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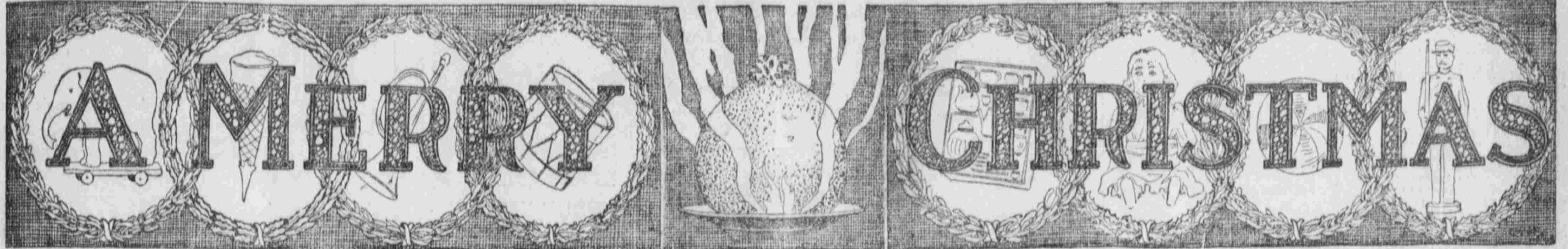
UTAH EVENING NEWS

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1904. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

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FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR.



VICE ADMIRAL TOGO WITHDRAWS FLEET.

Destruction of Russian Ships in Harbor of Port Arthur Made It Possible.

JAPANESE LOSSES ARE LARGE.

Capture of 203-Meter Hill Placed the Enemy's Squadron at Their Mercy.

GIVES EMPERER CREDIT FOR ALL.

But Deems It His Duty to Especially Mention Valuable Services Rendered By Officers and Men.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo announces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo, telegraphing under date of Dec. 23, says:

"After 203-meter hill was occupied as the result of a gallant and desperate attack by the besieging army the bombardment of the enemy's squadron by siege and other heavy guns became effective. In consequence the battleships Potemkin and Retevian were destroyed and the battleships Pobeda and Peresvet, the protected cruiser Pallada and the armored cruiser Bayan were sunk.

The battleship Sevastopol escaped the land bombardment, left the harbor, Dec. 3, and anchored near Chantao mountain. She was attacked there continuously by our torpedo boats and heavily damaged. The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only the weak gunboat, the Oivassyl and several torpedo boat destroyers remain afloat. Under the circumstances our combined fleet has been removed as unnecessary from the blockade of Port Arthur, which has been maintained since May 1. I have arranged for a closer watch for ships attempting to run the blockade and to watch the remainder of the enemy's squadron.

"During the blockade we suffered from the enemy's mines, both laid and floating on the high seas, and from dense fogs. The cruisers Miyako, Salyon and Yoshino, Batake, battleships Potemkin and Retevian, and the armored cruiser Pallada, and the armored cruiser Bayan were sunk and many gallant and loyal officers and men were killed, but we succeeded in maintaining the blockade. When the enemy emerged from the harbor our fleet successfully engaged him and finally with the valuable support of the besieging army, succeeded in crushing nearly all the enemy's squadron. Our second squadron so heavily damaged the Vladivostok squadron that it has since been unable to leave port.

"All the success is gratefully attributed to the brilliant virtue of our emperor. During the blockade all the ships under my command splendidly accomplished the work and duty assigned to them. Especially to be noted are some of those who are engaged in the difficult and risky task of blockading or who tirelessly accomplished the work of laying mines in the presence of the enemy, others who braved all dangers were engaged in the work of clearing mines away, and others still who were posted to watch the enemy and guard against the enemy's ships. Their combined work strongly contributed to the accomplishment of the blockade. I deem it my duty to especially mention my recognition of the valuable services rendered by officers and men."

EMPEROR APPRECIATES WORK.

Tokio, Dec. 24, 10:15 a. m.—An Imperial rescript dispatched to Vice Admiral Togo says:

"We hear with great satisfaction that our torpedo flotillas engaged in the work required of them at Port Arthur have gallantly and successfully accomplished the duties required of them and in so doing had to brave the dangers of storms and shells by day and night.

"Despite all the difficulties confronting them they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion, rendering one another mutual assistance.

"We especially note their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

Wage Dispute Arbitrated.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Arbitration has been employed successfully to settle wage scale differences between office buildings managers and 300 stationary employees employed in 150 down town office blocks. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, acting as umpire in the dispute, fixed the pay of firemen for the coming year at the same figure in effect last year. The employees had applied for an increase, while the building managers decided on a decrease.

CASES AGAINST MOYER.

Those Arising in Teller Co. Have Been Transferred to Douglas Co.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 24.—The Teller county cases against Charles H. Moyer and other officers of the Western Federation of Miners, growing out of the strike troubles in Cripple Creek have been transferred to Douglas county for trial.

TRIAL, BY ORDER OF JUDGE CUNNINGHAM, before whom a motion for a change of venue was argued in chambers here. The reason for the action of the judge is that he believes a fair trial could not be had in Teller county. Judge Cunningham's decision covers all cases growing out of the industrial strike, and in which motions for a change of venue have been filed. In answer to the contention of Atty. Crump for the prosecution that the application for a change of venue came too late, the court says there is no doubt whatever that it was made before any plea of guilty had been entered, and that therefore it came in time. In passing judgment, the court reviews the labor troubles in the Cripple Creek district at considerable length.

THEIR OBJECT WAS TO OVERTHROW THE REPUBLIC.

RIO JANEIRO RIOTS.

New York, Dec. 24.—The chief of police has handed to the government the result of his investigation of the recent disturbances, cables the Rio Janeiro, Brazil, correspondent of the Herald. He says the object was to overthrow the republic. It was proposed, according to the report, that Senator Lauro Sodre should be dictator until the reestablishment of order by a council of war. The supreme court has denied the habeas corpus presented in favor of Sodre and the deputies Varela, Barosa and Lima.

NEWPORT FOUNDRY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Another attempt was made during the night to blow up the Newport Foundry & Machine company's plant at Newport, Ky. The entire building was shaken by a terrific explosion of dynamite. The dynamite was dropped near a fence and consequently no damage was done. The explosion was heard all over the city.

DR. J. D. TODD CONVICTED.

Shot and Killed R. T. Wall at Richards, Mo.

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. D. Todd, a practicing physician and a former member of the state legislature, who shot and killed R. T. Wall at Richards, Mo., in May last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury here today and his punishment fixed at 12 years in the state penitentiary. Todd is being held for long time. He has existed between the two women for 20 years. Wall was a wealthy farmer.

DROUTH BROKEN.

Great Rain Storm at Cincinnati Gives Relief.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The rain which finally broke the four months' drouth in this section continued to fall today, coming down early during the morning. Rain was also reported both down and up the river. Points as far up as Oil City, Pa., reported good rains. Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—The drouth was broken last night by continued rains. All the dry reservoirs, wells and cisterns in this section are filling, and the water companies announce that they will turn on a supply of water for domestic consumers today.

KING OF SPAIN.

Has a Narrow Escape in a Motor Car Accident.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—King Alfonso had a narrow escape while riding in a motor car on the Prado yesterday evening. A wheel of the car, which he was driving personally, suddenly broke and the car overturned, but the king escaped unhurt. King Alfonso is an exceptionally daring driver, and his motor car exploits are a constant source of anxiety to the queen mother and the ministers. He has played a motor car for long time, generally acting as his own chauffeur. Recently he announced his intention of making unaided driving a hobby throughout his reign, and the king had several narrow escapes.

Pope Receives Cardinals.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The cardinals were received today by the pope and offered their Christmas greetings. The pope and cardinals conversed familiarly with them for half an hour, avoiding any allusion to politics.

Speaking to Cardinal Gottfr. prefect of the propaganda, the pope said he desired to give greater impulse to the missions in Canada.

Landed Their Passengers.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The White Star line steamer Oceanic from New York, Dec. 19, which had been foundered off the Mersey bar for three days, and the Cunard line steamer Acadia, from Boston, Dec. 12, which had been foundered off the coast of Ireland, landed their passengers this morning.

Charles F. Dodge Returns.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charles F. Dodge, who is charged with perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce tangle, arrived here tonight on the steamship Lampoon from Galveston and was taken at once to police headquarters, where he is in conference with Dist. Atty. Jerome.

Dodge is accused of having committed perjury in swearing that he had never been served with summons in the suit by which his wife, now Mrs. Charles W. Morse, obtained a divorce, and he was brought here as a result of the decision handed down by the United States supreme court which refused to sustain his appeal from the decision of the Texas courts ordering him to this city.

JAPS STORM AND CAPTURE HEIGHTS.

They Now Occupy Those East of Houyangshukou Near Port Arthur.

BOMBARDED WITH HEAVY GUNS.

So Successful that Right Wing at Dawn, Dec. 23, Attacked and Captured Ridge.

LOSS WILL BE \$2,500,000.

Three Hotels Burned—All the Guests Escaped—Hard to Keep Fire Under Control.

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Capt. Sam Harris and Four South Sea Islanders Have an Experience.

ROWED FOR TWO HUNDRED MILES.

Momentarily Expected to be Upset by Monsters of the Deep, but Were Finally Saved.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A voyage of 200 miles by oar, almost destitute of provisions and water, and pursued by a horde of giant sharks, that threatened momentarily day and night to capsize the craft and devour its occupants, was the experience of Capt. Sam Harris and four South Sea Islanders, who composed the crew of the little trading schooner Victor, wrecked on Apa Taki island on Nov. 30. Apa Taki is 200 miles from Papeete, the port of Tahiti.

This is a tale of the sea brought here by the liner Mariposa, just arrived, which left Papeete on the day Capt. Sam Harris and his men landed there, emaciated and nearly crazed but still alive. When the Victor ended her career by striking the reef, the shipwrecked crew had barely time to put off in the boat for their long voyage made without a compass and no sail, with one day's provisions on board and half a dozen coconuts. The milk from the latter was all they had to drink during the 11 days it took to reach Papeete. The passage was enlivened by a constant combat with the sharks. In verification of their story oars were shown splintered and worn repelling the attacks of the ferocious fish. With this interest, the Victor was a trader among the Friendly and Society Islands.

LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS.

It Will be Held in This City on Saturday January 7 at 7:30 p. m.

Secy. Allen T. Sanford of the Republican state committee has just completed mailing to the members of the legislature, circular letters advising them of a legislative caucus to be held Saturday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p. m., in the house chamber at the city and county building, said meeting being for the purpose of agreeing upon candidates for the different offices in the senate and lower house.

As hitherto announced in these columns, Hon. Thomas Hill is the foremost name in the race for speaker of the senate and his election is practically conceded, as no others are prominently mentioned in this connection. If Mr. Hill is successful, the presidency of the senate will likely go to an outside county, and in all probability Horace W. Wade will be the choice. Should the speakership honors fall upon someone outside of Salt Lake then, it is asserted, Hon. Stephen L. Love will stand a good chance of being the presiding officer of the upper house.

For secretary and clerk of the senate and house respectively, there is a lively scramble, but as yet the field is open as no one candidate seems to have much of a lead over the others.

The Legislature will convene Jan. 9 at 12 o'clock noon, when the work of organizing the session will begin. The first vote on a United States senator to succeed Senator Thomas Kearns will be taken on Jan. 17.

A. C. IVINS DEAD.

Passed Away at the Holy Cross Hospital and Will be Buried Tuesday.

A. C. Ivins, brother of Ed Ivins, a former well known Salt Lake newspaperman, and now connected with the Record-Herald of Helena, Mont., died yesterday at the Holy Cross hospital from pneumonia. The deceased has been in a poor condition physically for a long time, and when attacked by pneumonia was an easy victim of its ravages. The news of his demise was telegraphed to his brother at Helena, who immediately wired back asking John Hughes, editor and proprietor of Truth, to look after the obsequies.

Mr. Hughes has made arrangements for the funeral which will take place on Tuesday afternoon next at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Interment will be in Ivins' burial plot in the city cemetery.

BLACKFOOT FIRM FAILS.

H. Gessas & Co. Have Liabilities of \$50,000.

(Special to the "News.") Blackfoot, Ida., Dec. 24.—H. Gessas & Co., general merchandise, Blackfoot and St. Anthony, Idaho, formerly of Rock Springs, and Kemmerer, Wyoming, failed. Liabilities \$50,000, due to eastern and local creditors.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

"Babe" Curtin Alleged to Have Killed An Oakland Policeman.

With a charge of murder looked against him, "Babe" Curtin, well known to the local police, is now confined in the jail at Oakland, Cal. The crime which he is charged with is the murder of a mounted officer George W. Brown at Oakland on the night of Dec. 11. The officer caught Curtin and a pal in the act of burglarizing a residence on Telegraph avenue when Curtin shot and killed the officer.

Curtin is suspected of having shot Rob-

STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICERS GUARD HIM.

Charles F. Dodge a Prisoner in The Broadway, New York, Central Hotel.

HE IS CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

In Declaring Service Had Not Been Made on Him in Divorce Suit.

HIS FIGHT NOT YET FINISHED.

Said to Have Made a Full Confession—District Attorney Jerome Has a Conference With Him.

New York, Dec. 24.—There was a very unexpected turn to the case of perjury against Charles F. Dodge, who was brought to this city from Texas yesterday when he was released on his own recognizance after arraignment before Judge Cowing, in the court of general sessions today. Dodge was accused of committing perjury in testifying that service was not made upon him in the suit by which divorce was secured from him by his former wife who subsequently married Charles W. Morse, the banker and promoter. After Dodge's testimony, now alleged to have been perjured, his former wife secured a divorce from Mr. Morse. Dodge resisted when an attempt was made to bring him from Texas, but on his arrival in this city is said to have made a confession in a midnight talk with the local authorities.

Judge Cowing said after releasing Dodge that he could not make public his reasons for doing so at this time. Dodge was released upon the recommendation of District Atty. Jerome, who said that for reasons of a public nature, the ends of justice would be served by such action. It was reported that Dodge has turned states' evidence and that he will be a witness for the district attorney in proceedings against others for whom Dodge is supposed to have acted as agent.

New York, Dec. 24.—After a sensational all-night session at police headquarters, which was in session on record, a full confession, Charles F. Dodge, the former husband of the wife of Charles W. Morse, banker and principal promoter of the American Ice company, today was a prisoner at the Broadway Central hotel, guarded by both federal and local authorities.

Dodge is charged with perjury in declaring that service had not been made on him in a suit by which his wife secured a divorce from him, and which was followed by the sensational Morse-Dodge divorce case.

It was expected that Dodge would be taken into court at the earliest possible moment, the proceedings under which he is held by the police, and which was withdrawn and the prisoner formally turned over to the custody of the New York county officials. While he was arrested by a United States marshal and sent to the city jail, a federal prisoner this was done only as a temporary measure in the hands of the authorities in this city.

The arrival of Dodge in New York followed one of the longest and most bitterly fought legal battles on record and was the real beginning of what is believed, will develop into one of the most sensational cases the metropolis has seen.

That the efforts to protect Dodge are by no means at an end was evidenced by the manner in which his arrival was received yesterday. Even before the steamer bearing the prisoner had reached New York, a process server forced his way into the presence of Dist. Atty. Jerome with a paper demanding the release of the prisoner. This officer was hustled unceremoniously from the office by Mr. Jerome, who, after refusing to accept the paper on the ground that Dodge was a federal prisoner and that he was not at that time in New York county, thrust the paper in the officer's pocket, and, seeing the face of the officer, rushed him out through the door. Before getting away the process server tossed the paper back through the open door on the floor of the district attorney's office. When the steamer arrived several attorneys were on hand to represent the prisoner, but he was hurried to police headquarters, where for many hours he was subjected to what the police call the "third degree process." Representatives of the federal county and city police took part in this long conference, two attorneys claiming to represent the prisoner being denied admission even to the face of most urgent protests. It was the attempt of lawyers claiming to represent Dodge that brought about the most sensational incident of the night. Barlow S. Weeks and A. H. Hummel, two of New York's most prominent criminal lawyers, appeared at police headquarters soon after Dodge arrived there in custody of the officers and demanded to see the prisoner on the ground that they had been retained to defend him. They met with little success, being informed by stenographer who was sent out to meet them that it was not known that Dodge was their client and that if so he was not at that time in custody of the United States authorities. They declined to accept this answer as final, however, and Mr. Weeks made a formal demand in writing, addressed to an assistant district attorney known to be a federal building, demanding that he be permitted to see his client. The note was returned with an endorsement stating

PRESIDENT ATTACKS SMOKE NUISANCE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Drastic action has been recommended by the president looking to the suppression of the smoke nuisance in the city of Washington. A letter was sent by the president to the district commissioners on November 20, inquiring if it were not possible to proceed criminally against the officers of an electric light company. He denounced the violation of the smoke law by the company at the very doors of the White House as an outrage and urged that the managers of the company be arrested again and again at short intervals, in an effort to abate the nuisance.

No response having been received that was satisfactory, the president authorized today the publication of the letter to the district commissioners. It follows:

"White House, Washington, D. C., Nov. 20, 1904.

"To the District Commissioners: The president has again taken up with his cabinet the smoke nuisance so far as the public buildings are concerned. He is especially anxious to call your attention, however, to the well high intolerable manifestation of the nuisance by the electric light company. Is it not possible to proceed criminally against the managers of this company? If not, drastic legislation should be recommended. It is an outrage on the city that such a nuisance should be permitted to exist right by the White House. Almost every hour of the day these great chimneys can be seen emitting dense clouds of black smoke. It would seem to be wise to go to the very limit of the law and to arrest the head of the company or those highest up in the company who are responsible for the shortest possible intervals, in order to put a stop to this nuisance, for the conduct on their part amounts to a flagrant defiance of the law and of respect for public opinion and is fraught with serious consequences to the city of Washington.

"William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the president."

PANAMA COMMISSION.

President Considering Reduction Of its Membership.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt has given consideration recently to suggestions looking to a reduction in the membership of the Panama canal commission, but thus far, it can be said, no definite decision has been reached. It has been urged by some members of Congress that the commission is so large as to be unwieldy. It is known that Representative Hepburn of Iowa, chairman of a interstate and foreign commerce, is inclined to the opinion that the commission is too large, and that the chief engineer of the canal ought to have greater initial authority than he now has. Mr. Hepburn talked to the president about canal matters, but he declined to say whether it was the intention of his committee to introduce a measure looking to the crystallization of his ideas into law. Before action of a definite nature is taken the subject will be considered carefully in all its phases.

Rubber Tire Combine Sued.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—Eleven rubber tire manufacturing concerns, comprising the so-called rubber tire combine, were made defendants in the United States court today by a suit filed by the Milford Rubber Tire company of Atlanta, Ga. The suit is for damages under the Sherman antitrust law, the complaint charging the defendants have injured the company's business to the extent of \$12,000. The suit is for \$12,000, three times the actual damages, in accordance with the Sherman law.