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30 DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO BLIZZARD

Sleet and Snow in Texas Coast Country; 17 Degrees Here

LORAINI SUFFERS A \$100,000 FIRE LOSS

(By Associated Press)
ABILENE, Dec. 28.—The business district of Loraine, sixty miles west of here, was gutted by flames in a week-end fire, taking a toll of ten business houses, and causing a loss estimated at more than \$100,000.

CHILDREN'S GARMENT CLEANSING WEEK ON

Contending that unclean and unsanitary garments are responsible for disease and bad health, the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers has designated the week, December 28th to January 2nd as National School Children's Garment Cleansing Week, and local cleaners are participating in the campaign. Elsewhere in The Ledger J. L. Harding & Co. have an announcement, and in addition to their advertisement, they have stated that they will gladly clean and press the clothes of any child, whose parents are not able to pay for the work at the cut rate, free. It is claimed that communicable diseases can greatly be eliminated by sterilizing and cleaning the children's clothes. Germs, it is said, are carried in the clothing, and while the body may be apparently healthy, deadly germs are lurking in the clothing, and these can be destroyed by the sterilizing of the clothing.

DALLAS CHOSEN FOR GRID GAME

(By Associated Press)
ITALLY, Tex., Dec. 28.—The Waco high school football team will play Dallas Forest high for the state grid championship in the high school class, in State Fair Park stadium at Dallas, Friday, New Year's day. The game will decide the interscholastic league championship which has been prolonged by tie contests between Cleburne and Cisco and Cisco and Forest high. The place and time for the game were settled at a meeting of a committee from Waco with one from Dallas here this morning. Each team sent a committee to meet here on neutral ground to perfect plans for the final game. Neither committee desired to play the game on neutral territory, so they decided to flip a coin, and Dallas won.

MAKERS OF FAKE STOCK ARRESTED

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The arrest of five alleged members of a counterfeiting band, whose operations included the printing and distribution of fake stock certificates and federal reserve notes, was announced today by federal agents. The gang's operations extended into Canada and the Royal Northwest Mounted Police assisted in the round-up which placed five of the alleged makers of fake securities behind the bars.

GEN. PERSHING'S HEALTH FAILING

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Because of failing health, General John J. Pershing is expected to return here within the next month from Arica, Chile, where he is representing President Coolidge in arbitration over the Tacna-Arica boundary disputes.

Details of Gen. Pershing's illness are not known here, but reports reaching Washington have somewhat alarmed his friends. It is said that there has been a marked increase in the general's blood pressure, in addition to complications resulting from infected teeth.

General Pershing is sixty-six years of age.

Jail Sentence to Reward Victorious Death Racers

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Contra Costa county, California, has a new ordinance designed to take much of the joy out of beating the train to a crossing.

It used to be simply a race with death in which the undertaker won if the train got there first and the driver's only reward was perhaps enhanced respect for his make of car if it proved faster than the locomotive.

Now the situation is changed. If the engine passes the finish line first or the race is a tie the award still will be to the undertaker but if the autoist wins he will receive as a special recognition distinguishing him from the less daring highway user, a jail sentence.

The new ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to cross in front of a train after a wigwag or automatic signal has sounded the train's approach.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll returned home Sunday afternoon from San Saba, where they spent four or five days visiting relatives. Mr. Carroll says it was pretty cold motoring Sunday.

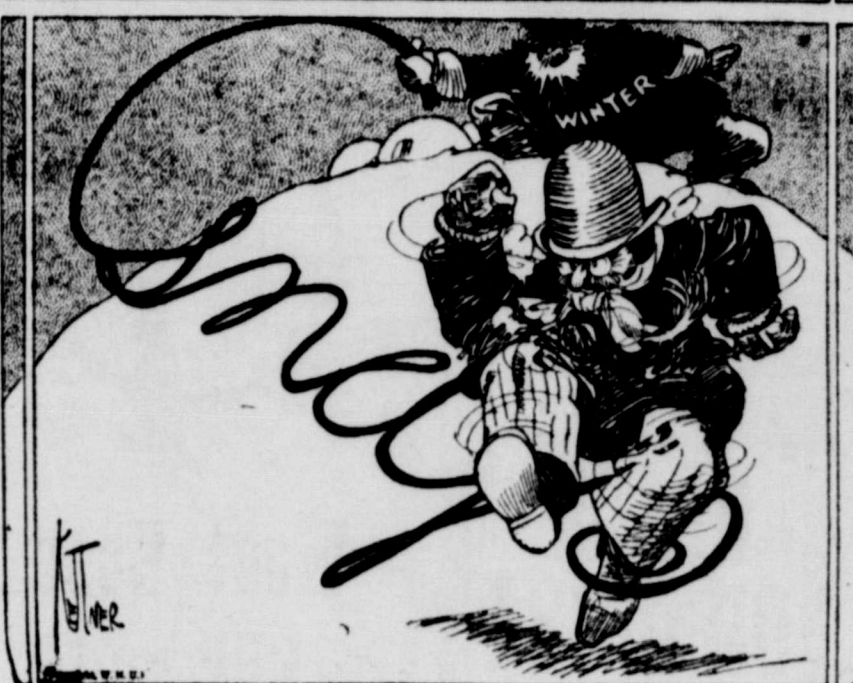
HUSBAND DIES; NEWS KILLS WIFE

Buford and Luther Owens, druggists, of Winters, were called to Leonard late Saturday in response to a message that their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Owens, were both dead. The Owens brothers went to Leonard to attend the funeral which was held Monday.

John D. Owens was 72 years of age, and Mrs. Owens was 67. They visited their sons at Winters several times, and made friends in this county who will regret to hear of their passing. The many friends of the Owens boys will also sympathize with them in their sorrow.

According to news received here, Mr. Owens died suddenly, death being due to apoplexy. When ten minutes later Mrs. Owens learned of her husband's death, she died, following her husband into the great beyond.

The Bad Man From the North



LEGION WILL MOVE TODAY

The Pat Williams Post American Legion will begin moving to its new home at the Carnegie Library in order to vacate its present club rooms by January 1st. All furniture will be moved to the new building before any improvement is done at the library and then the boys will meet for several nights and do the inside of the building over and make some new arrangements in the floor plan of the building to better suit their needs.

In leaving the old club quarters, one of the best buildings of its kind in West Texas will cease to be a club meeting place. The building was built in 1908 for the Ballinger Social Club and since that time has been maintained for that purpose by some organization or another until now. It is well arranged for social functions and will be missed in Ballinger when it is evacuated and put to use in a commercial way.

The American Legion post will have an ideal home in the library as soon as improvements are finished. The downstairs will be used for club rooms, library and a room for the Shakespeare Club. The upstairs will be put in shape and the auditorium furnished and seated as soon as possible and the Legion plans to give many interesting programs there during the coming year for the public. The auditorium will also be used for a banquet hall where different organizations of the town will have sufficient room for holding big banquets.

A special building committee from the local post has plans well underway for the improvement of the newly acquired property and as fast as finances can be secured the money will be spent in putting the library in excellent condition.

RETURNS HOME WITH BRIDE

Charley Vaughn returned from Coleman Monday afternoon accompanied by his bride. Mr. Vaughn and Miss Maybell Reasener, of Shields, were married in Brady on December 19th, and they have been honeymooning at different points since the wedding. Mr. Vaughn holds down a chair in the Jarrett Barber Shop.

J. D. Motley is at home from Junction, where he and his family went for a Christmas visit. Mrs. Motley and the children will visit in San Antonio before returning home.

NEICE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodson left for Cleburne at 6:00 o'clock Sunday evening in response to a message that Mrs. Woodson's niece, Catherine Lankford, had been killed in an auto accident, and that another niece, Anita Lankford, had been seriously injured.

A story under a Fort Worth dateline Monday morning gave the following account of the tragedy: "The number of violent deaths in Tarrant county during the last five days was swelled to twelve when a Southbound Cleburne interurban car struck an automobile at a crossing several miles south of Everman, killing Catherine Lankford, 9 years old, of Cleburne, about 1:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The child's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cossey, of Sagamore Hill, on the Ft. Worth-Dallas interurban, sustained minor injuries, and a sister, Anita Lankford, 8 years old, received a fractured shoulder. All were brought to Fort Worth, the injured to Baptist Hospital, by an ambulance. The body of the child is at the mortuary of Robertson-Mueller pending funeral arrangements.

The Lankford children had been spending the holidays with their uncle and aunt here and were being taken back to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lankford, of Cleburne, at the time of the accident. The automobile was practically demolished and caught fire. None of the occupants was burned."

THE WEATHER—

Tonight unsettled and continued cold. Tuesday rising temperature.

NEW FRONT FOR PEARCE BUILDING

Repairs on the Pearce drug store building called for a new front to the second story of the building, and the work is well underway. The old masonry has been removed and a new brick front is taking its place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. King and baby, who had been visiting Mrs. King's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cathey, left for their home at Brownwood Sunday.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell is at home for the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell. She is teaching at Liberty Hill.

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Astronomers, with their eyes on sun spots and other solar phenomena, and weather prophets who recently warned the public against bitter cold weather for the latter part of December, have seen their predictions come true.

Sweeping out of the Northwest, the icy winds of winter time have invaded almost every section of the United States and Canada, leaving death and destruction as a week-end aftermath.

From the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic seaboard freezing and sub-zero temperatures prevailed with virtually no relief in sight today, but with some moderation promised for Tuesday. The cold broke from the Northland and pushed even into the heart of Dixieland and beyond the Northern reaches of Florida.

Nearly thirty deaths have already been attributed to cold, and accidents as the result of the blizzard were numerous, with many reports pouring in this afternoon.

Property valued at several millions of dollars was destroyed by fire, according to reports coming in, and great suffering was caused among the poor and homeless in both the rural districts and congested city centers.

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—All of Texas is in the grip of the coldest weather of the year which came as the brunt of a cold wave which swept into the state early yesterday, reducing the temperature to far below the freezing mark in every section of the state.

The Gulf Coast section of the state received sleet and snow in some localities, while considerable damage was done to fruit and vegetables in the Brownsville area where it was reported by the weather bureau that the minimum temperature last night was twenty-six degrees above zero.

The coldest weather in the state was reported at Amarillo where the mercury dropped to ten degrees. Galveston suffered the least, with the thermometer reading twenty-eight degrees on the island. Sleet was reported to be falling at Galveston this morning, however. Corpus Christi and San Antonio both received light snows.

No deaths have been reported in Texas as the direct result of the cold, but several injuries have followed in the wake of the blizzard and as a result of accidents caused by cold weather. Continued cold weather is reported to be in prospect for the entire state tonight and tomorrow.

BUTLER GOES BACK MARINES

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Brigadier General Butler today withdrew his resignation from the United States Marine Corps. Although the leave under which he has been serving as director of public safety in Philadelphia will not expire until December 31st, General Butler immediately reported for duty with the marine corps. Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the marine base there.

Mrs. Chas. Castor and daughter, Miss Marie, left Sunday afternoon for Tyler, for a week's visit with relatives.

The weather man guessed it, and the blizzard arrived at Ballinger on schedule time, or a little ahead of time. Ballinger people retired in a moderately temperate atmosphere Saturday night, but were forced to replenish the covering early Sunday morning, and those who did not use some precaution will no doubt transact a little business with the plumber.

It was the first real winter of the season, and the government gauge at the home of E. M. Eubanks registered seventeen degrees above zero as the minimum for Sunday night. But even at that, this section loomed up like a tropical clime when the radio reported twenty below in Wyoming and slightly higher from other stations less than a thousand miles North of Ballinger.

The damage from the freeze up in this city will be limited to a few cracked radiators and burst water pipes.

PLUMBERS PROMISED GOOD BUSINESS

One local plumber reported Monday afternoon that he had only received twenty-five emergency calls up to that hour and they were still coming in. "Some of them are pretty bad 'bust-ups' too," said the plumber, and he stated that his crew would take them in their turn and get the leaks chinked as fast as possible.

Somebody has said that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the plumbers are promised a good business.

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Yes, there were more Christmas auto accidents than ever before, but we must not forget that there were more automobiles than ever before and that they were traveling faster than ever before.

It seems that Sheriff McWilliams is not depending on the federal prohibition enforcement machinery to help him put an end to bootlegging in Runnels county. The law-abiding citizens of the county are opposed to liquor peddling and will back the sheriff in every effort he puts forth to stop it.

Three lawyers have been appointed to defend F. M. Snow, who admits that he killed his wife, his mother-in-law and stepson at Stephenville and destroyed their bodies in the most brutal way. The lawyers have set about to devise some scheme to get their client out of the trouble on the basis of a fair trial. Life is too cheap in Texas, and most any kind of a trial would be a fair trial for such men.

RED BALL STAGE LINE

Ballinger, Coleman, Brady, Eden (East Bound)
No. 1.—Leaves Ballinger 7:30 a. m., Coleman 9:00 a. m.; arrive Brady 11:00 a. m.
No. 2.—Leave Ballinger 10:45 a. m., Coleman 12:10 p. m.
No. 3.—Leaves Ballinger 3:00 p. m., Coleman 4:30 p. m.; arrives Brady 7:00 p. m.
No. 4.—Leaves Ballinger 10:45 a. m., Eden 12 noon, arrives Menard 2:00 p. m.; Leaves Menard 2:15 p. m., Eden 3:30 p. m.; arrives Ballinger 5:00 p. m. (West Bound)
Leaves Brady 6:45 a. m., Coleman 9:00 a. m.; arrives Ballinger 10:30 a. m.
Leaves Brady 2:00 p. m., Coleman 4:30 p. m.; arrives Ballinger 6:00 p. m.
All cars make connections at Ballinger for Abilene and San Angelo. Connect at Coleman for Cisco, Ft. Worth, San Angelo and Abilene. Connect at Brady, Eden and Menard for Austin and San Antonio.

W. H. AVERY.

Sam Dunlap is spending the year-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap. He came in from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massey came in Sunday from Dallas on a visit to relatives, visiting Mr. Massey's sisters, Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, Mrs. Arterburn and Miss May Massey.

P. C. Straley and family, who went to Comanche to spend Christmas with relatives, motored home thru the blizzard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCulley who had been here to spend Christmas with relatives, returned home Monday.

A new automobile bumper can be extended to support a tourist's bed at night.

TEXAS OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT TO DRAW MANY TO SANTONE

(By Associated Press)

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 28.—When the fifth Texas Open Golf Tournament is held here January 14, 15 and 16, all the well-known American golf professionals, excepting Walter Hagen and Gene Sarazen, will wield their clubs over the 18-hole Brackenridge municipal course. One hundred and twenty-five golfers who derive their living from the fairway and green will compete, as well as a large number of amateurs, according to Jack O'Brien, in charge of the tournament.

Jack Hutchinson, of Chicago; Leo Diegel, of New York; Bill Mehlhorn, of Chicago, and formerly of Shreveport; Joe Turnesa, of New York, defending champion; and Cyril Walker, of New Jersey, likely will be entered, although the complete field will not be known until January 13, entries being permitted until that date. These professionals will come direct from competing in the Los Angeles open which ends January 10th, and which, with a \$10,000 purse, is the richest meeting in the country.

The Texas open this year will have \$8,000 to attract professionals of the first class. This purse is being given by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce this year; in past tournaments it has been made up by subscription.

Among the amateurs expected here are Chief Evans, Chicago veteran amateur who will also enter the Los Angeles open; and Clarence Hubby, of Temple, Tex. At Temple the golf enthusiasts are confident that Hubby, who was runner-up last year in the Texas Open, will give professional and amateur alike, stiff competition, and they wouldn't be surprised if he came in ahead of the field.

Movie Directors List Ten Qualifications for Actress

(By Associated Press)

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 28.—Ten qualifications necessary in a feminine film actress are listed by executives of several movie studios here.

Character is the first requisite, with personality second, beauty third and intelligence fourth. Imagination is rated fifth.

Grace, poise and carriage come sixth, in the opinion of the film executives, and a knowledge of drama is held an important asset if one is to reach the top.

A girl's home environment is given rating, as the home life and surroundings of a potential actress carry much weight in the selection of an applicant.

Age ranks ninth, with education and training tenth.

Various ways of determining the qualifications are employed. At one studio the applicant walks the length of the employment manager's office and is scrutinized before speaking. A ruler is suspended from the wall, near the entrance. As the applicant passes it, the manager judges her approximate height. She is asked to remove her hat. Thus her style of hair dressing and the manner in which she takes off her hat are noted. Her carriage and poise are revealed when she is asked to get a book from a shelf.

"Black Prince" Treasure Ship Believed Found by Russians

(By Associated Press)

SEBASTOPOL, Dec. 28.—Stories of the Crimean War and sunken treasure have been revived by the reported location of "Black Prince," a British ship, which foundered in Balaklava Bay.

For seventy years the British and Russian governments at intervals have been searching for the ship, for when it went down it had aboard \$3,000,000 in gold. Recently Russian divers brought to the surface a mast made of teak wood, which is believed to have belonged to the "Black Prince."

During the height of the Crimean War the ship entered Balaklava Bay with its cargo of gold, foodstuffs, medical supplies and ammunition for the attacking armies. A storm arose and the "Black Prince" foundered, the entire crew perishing.

The great depth of the bay, which in places is 700 feet, makes the work of divers difficult, but the Russian government is hopeful the treasure of gold eventually will be retrieved.

Venezuela after extensive experimenting has begun the production of raw silk.



MADGE BILLYAM in "THE GOLDEN STRAIN" WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

A tribe of natives has been discovered in Peru the members of which do not seem to be able to live at a lower altitude than 12,000 feet.

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2. Materials. Trying to save on first cost by using cheap, inferior materials, always proves costly in the end. It is the most unwise of all courses to take. Buy materials that will last.

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Frieda Hempel Feels Effect of "The Spirit of Loearno"

(By Associated Press)

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—The "spirit of Loearno" has been extended to Frieda Hempel, the prima donna who aroused the ire of the Germans by singing on behalf of the Liberty Loan in the United States during the World War.

Arrangements have been made for her to appear next year in a concert and operatic tour of the leading cities of Germany.

The Germans resented the fact that Mme. Hempel, although of German birth, supported the American side of the war. She was therefore persona non grata with the musical bureaus, which feared to arrange concerts for her lest there be hostile demonstrations. Mme. Hempel's point of view was that America was the land of her adoption and that there was nothing else for her to do except to side with America.

The spirit of reconciliation of which Loearno is a political manifestation is also at work in artistic circles.

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Judge Paul Trimmier, who with his family had been visiting at Temple during Christmas, returned home Sunday night. Mrs. Trimmier and sons remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell are spending the year-end with Mrs. Bridwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood, at Granger. Ledger want ads pay.

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THROTTLING THE DEMON THAT GOADS TO CRIME

World-Wide System of Records Enables New York Police to Strike at One of Chief Forces Behind National Crime Wave.

THE recent formation of a National Crime Commission, and the announcement that the Commission's first step will be to compile adequate records for the purpose of presenting a clear and undistorted picture of criminal activities in the United States, has crystallized the public's vague and long-felt alarm into positive action that promises relief.

Few are aware, however, that for the last four and a half years there has existed in this country an organization which has done for one form of criminal activity a work of much the same nature as that which the new National Crime Commission is now setting out to do for the whole field.

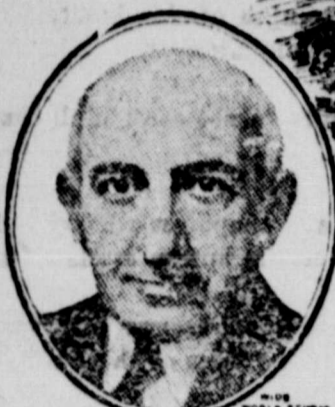
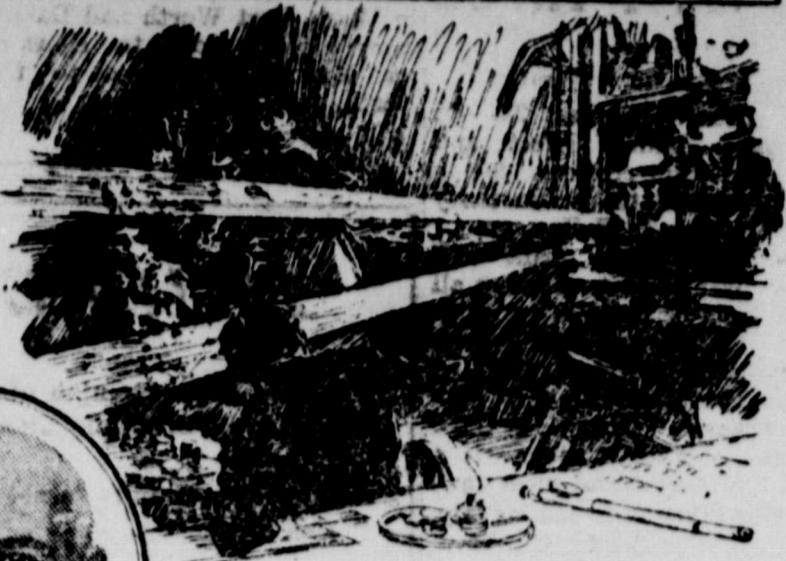
A Newgate Calendar

Along the walls of a large room on the second floor of the Police Headquarters Building in New York City are ranged long lines of tall steel cabinets made up of row upon row of narrow drawers filled with data sheets. Pasted on the data sheets are photographs and finger prints of men and women which have been sent to New York from nearly all the nations of America and Europe. The data reads like a modern edition of the Newgate Calendar.

Who are these people of the photographs and finger print? The answer is given by the actions of a group of men as they gather before a darkened building in lower New York and then begin to mount the fire escape.

The Demon's Lair

At the sixth floor the men halt for a low-toned conference. A dim light struggles through the heavily curtained window—and with the light comes a pungent odor far different from the ordinary smells of the city. The word is given; and, as the glass is shattered by the butt of an automatic, the five



DR. CARLETON SIMON

plain clothes men hurt themselves into the room which at the first sound of the shattering of the glass the inmates have plunged into total darkness.

Through the darkness that is heavy with the same pungent odor that seeped through the window, stab the long beams of the detectives' flashlights. They illumine a scene of seething confusion. Men and women struggle madly to reach the door. On a low stand of teak lies an overturned lamp. On the floor and on the couches lie long pipes with weird carvings and tiny bowls.

Back at Headquarters

Back in the room at Police Headquarters the next morning the photographs of the men and women taken in the raid are compared with those in the steel cabinets. Two of the men have just arrived from Italy. One of the women has recently come from Buenos Aires.

But their photographs are in the cabinets, for this is the headquarters of the Narcotic Bureau of the New York Police Department and of its ally, the Narcotic Criminal Intercity Identification Bureau, established by New York's Police Commissioner, Richard E. Enright, in line with the recommendations of the International Police Conference, and whose branches are in most of the larger cities of the two white-inhabited continents.

"Seven hundred cities," says Dr. Carleton Simon, Chief of the Bureau, "send us photographs, records, and fingerprints of criminal drug addicts. As a result, our statistics on narcoticism and our

records of individuals form the most complete and extensive collection of data on the drug evil that has ever been compiled.

"Over 16,000 narcotic violators have passed through this office in the last four and a half years. Approximately 12,000 of these had criminal records. Wherever the cesspool of crime is found opium, cocaine, and heroin contribute their quota of contamination. Wherever drug addiction flourishes vice, licentiousness, depravity and madness are present. Our records prove that drugs are at the root of a large proportion of the crime in the United States."

Thinning the Ranks of Crime

The work of the Narcotic Bureau in rounding up drug addicts, and in damping the spread of the evil, is ridding New York City of thousands of criminals and at the same time is checking the development of potential lawbreakers who otherwise would surely add themselves to the ranks of those who live by robbery, fraud and murder.

The 125,000 finger prints and the 25,000 photographs which have been gathered by the Narcotic Criminal Intercity Identification Bureau play a leading part in contributing to the efficiency of the Narcotic Bureau by giving a complete picture of narcotic activities in 34 nations, and by making available the records of old offenders so that they may receive their just deserts at the hands of the courts.

The value of the statistics on drug addiction and the other records gathered by the Narcotic Criminal Intercity Identification Bureau augurs well for the value of the undertaking which the National Crime Commission is embarking upon.

WILL CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF TOWN

(By Associated Press)

MATAMOROS, Mexico, Dec. 28.—The famed twin spires of an historic cathedral, almost as old as the city in which they are located, from January 26-30, 1926, will look down on a novel scene—celebration of the 100th birthday of "heroic" Matamoros—a four day event which leading citizens say will surpass anything which has transpired in the shadow of those twin spires since they were erected. Early in 1826, Matamoros was founded on the South Bank of the Rio Bravo del Norte (Rio Grande), just across from where now stands Brownsville.

Band music, parades, elaborate decorations, talks by the governor of the state of Tamaulipas, Portes Gil, by other officials, and by the new presidente municipal, Jesus Maria Cardenas, will feature the celebration in which practically all the cities of the state will participate. A queen, to be elected soon, will be crowned by Governor Gil and will

reign over festivities.

Matamoros really was settled more than 100 years ago, but in its earliest stage it was a ranch home and was called Congregacion de Refugion. The word "congregacion" denoted at that time a small village. In 1826 the location became known as Ciudad Matamoros, and has been called Matamoros for the past century. However, the first part of the name has been changed from "Ciudad" to "Heroic," the term being applied in praise of the noble defense Matamoros always has put up against attackers in time of civil war.

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Today and Tuesday

An idyll for the girl who cares—a warning for the girl who dares

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GLORIA SWANSON "The Coast of Folly" an ALLAN DWAN production

The story of a girl who thought there was no harm in having an innocent love affair with another woman's husband.

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Coming—

"THE LOST WORLD"

TO AMUSE

Gloria Swanson Heiress to Great "Fortune with a String" in New Film at Queen

If you were left an immense fortune in a will that placed a restriction on your conduct would you regard it as "in insult from the dead?"

This attitude is felt by many heirs and heiresses, who find that stringent clauses contained in wills are exacting in respect to what they may and may not do.

An interesting situation of this sort occurs in "The Coast of Folly," Gloria Swanson's new starring picture for Paramount, directed by Allan Dwan, and showing at the Queen Theatre today and Tuesday.

Joyce Gathaway, portrayed by

Miss Swanson, is left millions by her father, with the provision that should she ever become involved in any scandal she automatically loses her fortune.

The reason for the provision is that her mother, also enacted by Miss Swanson, had fled from home in search of the glamour and excitement of new love affairs, and thereby disgraced the family.

The girl, being high-spirited, resents the distrust of her conduct which emanates from the grave. A tremendously dramatic situation is involved in the working out of the story.

Anthony Jowitt is Gloria's leading man in the production, adapted for the screen by Forrest Halsey from the "best seller" novel by Coningsby Dawson, author of "The Kingdom Around the Corner," etc. Lawrence Gray, Dorothy Cumming, Arthur Hausman, Jed Prouty, Alec Francis and others just as well known appear in the cast.

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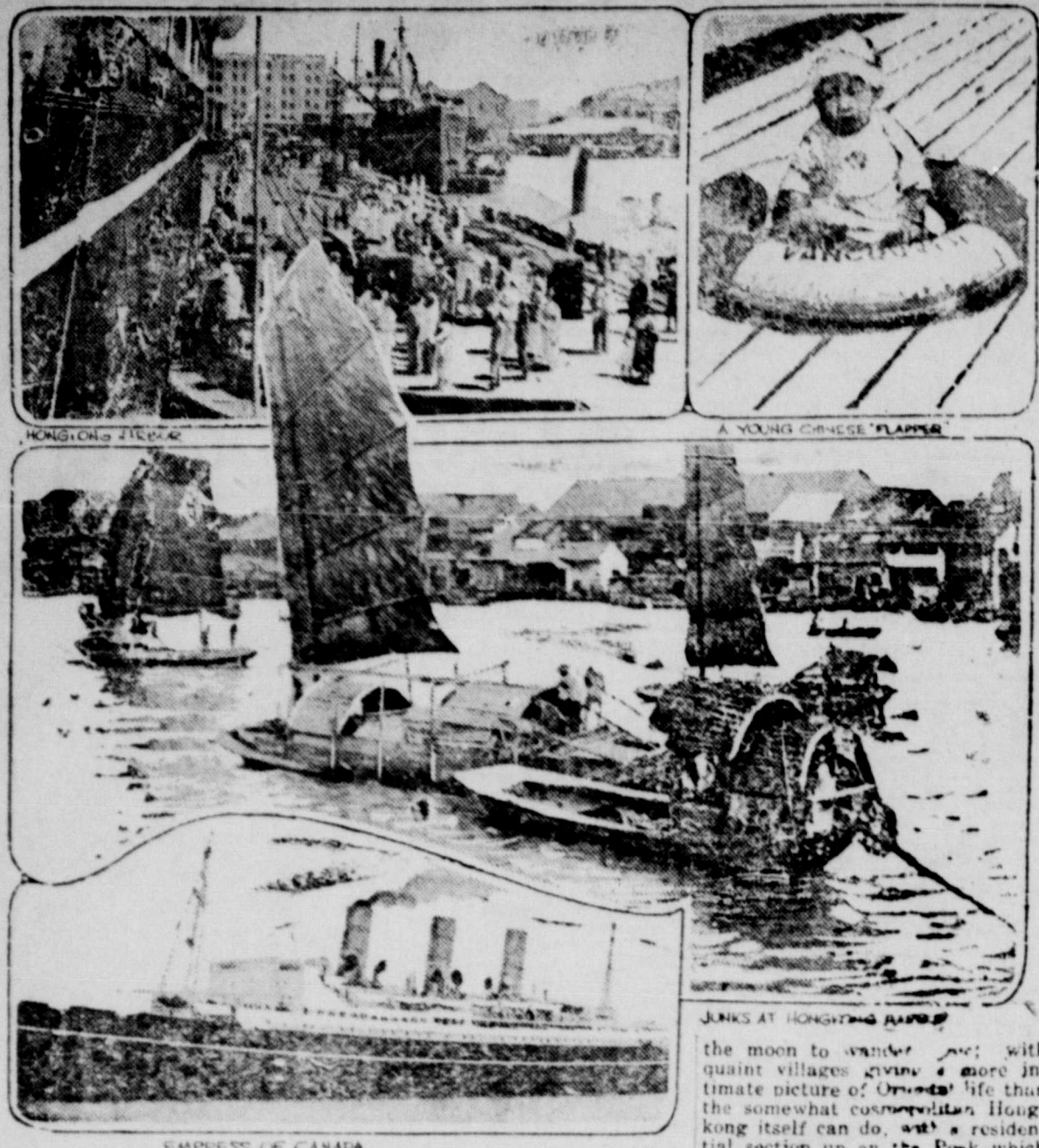
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When Winter Comes, See Old Hongkong



"If in doubt," declares the veteran globe-trotter, "go to Hongkong to spend the winter months, from November to February. It is a wonderful winter resort. If you decide to go this year, you will have the added advantage of being able to spend a season there before it becomes over crowded, as it is bound to do when it becomes a generally accepted spot to visit during the cold months."

What is there to do in Hongkong? That is a question easily answered. If you are a golfer, then take along your clubs, for the best golf to be found in the east is at Fan-ling, about eight miles from the city, where there are two well laid out golf courses, Deep Water Bay and Happy Valley, both courses, too, so that if you should have a tiresome hole which you never can do in, then tie away to the others, and win back your self complacency.

Or, if you are interested in racing, there is the Jockey Club at Happy Valley, and a race course cradled in three hills. Motoring and walking both have attractions in Hongkong which they do not always have. The environs of the city are beautiful with bays whose clear waters reflect the stars at night and make a shirring path for

DEMONSTRATING VALLEY TRUCK

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 28.—To the South, Middle West and Rocky Mountain sections is to be demonstrated the productivity of the Rio Grande Valley.

A complete citrus fruit and agricultural exhibit, showing all the products of the Valley, gathered by the Missouri Pacific Railroad for show purposes, is en route to Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana on a 40 day tour. It is one of the largest and most complete ever taken in a similar trip. Included in the display are more than 300 specimens of citrus fruit, wild game, farm products of many varieties and extensive exhibits of canned products of the Valley.

Exhibits of special interest include a stalk of bananas grown in eight months; 24 grapefruit on one cluster; a breadtree bearing fruit, and an alligator pear tree. Prize-winning displays of the recent Valley Mid-Winter Fair held at Harlingen will be shown, and nearly every community in the valley has contributed products. Booklets descriptive of the Valley's resources will be distributed wherever the car stops.

This sign, 74 feet long, lettered in black and red, will be carried on each side of the car: "Citrus Fruit and Agricultural Exhibit, Rio Grande Valley of Texas, where the Sunshine spends the

Winter. Visitors Welcome." The farthest North point to be visited is Omaha, Nebraska, and the farthest West, Pueblo, Colo. The car is being shown this week in Waco, Fort Worth and Dallas, after which it goes to Houston and New Orleans, thence to the North.

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LOST—One lady's glove. Return to Floyd J. Carr. 28-3d

LOST—Small red cow, has on halter. Notify Miss Rena Walker, 809 Fourteenth Street or phone 286. 28-2td*

FOR SALE—Hundred acre farm near Blanton school, 65 in cultivation. \$3,000, one-third cash, balance easy. L. F. Smith, Phone 3111. 28-6d-2w*

LOST—On the Eden highway towards Menard out of Paint Rock, a lady's brown travelling bag containing ladies' wearing apparel, a new kodak, a ukelele, and other articles. Return to the Ledger office, and receive valuable reward. Jewel Burris. 28-3td-1tw

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, close in. Phone 415. 28-3td*

FOR RENT—Good rooms, close in. All modern conveniences. Mrs. F. C. Miller. 28-3td

FOR SALE—732 acres, 165 irrigated, 215 in cultivation, 200 more can be put in. Two No. A-1 sets of implements. River front, some pecans, no Johnson grass. About 45 head fine Durham cattle, teams, plow, tools, automobile. Four miles of Ballinger; price \$50.00 per acre, all goes. Good terms. C. W. Northington. 28-3td*

FOR RENT—One large upstairs room, furnished for light housekeeping. Phone 646. 24-1td

FOR SALE—Handkerchiefs, buffet sets, and other Christmas presents. Mrs. Meadors, 1006 Eighth Street. 21-6td

FOR SALE—Mahogany Buffet, same as new, cost \$60.00, less

than half price. Phone 497. 21-1td

FOR SALE—Good 1925 model Ford, used less than six months. See J. P. Flynt at once. 17-1td

FOR RENT—Good bed rooms, close in, modern conveniences. Phone 179. 21-1td*

Charley Bailey is at home from Galveston, where he is attending medical college, for a few days visit with home folks.

If your Motor or Radiator is "busted" take them to Tourist Garage. 28-3td

Miss Gladys London, of Dallas, came in Saturday and will be the guest of Miss Evelyn Routh over Sunday. She had been visiting relatives at San Angelo, and was en route home.

Due to arrive Monday, car Black Diamond Coal, \$8.00 per ton at car. Also car Alabama on track. Boggess Bros. Phone 306. 26-3td

Miss Lois Wooten left Friday for Rockwood, to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Notice

My wife will do home laundry work any day in the week. We have purchased an electric washing machine and are located at 800 Fifteenth Street. All work guaranteed and appreciated. EVERETT CAMPBELL.

Two Christmases are celebrated in Russia on account of two different calendars being in use in that country. The second Christmas is celebrated on January 7th, by those holding to the old Julian calendar.

A large number of \$2.50 gold pieces were recently coined to meet the demands of many industrial concerns who paid their employees in gold. The statement is made by the government that upwards of \$25,000,000 will be paid out in that specie.

Frank Schneider is at home from Houston for a year-end visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schneider.

TO THOSE who are bereaved of loved ones, no service is so essential as that of the funeral director!

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December 28th to
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Has been proclaimed by The Associated Cleaners and Dyers as School Children's Garment Cleaning Week.

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