

Merry Christmas To One and All

WINTER AND FALL... STAND TRIAL... JUSTICE HAS RULED... Bailey of the Dis... Columbia Su... Court Refuses to... Indictment... PLEAD NOT... GUILTY AT ONCE... Are Charged With... Conspiracy in Conne... With Leasing Tea... Dome Naval Reserve... Dec. 23.—(AP)—Harry... and Albert B. Fall must... for conspiracy in connec... the leasing of the Teapot... oil reserve. Justice Jen... ruled in the District of... Supreme Court today in... quash the indictments... after the ruling the... were arraigned and... guilty... in refusing to quash... ignored the plea that... had wrongfully singled... for unusual prose... through the appointment... of the Senate of special... the case... Justice Bailey made his ru... counsel announced that... be no further appeal and... clients were read to pro... case, which had its in... the famous oil investiga... week was acquitted with... in a conspiracy... the leasing of the Elk... oil reserve, but to... furnished the fact... for the appearance for the... only a slight delay in... decision on a trial date... Roberts who with former... Diermer, of Ohio, is... the proceedings for the... suggested that February... Martin J. Little... for Sinclair, suggested... but after brief discus... Bailey set February 2nd... the trial... Christmas, Says G... Bernard Shaw... Dec. 22.—George Bernard... slightly British drama... was awarded the... for literature for 1925... Christmas should be... The New Leader, Shaw... become an unbearable... the difficulty is to... making the celebration of... original act and com... the shopkeepers who are... by the Christmas trade... means, not to mention all... people who make money... and who do not know that... pocket it all in the... Club Does Not Want Hus... bands... Dec. 22.—Fifty-four wives... husbands are in jail for fail... alimony were offered... the spouses as Christmas... today in municipal court... ten declined with thanks... that Christmas would... without them... of having justice don... heard and dispense way... as Christmas presents... of Municipal Judge Francis... sent invitations to all... appear in his court today... the members of the... "alimony club" to help... rates were marched to... Number of Dry Agents... Va., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A... of 25 per cent, in the... prohibition field agents... and North Carolina was... today by C. G. Merrick... for the two states. The... resolution, Mr. Merrick... decrease in the appropri... enforcement in... and North Carolina. He... to make public the figures on... of field agents left, but... certainly affects the two... equally... Randolph Schiffman Dead... Va., Dec. 23.—(AP)—... Randolph Schiffman, millionai... of an asthma powder, for... St. Paul, Minn., died here... BATHER FORECAST... probably followed by rain... and west portions to... Friday, rising tempera... Fresh east and south...

In the News of the Day



JOHN P. HILL POPE PIUS XI.



ALANSON B. HOUGHTON PRINCE CHRISTOPHER

State control of Prohibition was provided in a bill introduced by Congressman John P. Hill. Pope Pius believes Premier Mussolini, of Italy, is protected by Divine Providence, it was said in Rome. Alanson B. Houghton, Ambassador to England, was guarded on his return to America for a visit because of threats against his life. Prince Christopher, of Greece, younger brother of the late King Constantine, arrived in New York for a visit of America.

LANGLEY GETS FREEDOM.

My First Thought is of Wife, Home and Children, He Says. (By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—My first thought is naturally of home, wife, children and friends. I want to get to them as quickly as I can. These are not the words of a long, lost war veteran, just recovered from shell-shock, and memory returned, nor of a "Rip Van Winkle," just awakening, from a prisoner known throughout the United States when he was given his freedom from penitentiary walls here this week's Christmas gift from Uncle Sam, so to speak. Such was the answer given newspaper reporters' questions when John W. Langley, one time Congressman from his home state of Kentucky, waded out of Atlanta Federal Penitentiary here this week a free man, after having served little less than a year of a two year sentence for alleged violation of the prohibition act. With a smile covering his face, and gratitude to everyone, it seemed, the former congressman from the tenth Kentucky district, walked briskly from the great stone building that had been his "home" for many months, thinking, perhaps, mostly of the hour when he would reach Pikeville and home. The happiness was occasioned when United States Attorney General Sargent had affixed his signature to his parole, previously favorably passed on by the Federal Parole Board, as the result of untiring efforts of his friends. "I am going to spend Christmas with my family," was his word to newspaper men. "I am parolee and anyone else, under the laws and rules of the institution adopted pursuant thereto. My first thought is naturally of home, wife, children and friends. I want to get to them as quickly as I can." "At the proper time and in the proper way, I shall probably have something to say or to write, or both. I am sure it will interest and probably astonish a good many people of this country. For the present, I trust I may be excused with this statement." "That was all. He had nothing further to say to newspaper reporters. What will his future statement reveal? When is the proper time and what the proper way? Also, what will occasion the "astonishment?" These were some of the things that the newspaper reporters wondered and asked. But there was no answer from the former Congressman. He had given them all he intended on his future plans at leaving the prison walls where he had been given the position as editor of "Good Words," the prison paper. The papers from Washington ordering his parole and release, for which prison authorities had to have in hand before turning them over, arrived in the early afternoon. Mr. Langley had already made his preparations for a quick departure. He awaited only arrival of the pa...

M'DERMOTT SEEKS TO FREE HIMSELF OF MURDER CHARGE

Takes Stand in Own Defense and Was Nervous When He Started to Give Testimony.

SAYS HE SOUGHT TO WARN EDITOR

Called at Mellett's Home, He Says, to Warn Him to Stay Away From Garage—Warned Wife.

Court House, Canton, O., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Patrick Eugene McDermott, on trial charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, took the witness stand in his own defense today. McDermott was obviously nervous. His voice was husky and from time to time he swallowed and attempted to clear his throat. McDermott said that he knows Steve Kaschok, the state's chief informer, and went with him to Massillon from Cleveland on January 8th as related by Kaschok on the witness stand. It is on this occasion that the state charges McDermott conferred with Ben Rudner, his co-defendant, about "slugging an editor." McDermott maintained that it was Kaschok and not he who suggested the trip to Massillon. He declared Kaschok told him he was going to "slug an editor." McDermott claimed it was he who called Mellett several nights before the murder to warn him of the plot against him. He said the first time he attempted to give the warning a woman's voice answered and said Mellett was not there so he called later and told Mellett to stay away from his garage because some "enemies were waiting to get him." McDermott denied knowing Ben Rudner, one of his co-defendants. He said he did not meet Rudner in Massillon on July 16th, the alleged "pay off" night. On that occasion, he said, he visited a pool room and a hotel, but saw no one whom he knew. McDermott testified that he did not have a gun at any time while he was in Canton, and that he was in bed shortly after 10:30 on the night of the murder. The defendant admitted he one time sold liquor for Ben Stadel, Cleveland, and said that he was the state to have hidden McDermott for two months after the murder. He denied he became acquainted with Rudner and Nadel when all three were in the Atlanta federal penitentiary. McDermott told his various meetings with William Bitzler, the state's "surprise" witness, during the week preceding the murder. He related his activities from day to day up to the murder night. He said he went to a theatre and remained until 10:30 that night, then he went home to bed. He denied he had a gun in his room as Bitzler had testified. McDermott said the arose about 10 o'clock the morning of July 16th and did not hear about the murder until he went out to breakfast. At this point the defense questioned him about the telegram addressed to "Charles Thompson," which previous witnesses testified McDermott had received. The defendant admitted he got the telegram and left town at 4 o'clock that afternoon. Then McDermott was questioned about automobile trips to Akron and Massillon during which he is alleged to have been in touch with Ben Rudner, his co-defendant. A though he couldn't recall the date, McDermott said he made these trips in company with Homer Connelly and Percy Cavanaugh, his friends, but he did not communicate with Ben Rudner. E. L. Mills, of defense counsel, asked McDermott several questions about his alleged conversations with Prosecutor McClintock after his surrender. The state objected to the questions and was sustained. The questions asked McDermott included queries about alleged offers of "money" and "immunity" to McDermott if he would testify against Rudner and Louis Mazer, indicted jointly with McDermott. New England Textile Mills Will Not Be Moved to South. Ware, Mass., Dec. 22.—Two New England communities received assurance of a merry Christmas today, when the Otis company announced at Boston that the proposed removal of its textile plants in this town, at Greenville, N. H., to the south had been postponed. The decision was reached at a conference between the board of directors and a special committee of stockholders. The company announced that it hoped to continue all its New England plants in operation by putting into effect suggestions for more economical operation, tax reduction and greater co-operation by employees, advanced by the special committee. Condition of Emperor Worse. Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito was officially reported to be somewhat worse in a bulletin issued at 9:30 o'clock tonight. His pulse was irregular and his temperature higher than heretofore. High court officials were called to the bedside indicating a serious turn in his illness. Marriage Licenses were issued yesterday to the following couples: D. R. Bangle, of Gold Hill Route 2, and Miss Wilma Cramer, of Mt. Pleasant Route 3; and Herman A. Misenheimer, and Miss Velma M. Dry, both of Concord Route 2.

What Are We Coming to in This Day of Fast Life?

(By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—"What are we coming to in this day of fast life?" asked the Rev. Charlie Danaway, noted evangelist, in a sermon here recently. And he answered: "It used to be 'wine, women and song.' Now it is 'wood alcohol, trained nurses, and—Nearer My God to Thee.'" The evangelist, speaking to a large congregation that packed the Gospel Tabernacle, immercifully flayed the "fingert-smoking, half-nude—flappers" of today; took a healthy swing at bootleg liquor, sex fiction "that should not be distributed through the mails," and ended with the degrading influence of the modern dance on the youth of America. His subject was appropriate for the occasion: "Whatsoever a Man Soweth, That Shall He Also Reap."

TEMPORARY RECEIVER FOR QUEEN CITY BANK

Charlotte Bank and Trust Closes Its Doors—Slow Assets Given As Cause. Charlotte, Dec. 22.—The Charlotte Bank and Trust company tonight was in the hands of the American Trust company, acting as temporary receiver after the doors of the institution were closed today. This action followed a conference of the bank's directors with John Mitchell, state bank examiner, Tuesday night. The bank was unable to realize on its assets to an extent that would enable it to pay off its creditors in due course of business and the board of directors requested the corporation commission to take charge of its affairs, the bank examiner said in a statement. "During the past four months," the statement continued, "the bank has been subjected to more than normal and unusual withdrawals by its depositors and for the past few days they had become increasingly urgent. During the time referred to the deposit liability of the bank decreased approximately \$100,000." The deposits were listed at \$92,500 and paid in capital was given as \$50,000. Marvin A. Turner was president.

CHARLES BESS KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Automobile in Which He Was Riding Struck by P. & N. Train at Gastonia. Gastonia, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Charles Bess, 21 years old, was killed here at 9 o'clock this morning when his automobile was struck by a passenger train on the Piedmont & Northern railroad as it was coming into Gastonia. A companion, Lee Huffman, was seriously injured. Bess, according to eye witnesses, attempted to cross the track in front of the train at a little-used crossing on the outskirts of the city. Both were textile operatives at the Flint and Groves mills.

SAVED AT SCAFFOLD

Joe Barty Given Three More Weeks to Live—Was Ready to Die. Hamilton, On., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Joe Barty, who was to have been hanged at dawn today, was given a Christmas gift of three more weeks of life just as he was about to mount the scaffold. The hangman had arrived, and Barty had bidden farewell to his children when word was received that a stay until January 12th had been granted. The postponement threw the sheriff's office and the jail into confusion, and the authenticity of the instructions was at first doubted. Ernest Lapointe, federal minister of justice at Ottawa, had refused to exercise clemency. The stay of execution was granted on an appeal to Justice Lennox, of Toronto. Barty was convicted of slaying Mrs. Nancy Cook on July 10th.

Airmen Going to Vera Cruz Next.

Tampico, Mexico, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Vera Cruz, 260 miles down the coast, is the next stop for the American goodwill flyers. The time of their departure is dependent upon weather conditions, but Major H. A. Dargue, U. S. A., commander of the expedition, said he hoped to get away some time today. The five big amphibian planes arrived here from Brownsville, Texas, at 5:30 o'clock last night, after bucking a thirty-mile wind which made difficult their 258-mile flight down the coast.

Early Court School Burned.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fire today burned to the ground the entire plant of Early Court, an exclusive school for girls, with a loss estimated at \$100,000. Five buildings were burned. Nobody was injured. The girls were away for the holidays. Missouri has joined the ranks of States having workmen's compensation laws.

Wales' Pet



Claus of Seale, a twenty-month-old Alsatian dog, was purchased by the Prince of Wales. The south this year will produce 18,000,000 bales of its best sunn field crop. Possibilities of trouble were foreseen long ago in Texas, where 6,000,000 of the bales will come from, and the state growers summoned Mr. Jones to conference. The farm labor office of the employment service is organized for sudden expansions and later collapses. Volunteers and local government employes in 42 states can be affiliated with it for emergency, going on the payroll at \$1 a year to give them authority to function. The organization was expanded with utmost swiftness, and recruiting offices for cotton pickers sprung into activity everywhere. Drafted Outside Help. The Arizona growers, notwithstanding found themselves almost entirely without pickers, and with the aid of the service, two separate ship loads of Porto Ricans were embarked and then shipped across country to the danger spot. Cotton picking is something of a skilled occupation. The trained hand, working on a piece basis, takes down \$8 a day or even more, where the amateur gets a backache as his chief consideration.

COUNTY-WIDE COTTON MEETING TO BE HELD

For the Purpose of Stressing Danger of Planting a Large Crop Next Year. Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—County-wide cotton meetings will be held in 28 of the cotton growing counties of North Carolina between January 4th and 15th. The schedule of dates has just been announced by James M. Gray, assistant director of extension work at State College. District extension agents of the college will take over a large share of the burden of conducting the meetings, but Dean I. O. Schaub, of the extension department, and Dr. E. C. Brooks, State College president, will attend some of the meetings in the large counties. The meetings will be for the purpose of stressing the danger of planting larger cotton acreage next year and to push the campaign for a better balanced system of farming. College representatives will endeavor to show up the present cotton price crisis and at the same time demonstrate advantages of a better balanced system of farming. "Better planning of crop acreages and addition of livestock will make for permanent prosperity in North Carolina," runs the extension workers slogan.

Stamp Licker Has No Fear of Bad Effects.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Regardless of the sanitary question as the licking of postage stamps as it might affect others, the licker has no need to fear harmful effects from the operation. On the contrary, the postoffice department says the gum is really food-stuff material, and they are afraid to make it more palatable by adding flavoring because that might be an incentive for users to remove too much of the adhesive, and thus get the post office people into trouble with an overload of mail to be sent back for postage. The gum used has been so good that many have asked for its composition. It is composed of 88 per cent cassava dextrin, a starch obtained from certain South American plants which is used in making tapioca and cassava bread. Two percent of corn dextrin and about two percent glucose completes the mixture.

NEW TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION BUSY

Understood To Be Considering Applications for Important Steamer Operations. Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The newly organized transportation advisory commission was understood today to be considering applications for important steamer operations between Wilmington and the West Coast. Fertilizer manufacturers of the state also were known to be asking the commission for ships to Germany for potash transportation. Governor McLean has appointed a personnel to the commission comprising twelve members, including J. Allen Taylor, Wilmington; E. K. Bishop, New Bern; James A. Gray, Winston-Salem; William Preyer, of Greensboro; John V. House of Wilson, Fred Kent, of Asheville; J. L. Spenger, of Charlotte and George Marsh, of Raleigh. Under the state law the commission was authorized to advise with the corporation in all matters affecting rail or water rates in the state; to investigate the entire rate structure, interstate and intrastate; and to ascertain if there be any causes of discrimination and to try to work out remedies. The commission was also authorized to investigate closely to see what may be done in co-operation to and from North Carolina ports.

Textile Plants in the County Closed for the Week at Noon Today.

Textile plants in the county closed for the week at noon today, the closing arrangement giving employees an opportunity to complete their shopping this afternoon and tomorrow. Practically all of the plants will resume operations at the usual time Monday morning. All of the mills paid off this morning, it was said.

MOTHER AND BABY KILLED AND MANY OTHERS ARE HURT

An Explosion in Baldwin, N. Y., Wrecked Twelve Buildings—Cause Is Not Yet Determined.

TWO THEORIES ARE SUGGESTED

One Is That Escaping Gas Exploded and Another Is That Still Operating in the House Blew Up.

Baldwin, N. Y., Dec. 23.—(AP)—A terrific explosion of undetermined origin today delaminated twelve one-story buildings on Pipe Line Boulevard, near the Long Island railroad station, causing the death of a mother and her baby, and injuring a number of persons. The police are investigating two theories as to the cause. The first and most generally believed was that gas from an escaping main caught fire and the second that a still in a cellar blew up. Windows in business buildings over a wide area were shattered and the countryside for several miles around was rocked. The buildings caught fire and help from surrounding towns was summoned. The fires were extinguished without further spread.

NEGROES ACQUITTED FOR A SECOND TIME

McCorkle and Withers Again Cleared of Charge of Murdering Davidson Negro. Davidson, Dec. 22.—Kenneth McCorkle and Ed Withers, negroes, for the second time were acquitted today of a charge of murder in connection with the death of Charles Morton, negro barber, whose charred body was found in his barber shop here November 21. The barber shop had been destroyed by fire and it was alleged that the negro barber had met with foul play. The negroes were first acquitted after a hearing before Magistrate S. A. Mangum at Charlotte on December 6. Later new murder warrants were sworn out by the widow of the barber. Witnesses who examined the body of the barber testified that his skull had been crushed. The state attempted to prove that Withers and McCorkle were the last persons seen with Morton on the night of the fire. Defense attorneys contend that the state failed to show a murder had been committed and that no evidence had been introduced to show that the defendants had been with the barber for more than two hours before the fire. Testimony was introduced that another person, whose identity is not known, was in the barber shop with Morton when Withers and McCorkle left.

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American Rescue Worker is Arrested at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Dec. 22.—V. E. Lawson, of Charlotte, an American Rescue Worker, was arrested here today on a warrant sworn out by local Salvation Army officials charged with soliciting alms without permit. Miss Lawson was previously warned to cease her activities. She gave bond and is awaiting in the city the arrival of Major John Hundley, of Charlotte, head of the Rescue Workers in North Carolina, who is expected to fight the arrest. There will be no issue of The Daily Tribune tomorrow and Saturday, following a precedent set several years ago. We are certain our patrons will appreciate our motive in giving two days of rest to the employees of our office who have worked so faithfully and so consistently throughout the year.