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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

SENATOR SMOOT WELL RECEIVED.

Newspaper Men on the Limited Were Delighted With His Genial Personality.

HOME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS.

Pleased With Strawberry Project And the Outlook for Game Preserve.

Says Salt Lake Postmaster is up to Senator Sutherland—Other Matters Discussed.

Among the distinguished passengers on the initial Chicago-Los Angeles limited yesterday was Senator Reed Smoot who left Washington on Saturday night so as to spend Christmas with his family at Provo. At Chicago he joined the limited and found on board the party of newspaper representatives that is making the first run as guests of the Union Pacific. General Passenger Agent E. L. Lomax lost no time in introducing the senator, with the result that he was interviewed no less than 25 times in as many different ways. The press men wanted to know all about Utah, and needless to say, they received an amount of information that both gratified and astonished them.

SENATOR WELL RECEIVED.

The "News" representative who boarded the limited at Green River yesterday morning was subsequently informed by members of the party at intervals during the run into Salt Lake that Senator Smoot was an agreeable surprise all along the line. "A prince," "one of the most democratic fellows I ever met," "I always understood that the Mormons were bigots" and kindred sentiments were among the confidential verdicts volunteered, not necessarily for publication, but as spontaneous expressions.

THE STRAWBERRY PROJECT.

To the "News" Senator Smoot said: "I am just running home to spend the holidays and expect to leave Utah for Washington Jan. 1. During the past few weeks I have been very busy working on the Strawberry valley project and I am delighted at the outcome. Through President Roosevelt the approval of Secretary of the Interior Ethan Allen Hitchcock has been secured for the Strawberry reservoir project. This means a great deal for the state of Utah, not only for present and prospective settlers and farmers, but for Salt Lake county also. When the project is completed, the expenditure in this state of \$1,200,000, is finished, the surplus waters will be run into Utah lake, which in turn will be the means of supplying Salt Lake county.

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OUTLOOK FOR GAME PRESERVE.

Coming down to the game preserve for southern Utah, Senator Smoot said: "I think there is no question that the section of country about 60 by 80 miles in extent, situated north of the Grand canyon of the Colorado, will be set apart for a national game preserve along the lines already printed. He went on to state that he had had several talks with the president regarding the matter and Mr. Roosevelt was heartily in favor of the scheme.

PENSIONS FOR VETERANS.

When asked as to what legislation he proposed to work for on his return to Washington, Senator Smoot said: "I am going to try very hard to get the pension laws extended so as to take in the Indian war veterans in Utah. While I am not so positive as to be, nothing will be left undone to have this bill passed."

SALT LAKE POSTMASTERSHIP.

He was then asked as to the Salt Lake postoffice and he replied: "I do not propose to interfere in the matter in any shape or form. Salt Lake is Senator Sutherland's home town and this matter is in his hands entirely when it comes to the expected resignation of the postmaster. The other towns throughout the state belong to Congressman Howell."

THE SENATOR CONFIDENT.

Senator Smoot was then asked how the senate committee was getting along on the matter that has caused considerable agitation in certain quarters, and whether or not he expected to retain his seat in Congress. In reply he smiled and affirmed that the matter was not worrying him one little bit, despite the howl of the anti-"Mormon" press. He repeated the assertion that he had had the greatest confidence in the outcome generally. "Back east," he declared, "there is no great agitation as the Salt Lake Tribune would have its readers believe, and really," he added with a smile, "it is commonly understood in Washington that the Salt Lake

SNOW STORM WAS LOCAL.

Call of "The Beautiful" Continued Largely to This Section.

The snow storm which began yesterday afternoon, was local over the northern part of the state, and not general, as there was no report today of any precipitation from Modena or Pocatello, and only a trace at Grand Junction, which barely came within the skirt of the storm. The precipitation as recorded by the weather office in this city, was .12 of an inch (water), or about 1.25 inches of snow. Today is clearing, with prospects of fair and colder weather tomorrow. The barometer is already rising with the approach of a high barometric pressure. The fall here was sufficient to make sleighing possible for a short time this morning.

POSTOFFICE RUSHED.

Clerks Have Their Hands Full Attending to Christmas Business.

The rush at the postoffice for money orders and registered packages "continues with unabated fury," so that the clerks are more than "over their ears" in work, and the clerk in the sub-station at the Desert News Book store is overwhelmed with calls for money orders. Friday morning this station seems to be a favorite one with the entire business section north of Second South street. The other stations besides the general office where this class of business is transacted are crowded, and people seem to be sending and receiving money and registered mail record breaking amounts and quantities.

CHRISTMAS IN SCHOOLS.

Beautiful Custom of Giving to be Observed by the Children.

The kindergarten pupils of the Lafayette, Hamilton and Union schools are making great preparations for a Christmas tree at their respective schools. The trees at the Lafayette and Hamilton will be ready for inspection by the parents and visitors at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, which time the little ones will have their exercises. The tree and exercises at the Union school will be given at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening so that the parents of the kindergarten pupils may be able to attend.

MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS.

The department payrolls of the city for the first half of December are being paid today by the city treasurer. The amount of the payrolls is \$12,312.62. The auditor is also distributing warrants to the members of the fire department for their salaries up to Dec. 20. The amount of that payroll is \$2,528.35.

JUROR LOSES CHECK.

In Order to Get Money He Signs Bond For Twice The Amount.

How carefully the United States safeguards itself from losing money through the loss of a check and the issuance of a duplicate is shown in the efforts of John M. McKellar to secure money due him as a Federal court juror. McKellar paid his duties on the jury in the April term, and on June 12, 1905, received a check from the U. S. marshal for \$63. When he reached the United States depository in Salt Lake to cash it, he could not find it, however, and retraced his steps to the jury room. The search failed to produce the check, so he stopped payment and set about trying to secure a duplicate.

HOLDUP HAS HEARING.

David Edwards May Have to Answer To The District Court.

David Edwards, the holdup captured several nights ago by Officer Clough, after Edwards had held up and robbed Frank Davi on South Temple street, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Diehl today. The man will undoubtedly have to answer to the district court for his offense.

FOLSON TURNKEY COMES HERE FOR FRANK EDWARDS.

George E. Lamphrey, turnkey at the Folson prison, Cal., is in the city, and this morning visited local officials. Mr. Lamphrey comes here on business, regarding with him requisition papers for a Utah state convict named Frank Edwards, alias Cline, who has been serving time at the prison committed in Ogden. Edwards will be released on the 22nd of this month, and will be taken back to Folson, from which place he escaped in 1901.

GEN SAUSSIER DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Gen. Saussier, former commander-in-chief of the French army, died today.

CALL FOR GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE.

Issued for One Throughout Russia to Begin Thursday At Noon.

SIGNERS LIABLE TO ARREST.

Railway Unions Ready to Respond in Principle but They Hesitate for Practical Reasons.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20, 2:05 a. m.—A call for a general political strike throughout Russia, to begin Thursday at noon, was issued tonight. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants, the General Railway union and the Councils of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railroad men of Moscow is unanimous for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every train in Russia.

The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law, and Minister of the Interior Durnovo attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the Railway union and of the Workmen's council, but the dispatches were held up by the railroad telegraphers.

The members of the St. Petersburg Council of Workmen had been notified by the General Railway union and the Moscow Council of Workmen that in principle they were ready for a strike, but that they hesitated on practical grounds. The St. Petersburg leaders, however, felt that their prestige would suffer severely unless they could answer the government's determined offer with a counter stroke, while many who were committed to full revolution secretly dreaded that the ground would be swept from under their feet should the government promulgate a law granting universal suffrage.

It is expected that there will be difficulty in enforcing a general walk-out on the eve of the Christmas holidays, when Russian workmen, especially the railroad employees, are looking forward to the customary presents, which sometimes amount to as much as one or two months' wages.

Envoys returning from the interior reported that many of the proletariat in the provinces will not be ready for a struggle before January.

The committee of the League of Leagues the prominent members of which are momentarily expecting arrest on account of the manifesto issued by the league this morning, were present at the meeting of the Council of Workmen, as were also several leading lights of the revolution, who are working despatch to co-ordinate all elements in a struggle against the government.

The printers of Moscow will strike today, but those of St. Petersburg have decided to strike only when ordered to do so.

MOBS MURDER SOLDIERS.

Tukum, Courland, Russia, Sunday, Dec. 17, via St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—A staff correspondent of the Associated Press who has just arrived here learns that mobs of Lithuanians and Estonians yesterday attacked a hundred Cossacks and dragoons, the only military force stationed in Tukum.

The mobs, after wild fighting, killed the soldiers to the last man, cut off their arms and legs and ripped their bodies. The streets were strewn with bodies and dismembered parts.

Six hundred troops arrived here this morning with three guns, shelled the mob and charged into the streets. The mob surrendered or were dispersed. Order has now been restored and the soldiers are burying the bodies of the slain and caring for the wounded.

In all 40 soldiers were slain and killed and many wounded.

PHILIPPINE RAILWAYS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Consideration of the bill for the Philippine railways has been begun at the war department.

JOHN BUCKLIN BISHOP.

"Historian" of Canal Commission Appointed Member of it by President.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt today appointed John Bucklin Bishop as a member of the isthmian canal commission to fill a vacancy in that body caused by the resignation of Chief Engineer Wallace. Mr. Bishop has been the secretary and historian of the commission.

MORGAN AGAINST MULHALL.

Gets Verdict for \$5,000 Against the Wild West Showman.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—The suit of Ernest Morgan against Zach Mulhall, the Wild West showman and stockman, for \$5,000 damages because Morgan was shot during an encounter between Mulhall and another man, was today decided in favor of the plaintiff.

DOWIE IN BOSTON.

Arrives in Private Car, Accompanied by Son and Attendants.

Boston, Dec. 20.—John Alexander Dowie arrived here in a private car last night accompanied by his son, Gladstone Dowie, a trained nurse, and two other attendants from Zion City. The party today boarded the steamer Admiral Wakeham bound for Jamaica. Later Dowie will take an extended cruise in the Caribbean sea in the hope of recovering his health.

WILL BE REPRESENTED.

Gov. Cutler Will Appoint Delegate to Insurance Meeting.

Gov. Cutler received a letter today from Thomas E. Darke, superintendent of the department of Insurance of the District of Columbia, urging him to attend a meeting of all the governors, attorneys-general and insurance commissioners from all the states to be held in Chicago on Feb. 1, 1906, to consider matters relating to insurance. The governor has agreed to attend the meeting but he has been unable to attend the meeting but that it meets with his approval, and he will later name a representative from this state.

THE SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.

The Deadlock Growing Out of the Mixed Court Dispute Continues.

WARSHIPS REMAIN ON DUTY.

The Tao Tai Still Insists on its Demand for Dismissal of the British Assessor.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in the town today. Business has been resumed, but the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of the rioting. The United States gunboat Villa Lobos has arrived to reinforce the Baltimore and the British cruiser Andromeda is expected to reinforce the Liadem.

The deadlock growing out of the mixed court dispute continues. The Tao tai adheres to its demand for the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, while the British consul refuses to yield. The foreign residents support the consul's attitude.

CAUSE OF TROUBLES.

Che Foo, Dec. 20, 10 p. m.—A prominent European official who is visiting Che Foo, crystallizing the opinions of persons thoroughly acquainted in China and with the present disorders, states that the Shanghai troubles were the direct result of the American boycott. He thinks the American officials at Washington should have opposed the Chinese demands for a revision of the exclusion laws and insisted upon the immediate suppression of the boycott. He characterizes the boycott movement as an excuse for an exhibition of anti-foreign feeling resulting from an inflammatory propaganda carried on throughout China since the commencement of the Russo-Japanese war.

"While the boycott in itself is harmless," continues the official quoted, "it has been used by the revolutionary anti-foreign faction of the Chinese to precipitate a repetition of the Boxer troubles, though it is probable that the excitable elements have eluded the control of the real conspirators and caused premature demonstrations."

"Unless the Washington authorities take immediate and strong measures to suppress the agitation in Shanghai," concludes the official quoted, "troubles which are not merely local will spread."

The failure of the boycott agitation appears in Che Foo to be due, undoubtedly, to the stern demand of American Consul Fowler that the Chinese refrain from holding meetings or issuing inflammatory placards, resulting in the inability of the dangerous Chinese element to successfully prosecute their agitation.

THE MIXED COURT.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The state department has received a cablegram from Shanghai announcing the arrival there last evening of the men from the Baltimore.

The state department advises of this arrival to the effect that the British legation has been preparing for a large demonstration by both army and navy. German, Japanese and Austrian cruisers were on their way to Shanghai and the Chinese authorities were trying to effect a compromise but demanded a removal of the British assessor, which demand was refused. There was no report of trouble at the outposts, but the missionaries were becoming alarmed and many were arriving in Shanghai.

As understood here the trouble arose from the action of the British assessor in imposing a tax upon the Chinese of the foreign settlement. The court is a curious body made up of a Chinese magistrate who holds sittings every week day. On two days of each week he is assisted by a Chinese judge, a general assessor, on two other days a similar German official sits and on the remaining two week days a British representative sits. This court has jurisdiction over all licenses and taxes payable by the Chinese in the foreign settlement of Shanghai. The Chinese municipal authorities have always been jealous of this court and there have been many clashes in the past owing to the efforts of the Chinese to collect these taxes themselves. The court also possesses the power to impose a Chinese fine on any Chinese who violate the law. It is frequently causes the cat-o-nine tails to be laid on, while the Chinese whip culprits with bamboo. For a long time past the Chinese have been trying to reduce the authority of the mixed court and it is inferred here that the present trouble has arisen from the assertion of jurisdiction by the British over some of the Chinese merchants.

JAPANESE COMBINED FLEET.

Has Been Dissolved and Togo Made President of Naval Command.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The combined fleet of Japan has been dissolved and Admiral Togo has been appointed president of the naval command.

The Manchurian army headquarters has also been dissolved, and Field Marshal Oyama will resume his former position as president of the general staff office.

ARMENIANS CONTINUE TO MASSACRE MUSSELMANS

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TWO FIRES VISIT WASHINGTON.

Four Women Were Rescued Being Carried Down Ladders Just in Time.

NEARLY OVERCOME BY SMOKE

Majestic Theater Barely Saved—Loss Aggregates One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Washington early this morning was visited by two fires, entailing an aggregate loss of \$100,000. At one of them four women were rescued, being carried down ladders by Lieut. Sullivan of a truck company, and Policeman Samson. When found the women were nearly overcome by smoke.

The first fire was discovered in the building of the H. H. Juelg Piano company, 1206 G street, Northwest. It was from this building that the women were rescued. The flames were soon under control in that building, but later they extended to the basement, second and third floors of Muddiman & Co., gas fixtures and lamp stores, adjoining, damaging the building and stock considerably.

The firemen were still working on this fire when another alarm was sounded which brought the remaining companies and some of the others already out to the vicinity of Ninth street and Louisiana avenue, the heart of the commission house section. The fire there burned fiercely but by 9 o'clock was under control. The Majestic theater, adjoining one of the buildings destroyed, was saved only through heroic work of the firemen.

The latter fire started in the agricultural implement establishment of P. M. Heiskell, Jr. & Co., two doors from the Majestic theater on C street, and soon extended to feed stores of either side and burned through to Louisiana avenue, taking in the commission houses of Isaac Wallerstein, Joseph Ferraro and Ellis & Co., all of which were destroyed. The commission houses of Joseph D. Dyer, and N. J. Ward & Co. were partially burned by insurance.

NEW YORK CITY HAS A \$650,000 FIRE.

New York, Dec. 20.—Fire started today in the office of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western railroad at the foot of West Twenty-second street, and spread rapidly to the offices of the Central railroad of New Jersey and the ferry houses on the south.

By noon the fire was brought under control and the ferry houses of the Erie and the Pennsylvania railroads were out of the danger. The ferry house of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western was in ruins and almost a complete loss, while that of the Jersey Central was very badly damaged. One shed and section of the dock belonging to the Erie railroad were also partially burned.

The fire started under the floor of the Lackawanna ferry house where some painters were at work. It is thought that one of the lamps used by a painter exploded.

The big ferry houses, built mostly of wood, burned fiercely. Many boats on their way to the Jersey side were held up in mid-stream. There was great excitement. Crowds of commuters who were landing when the fire started, crowded about the docks amid great confusion. The ferry boat then backed into the river.

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BELGIUM MAKES DEMAND.

On Port of Edward Joris Be Handled Over to Belgian Consul.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The Belgian legation has demanded that Edward Joris be handed over to the Belgian consular authorities for trial in accordance with the treaty of 1838. The port objects to this and trouble is anticipated.

Joris is a Belgian subject who, with three others is charged with participation in the attempt to assassinate the sultan last July and who were sentenced to death Dec. 18, by a native court.

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PLATT'S STEPDAUGHTER.

New York, Dec. 20.—Louise Margaret Snow, daughter of Mrs. Thomas C. Platt and step-daughter of U. S. Senator Platt, was married to Francis J. Carmony, of Minneapolis and Washington, D. C., at Grace church in this city yesterday. The bride has been closely identified with this church and has been a sub-deaconess in the parish. Senator Platt's gifts to the bride were numerous, among them being \$1,000 in gold coin. Mrs. Platt's gift was a house in this city, fully furnished.

J. R. FORGAN COMMENTS ON J. R. WALSH'S FAILURE.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—"Other banks and financial circles in general in Chicago cannot possibly feel any bad effects from the failure of the John R. Walsh banks," said James R. Forgan, president of the First National bank, and of the Chicago Clearing House association, last night. "In guaranteeing the deposits of the three banks, the other banks of Chicago have taken an unusual action. They have not assumed any great liabilities. In fact, the actual liability assumed by each bank is comparatively trivial—more than is met in an average day's business. "There is no other bank in Chicago in the condition which caused the downfall of John R. Walsh's institutions. No other bank can be subjected to the criticism that its president is engaged in other lines of business as Walsh was. "Of course every Chicago bank has business men on its directorate. It is so all over the world. But with all these business men as directors in the Chicago banks, no bank is using its funds for outside investments as were these three."

CHARGE TO THE JURY IN THE ABRAHAM H. HUMMEL CASE.

New York, Dec. 20.—The charge to the jury which is trying Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, for conspiracy, was begun by Justice Rogers, in the supreme court today. Hummel is charged with conspiring to have the divorce of Mrs. C. W. Morse from Charles E. Morse declared void, in order to nullify her marriage with Morse.

JURY FINDS LAWYER HUMMEL GUILTY AS CHARGED

New York, Dec. 21.—Hummel was convicted.

\$90,000 FOR EXCHANGE SEAT.

New York, Dec. 20.—A seat on the stock exchange was sold today for \$90,000, the highest price on record.

DEFENSE OF HUGH WATT.

London, Dec. 20.—The defense of Hugh Watt, the former member of parliament, charged with inciting his agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, whose divorced wife is now Lady Violet Watt, wife of the defendant, closed today with the evidence of Lady Violet Watt. She gave an emphatic and categorical denial of all the material statements of the witnesses for the prosecution.

The state department has been exchanging notes on this subject with the British government, and so far there has been no friction between the two governments. Though several American fishermen and the local Newfoundland authorities have at times shown some heat. The state department has not been able to make direct issues with the Newfoundlanders in respect to their right to make a punishment for fishing within a few miles within their own waters. It is not quite clear, however, whether while admitting the right of the Newfoundland authorities to punish their own people who ship on American vessels in violation of local laws, it is prepared to incur the animosity of Newfoundland law of American skippers who ship such men.

MURDERED BY THIEVES.

Beaver Falls, Pa., Dec. 20.—Hugh McCoy, a cripple aged 45 years, was shot and instantly killed last night by two thieves while he was sitting at the kitchen window of his home on a farm two miles from Darlington, near here. Robert McCoy, a brother, witnessed the murder, and after a desperate battle with the burglars, escaped and spread the alarm. During his absence the burglars looted the house and secured \$30.

Jews in Poland.

The Nationalists Have Decided that They Must Become Poles.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—The Polish Nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles and the Nationalists have therefore issued a proclamation calling on all Israelites to discontinue speaking Yiddish and to learn the Polish language. Cossacks surrounded the offices of the Socialist organ, Kurjer Codzienny, at midnight, arrested the editorial staff and sealed up the offices.

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STRIKE ON IN MOSCOW.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow at noon today instead of tomorrow. It was begun there with a complete suspension of the street railway service.

The government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse and in the caucasia the renewal of the outbreak of the Tatars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms to organize a militia for self-protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred and 1,600 soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The weather has become very cold. Deep snow covers the country as far south as Kiev. It is believed that a few days' hunger and starvation will easily drive the people to desperation and provoke uprisings and attacks on strikes and perhaps general pillage.

UNION PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

Alexandrov, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—A message received here from Warsaw today says the president of the Warsaw railroad union has been arrested and that the union consequently decided to order the employees of the Victoria railroads to begin a strike on Friday.

RIGA TERROR STRICKEN.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20, 2:35 p. m.—The consul of a continental power, who arrived here this morning from Riga on a train heavily guarded by troops says that throughout the district extending 120 miles on this side of Riga the land has been laid waste, all the villages belonging to the landlords having been burned to the ground. The situation in Courland, the consul says, is even worse. At Riga the gar-

REVOLUTIONARIES VERY CONFIDENT.

If Strike Can be Successfully Maintained Expect to Break Government's Back.

NOW APPEALING TO TROOPS.

Manifesto to Army is so Inflammatory that Radical Papers Do Not Dare Print It.

During Strike it is Proposed to Stop All Papers and Distribute Only Organ of Workmen's