peace with Germany and there is no reason why we should refuse to deal with her now, any more than there can be any sane and sane explanation for the Administration's persistent refusal to recognize the right of the Russian people to determine the sort of government they themselves prefer.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

THE WEATHER. Weather Bureau Office. Charlotte, December 25, 1921. Sunrise... 7:29. Sunset... 5:18. Moonrise... 3:55 a. m. Moonset... 2:50 p. m. Moon phase—New on the 29th.

TEMPERATURE. Dry Bulb. 8 a. m. 51. 10 a. m. 53. Noon 58. 2 p. m. 59. 4 p. m. 60. 8 p. m. 59.

Wet Bulb. 8 a. m. 50. Noon 56. 2 p. m. 58. 8 p. m. 58.

Highest 60. Lowest 48. Mean 54. Normal 54. Mean same date last year 46. Excess for month 11. Excess for year 926. Highest of record for December, 76 in 1889. Lowest of record for December, -5 in 1889.

PRECIPITATION. Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0.00. Total for month to 8 p. m. 1.12. Normal for December 3.88. Deficiency for year 11.06. Greatest of record for December, 6.99 in 1889. Least of record for December, 0.48 in 1889.

HUMIDITY. 8 a. m. 93. Noon 95. 8 p. m. 95.

BAROMETER. 8 a. m. 30.17. 8 p. m. 30.10. G. S. LINDGREN, Meteorologist.

KILLS CHILD TRYING TO COLLECT DEBT

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Lucy de Cesare, aged six, died today as a result of a bullet wound inflicted by Vincenzo de Grombi, while trying to collect \$10 from the child's father last night.

De Cesare had been out of work for some time but earned \$10 this week. De Grombi heard of it and tried to collect the old loan. De Cesare pleaded that if he paid his creditor he would have no money for Christmas for his six children.

De Grombi drew a gun during the argument and fired just as the little girl entered the room. She fell mortally wounded. De Grombi then shot de Cesare twice. The man was captured by three women who held him until police arrived.

OPEN MANHOLE CAUSE OF S-BOAT DISASTER

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 24.—An open manhole connecting the engine room of the submarine S-48 with one of the large ballast tanks, was responsible for the disabling of the submarine in Long Island sound December 7, General Manager P. B. Brill, of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company, said today. The lives of forty-one men were endangered when the submarine sank as a result.

An inspection of the craft, which is now at the company's plant, showed that the engine room manhole, used for cleaning out the ballast tanks, was open, General Manager Brill said. The responsibility for the open manhole has not been fixed.

CLOTHING PRESIDENT DENIES HIGH PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The National Association of Retail Clothiers, through Arselm Frankel, president, and Charles E. Wray, executive director, today advised a letter to Attorney General Dougherty denying his recent assertion that retail dealers' profits were unconscionable and that they have an understanding which tends to keep prices high. On behalf of 6,000 clothing dealers in their association, they invited the Attorney General to avail himself of all information at their disposal and sharply criticized him for announcing the results of your investigation before it was made.

STOCKYARDS NORMAL

Chicago, Dec. 24.—With the withdrawal of a police motorcycle squad, which has been stationed at the stockyards for three weeks in connection with a strike of packing house workers, police reported today that normal conditions have been restored.

A Merry Christmas



Queen City Storage Battery Company. A. Kingsland Sutton, Manager. 408 S. Tryon St. Phone 3980. Prest-O-Lite

LEATHER BAG IS GIVEN MR. DOWD

News Family Remembers Head of Establishment and Each is Given Bonus.

Members of The News staff, member of the business office, the advertising department, the local department, the job office, the circulation department and all other departments into which the News family is divided, assembled at 1 o'clock Saturday in the hallway of the News building's first floor and sent a request—the first one of the kind received in the inner sanctum sanctum—to W. C. Dowd, president and general manager of The News Publishing Co., to step out of his office and appear before the assembled crowd.

While he stood facing the entire News family, apparently genuinely astonished at the unusual spectacle, Editor Julian S. Miller stepped forward and began to harangue the chief of the establishment.

Before the affair had gone very far, Mr. Miller failed to conceal effectively the handsome leather traveling bag which he had intended to bring into view at the end of a speech with a grand peroration. Mr. Dowd smiled appreciatively at the lack of histrionic gift displayed by the editorial spokesman but was none the less evidently pleased when he was handed the leather bag, which was given as token of appreciation by members of The News family to the man at its head.

Speaking for his fellow workers, Mr. Miller voiced the appreciation of all for unceasing kindly consideration on the part of the head of the establishment toward all ranks of the force and asked him to accept the gift as a token of constant well-wishing by all connected with The News and as a special evidence of their good wishes for the Christmas season.

Mr. Dowd fittingly spoke his appreciation of the thoughtfulness of The News "family" and later in the day every member of the establishment received a Christmas card with "W. C. Dowd" penned thereon and expressing Christmas greetings.

Significant as a token of the genuineness of the card's sentiment was an accompanying check in the shape of a bonus that every employee of The News has been receiving for some years on the eve of Christmas day.

WHY GIRLS LEAVE HOME

The Andrews Music Store, Inc. Oldest in the Carolinas. 211-213 N. Tryon St. Phone 3626.

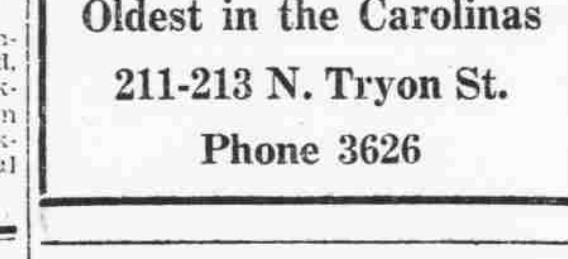
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LUKE 1:31-32—"Thou shalt bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest." All things date from Christ. Christ is the giver of all things. Worship Him in His temple. Go To Church Today CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. The Tanenhaus System W. G. KING, Manager. 205 East Trade St.

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