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## HONOLULU NOW OPEN TO WORLD

First Message, One of Greeting to Pres. Roosevelt From Governor Dole of The Hawaii Islands

## WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK

San Francisco End of the Cable Was Picked Up Thursday Last and is Now Working Perfectly

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The first cable communication between Honolulu and the outside world was established at 11:30 last night signals being exchanged with this city at that hour with perfect success at both ends.

Almost immediately after communication was established a message of greeting flashed to President Roosevelt from Governor Dole, of Hawaii.

A Honolulu dispatch says the San Francisco end of the cable was picked up Thursday afternoon and the splicing begun. This is being carried out and the cable will be in operation for the public in two or three days.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Governor Dole's greeting to the President, announcing the opening of the Honolulu cable, was received at the White House this morning at 2:30 over a special wire connecting the executive offices of the White House with the main office of the Postal Telegraph Co. in this city.

## TOP OF HIS HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Carolina Farmer Was Cleaning a Muzzle-Loading Shotgun.

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 2.—By the accidental discharge of a shotgun about 5 o'clock this morning at his home near Sunbury, N. C. Lloyd Askew, a farmer, 34 years old, had the top of his head blown off, and brains and blood were scattered about the room.

It was an old-fashioned muzzle-loading gun, which Askew had just cleaned and was reloading, putting on the hammer first. The hammer slipped and the hammer struck against the bureau, causing the explosion.

Askew was found dead by his widow, whose maiden name was Rountree. Besides his widow, he leaves three children.

## PARKER, OLNEY AND GORMAN.

Congressman Richardson Makes a Political Prediction.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Representative James D. Richardson, Democratic leader in the House today said: "I think the contest in the next Democratic convention for the Presidential nomination will be between Mr. Gorman, Judge Parker, of New York, and Mr. Olney, of Massachusetts.

## NEW INSURANCE FAD.

London Firm Will Assure Persons Against Appendicitis.

London, Jan. 2.—One of the most prominent firms in Lloyd has made a new departure in the insurance line in the form of policies insuring against appendicitis for a premium of five shillings.

The insured, should he undergo an operation for appendicitis, will have all his direct expenses paid up to two hundred pounds. In the event of death under or as result of an operation the total sum of two hundred pounds will be paid.

A large number of persons have taken advantage of the offer and it would seem that the idea will become as popular as the smallpox policies issued last spring.

Conservatives Value Our Friendship.

London, Jan. 2.—Reports which are reaching conservative political headquarters prove the unpopularity of England's operations with Germany on the Venezuelan dispute.

Conservative agents in northern counties, where political discussions were most keen, say another blunder like this would make even the Tory stronghold Liberal. Every effort is being made by Liberalists to show that American friendship must be endangered.

Cholera Lays Waste the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 2.—According to the latest mail advices from the Philippines the number of deaths from cholera throughout the archipelago reached 113,273. On the day preceding the one when this report was compiled 258 cases and 173 deaths are reported from the various provinces.

## MR. CRITTENTON TO BE HERE SOON

Noted Evangelist Will Begin a Series of Meetings in the Tryon St. Church, Beginning Sunday, Jan. 18

Mr. Charles N. Crittenton, the well known millionaire evangelist, will begin a series of meetings in Tryon Street Methodist church Sunday, January 18th.

Mr. Crittenton has been in England with his only daughter, who has been very ill for some months. He sails tomorrow and will arrive in New York next week.

A number of well known churchmen have been named on the arrangement committee that will have charge of the preparation for the coming of Mr. Crittenton.

Last fall news readers will recall there was somewhat of a sensation caused by the strange as well as sudden disappearance of Mr. Crittenton.

Mr. Crittenton is said to be one of the greatest evangelists of this day and time. He travels over the country in his own private car and it is said, asks no pay for his services. He is described as a man intensely in earnest with his work and is splendidly equipped for the evangelistic field.

## BLOCKADE LIGHTER NOW.

Last American Freight Until the Cord is Severed.

Willemstead, Curacao, Jan. 2.—The Dutch steamer Prins Willem IV, which arrived here this morning, was the last steamer from Europe to pass the blockade. The last American freight to pass the blockade left on the Red D Line steamer Merida for Puerto Cabello. No more foreign goods can enter Venezuela until the blockade is lifted.

Port Cumanes is again in the hands of the rebels. President Castro is seriously crippled in his military operations because he has no warships to transport troops and aid his land forces.

## WOMAN SAVES ADDICKS' LIFE.

Delaware Man Pulled From Railroad Track Just In Time.

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2.—National Committeeman J. Edward Addicks had a narrow escape from being run down by a train today. He stepped from a train at Claymont and started to walk across the tracks just as a fast train was about to pass.

## SANTOS DUMONT MAY QUIT FLYING

Noted Franco-Brazilian Aeronaut, it is Declared, Has Lost His Nerve

## STRUGGLES VAINLY AGAINST CURIOUS DREAD

Not Cowardice, It's Said, But an Unconquerable Physical Disability Caused by Severo's Sad Fate

London, Jan. 2.—A famous English aeronaut informs the Publishers Press that Santos Dumont, the Franco-Brazilian, has lost his nerve since his narrow escape at Montreal, when the airship collapsed, and also the horrible death of Severo, who was dashed to pieces on the pavements of Paris by his balloon collapsing.

Dumont has struggled vainly against the dread of again risking his life. He promised his friends on several occasions to make an ascent on a certain date but at the last moment he was always obliged to make an excuse to back out.

This is not cowardice but an unconquerable physical disability similar to that sometimes experienced by railway engineers.

## TO FINANCE VENEZUELA.

New York Moneyed Men Make Offers To President Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 2.—A New York financial syndicate, headed by Severo Mallet-Prevost, of that city has offered to advance money to the Venezuelan Government to meet pressing obligations, including the legitimate claims of foreign Governments.

The syndicate proposes that control of the custom houses shall be given to it as guarantee for the loan. Sharp competition exists, as the firm of Speyer Bros., of New York, also offers to finance this country, promising to furnish the funds that will be needed to settle the foreign claims and convert the Venezuelan debt. Active correspondence on the subject is being exchanged between President Castro's Government and the financiers.

A cablegram received from Rome today states that the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the allies will continue throughout the session of The Hague Tribunal, sitting to adjudicate the claims of foreigners. Intense excitement was caused here by the news. There is only four months to last 40 days and coal to last three months. Meat and other foods are abundant.

British naval authorities are disgusted at being obliged to take part in the chase of small fishing boats. An officer of the cruiser Retribution is quoted as saying: "We do not like the job. The Germans and Italians have no naval laurels. Let them have them. They seem pleased to get such laurels."

## TRAINMEN WANT MORE PAY.

Springfield, O., Jan. 2.—Forty conductors and brakemen of the Detroit Southern Railway at Jackson, struck yesterday. The conductors demanded an increase of five cents an hour and the brakemen three cents an hour. During the trouble local traffic was suspended.

## NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION.

Washington, Jan. 2.—According to Treasury Department figures the national bank circulation increased \$75,270 during December. The circulation outstanding January 1, was \$384,929,784; increase for year \$24,240,958.

## GAS EXPLOSION KILLS SIX PERSONS

A Large Number in Oakhill Were Also Injured Today, Some of Them is Said Fatally

Pottsville, Jan. 2.—In an explosion of gas six men were killed this morning and a large number injured, some fatally in Oakhill colliery.

The colliery is operated by Schenck and Company near Minersville, four miles from here.

Three men were killed and ten injured by an explosion of dynamite occurring in the gangway of Oakhill colliery of Leisenring & Co. at Dan-cott, Schuylkill county as they were going to work this morning.

The dead are Michael and Andrew Oeder, cousins, both leaving a wife and four children. Joseph Sosop, who leaves a wife and two children.

## BODY TO BE BURIED HERE.

Family of Robert Madden Heard From Today.

The body of Mr. Robert F. Madden, who yesterday suicided at his room in the Central Hotel, will be buried in Charlotte at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The Masons will have charge of the funeral. The interment will be in Elmwood.

Since the tragedy yesterday afternoon, Mr. D. E. Allen and Mr. C. E. Hooper, have sent numerous telegrams over the country, trying to locate the relatives of the dead man. This morning a telephone message from Mrs. E. P. Palmer, of Pemberton, Va., threw some light on the subject.

It seems from the conversation held with Mrs. Palmer that Mr. Madden was an orphan boy and that he was taken from the orphanage and raised by her. In the dead man's effects was found a letter from Mrs. Palmer, which gave the clue as to where she resided.

At first it was thought best to have the body shipped to Pemberton, Va. While arrangements were being perfected to this end a telegram was received from Mrs. Samuel Rowley, of Salisbury, a daughter of Mrs. Pemberton, stating that her mother was very ill and that it would be best to have the body buried here.

It was also learned in Charlotte this morning that the dead man has a brother in New York, Mr. W. Irving Davis, proprietor of the Charleston hotel of Charleston, wired Mr. C. E. Hooper that Mr. Madden's brother had been informed of the death and would communicate with some one in Charlotte. Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon no word had been received from the brother in New York. Unless he requests otherwise, the body will be buried at the hour named above, in Elmwood Cemetery.

So far there has been nothing to transpire that would tend to show a motive for the young man's rash act.

## GEN. CARR IN CHARLOTTE.

Hopeful of His Senatorial Chances and Debonair As Ever.

Gen. Julian S. Carr came in this morning on a belated train from Durham and is spending the day in Charlotte, quartered at the Buford. Gen. Carr is looking well and shows none of the strain of a Senatorial race. He is shaking hands with his friends today. He declares that his skies are brighter every day and he has every reason to regard the outlook for himself as promising.

## THREE DROWNED WHILE SKATING

Ice Broke Through With Indiana Boys and They Were Precipitated In to Its icy Depths

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 2.—Three boys, Willie Brown, W. L. Mann and Thos. Lively, aged eleven, twelve and fourteen years, respectively lost their lives while skating yesterday.

The ice broke and the boys plunged into the water. All attempts to save them failed. The bodies were recovered last night.

## JEWELS STOLEN.

Several Rings and a Watch Stolen From Mrs. Littlefield.

Between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning a thief entered the room of Mrs. E. B. Littlefield, corner of Mint and Fourth streets and carried away a lot of jewelry, the property of Mrs. Littlefield.

Among the stolen articles was an open-face green enamel watch. One gold ring set with four opals and four small pearls on each side. Inside this ring was the name "Daisy" engraved. Another ring set with a single ruby stone, diamond shape. Another gold ring set with opals and sapphire ring set with rubies.

These different articles of jewelry were last seen in Mrs. Littlefield's jewelry box that was on a dressing case in her room. The last time they were noticed by any one in the house was shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning. At 11 o'clock Mrs. Littlefield missed them and soon thereafter, the police were notified to keep a watch out for them.

While no clue has been established it is not thought that any of the servants about the house got them. The only servant at the home yesterday morning was the cook, but it is not thought that she, at any time, went in the room.

The suspicion is that some one familiar with the premises stepped in the house and committed the theft.

Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield live with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sifford, Mrs. Littlefield's parents. Besides the intrinsic value of the articles, Mrs. Littlefield prized them above price because they were some of them, wedding gifts.

Chief Irwin and his men have the case in hand and if the thief still remains in Charlotte, he or she will be apprehended before many days roll around.

## FIREMEN STRIKE FOR HIGHER WAGES.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 2.—The entire Fire Department of Houston has struck for higher wages. The members have formed a union, making the first firemen's union in this country, and probably in the world.

## DEATH LURKS IN DEADLY TOY GUN

Young Son of J. R. Caudle Expires Today From Result of Wound Xmas Day

## WOUND WAS HEALING WHEN BLOOD POISON DEVELOPED

Sad Death One of Many That Have Occurred This Season From the Use of Toy that Should be Prohibited

Little Vester Caudle, who was injured Christmas day by the discharge of a toy pistol, died this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the home of his parents on East Avenue. Blood poison was the immediate cause of death.

Christmas morning while playing with one of these blank cartridge pistols, the contrivance was discharged and the effects of the explosion caused a slight wound in the palm of one of the little fellow's hands. The wound, while painful, was not considered at all serious. Only a day or two ago Vester sent word to the proprietors of the Tapp-Long Co., where he was employed as one of the "check" boys, that he would be able to resume work in a day or two.

Last night symptoms of blood poison appeared and all during the night the little fellow was very near to death's door. This morning, at the hour named above, the little sufferer closed his eyes and passed peacefully into the great beyond.

Vester Caudle was an exceptionally bright boy and during his stay at the Tapp-Long Co., he won the hearts of the entire force as well as the proprietors. Always attentive to his duties, always polite and accommodating, he was easily, one of the most popular boys in the employ of this firm. His sad death is a great blow to his parents as well as all who knew and loved the little fellow.

The body will be taken to Lexington tomorrow morning, where the funeral and interment will take place.

Vester Caudle was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankin Caudle.

## WAS NOT LULA JOYNER.

Gypsies Had In Camp a Fair-Haired Boy In Girl's Clothing.

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 2.—The child in the custody of gypsies whose appearance has several times given rise to the rumor that it was 5-year-old Lula Virginia Joyner, who has been missing several weeks from her home, near Church Road, Va., was today located by officers near Sewell's Point, Va., where a camp had just been pitched.

Though the long, fair hair of the child looked like Lula's, an investigation proved the child held in the camp was a boy in girl's clothing. Now the gypsy theory is abandoned.

The reward for Lula Joyner, dead or alive, has been increased from \$100 to \$300, with \$250 additional for the conviction of her murderer or abductor.

## IRELAND'S FRIENDS AT WORK.

Rome, Jan. 2.—A consistory will be held next March in connection with the festivities attendant upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Leo. Great efforts are being put forth to have Arch. Bishop Ireland created cardinal then.

## BATCH DIPHTHERIA FROM PENCILS.

Boston, Jan. 2.—The Board of Health has taken steps to prevent contagion by the indiscriminate use of pencils by school children. Diphtheria has been traced to this practice.

## QUITS RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2.—James D. Black of Bourbonville, has withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

## JEWELER WAS AN EASY MARK

Left Diamonds in His Window and Burglar Simply Breaks the Glass and Helps Himself

Cleveland, Jan. 2.—At 4 o'clock this morning a burglar broke a plate-glass window in the jewelry store of J. R. Heiman and stole three thousand dollars worth of diamonds.

Heiman kept the diamonds in plain sight at all times instead of putting them in a safe at night, unlike other jewelers, leaving them among gold watches and silverware which were hidden away easy reach.

## WEATHER BUREAU'S WORK.

Discussed By Prof. Moore At Washington Convention Today.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Several papers of interest were read today by the members of the American Association for the advancement of science, now in convention here.

Prof. B. E. Fernow, director of the college of forestry, at Cornell University, spoke on the outlook for the timber supply in the United States; Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, spoke on the good work of that branch of the government service, laying special stress upon the lives and money saved by the system of storm signals on the coast and the frost warnings.

In the first named work he said millions of dollars was yearly saved shipping interests and the value of the work would scarcely be estimated.

The Southern states many times had been protected from immense crop losses by frost warnings of a weather bureau which gave growers of fruit and vegetables ample time to protect the products, while the frost warnings were many times similarly effective.

Volcanic destruction in the West Indies was discussed by Prof. Russell of the University of Michigan, stereoscopic illustrations being used to show the effect of eruptions.

## FLAMES FRIGHTEN CONVICTS.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Fire early this morning gutted the broom shop inside the walls of the Ohio penitentiary operated on contract by the National Broom Company. The blaze caused great excitement among the 2,000 prisoners who feared the flames would spread to the cell blocks. All were kept in the cells for fear of a stampede.

## FATHER CLINGS TO HIS DEAD CHILD

Unusual Post-Mortem Symptoms in Four-Year-Old Girl Puzzle the Physicians of South Carolina Town

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 2.—Because of the unusual post-mortem symptoms the body of four year old Vivian Green, the daughter of a prominent citizen of this place, has been kept snugly tucked in bed since Sunday.

When the child died the father having indefinitely postponed the funeral set for last Tuesday.

The child's body has become perfectly flexible in color and very natural. While the physicians offer no hope the case is unusual. The father is said to be almost crazed.

## PASTOR TO LIVE IN CHURCH.

Evicted From His Home By Legal Process, He Moves To Basement.

New York, Jan. 2.—Evicted from his home in Ninth street, Unionport, on Monday, Rev. Joseph Meclier was very busy today, for his wish was that his new residence should be all prepared for occupancy by the new year. His quarters are in the basement of the Church of the Holy Family, of which he is the pastor, in the rooms which formerly were used for a Sunday-school.

He was sent to the church over which he presides by Archbishop Corrigan six years ago. He established the parish, built the church, and he says, invested \$3,000 of his money in the structure. Since then, he says, he has received no salary, and, although good friends among the parishioners helped him along, he found himself recently in the position where he had to acknowledge to his landlord that he was in arrears for the rent for eight and a half months, and the monthly rental was \$15.

His landlord, Frank Gass, Alderman from the Forty-third district, took the case to court. The priest did not appear and by reason of his default judgment was taken against him.

So the Alderman decided to dispossess the priest, who moved his goods without waiting for an officer to do the work.

## BLACK CAT SAVES FAMILY.

Its Scratching Wakes Alfred Mansfield When House is In Flames.

Morristown, N. J., Jan. 2.—A black cat saved the lives of Alfred Mansfield and family, of Collinsville, today. The house was on fire and the lower story all in flames when they were awakened shortly after 6 o'clock by a cat yowling and scratching on the bedroom door. When he opened the door flames and smoke rushed in. He ran into a communicating room, seized his two children and, shooting to his wife to follow, dashed downstairs and out the front door, all being in their night clothes. In a few minutes the building and contents were consumed.

## NEGRO MURDERER PAYS PENALTY.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—Thos. Dunn, colored, was sentenced today to life for the murder of Peter Jackson, another negro. The crime was committed October 29th, 1900 and was the outcome of a quarrel over a small sum of money.

## BIG DEMAND FOR IRON AND STEEL

Imports for Past Year Broke all Records, According To Treas. Bureau Statistics

## THIS TOO, IN FACE OF LARGE MANUFACTURES

Imports of Iron and Steel For 11 Months Ending With November More than Double Any Other Period

Washington, Jan. 2.—The tremendous demand in the United States for manufactures of iron and steel is illustrated by statistics of imports just issued by the Treasury Bureau of statistics.

Although the iron and steel production of the United States was far greater during 1902 than ever before, the recorded imports of the same class of goods also ran up higher than was reached in the last dozen years.

For eleven months last year ending with November, the imports of iron and steel more than double in value those of the corresponding months of preceding years. For a full year the imports were fully forty million dollars.

Pig iron imports increased from a million and a half to nearly nine million dollars. The value of ingots blooms and bars from a little over a million to over seven million. The machinery increase is over a million. The only decrease is in tin plate, the value of the imports of which fell off a million.

## "FRENZIED SONS OF PELEE."

Relief Messengers And Writers To Form An Association.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A new organization will spring into life during an informal smoker to be held at the New Willard next Saturday evening by the survivors of the relief expeditions sent from this county to the volcano-stricken people of Martinique.

The men eligible to membership style themselves the "Pelee Survivors' Association." When formally organized they will have an equally attractive appellation, and, if the suggestion of one of the New Yorkers be followed, they will adopt the name of "The Frenzied Sons of Pelee." From the same sources comes the suggestion to the committee on arrangements, which he styles the "burnace committee," that the principal officer be designated the "chief craze," and the other officers "lesser craters."

The formation of the association is the result of a desire on the part of the survivors of the historical expeditions to "fuse themselves into a homogeneous mass" for social purposes. It is also desired that the members of the association formulate plans whereby a permanent record of the expeditions sent from this country on the United States naval vessels Dixie, Prairie, Cincinnati and the Potomac shall be perfected. It has even been suggested that this record take the form of a book of composite authorship. Those eligible to membership are the army, navy and consular officers of the United States who assisted in the work of relief, the newspaper correspondents and sketch artists and the magazine writers and scientists who accompanied the expeditions.

## ROOSEVELT INVITED TO CHARLOTTEVILLE.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A delegation representing the alumni of the University of Virginia today invited President Roosevelt to attend the commencement exercises of the institution in Charlottesville, June 16th. The President said he would attend if he returned from his western trip in time.

## MESSMER WONT DO FOR BISHOPRIC

Firebrand Speech is Charged Against Him -- Coadjutor Bishop For the Diocese of Saint Louis

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Secretary of State has written the Vatican that Monsignor Messmer of Greenbay, Wis., is impossible for the position of Bishop of Manila, because of the firebrand speech recently made before the Catholic Truth federation.

Archbishop Farley of New York, is announced to be offered as auxiliary bishop.

Archbishop Main of St. Louis, recently requested that an auxiliary bishop be appointed in his diocese, but the Vatican refused to appoint an auxiliary but expressed a willingness to grant him a coadjutor. The present Vicar is suggested for the position.

## FIFTY FISHERMEN DROWNED.

Rigava, Russia, Jan. 2.—Fifty fishermen were drowned in the terrific storm which swept the Gulf of Riga.