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NOT LEAD BUT HUMAN BONES

Druce Coffin Opened Today by Excavators

DOUBLE LIFE EXPLODED

Three-Ton Monument Removed to Prove Contentment That Coffin Under it Contained Lead and Not the Remains of Druce Alias the Fifth Duke of Portland, Results Disastrously for Some of the Claimants to the Estate—Perjury Charge a Leading Feature in Famous Case.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Dec. 30.—The Druce coffin was opened this morning and the excavators found therein the remains of a human body.

This apparently explodes the theory of some of the claimants who contended that Druce and the fifth duke of Portland were one and the same person and that the Druce coffin contained only lead.

The three-ton monument which marks the resting place of the Druce family was removed by a score of workmen who were protected from public observation by a shed which had been erected around the burial plot.

Herbert Druce, the defendant in the now famous case, is charged with committing perjury by swearing that his father, Thomas Charles Druce, of the Baker street bazaar, died December 28, 1864, and that he saw the dead body placed in a coffin and buried in Highgate Cemetery.

FIRST DRY SUNDAY IN NEW ORLEANS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New Orleans, Dec. 30.—New Orleans yesterday experienced its first really "dry" Sunday in many years.

Saloons that have been doing business every day in the year for a decade or more, did not attempt to open their doors, while the police were peculiarly active against the few who did.

FAMOUS RECTOR FOUND AT LAST

Man of Cloth Who Eloped With Young Heiress

BOTH FOUND IN FRISCO

Rev. Jere Knode Cook, Who Abducted Young Floretta Whaley and Left His Wife, While Serving As Rector of a Church at Hempstead, Long Island—Pair Living in a Flat With Young Child Recently Born to Them—Cook Arrested and Will Be Carried to New Jersey.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—Hunted for eight months, Rev. Jere Knode Cook, Yale graduate and former rector of St. George's Church, of Hempstead, L. I., who created one of the sensations of the year by deserting his wife and eloping with Floretta Whaley, a 17-year-old heiress, was located with the young girl yesterday in a flat at No. 119 Green street, in this city.

During the eight months since his disappearance, while the police of the country have been endeavoring to find him, Cook has been living quietly in Los Angeles and San Francisco, working as a painter and decorator, and when circumstances were against him, doing the hardest kind of labor to eke out an existence for himself and the girl.

A child has been born to them and the two have stood by one another, hungry, hunted, but apparently happy.

GREAT STORM AT LOUISBURG AT NOON TODAY

(So. Ben Tel. Co.) Louisville, N. C., Dec. 30.—A violent storm visited this town and section today (Monday), at noon, lasting nearly 15 minutes, and blowing down a half-dozen houses and several out-houses.

One house, owned by Mr. E. A. Kemp, was blown down and his young son, E. A. Kemp, Jr., was badly hurt by falling timbers.

HOW NOTED CHRISTMAS JOLLIFER ESCAPED THE LAW'S PENALTY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—The case against Newton Booth Tarkington, author and playwright and politician, arrested on Christmas morning on a charge of resisting an officer, has been dropped.

They Say He Was Fine. (By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Dec. 30.—John Powell, of Richmond, Va., gave a piano recital here yesterday. It was his first appearance in this city.

Portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Thaw and Sketch of Thaw's Room.



ROBBERS LOOT SAFE AND KILL TEL. OPERATOR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Robbers early this morning broke into the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station at Clarksburg, 25 miles south of this place and after robbing the safe, murdered the telegraph operator, Edward Hutchinson, aged 29.

TAGGART WINS FIGHT; OTHER SIDE WOULD BOLT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—The result of the democratic convention in Indiana Saturday gives National Chairman Taggart control of the state committee again.

Federal Court at Wilmington. Federal court will convene in Wilmington Monday, January 6, Judge Thomas R. Purnell, of this city, presiding.

THAW'S CASE IS COMPLETE; TRIAL MONDAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 30.—The case for the defence of Harry Kendall Thaw which will be presented to the jury at his second trial for the murder of Stanford White next Monday, was completed today by his chief counsel, Martin W. Littleton, and the latter's associates.



POLICE CHIEF ARRESTED AS BLIND TIGER

(Special to The Evening Times.) Littleton, N. C., Dec. 30.—L. C. Newsom, chief of police for the prohibition town of Littleton, was today arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Gibson and tried at noon before United States Commissioner T. N. Harrison.

EXTRA SESSION OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Reno, Nev., Dec. 30.—A special session of the Nevada legislature will be called today by Governor John Sparks.

MORE ABOUT THE NAVAL TROUBLE

Rear Admiral Goodrich Admits Charges

ADMISSIONS GUARDED ON POLITICAL MISSION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 30.—The charges that there are glaring weaknesses in the discipline and equipment of the United States navy, as recently made in a magazine article, were admitted to be true by Rear Admiral C. E. Goodrich, commander of the New York navy yard, who stopped off in Chicago on his way to San Diego, Cal., where he will direct the unveiling of a monument erected in memory of the sixty men killed in the explosion aboard the small cruiser Bennington in 1905.

Admiral Goodrich was necessarily guarded in his utterances because of the restrictions on the speech of naval officers in matters of the kind.

"I have heard a lot about the charges made in the article," he said. "I will say this much—that Reuter-dahl knew what he was talking about. There is little in the article that isn't true.

"Were the opinions solicited before or after the publication of the criticisms?" was asked.

"I am pretty sure it was before. Yes, several weeks ago, and I feel sure that a number of other officers—I didn't see the letters, but I have reason to believe they did—reported the same criticisms back to the department. The secretary sent us letters soliciting suggestions."

"The critic declared the vessels are built too low and the shell-proof armor belt is below the water line on practically all the fighting ships," was suggested.

"Yes; that is true," replied the admiral.

"Well, is that due to any fault of the navy officials or to the contractors who constructed the vessels?"

"Now that's getting too deep, for I cannot answer that question. I tell you, my boy, nothing would please me more than to answer all those questions just to raise the safety valve long enough to let off steam—but I can't do it."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—Tuesday, December 31, 10 o'clock p. m. will witness the closing for the last time of all the bar-rooms in Atlanta and the same night marks the doom of the saloon throughout Georgia.

SECT'Y TAFT IN BOSTON TODAY

Speaks Tonight Before Merchants' Association

ON POLITICAL MISSION

This Afternoon He is Holding "A Grand Reception" at the Hotel Somerset—Expected to Say Something Important in His Speech Tonight—Will "Reveal His Position"—The Morning Program as Carried Out—Notes and Incidents of the Day.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Secretary of War Taft arrived in Boston at the Back Bay station this morning at 7:15.

The secretary left Washington yesterday afternoon.

That Secretary Taft's visit to Boston is directly or indirectly for the object of getting second call on the Massachusetts delegates with other New Englanders who did not happen to have a first choice in the tenor of a dispatch from Washington.

While Mr. Taft will make his principal speech before the Merchants' Association tonight quite an extensive program has been mapped out for him during the day.

At 10:30 in the forenoon he was driven to the Pilgrim Hall where he addressed a meeting of Congressional ministers. After luncheon he will attend a reception at the Elysium Club, Huntington avenue, at 4 o'clock.

He will hold a grand reception in the east room of the Hotel Somerset to be followed by the dinner of the Merchants' Association at 6 o'clock sharp.

The speeches before the ministers' meeting and the Elysium Club were not put in writing.

At the Merchants' Association dinner it is expected the secretary will reveal his position.

The secretary will return to Washington from Boston and finish his reports to congress and will be busy before the house and senate military committees.

The sessions of the committees will be of special importance because of the efforts to be made by the war authorities to get large amounts of money for the coast defenses for the Philippines.

ATLANTA BARS WILL ALL CLOSE UP TOMORROW

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(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Evansville, Ind., Dec. 30.—Porter J. Johnson, assistant secretary of the Evansville Y. M. C. A., was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by Major A. C. Rosencrans, a director, charging him with embezzling \$400 of the association's fund.

Johnson is from Norfolk, Va. He came here as a tramp and professed to be converted at a men's meeting. Secretary Mogge took pity on him and gave him a job. Johnson confessed to having spent the money on women.