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OPMENTS NOW CATE AMERICA L ACCEPT PLAN

rticipation In the Discussion to Be by the League of ns.

CALLS TO EE PRESIDENT

Kellogg Also White House For rence With President Coolidge.

on, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Developre today pointed with inness to American participation in the preliminary league disarmament discussion, if ay can be found.

retary Kellogg and Chairof the Senate Foreign Remittee, conferred with Coolidge, and there were that a decision virtually reached, although the Amdy to the league invitation be forwarded until after s.

Borah said as he left the se that he was in complete th the President's views, not indicate definitely what s were. In other quarters gested that Congress probd be asked to express its the subject, at least to the making an appropriation to expenses of an American

Borah previously has submission of the quesngress.

senator who conferred with e today was Senator Lenblican of Wisconsin, who a prominent part in the he world court resolution. d that most of the Senate r accepting the disarmaation.

t to the White House of orah was at the invitation olidge, and the two had a rence prior to the arrival of Kellogg. The secretary s been a frequent conferee President on the question days, and on leaving the se today he said he would ome in St. Paul during the nd that no definite move made until his return here nesday.

Borah denied reports that nder consideration as one of rs should an American delbe authorized to participate nference.

Co-operate in Buying Feeds

ham, Dec. 21.—(AP)—J. L. agent in Richmond counplacing a co-operative or145 bushels of Wannamakand cotton seed. Farmers in y are also co-operating in se of fish meal, wheat d other feeds for their hogs, poultry, says Mr. Dove.

nterest is being shown in and programs have been or work in this county durning year. Economic feedand cows has been stressed nent pastures advocated.

er Crown Has Toppled.

dan, Egypt, Dec. 21.—(AP)—er crown has toppled. It King Ali of Hedjaz, a terg partly along the Red Sea known as "the land of Piland which embraces the f Mecca. Ali, like his fathsein, has abdicated.

Released From Prison.

Kans., Dec. 22.—(AP) Arnstein, a central fig-,000,000 New York bond released from the federal y here this morning.

as is known, the state of rowed money from individthe first time at the beginthe war with Hannibal 215

Mrs. S. J. Ervin, of Morwill arrive tonight to spend ys with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. ents of Mrs. Ervin.

Improved Business For State Textile Mills Is Indicated

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Indicative of improved business conditions in the cotton mill industry in North Carolina, and of the comparative absence of labor troubles in this state, is the fact that, though North Carolina had only slightly more than half as many spinning spindles in place on November 30th as Massachusetts, she led that state in the total number of active spindle hours during November.

Figures compiled by the United States department of commerce, and just received here, show that on November 30th, the Bay State led all others in the number of spinning spindles in place, with 11,614,724. North Carolina came second, the figure for this state being 6,037,396.

But North Carolina led Massachusetts in the active spindle hours for November by nearly 100,000,000 hours. The figure for this state was 1,624,171,000 hours, while that for Massachusetts was 1,566,991,884. South Carolina, third in the list of states in the total number of spindles in place, also led Massachusetts in the number of active spindle hours, with 1,567,314,136 hours.

North Carolina also showed a better percentage of spindles active during the month than did the Bay State, her rival in the industry. Of Massachusetts' 11,614,824 spindles, 8,602,510 were active during the month, as compared with 6,037,396 spindles in North Carolina, of which 5,758,862 were active. South Carolina showed an even larger percentage of active spindles. In that state, 5,267,498 spindles were active out of 5,328,924 in place.

South Carolina also led in the average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place during the month. The average in that state was 29.. North Carolina came fifth, with 269, while the figure for Massachusetts was 135.

In the entire United States, there were 37,919,358 spinning spindles in place on November 30th, of which 32,892,324 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 32,425,206 for October, 31,551,630 for September, and 31,858,088 for November of 1924.

The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 7,833,792,613. During November, the normal time of operations was 24 1-2 days, (allowance being made for the observance of Thanksgiving Day in some localities) compared with 26 1-4 for October, 25 1-2 for September, and 26 each for August, July and June.

Based on activity of 8.78 hours per day, the average number spindles operated during November was 6,417,612, or at 96 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 89.4 for October, 83.8 for September, and 87.8 for November of 1924.

The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 207.

GENERAL BUTLER IS FIRED BY KENDRICK

Says He Will Not Worry For He Knows Marines Will Look After Him.—May Start Something.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Mayor Gen. Butler as director of public safety, Kendrick today formally dismissed effective at noon.

The General received the letter of dismissal shortly after the Mayor reached his office today. It was delivered by the Mayor's secretary. A group of friends were in the Director's office as he read it quickly.

"Well, I'm out," he exclaimed. "The Mayor has fired me. Now we can shoot at him," and the Mayor's secretary looked at him in surprise.

"There's nothing to stop me now, I'm a free man," the General said.

Asked his plans, the Brigadier General who has seen fighting service all over the world said, "I'm going to my home in Overbrook, and I'm going to drive there in a car of the U. S. Marine Corps. The Marines can take care of me, and I'd rather be in the Marine corps than in 15,000,000 cities like Philadelphia."

The General said he would remain here for a few days, and added "There may be something doing in that time."

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BLOW UP RAIL BRIDGE

Damage Not Serious as Concrete and Iron Was Not Badly Damaged.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 23.—(AP)—An attempt was made early this morning to blow up a bridge on the Elkins division of the Western Maryland Railway at Chiefton, West Virginia, 12 miles below Fairmont, W. Va., and between Fairmont and Clarksburg, according to advices received at the office of the division superintendent here.

The damage was not serious, it was stated, as neither the iron work nor the concrete was injured. Three or four shoes were blown out, and the bridge will have to be packed up to replace them, and in the meantime traffic will be delayed.

Judge Stacy Filling Out Clark's Unexpired Term.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—The Raleigh correspondence of this morning on the status of the member of the supreme court with respect to their terms of office was in error in stating that Chief Justice Stacy would stand for election next year.

Judge Stacy is now filling the unexpired term of the late Chief Justice Clark, to which he was appointed by Governor McLean upon the retirement last March of Judge Hoke, who had been elevated by Clark's death. That term expires in 1926, so that next year he will stand for election for a full term.

The information contained in the correspondence as to terms of the other members was correct.

In the eastern countries—Armenia, Syria, and Greece—lamb is the chief article of diet on Christmas.

CONGRESS MEMBERS NOW ON VACATION

Work in Congress Will Not Be Resumed Until Monday Morning, January the Fourth.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Congres began a 12-day vacation today, closing a busy two weeks in which it laid much of the groundwork for a long and spirited session.

Resuming deliberations on January 14th, both houses will have a number of major issues with which to grapple, including taxes, the world court, disarmament, the rubber and coffee price situation, debt settlements and the various appropriation bils.

THREE CHILDREN ARE KILLED BY MOB IN PANIC

Joy Transformed Into Tragedy When Fear of Collapse at Festival Causes Panic.

Erie, Penn., Dec. 22.—The laughter and mirth of 5,000 children attending a pre-Christmas performance in the Erie arena late today suddenly changed to cries of fear as a small bench on which three of the youngsters were seated broke, causing a panic in which three children were trampled to death and seven injured, one seriously.

The children screamed as they fell to the floor and this was the signal that sent them into a wild dash for the exits of the arena, an enclosed structure.

The seven children injured ranged in age from 9 to 12 and it was said at the hospital to which they were taken that all would probably recover.

Attendants and police on duty at the entrance tried to calm the tots by waving them back and shouting but their gestures and shouts ssemed only to add to the panic.

Seats were overturned, railings along aisles were broken and toys, gifts bestowed at the celebration, were dropped as the rush continued. About 1,000 others who had been unable to gain admission and, milling about outside, blocked the exits.

It was more than 45 minutes before the arena was cleared. Attendants had the injured children taken to a hospital in automobiles. Scores were bruised and cut but ran away without waiting to have their injuries attended.

When news of the fatalities spread in the neighborhood, a crowd of mothers whose children had been at the performance gathered at the arena and many of them had to be held back by police despite assurance that there was no one in the structure.

The celebration was being held under the auspices of a local newspaper.

Annie Mathews is about to enter upon her second term as Register of New York County. The position pays $12,000 a year, and is said to be the highest salaried public office ever held by a woman in the United States.

Engraved Christmas Greeting Cards

We can furnish on short notice Engraved Christmas Greeting Cards, with your own name thereon. Let us have your order now, so that you will have them in plenty of time to send out for Christmas. We have an especially beautiful line to select from. Call at

TIMES-TRIBUNE OFFICE.

Golden Rule

Arthur Nash, wealthy head of a Cincinnati clothing firm, and known as "Golden Rule Nash" for his liberal policies, has appealed to Governor Donahey of Ohio to release John A. Sybell from the state prison where he has served three and a half years of a 25-year sentence for aiding in a payroll robbery that cost Nash $8056. He has promised to give Sybell a job and be responsible for him if he is freed.

THE COTTON MARKET

Active Demand From Trade Gave the Market Steady Opening, With the Prices Higher.

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An active demand from the trade, with further purchases of October contracts by houses with foreign connections gave the cotton market a steady opening today, with first prices four points lower to three higher. Leading houses issued 188 final notices of intention to deliver cotton on December contracts, bringing the total for the month up to 700 notices. There was selling by the South, commission houses and Wall Street, which accounted for the opening decline in some positions, but the market quickly rallied and advanced 6 to 8 points above the previous close, March selling at 18.72 and May at 18.45. Reports from the cotton goods district were to the effect that wide print cloth mills were sold ahead close to their output for the next five or six weeks.

Cotton futures opened steady. Jan. 18.31; March 18.65; May 18.40; July 18.01; Oct. 17.67.

WYATT NOT TO BEGIN TERM UNTIL MARCH 15

Allowed to Remain a Free Citizen Until Baby is Born—His Ramily Needs Him.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Jesse Wyatt, sentenced from eight to 18 months last week for the killing of Attorney Stephen S. Holt, will not begin his sentence January 2 as Judge Midyette had ordered, but through Judge Midyette's ruling today he will get a stay of judgment until March 15.

Mr. Wyatt is allowed to remain a free citizen until a new baby is born. The family desperately needs him now as he has eight children and two of them old enough to work. The Wyatt defense has not yet intimated that it will attempt to save him from a prison sentence. The plan is to allow him to go, work a portion of the time, then seek executive clemency since the jury which convicted him acquitted him of any felonious intent in the killing of Holt.

The jury took the view that the policeman carelessly, but accidentally, fired a pistol and the mishap resulted in death.

NEW ANTI-SMUGGLING TREAY WITH MEXICO

Treaty Goes Further Than Any Others Made Between America and Mexico.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An advanced step in the relations between Mexico and the United States was taken today with the signing by Secretary Kellogg and Ambassador Tellez of the anti-smuggling treaty and a supplemental convention covering the extradition of criminals.

The treaties which go further than those recently signed with Canada, provide the most advanced machinery for international co-operation in the enforcement of laws of the two countries that have ever been negotiated by the State department.

Garter Bells Enliven Dance.

Monte Carlo, Dec. 22.—Tea danzants which in season are always crowded here prior to the opening of the Casino are enlivened by garter bells, which tinkle in time with music of the Jazz bands. Another novelty is a cymbal effect produced by revolving metal discs attached to the heels of women's slippess.

With the metallic garter bells tinkling, the cymbals clashing and the jangling of scores of bracelets and the swish and raattle of the new coat-of-mail tunics, jazz artists have to work doubly hard to make themselves heard in the whirl of merrymakers.

New Zealand women have enjoyed the franchise for 30 years, but never has a women been elected to its parliament.

In Finland it is a custom to attend church service at 5 o'clock on Christmas morning.

DRY AGENTS WARNED ABOUT EXPENSES, BY DRY CHIEFTAIN

Agents Found Squandering Expense Money Will Be Dropped From the Service.

MAYFLOWER HOTEL CASE WAS CITED

Agents in This Case Spent Nearly $1,000 While They Were Trying to Get Some Evidence.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Prohibition agents were warned today that "reckless, unjustifiable expenditures" during their work in the future would cause their dismissal from the enforcement service.

In a letter to prohibition administrators, prompted by the recent Mayflower Hotel case, in which two agents expended nearly $1,000, Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury declared money for tracing down bootleggers must be used intelligently and economically, and "never used without complete justification."

Mr. Andrews said that the Mayflower incident which for several days has furnished the subject of the House debate occurred in the early days of his occupancy of the assistant secretary's office, and before he had taken any steps toward reorganization.

"I do not feel, therefore," his letter said, "that it affords any occasion for severe discipline of those engaged under the circumstances. I do feel that it affords a telling object lesson to the whole organization, however, and therefore I am bringing it to your attention with the understanding that you will all give this matter careful consideration and see to it that your operatives are instructed and your supervision of their work is so careful that anything of this kind cannot reoccur in the future, with the added understanding that hereafter any case of reckless, unjustifiable expenditure of public funds will meet with severe discipline and generally speaking with immediate separation from the service."

BODY OF PUBLISHER LIES IN STATE TODAY

Body of Frank A. Munsey in Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City.

New York, Dec. 23.—The body of Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, who died yesterday, was laid in state today in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. A guard of honor including several employees who had been in Mr. Munsey's service more than 20 years, stood beside the bier.

Friends and associates began to visit the Cathedral soon after the body had been laid in state. The funeral will be held tomorow morning with Bishop Wm. R. Maning a close friend of the publisher, officiating.

The list of honorary pall bearers announced today follows: Elbert H. Gary, Chas. Evans Hughes, Chas. E. Mitchell, Albert J Beveridge, Thos. W. Lamont, Chas. H. Sabin, Clarence H. Mackay, James W. Gerard, Chauncey M. Depew, Adolph S. Ochs, Ogden Reid, John W. Davis, Otto H. Kahn and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

Numerous organizations have made arrangements to be represented officially at the funeral. Among them are the Amrerican Newspaper Publishers Association, the New York Publishers Association, and the Society of Maine, of which Mr. Munsey was long a member. The Union League Club has appointed a committee of 98 men to represent it.

Efird's Announce Big Christmas Business and One More Sale in 1925.

The biggest Christmas business in our entire history, is the report from Efird's Department store. At the same time Efird's anounce their annual after Christmas cut price sale before inventory. Sale commencing Saturday morning December 27th and continuing for one week only. They say this will be the biggest bargain sale of the entire year.

With Our Advertisers.

You have only today and tomorrow to buy him that present at the Browns-Cannon Co.

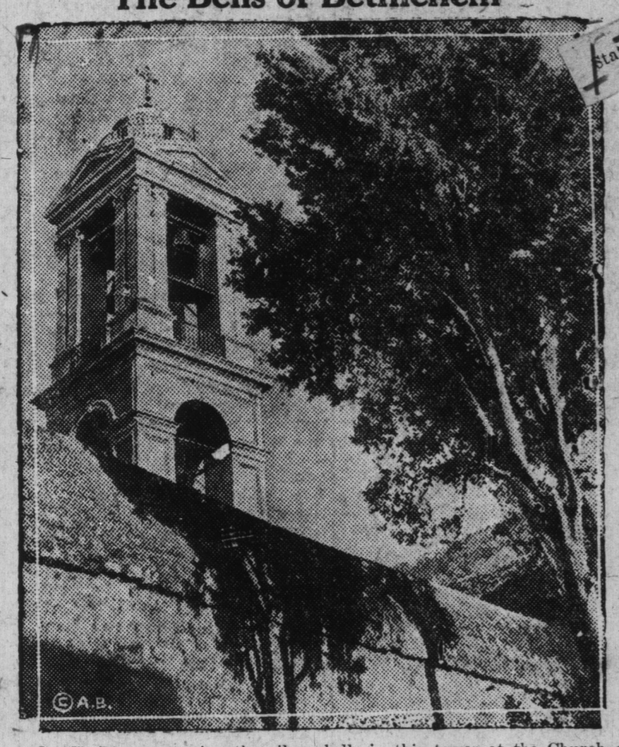
The Parks-Belk Co. has a car load of apples and a car load of sugar for Christmas. This big store also is full of toys. Open tonight and tomorrow night.

A volley ball game will be played tonight at the Y. M. C. A. prior to the basketball game with White Oak Y, at which time all members of the Business Men's Squad are asked to be out for practice. The game begins at 6.30 o'clock. The basketball game is at 8 o'clock.

Fredinand Bober, the Swedish artist, in attempting to preserve a likeness of all that is characteristic in Sweden, has made more than a thousand drawings of old-fashioned buildings and early industries.

Mrs. John Butzer, of Oshkosh, Wis., recently gave birth to her fourth set of twins.

"The Bells of Bethlehem"



On Christmas morning the silver bells in this tower at the Church of the Nativity will "ring out the glad tidings" to all the world that Christ was born in a manger near this same spot.

Holiday Drinking Not Yet Evident, According To Reports From Police

Holiday drinking, which usually becomes evident about this time of the year, and reaches a grand climax on Christmas eve, is yet to appear, according to reports from police officers.

Only few drunks were arrested during Saturday and Sunday, the number being less than the total usually arrested over the week-end. Officers this morning reported no arrests for intoxication during Tuesday and Tuesday night. The officers also report there was no evidence of rowdiness or alcoholic hilarity to be found on the streets or in public places. "It may be the quiet before the storm," said one officer, "but I don't think so. Even the little drinking that has been done seems to be a half hearted attempt to follow the Christmas custom."

According to those who are in a position to know, the quality of liquor being sold by bootleggers has taken a decided slump during the past few days. However, a lack of demand has prohibited any decided increase in price, it is said.

FOUR FIREMEN LOSE LIVES DURING FIRE

Men Were Volunteers Who Died While Fighting a Blaze in Business District of Waynsburg, Pa.

Waynsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Four volunteer firemen were killed, and five others injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynsburg early today. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of others damaged, the total loss being estimated at $1,000,000. The firemen were crushed under a falling wall.

The firemen who met death were: Harvey Call, William Finch, Joseph Rifenberg and Thurman Long. Victor H. Silveus suffered fractures of the skul land jaw bones, and Luther Renner sustained an injury to his back. Three other men received cuts and brusies. All the injured, who were members of the Waynsburg fire company were taken to a hospital, where it was said the condition of Silveus and Renner was serious.

MR. SIMMONS' VIEWS ON TAXES MISQUOTED

Charlotte Man Urges Building and Loan Tax Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Simmons today sent a telegram to his office here saying he had been misquoted by some of the state papers with respect to his tax views. The senator makes it plain he has expressed no opinion as to the repeal of the gift tax, or publicity of the income tax returns. The telegram also states that he has not suggested any increase in the exemptions allowed in the house bill. He favors, so far as possibile, the repeal of the consumption and nuisance taxes.

E. L. Keesler, of the Charlotte Mutual Building and Loan association, writes Senator Simmons:

"The present revenue act exempts from income tax the dividends or interest from domestic building and loan association up to $300 per year. Such an increase in the exemption allowed would encourage savings investments in local building and loan associations thereby providing more funds through mortage loans for the erection or purchase of homes. In North Carolina the demand for building and loan money so exceeds the supply that applicants must wait from six to 18 months for loans. The building and loan associations are offering practically the only long time real estate loans available at six per cent interest without brokerage.

"I feel sure that your many constitutents in this section would derive benefit from the passage of the proposed measure and that your support of it would be greatly appreciated."

The first dental college for women in the Philippines has been opened in Manila, with a woman dentist as dean.

SEELY'S HOUSEBOAT FOUND IN HARBOR

Manager of Grove Park Inn and Party of Friends on Boat Which Is Anchored at Florida City.

Asheville, Dec. 23.—(AP)—News dispatches from Miami, Fla., reporting that the houseboat North State, owned by Fred L. Seely, lessee of Grove Park Inn, had been missing for two weeks, were set at rest here this morning when it was ascertained that Mr. Seeley and his family are safe in West Palm Beach.

Has Not Been Missing.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—The North State houseboat belonging to F. H. Seely, manager of the Grove Park Inn., at Asheville, N. C., reported mising at Miami, is anchored in Lake Worth here, having arrived

Miami, Fla., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Apprehension is felt here for persons aboard the houseboat North State, which was today reported missing after departing from Jacksonville two weeks ago.

F. H. Seely, manager of the Grove Park Hotel, Asheville, N. C., and owner of the boat, was on the craft, as well as a captain and crew.

Inquiries along the Florida coast have failed to elicit any information concerning the whereabouts of the craft. The houseboat was en route to Miami, from North Carolina.

The disappearance of the North State follows closely that of the yacht Mirimar, owned by E. M. Statler, hotel magnate, which has been missing since November 30 off the southeastern Atlantic Coast.

Superannuate Ministers Benefit By Duke Fund.

Durham, Dec. 22.—Superannuated ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church, in this state have been sent Christmas checks aggregating $10,000 by Dr. W. P. Few, president of the Duke university here. The money comes from a fund provided for the purpose by the late James B. Duke.

Spencer Shops Begin Christmas Holidays.

Spencer, Dec. 21.—Some two thousand employes of the Southern railway begin a week's holiday today, the shops haveing closed until December 28 with the exception of an emergency force. Numbers of the employes have gone to Florida and other states to spend the week, while still others are visiting relatives in nearby places.

Paris-Basle Express Derailed.

Paris, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Paris-Basle express is reported to have been derailed Noisy-le-Sec, department of the Seine, with some loss of life. One report says it is feared fifty people have been killed.

Mrs. J. C. Fink, who is ill at her home on North Union street, is improved, according to relatives.

State Library

WH... CHRISTMAS FOR DIXIE SEEMS PROBABLE NOW

Snow Flurries Reported at Several Points, With Several Heavy Falls Also Reported.

LOW TEMPERATURES FOR THE SOUTH

Atlanta Was the Most Southern Point Having Snow, Light Fall Covering That City.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dixie today was preparing to spend the kind of Christmas it often reads about, but experiences only about once in a blue moon—a white Christmas. Snow flurries were reported at several points, while one or two told of heavy falls.

A variety of temperatures ranging from 14 degrees at Louisville and 55 degrees at Miami, prevailed. Both these readings were unofficial at 1 o'clock this morning.

Atlanta was believed to be the farthest Southern point having a snowfall. There were slight flurries here today. Snow at Louisville started early yesterday, and ceased in mid-afternoon. Various points in Kentucky reported temperatures early last night of 15 to 18 degrees, and snow falls of one to three inches.

FORECAST FAIR, COLDER WEATHER THIS SECTION

Christmas Day Will Be of Milder Variety, However, Says Weather Man.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Freezing temperatures as far south as northern Texas and Louisiana and central Mississippi and Georgia were reported by the weather bureau tonight following a cold wave borne on the wings of a northwestern high pressure area, which has spread eastward and southward over the plains states, the great central valleys, the lake region and the gulf states.

Mostly fair and colder was the prediction for tomorrow in the Atlantic states and generally over the eastern half of the country. Milder weather for Santa Claus' annual visit, however, was seen tonight in the forecast for rising temperatures in virtually all sections east of the Mississippi river beginning Thursday.

President Opposes Wholesale Pardons at Christmas Time.

Washingon, Dec. 22—While President Coolidge is in sympathy with the custom of giving Christmas pardons, no wholesale clemency for federal prisoners is planned this year.

The department of justice, announcing tonight that the President had pardoned Joseph Gilman, a Hawaiian, effective Christmas day, did not disclose whether other recommendations for Christmas pardons had gone to the white house from Attorney General Sargent, but the statement was made that the number this year would be small.

Gilman was sentenced to two years in McNeil prison for counterfeiting. He was sent to prison last January 10, and normally his sentence, with time off for good behavior, would have expired August 18, 1926.

Flea Powder For Cargo of Foxes.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 22.—A wireless demand by the liner Rotterdam for three pounds of flea powder to be used for the benefit of a cargo of silver foxes brought about a famine here in this necessary drug.

The ship has on board 161 foxes from the United States. They lived in such proximity on the voyage as to require the powder before they could be landed. The whole town of Plymouth had to be searched before the order could be completely filled.

London Rush For Bobs Keeps Men From Chair.

London, Dec. 23.—London is undergoing the most amazing rush for shingles and bobs ever experienced here, due to the desire of the women and girls to be at the peak of their attractiveness for the holidays.

West End hairdressers are overwhelmed, some shops shingling as many as 600 daily, being looked to the limit despite the employment of extra help.

Mere men wishing a haircut are unable to get accommodated in a shop which also serves women.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

Fair and continued cold tonight, slightly warmer in west portion tonight; Thursday fair and warmer. Diminishing northwest winds becoming southerly by Thursday.