

TWO MEXICANS ARE ARRESTED

Charged With Conspiring to Start Military Expedition Against Mexico from the United States

San Antonio, Dec. 22.—Francisco Gomez and Leon Taural, prominent Mexicans, were arrested here today charged with conspiring to start a military expedition against Mexico from the United States.

PARKER-GURKIN

Jesse R. Parker and Miss Thelma Gurkin, both of Poplar Branch, were married Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock by Dr. George W. Clarke, at his residence on East Burgess street. The couple were accompanied to this city by J. O. Meggs, of Poplar Branch.

MANY ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 22.—Two hundred men and five women have been arrested by the police in the roundup against the crime wave here.

Says Babies are Sold in Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City, Dec. 22.—Declaring that hundreds of babies are sold every year in Salt Lake City, the judge today recommended to the governor legislation to prevent this traffic.

WILL FIGHT TONIGHT

New York, Dec. 22.—Pete Herman, the world's bantamweight champion, defends the title tonight with Joe Lynch in 15 rounds.

PRESENTED SILVER CUP

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 22.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, the world's champion heavyweight wrestler, was today given a home coming reception and presented a silver cup.

Is Pleased With Progress of Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 22.—Secretary Colby declared today that he had come to convey the expression of American admiration over the remarkable progress of Brazil.

PRICES GOING DOWN IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 22.—There has been a well defined movement downward in the prices of a number of commodities in France since last March. Whether, like the last decline in prices, it will prove merely transitory and be followed by a reaction, sending prices soaring again, remains to be seen.

Coffee is one of the latest commodities to decrease in the wholesale price. The decline, however, cannot be noticed at all in retail sales. Ordinary red wine now sells for 1.30 francs a litre, or about a quart. This is the "vin rouge ordinaire" which American soldiers used to buy at two francs per litre.

Sugar which sold as high as 5.50 francs a kilo now can be obtained at 3.75. The vice president of the French Grocers' Union explains that the fall is due to the decrease in the price of sugar in America and the report that Cuban wholesalers are prepared to export 200,000 tons to Europe.

Shoes also went down following a marked decrease in the price of raw hides. Raw cotton, wool and silks are among the articles, price of which has dropped.

There are, however, many commodities which have not materially decreased in price, such as eggs, milk, bread and meat.

SCOUTS HAVE TREE

Troop Five, Boy Scouts, enjoyed a Christmas tree at their headquarters Monday night. There were appropriate talks by Scoutmasters Pendleton, Cochran and Pugh, and gifts for everybody. The room was gaily decorated. Flags were presented to each patrol and a troop flag was presented to the troop from the Scoutmasters. This was the liveliest program the troop has ever had. The scouts are very proud of their flag, their leaders and their troop.

Nearly Hundred Dollars Needed

About \$90 is now needed to reach the thousand dollar mark for the Child Feeding Fund. Contributions should be sent at once to Mrs. G. R. Little.

Following is the list of contributions to date:

E. C. Graded Schools	\$111.35
Mrs. C. W. Belangia	2.00
Mrs. W. C. Glover	5.00
Miss C. Albertson	1.00
Prasbyterian S. S.	6.38
Mrs. Cassie Morrisette	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Melick	1.00
Miss Mae Selden	1.00
Miss M. Albertson	1.00
Tel. and Tel. Co.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Grice	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Weatherly	3.00
Mrs. A. R. Moore	1.00
W. T. Jackson	1.00
F. M. Grice, Sr.	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Zoeller	1.00
Mrs. Almira Whitehurst	1.00
Donated	1.00
Donated	1.00
Mrs. L. W. Perry	1.00
Mrs. T. B. Wilson	1.00
George Brothers	1.00
Mrs. T. J. Markham	5.00
James G. Hollowell	5.00
Dr. R. L. Kendrick	5.00
Mrs. R. L. Kendrick	5.00
McCabe Grice	5.00
Mrs. J. T. McCabe	5.00
Warren Jenette	1.00
L. E. Old	2.50
W. S. White	.50
Quinn Furniture Store	5.00
Doris Sealey	1.00
Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus	10.00
M. G. Morrisett	5.00
M. P. Gallop	10.00
E. F. Aydtlett, Jr.	2.50
Sharber & White	10.00
C. H. Robinson	\$50.00
M. L. Sheep	\$5.00
Robert Lewis	\$1.00
Cecil Garrett	\$1.00
C. C. Bell	50c.
St. Catherine's Guild	10.00
Mrs. Cathie Dean	1.00
J. G. Peering	2.00
Miss Neva Owens	1.00
Mrs. C. W. Hollowell, Sr.	5.00
Frank Bell	1.00
Mrs. J. R. Barrett	2.00
Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Willis	10.00
J. E. Moran	2.00
Donated	1.00
Mrs. Florence E. Jones	1.00
Mrs. P. W. Melick	3.00
Geo. Beveridge	5.00
Rev. John H. Hall	\$10.00
N. G. Grandy Co.	25.00
S. M. S. Rollinson	2.50
J. P. Kramer	10.00
J. C. Sawyer	8.00
Donated	6.00
R. N. Davis	1.00
P. G. Sawyer	2.00
Mrs. C. O. Robinson	10.63
Miss Susan Charles Grice	5.00
Elks	30.00
Miss Nell Pappendick	1.00
Sarah Elsie Williams	1.00
Mrs. John H. Banks	2.00
Mrs. S. L. Sheep	1.00
Mrs. J. Q. Wood	5.00
Mrs. G. F. Derriekson	10.00
C. W. Hollowell	2.00
Cash	1.00
R. B. Sheely	2.00
Mrs. Clay Foreman	10.00
Mrs. W. C. Morrisette	1.00
Mrs. O. P. Gilbert	5.00
Mrs. Ethel Lamb	5.00
J. B. Leigh	5.00
Mrs. Hattie Harney	1.00
Dr. Pendleton	10.00
H. B. Ledberry	1.00
R. A. Garrett	.50
Gilbert James	1.00
E. M. Stevens	2.50
Buxton White	5.00
R. B. Martin	5.00
H. S. Overman	2.00
John G. Plinner	1.00
Newbern Produce Co.	5.00
Norman Whitehurst	2.50
W. A. Holmes	5.00
M. B. Simpson	1.00
Miss Margaret Hollowell	5.00
Mrs. T. P. Nash	5.00
Miss Minnie Nash	5.00
Fred Peering	1.00
B. M. S. Berean Class No. 1	25.00
Mrs. E. O. Hooper	2.00
Mrs. D. M. Pugh	1.00
Donated	5.00
Dr. L. S. Blades	40.00
Mrs. P. G. Sawyer	10.00
Mrs. T. G. Skinner	10.00
Margaret Wells	1.00
George Little, Jr.	1.00
Helen Little	1.00
Mrs. John Kramer	5.00
Edward Griffin, Jr.	1.00
Francis Jaccoks	1.00
Sarah Dillon Walker	1.00
Mrs. Walter L. Small	5.00
Walter L. Small	5.00
Joe Winslow	1.00
Talmadge Miller	1.00
Hubert Toxey	1.00
Elwood Weatherly	2.00
D. R. Morgan Co.	10.00
Dr. Julian Sellg	2.50
Mrs. H. C. Bright	5.00
W. P. Wood	5.00
W. C. Overman	5.00

The "Y" Needs Help

The Y. M. C. A. is the only undenominational Christian institution in the city and yet it has failed to receive the necessary support for its upkeep. This institution offers the only safe playhouse for the children of this community, as well as the grown-ups, and now it seems that the "Y" must close because of lack of funds.

Will you be one of a hundred to mail in a small check for \$10.00? Someone should make the start. Others will follow. Those unable to give this amount will be allowed the privilege of buying a tag on TAG DAY, which will be on Friday, Xmas Eve. Buy liberally from everyone. Help this deserving cause along. Nothing short of liberal financial help will prevent the "Y" from being closed to the young manhood of this city, thus denying them the advantages of a good physical development.

FOUR KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Scranton, Dec. 22.—Four men were killed here today in an explosion in the Dupont Powder Plant here.

TOURNAMENT AT TOLEDO

Toledo, Dec. 22.—The Elks National bowling tournament will be held here in February.

CHAMPION HAS NEURITIS

Omaha, Dec. 22.—Joe Stecher, former heavyweight wrestling champion, is at a hotel here suffering with neuritis in the neck and left arm.

PREMIERS TO CONFER

Paris, Dec. 22.—A conference of the premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy will be held at Nice or Cannes beginning December 23, to discuss the possible revision of the peace treaty with Turkey.

HUNDREDS KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

London, Dec. 22.—Several hundred persons are reported killed or injured in a railway accident near Petrograd due to overcrowding the train. Details are lacking.

NEGROES INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 22.—The negro population of Jacksonville was announced by the census bureau today as 41,479, an increase of 12,186.

COMMITTEE ADJOURNS

Washington, Dec. 22.—The House ways and means committee adjourned today until January 6, when it will consider a general revision of the tariff.

Mrs. Geo. M. Scott	10.00
Ed F. Spencer	2.50
Miss Mattie Parker	1.00
Rosalie Wood	1.00
Dr. S. W. Gregory	5.00
W. Ben Goodwin	2.00
N. H. Smith	10.00
Mrs. C. H. Robinson	10.00
G. R. Little	5.00
Mrs. W. J. Lumsden	10.00
Mrs. W. P. Skinner	5.00
W. P. Skinner	5.00
John Sawyer	1.00
Dr. W. W. Sawyer	50.00
S. B. Parker	10.00
Donated	1.00
Mrs. S. P. Garley	1.00
F. K. Kramer	50.00
Mrs. G. W. Ward	5.00
Ladies Guild, Christ Church	10.00
J. W. Modlin's Class, Blackwell Memorial S. S.	10.00

SAYS NO PROGRESS WITHOUT AMERICA

Lloyd George Looks Forward Hopefully to United States Entering the League, He Declares Today

London, Dec. 22.—Lloyd George, speaking at a luncheon in the House of Commons today for the British and Dominion delegates to the League of Nations Assembly, declared that the League could never achieve real progress until all the nations were represented.

He said he looked forward hopefully to the United States entering the League, which was essential.

MITCHELL'S OPEN EVENINGS

Until after Xmas Mitchell's will be open evenings. Special prices will mark some selling event on Thursday and Friday of this week. See adv. on back page.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENT

There will be a Christmas entertainment at Parsonage Street Chapel Thursday night, December 23, beginning at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

NO CALLERS TODAY

Marion, O., Dec. 22.—Harding expected no callers today, but Taft is scheduled for a conference before the holidays.

PERSONALS

Miss Virginia Flora is at home for the holidays from Germantown, Pa.

Misses Frances and Helen Williams and Mabel Bright are at home for the holidays from Randolph-Macon.

Lloyd Perry has returned from Bedford City, where he has been attending Randolph-Macon.

M. D. Burgess, of Old Trap, was in the city Tuesday.

C. E. Wise and George Hooper, of Stumpy Point, were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Effie Sawyer, of Belcross, who is at home for the holidays from Meredith College, was in the city Tuesday.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

See our \$18.00 Elgin Watches. Guaranteed 20 years. H. C. Bright Co.

BAND CONCERT ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

There will be a band concert Christmas night at eight o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. under the direction of D. F. Godfrey.

Following is the program:

Overture with trombone solo from Opera II Trovatore, By Edwin F. Aydtlett, Jr.	Selected
Vocal solo	Selected
Mrs. George Bell	Selected
Intermezzo	Selected
"Betsy" By Ziegler's Band	Selected
Vocal solo	Selected
By Miss Jessie Williams	Selected
Hawaiian music	Selected
Wilborne Harrell and O. Rollinson	Selected
Cornet solo	Selected
Carnival de Venice By D. F. Godfrey	Selected
Band	Selected
By Zeigler's Band	Selected
Violin solo	Selected
By U. G. Davis	Selected
Alto solo	Selected
Swanee River By Master Davis	Selected
Hawaiian music	Selected
Wilborne Harrell and O. Rollinson	Selected
Melophone solo	Selected
By Master T. Williams	Selected
Concert waltz	Selected
Farheel By Zeigler's Band	Selected
National Air.	Selected

Hope To Control Western Floods

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 21.—Control of floods throughout the southeastern section of the United States is the tentative plan of the South-eastern Water Resources office of the United States Geological Survey, with headquarters here.

The idea is to temporarily dam waters originating in the Western North Carolina mountains during periods of excessive rain. Huge basins would be built in mountain crevices, into which flood waters could be turned and stored until high waters of streams lower down had subsided. Streams whose sources are in this section form rivers in Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia.

Will Photograph Criminals' Skulls

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Michigan State Penitentiary here has set what is said to be an innovation in prison management by the purchase of an X-ray machine with which to photograph the skulls of inmates and determine if surgical operations might cure the patients of criminal tendencies. This work has just been undertaken at the prison.

When it is found that a part of the skull is pressing on the brain an operation is to be performed in the prison hospital by Detroit surgeons who have volunteered to co-operate. If the operation is believed to have cured the prisoner, the judge who sentenced him will be asked by Warden Harry L. Hulbert, of the prison, to bring about his release. A number of judges in the state have agreed to accede to any such request made by the warden, he announces.

RE-OPEN IN JANUARY

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 22.—The Interwoven Mills today announced a 20 per cent wage reduction and the re-opening of their plant in January.

BROKERAGE FIRM FAILS

New York, Dec. 22.—The failure of the brokerage firm of Foster & Lounsbury was announced today in the stock exchange.

AT ALKRAMA THURSDAY

Plans that go wrong are the cause of nearly all the trouble in the world. No sane person ever plans trouble for himself, yet everyone is constantly planning ahead, and trouble develops, therefore it must be that most plans go wrong for trouble is one of the commonest things in the world.

It is experienced so often that the most nerve racking troubles are usually humorous to bystanders, and many times cause good laughs to the people involved after they are over. It would seem that people could get a source of comfort out of predicaments they are in by realizing the humor of the situation, but it is very seldom there is any humor to be seen until they are safely out.

The secret bride has seen them taken to the hotel. The girl is pretty. But why attempt to describe the complications that ensue when Marshall Nellian has depicted them with all their humor in a motion picture production entitled "Don't Ever Marry," which will be the attraction at the Alkrama Theater tomorrow.

ITALIAN FORCES BLOCKADE FIUME

Both By Land and By Sea and Fighting With D'Annunzio's Forces Is Expected Momentarily

London, Dec. 22.—The Italian government forces are blockading Fiume by land and sea, and fighting with D'Annunzio's forces is expected momentarily.

Federal Banks Helped Farmers

Washington, Dec. 22.—Nearly two billions of dollars worth of paper on production and sales of farm products has been rediscounted by the Federal Reserve banks this year, Governor Harding, of the Federal Board, estimates in his special report to the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

WILSON PLANS TO PLAY HIS PART

Health Greatly Improved, He Expects to Do the Usual Honors of Retiring President On Inauguration Day

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the capitol on March the fourth and back again to the White House for luncheon as is the usual custom.

Wilson will retire to his new home on S Street and resume the life of a private citizen after eight years in the White House.

The President's health is improved and he is in good spirits. It is expected that Wilson will write a history of the world war.

Couldn't Turn The Other Cheek

When George Pool, of Nixonton, former mail carrier and post office employe here, passed the Apothecary Shop corner Tuesday evening he got such a surprising knockout blow on the left cheek that he was utterly unable to "turn the other."

As a result of all this excitement, A. Twiford, formerly of Dare County, was fined \$50 and costs in police court Wednesday morning for assault and \$5 and costs for drunkenness. Twiford got out on the corner and remarked that he would knock out the next "son of a gun" who dared to come by him, and it just happened that the person should be George Pool, entirely innocent of what was going on around there, and about the most inoffensive person that Twiford could have selected for his exhibit.

Arthur Creaf was also fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness Wednesday.

Linwood Bryant, colored, was put under a \$100 bond for his appearance at Superior Court to answer to the charge of receiving stolen goods from Eugene Newbold, who did a thriving business on the side while employed by D. Walter Harris and made his getaway about the time discovery of his plans was made.

BILL REPORTED OUT

Washington, Dec. 22.—Carrying \$14,000,000 less than the appropriation last year, the annual pension bill was reported out of the House committee today. It totals \$265,500,000.

ALL BIDS REJECTED

Washington, Dec. 22.—All bids for furnishing bunked coal for merchant ships for Atlantic and Gulf ports were today rejected by the shipping board.

RIOT IN PETROGRAD

London, Dec. 22.—Press dispatches say that a labor riot in Petrograd today caused the execution of 105 laborers.

BITTER FIGHT FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 22.—A bitter fight is forecast, when the House today took up the Emergency Tariff bill in the effort to dispose of the bill before adjournment.

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