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TRAGEDY WAVE DARKENS XMAS; 60 KNOWN DEAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—More than sixty persons were killed, upwards of half a hundred were injured and fifteen others are missing as the result of an unusual number of accidents Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In addition to the loss of life, fires, many of the resulting from overheating due to the zero Christmas weather in some sections of the country, caused a heavy property loss.

The most serious as well as the most pathetic Christmas Eve tragedy was near Hobart, Oklahoma, where 33 persons are known to be dead as the result of a fire in a schoolhouse where a Christmas entertainment was in progress.

The next highest toll of life was taken near Roanoke, Va., where six are dead, nine are missing and thirty-five are in hospitals as the result of the breaking of a "muck" dam at Saltville last night.

At Stamford, Texas, four were killed and six were injured, one serious, in a fire in the Stamford Inn.

Two men were frozen to death in Chicago's five below zero Christmas weather. A policeman was killed as the result of a fall and a Chinese laundryman was shot and probably fatally wounded in a renewal of the long tong warfare.

Four were killed and another injured in an automobile accident at Richmond, Va., and at Dixon, Ill., a three-year-old child shot and killed his ten-year-old brother with his father's shot gun, and one person was killed as the result of pouring coal oil in a cook stove.

Two were killed in a Christmas Eve shooting scrape near Richmond, Ky.; two were killed in an automobile accident at Birmingham, Ala.; a three-year-old girl died of burns at Worcester, Mass.; one was killed in automobile at Lexington, N. C.; a policeman was killed at New Orleans by a bank robber; a mother died of burns at Lincoln, Neb.; two were killed at Glendale, Calif., when a bomb in the form of a Christmas package exploded; two were killed and two were injured in an automobile accident at Centralia, Ill., and at Michigan City, Ind., two were killed and two were injured when a train struck an auto, while in New York five men were seriously wounded by two gunmen.

ASKS FOR JAIL SENTENCE TO SECURE CHRISTMAS DINNER

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A. N. French, 60 years old, thanked Police Magistrate White today, when given a sentence of ten days in the jail for vagrancy.

"Thank you, Judge," he said. "I am willing to do ten days just to get a chance at a Christmas dinner. I hope you have cranberry sauce and fixins. I haven't had a real dinner on Christmas in thirty years."

French appeared at the police station last night, declared he heard inmates of the city jail would have a real Christmas dinner and asked to be locked up.

The desk sergeant complied with his request.

ALASKANS LAUGH WHILE WE SHIVER!

While the United States and Canada have been shivering under temperatures ranging from 15 to 40 below, Nome, Alaska, spent Christmas day with the thermometer at 40 above, while an inch of rain fell. Fur overcoats and heavies were discarded in Nome Christmas day. So far Nome's coldest day this winter was 21 above zero.

ABOUT WOMEN.

"Princess Nellie," a circus midget whose home is in Syracuse, N. Y., has a ten months old baby daughter more than half as tall as the mother.

Miss Evelyn Brodstone, a former Nebraska country girl, recently became the wife of Lord William Vestey, known as the "meat king" of the British empire, for whose firm she worked as a stenographer for several years, first in Chicago and New York and later in London.

Miss Mary McLaren, one of the early movie stars, has retired from the screen to wed Colonel H. Young, a British official stationed in India.

All On Ice.

Biggs—Gonna make any New Year's resolutions?"

Jiggs—Don't need any.

Biggs—How come?"

Jiggs—Haven't used the ones I made back in 1920 yet!—American Legion Weekly.

Be like a postage stamp and you can't help from being successful. It sticks to one thing until it gets there.—Amarillo Globe.

Her two dogs fought off a bull which had attacked Mrs. Catherine Wallace, of Casper, Wyoming, while she rolled under a fence to safety.

MUST HAVE NEW TRIAL

Jurors Fail to Agree. Two Members Ill; Court Discharges Jury; Change of Venue Required.

Mrs. Ruth Hobart and E. T. Miller must stand trial again on a joint murder charge in connection with the shooting to death of E. W. Hobart in Amarillo last July.

This step was made necessary last night when the jury, which was given the case at noon yesterday, was discharged when it was announced that there was no chance of an agreement being reached and because two jurors were ill.

Dr. W. L. Askew, on the witness stand last night, told the court that it would be dangerous to the two sick members to keep the jury together for further deliberation. The jurors, who had become ill during the two weeks' trial, are C. A. Gilkison, manager of the Consumers Ice, Delivery Company, and George W. Truitt, a bookkeeper for the W. M. Moore Lumber Company.

MELROSE, N. M., GOES DRY.

Melrose has been experiencing the greatest water shortage in recent years during the past several days. The extremely cold weather has frozen all the surplus water that was in storage, pipes cannot be thawed and windmills have frozen up while running. The usual Saturday night plunge has been missed and drinking water is at a premium.—Melrose Messenger.

Turning The Page

Father Time is reaching to turn another page. On the blank sheet that will be before him will be written the most important page in the history of Muleshoe. It will be important because on it will be written the chapter which will tell of steps which mark either the forward or backward movement of our community. We are at a turning point.

Steps forward will be written to include progressive events and a general forward movement in whatsoever line opportunity directs. The duty that devolves upon us is to watch for those opportunities and make the most of them. Steps backward will be marked by a general delinquency; a lack of vision, and the fact that we are not pulling together.

Which page will we write?

The Journal trusts that every citizen of Muleshoe will help to write a brighter page.

We wish you one and all a Happy New Year—one filled with happiness and prosperity. Both are here if we work for them.

An engineer was heard to say that he couldn't bear to see his wife get up and make the fires these cold mornings, so he turns his face to the wall.—John Moore, in Amarillo Globe.

FOUR DEAD IN STAMFORD FIRE

STAMFORD, Dec. 25.—Four persons, a mother, her two children, and a man were burned to death late last night in a fire which destroyed the Stamford Inn, one of the most famous West Texas hotels. Six others were injured, one seriously. Property damage was estimated at \$100,000.

The dead: Mrs. Warren Winters, of Ralls, Texas, and her two children, Warren, Jr., aged 3 years, and Johnnie Bessie, a fifteen months old baby girl.

E. D. Lotspech, 48 years old, a cotton broker.

Mr. Lostpech was burned to death after he had aroused guests on the third floor, where he had a room. The floor collapsed a moment after he had succeeded in getting the others out, and he was making his way through smoke and flame to a fire escape.

FORT WORTH WOMAN KILLED IN CAR CRASH

FORT WORTH, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Ethel Ruth Tuck, 28 years old, was killed Thursday morning about 5:15 o'clock when the light automobile in which she was riding was struck by a heavier car driven by a negro livery chauffeur.

Wallace Hardeman, the negro, was arrested immediately after the crash, and is being held in the city jail pending investigation.

Every once in a while somebody indulges in ill-founded hopes. The latest is the man who thinks he can fly with balloon tires.



MRS. SWEETIN ON TRIAL.

Chicago—Mrs. Elsie Sweetin (left), co-defendant with Rev. Hight as she arrived at the court in custody of Mrs. Grant Holcomb (right) wife of the sheriff who arrested Mrs. Sweetin and Rev. Hight. The latter pair now are on trial charged with the murder of Mrs. Sweetin's husband.

How It Feels to Fly 300 Miles An Hour

By J. Earle Miller.

(As Described by Lieut. Corliss C. Moseley and Other Pulitzer Cup Winners).

How does it feel to dive down out of the sky at 300 miles an hour or more in the tremendous burst of speed that sends a racing airship over the starting line, or to turn a pylon at 240 miles an hour, with your ship standing on one wing? Well, to begin with, everything goes black before your eyes for a few seconds as you make a turn. The blood rushes from your head. You have the sensations of dropping in a high-speed elevator. With the rush of blood you become dizzy, the sort of feeling one has when arising from a couch after lying down for a bit after a full meal. And in your ears, as you dive from the sky, there is an internal popping as your eardrums protest against the change in altitude.

But in far less time than it takes to describe the symptoms, it is all over. The ship straightens out, as you automatically move the controls, and is away on a level course. The controls of an airplane are designed to synchronize with the natural reactions of the pilot. If you feel yourself falling forward you naturally lean backward to regain balance. So, in the plane, when you want to straighten out of a nose dive, you lean back and pull the control stick with you.

At the tremendous speeds attained by racing airplanes the controls become unbelievably responsive. Your automobile steers easier at sixty miles an hour than at twenty, and in the same manner an airplane obeys its controls with greater ease as the speed increases.

With your ship on a straightaway you have no particular sensation of speed, as you do in riding in an automobile. The ship slips smoothly through the air without jolt or jar. We are accustomed to reckoning speed in relative terms. As you look out the window of a railroad car you judge your progress by the telephone poles flashing past, and the same thing is true in an automobile.

But in a racing plane you have no object from which to draw a comparison. If you look over the side of an airplane at the ground below it does not appear to be flying away behind you at any great rate. High in the air your circle of vision is broadened to cover so many square miles that it takes an appreciable time to pass over any given object you may see ahead.

In your automobile you see a tree or a farmhouse a half mile ahead and calculate the time it will take you to reach it. In the airplane you can pick out an object ten or fifteen or more miles ahead. But when you dive out of the clouds to attain the enormous starting speed needed for a race such as that for the Pulitzer trophy, or turn a sharp corner at 240 miles to round one of the pylons that mark the corners of the triangular course, then you are fully aware of how fast you are going.

Of the two, the turning of the corner is the dizziest experience. If men ever reach a limit of racing speed beyond which they cannot go, that limit probably will be fixed at the turns of the course. A moving body had a natural tendency to continue in a straight line, and one's most intimate "innards" are no exception to the rule. When your automobile turns a corner the centrifugal force slides you across the seat.

Multiply your twenty-mile-an-hour speed around the corner by twelve and turn your car over on its side as it makes the turn and you have something of the sensation of rounding a pylon at 240 miles an hour. Your heart and your arteries and your stomach are unequal to the strain. All of your working parts are badly jumbled. Blood that should be coursing through your head is pouring down into your legs. Your brain ceases to function for an instant and virtual unconsciousness comes. Yet, through it all, the human mind unconsciously functions. The speed of the racing plane is terrifically fast, but not half so fast as one's brain reactions. The racers are usually equipped with a landing gear which folds up into the fuselage while they are in the air, to reduce the wind resistance.

A friend of mine broke the crankshaft of his motor while only fifty feet from the ground, yet, with the quickness of light, he brought his ship down to a perfect landing and slid to safety. His natural reaction in the fraction of a second that was given him to think was to reach for the landing gear lever and lower the wheels. A person falling with a bag of eggs has the same reaction—and tries to save the eggs.

Landing a plane is merely a matter of practice and is not so dangerous as most people think. It is the taking off that is dangerous. Landing may be mastered by the pilot and become almost automatic, but taking off at slow speed and attaining sufficient height to be safe depends upon the

engine. The motor must be right before the craft takes off. Its failure in the first hundred feet might be fatal. Flying is really as natural as walking. In the turns you may be likened to an intoxicated person who weaves and sways dangerously, yet, by some miraculous hidden sense, always regains his balance. One simply doesn't figure the difficult turn at all; he subconsciously keeps his balance just as if he were staggering along the street.

You who have as yet had no chance at flying need not despair for your time is coming soon. Five years from now there will be thousands of trained civilian aviators in the field. The life of the commercial airman will be a pleasant one.



The New German Ambassador to the United States.

Berlin—Baron Ago von Maltzan who was appointed German Envoy to the United States to succeed Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

NEWS SHOTS FROM OVER THE STATE

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 25.—Ice covered landscapes greeted residents of the Lower Rio Grande valley this morning for the first time in 29 years. Damage to citrus fruit trees, if any, cannot be determined until the ice thaws. It is feared by valley orchardists that if the weather clears tonight the damage will be extensive. They are preparing to fire smudge pots tonight.

EL PASO, Dec. 25.—One hundred prisoners in the Juarez prison today were given a turkey dinner with beer, provided by the owners of one of the most notorious dance halls in the Calle Diabolo, (Street of the Devil). Girls from the dance hall, garbed in blue silk dresses trimmed with fur, especially made for the occasion, acted as waitresses. A piano was also brought into the bleak prison and an orchestra played. Besides numerous kegs of beer, linen table cloths, real silver and chinaware was provided. Thirty persons were released by the mayor as a Christmas gift.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The government is not confining its efforts in repressing false communist reports to the expulsion of undesirable foreigners. It was learned today that action had been taken against a banker of Nantes who is declared to have recently sent circulars to some fifty of his clients warning them that conditions in France were critical, that Amiens was in the hands of communists and that a railroad strike was imminent. The banker, whose establishment is not of the first importance, is officially charged with propagating alarmist reports.

TEMPLE, Dec. 25.—Texas' most distinguished citizen, Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson, was royally remembered by Santa Claus today.

The good things and numerous gifts of practical utility dumped from Santa Claus' pack into "Ma's" stocking this morning included a solid gold fountain pen inscribed with the names of a number of friends.

Eight fat turkey gobblers also found their way into her kitchen, left there during the past 24 hours at the instance of friends and well wishers in various parts of the state.

BOYISH BANDITS TAKE \$100,000 IN DARING CHICAGO HOLDUP

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Two youthful robbers held up employees and guests of the Parkway hotel here early today and rifled the safe for more than \$100,000, it was disclosed after the guests made a hurried check-up of their valuables. The robbers escaped.

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WEALTH IN THE DEPTHS.

Mother Earth has given generously of her treasures for the benefit of all mankind, but it appears that she still holds in her bosom riches even greater than those already yielded up.

Recent news from the Cripple Creek gold district in Colorado tells of the successful operation of mines to a depth of 2700 feet, whereas the older workings rarely exceeded 1000 feet in depth.

Numerous instances can be pointed out in which new and greater oil deposits have been found at lower levels after the wells drilled to ordinary depths had been exhausted.

The same thing is true of other mineral wealth discovered at ever increasing depths, where modern machinery makes it possible to work with profit.

These facts, together with the desire of scientists for greater knowledge of the earth's interior, have led to the serious suggestion that a great hole be dug to a depth of several miles into the earth's crust, in the combined interests of science and industry.

It has been proposed that such an enterprise be undertaken as a government project, it being pointed out that it could be done for the cost of a modern battleship. Here lies a limitless unexplored field for adventure, with possibilities for astonishing results.

Miss Vera Bloom, the talented daughter of Congressman Bloom of New York, is the author of "The Life of Empress Eugenie," recently published though she is only 19 years of age.

GREEN TO TAKE GOMPERS' PLACE

Labor Council Names Miners' Secretary to Head Federation.

The American Federation of Labor executive council elected William Green, one of its members, and secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, to the presidency of the organization left vacant by the death of Samuel Gompers. Green is a resident of Coshocton, O., is 51 years old and has been a miner since he was 88.

James P. Noonan, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical workers, was elected eighth vice-president to fill the vacancy on the executive council caused by Green's promotion.

The election of Mr. Green was unanimous. The keynote of his administration, he said, "would be constructive progressivism."

In a formal statement he said he would carry out the policies of Samuel Gompers.

HUNTER KILLS FIVE LIONS A DAY.

Ed Steele, a predatory animal hunter employed by the United States Biological Survey, trails lions through the rocky recesses of Fox Mountain in the Blanco Range and captures five in a single day.

A fresh snow having fallen, Steele took his dogs and proceeded to the territory where he knew at least one lion was working. First one lion and then another was picked up until a total of five were taken. The stomach contents showed that they had all been living on deer. Two of the dogs were badly injured in the hunt but will recover.

This remarkable capture will be of much interest and gratification to the stockmen and sportsmen of the district, as each lion is known to destroy at least \$500 worth of livestock and game each year, therefore this days work means a saving of at least \$2,500.00.

Since July 1st, over 3000 coyotes, 120 bobcats, 25 lions, 17 wolves and 7 stock killing bears have been killed by the Biological Survey hunters. This represents a saving since July 1 of \$206,000 in stock and game to the state. These results are due to the improved methods now being employed.

GRAIN MARKET REVIEW

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—Wheat and rye prices made sharp advances and reached new high levels during the week ending December 20, according to the weekly grain market review of the United States Department of Agriculture. The corn market ruled slightly weaker but other grains held firm and made moderate gains.

The rapid consumption of the world supply of grains and the rather unfavorable conditions of fall feeding were the principal strengthening factors in the wheat market. The world's wheat crop is now estimated to be 440,000,000 bushels less than that of last year, and the world's rye crop 320,000,000 bushels, making the total supply of bread grains 760,000,000 bushels less than last year and 300,000,000 bushels less than in 1922.

The condition of the fall sown grain is reported fairly good, although there is a scarcity of moisture in some countries. The condition of the winter wheat in the United States is below the ten year average, being estimated by the Department of December 1 at 81, against 83 December 1 last year, and ten year average of 85.6. The revised estimate by the Department, of the wheat crop this year makes the total crop of all wheat 872,673,000 bushels, or about 75,000,000 bushels larger than last year. About 6.6 per cent more winter wheat was sown this fall than last year, but because of the less favorable conditions this was not a weakening factor in the market.

Cash wheat prices, particularly for high protein wheat, made relatively greater advances than future prices. No. 1 dark northern spring wheat sold at Minneapolis in a wide range of 1 to 43 cents over the December prices, but the bulk of the offerings sold at 10 to 30 cents over. One car of 15 1/2 per cent protein wheat from Montana sold at \$2.11 per bushel. Durum wheat was also in very active demand and premiums on choice milling grades were again advanced.

No. 1 amber sold at 3 to 23 cents over the Duluth December, which advanced 7 3/4 cents for the week and closed Friday at \$1.66 3/4.

Hard winter wheat was also advanced about ten cents and good premiums were paid for the high protein. A car of 13 per cent protein wheat sold at Omaha on Wednesday at \$1.85. A record price for all wheat at that market since the war. Mills were active buyers of all desirable grades and the lower grades were very firm. Red winter wheat prices were also advanced sharply and continue at a premium over hard winter wheat. No. 1 red was quoted in the principal markets between \$1.90 and \$1.95.

There was a fairly good export demand but principal export sales were of Canadian wheat. However, moderate sales were reported of hard winter wheat via the Gulf and of spring and durum wheat at the Atlantic coast market.

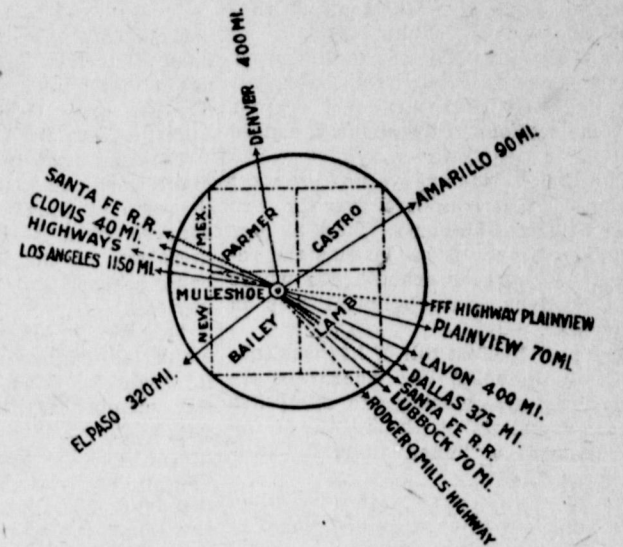
The corn market was little changed during the week although the tone of the market was slightly weaker. December 1 estimate placed the crop at 2,436,500,000 bushels, a reduction of about 40,000,000 from the November estimate. The extremely heavy movement of hogs from the farms, together with a tendency on the part of industries to buy sufficient corn for immediate needs, had a weakening influence on the market, but prices held fairly steady with No. 2 and No. 3 selling around \$1.25 a bushel at the principal markets in the central west. Receipts of corn were of fair volume and stocks in the markets are increasing slowly. The substitution of other grain wherever possible is restricting the feeding demand for corn, but the generally firm market situation still prevails.

The oats market fluctuated with corn. There was considerable short selling in the future markets during the week but the market remained firm and offerings were readily absorbed. Cash oats were in good demand and sold at steady prices during most of the week.

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Frank Ellis, an English prisoner, hid in an empty tank awaiting a chance to escape and was drowned when water was turned into it with terrific force.

If the gas expended over Muscle Shoals could have been harnessed, the water power would not be needed.

Few voted in the recent Irish elections. It must have been some sport for a fighting Irishman.

That fellow who claims to have discovered a "truth serum" probably did not take it himself.

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VALIANT CREWS KEPT THEIR TRAINS MOVING TO SAFETY

The thrilling story of three Frisco passenger trains which were lost to all railroad knowledge for 36 hours was this week told by passengers of the belated trains when they arrived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from St. Louis. Plowing their way through fields of ice, fallen telegraph poles and tangles of wire, with no possible way of communicating with dispatchers to ascertain other train movements, the three fast passenger trains dragged into Tulsa 36 hours and 40 minutes late. Passengers weathered the hardship remarkably well, and were loud in their praise of the manner in which the crews of the trains fought their way through the ice fields of Southwest Missouri, during one of the worst blizzards in the history of that region.

A piece of sheepskin with the raw wool on it makes a good windshield wiper that will keep the glass clear of frost and dew.

Two-year-old Arthur Barney of Chicago, got his head stuck in a brass jardiniere and the metal had to be cut away to release it.

Opportunity never uses the fire alarm bell.

RECENT BLIZZARD TOOK TOLL OF 11

Eleven persons are dead directly or indirectly from the severe cold wave which swept the middle west the latter part of last week. Property damage running into hundreds of thousands of dollars is reported from all sections of the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys, and through Missouri and Kansas. Zero and below temperatures prevailed and many regions reported the coldest weather in many years. Train service and communication lines were crippled to such an extent that anxiety was felt for passengers of many trains which were better than twenty-four hours overdue. Radio stations were pressed into service for newspaper dispatches, and other communications. A general delay in Christmas business may follow the interruption of traffic in some sections.

French detectives have finally adopted the use of microphones, wire-tapping and other American methods of trapping criminals.

Following an old custom, the aldermen of certain English towns are weighed daily and their weights recorded in the city records.

Guy Harp, of Canyon, Texas, was a Clovis visitor the first of the week.

FOSTER'S WEATHER FORECAST

For The Journal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 27.—Week following date of this bulletin is expected to average above normal temperatures and precipitation in the southern and eastern sections; below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation in central, northern and western sections and southeastern coast states; below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation west of Rockies crest and in Alberta. Temperature extremes and storm force will be moderate excepting in southeastern coast states, which are expected to receive the effects of a moderate storm from the direction of the West Indies during this period.

Crop weather in January is expected to be about the ten year average generally; precipitation will cover about the same areas covered by the December precipitation but will be more scattered and less in amount. Greatest temperature extremes and precipitation to accompany the storm waves of the 17th and 24th.

Argentine crop weather for January is expected to be a little above normal in precipitation and about to a little below normal temperatures, with increase of precipitation in their southern grain sections, where it is reported to be needed most. This will be favorable to their corn crop, which needs rain during this period, but will be slightly unfavorable to their wheat crop, which will be in the midst of harvest. Grain prices have not suffered for want of an incentive to climb upward during the past several months. Favorable crop news does not appear to register. Reported floods in Southern Russia indicate that drought predicted for Northern Europe and Asia for the present winter is being verified as correct. It will probably be impossible to ascertain approximate conditions of crops of these countries until well into their 1925 season. I believe that grain produced in Northern Europe during 1925 will be considerably below the ten-year average in quality and quantity. Western Europe will fare better but their coming spring and summer will be too wet for best results.

Storm wave of January 24 centers on the date of the total eclipse of the sun, therefore, I do not believe that it is likely that the eclipse will be seen clearly, if at all, west of the line extending from the southern point of Hudson Bay to New Orleans through Windsor, Ontario, Columbus, Ohio, or Birmingham, Alabama. A fairly clear atmosphere is expected east of that line, the farther east the clearer, as most of the scientific men who are interested in viewing this eclipse will congregate near and east of New York City, they will probably have very good conditions under which to work.

Evident co-operation of the representative organizations of the Central Canadian farmers gives promise of a wonderful progress in the interest of those producers. It is hoped that the promised amalgamation of their organizations will be accomplished and that a leader of ability has been or will be found. A successful farmer is accustomed to making his own plans and keeping his own council. In union of the majority will be found the only protection for the individual.

EXPLORED WORLD'S GREATEST UNDERGROUND WONDER

An underworld wonderland surpassing in size, sublimity and beauty anything of the kind hitherto known. Such is the report of Dr. Willis T. Lee, who recently returned to Washington after a summer spent in surveying and mapping a portion of the caverns which run under the Guadalupe Mountains near Carlsbad, N. M.

Dr. Lee and his associates, working under the auspices of the National Geographic Society, traced the ramifications of the main cavern, an underground avenue about a half-mile wide, for two miles under the mountain. How much farther it extends is unknown. A great number of smaller avenues branch off. No attempt was made to follow these.

There is every indication, Dr. Lee said, that the discovery of the Carlsbad Cavern is just a start of the wonders which further exploration of the Guadalupe Mountain region in Southeastern New Mexico and Western Texas will disclose. Texas has already taken steps to set aside its section as a state park. It is probable that the mountains are honeycombed with subterranean recesses, Dr. Lee said.

The most striking feature of the Carlsbad Cavern is the extreme delicacy of the architecture of the stalactites and stalagmites in the mammoth chambers. All sorts of fantastic, beautiful designs are worked into the onyx marble.

Dr. Lee found the caverns of the Guadalupe Mountains the home of a prehistoric civilization. Two skeletons have been sent to the Smithsonian Institution for identification. Other skeletons, buried in baskets, were found on shelves in the walls. The people who inhabited the caves are believed to have been close relatives to the basket weaving people farther west. The caverns are a geological and biological treasure house. There are literally millions of bats, blind crickets and worms and spiders of hitherto unknown species.

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M. P. SMITH

Entrance to the cavern now is very difficult. It is necessary to climb one thousand feet up a mountain side and then go down through a hole in the roof in a guano bucket for one hundred and seventy feet. A walk of about two miles is then necessary over very difficult flooring before the end of the main cavern is reached. The avenue leads downward through great chamber after chamber until one is eight hundred feet below the surface of the earth outside. At this point the avenue drops off abruptly ninety feet. This has to be negotiated with a wire ladder. Mr. Lee explored a series of basement chambers never before seen by human eye.

AVIATORS DUST COTTON FIELDS.

Bureau of Entomology Reports on Progress of U. S. War on Insects; Boll Weevil Doomed.

The Government is making substantial progress in the warfare against insect pests, according to the annual report of the Bureau of Entomology submitted to Secretary of Agriculture Gore. A number of effective new methods and materials for use against different types of infestation have been developed and the control of insect pests by the importation and

rearing of natural parasites has received considerable attention.

Measures to control the cotton boll weevil have been perfected along several lines, including airplane dusting and the maintenance of a supply of calcium arsenate, and the outlook is encouraging. Extreme cold weather in January followed by a phenomenal drought later, resulted in a low emergence of the boll weevil this year. A project is under way, involving co-operation with the Bureau of Public Roads and the Bureau of Standards, to learn the effect of the electrical charging of particles of insecticide dust used in airplane dusting of cotton fields.

RADIO FUND FOR BLIND GETS CASH FROM NEW MEXICO

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 22.—The only two contributions for the Radio Fund for the Blind received in several days by The Star-Telegram were \$25 from Mrs. L. Jackson and \$2 sent by Mrs. Julia Caler, Bellview, New Mexico.

It will interest those who have contributed to know that the Bureau of Standards at Washington soon will decide on the sets to be installed. Purchasing and distribution will be started as soon as possible, according to

information sent The Star-Telegram by Alfred M. Coddell, secretary of the American Radio Association.

Coddell announced that continued effort is to be put forth to reach the \$300,000 goal set by the Association for the fund.

The first tin can was inspired by Napoleon Bonaparte, who offered a prize of 12,000 francs to anyone who would invent a way of preserving perishable vegetables for his marines to eat in their long voyages. In 1809 the money was handed over to Nicholas Appert, an uneducated pickler who discovered that cooking foods in hermetically sealed containers made it possible to keep them indefinitely.

Christmas comes but once a year. Now isn't that a pity? 'Twould be nice to have it twice, But we couldn't write this ditty.

Mrs. Hannah Elvorsen, of Chicago, now 83 years old, is growing her third set of teeth, now having nine new ones.

On the evidence of two waiters, who saw her husband kiss another woman while at dinner, Mrs. Joseph Gardiner of Chicago secured a divorce.

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"It's a hard life," said the traffic policeman.
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Starting the New Year



Ma and Pa Decide Old Home Is O. K.

Aged Parents, Anticipating Happiest Year, Refuse New Bungalow.

By EMILY BURKS ADAMS
 THE train was later than usual. Mrs. Owen often looked at her watch and asked the conductor if they were making up any time. "New Year's Day, and still on the train, when we were due at Oklahoma City last night! Mother will be so disappointed that we're not there, Bob."

"Well dear, she knows the train is late."
 "Yes, Bob, but the knowledge of a thing doesn't keep it from being disappointing; I'm so tired, too; I can hardly wait until I get there."
 "Just think of the wonderful gift we have for them and how happy we are going to make them, dear—a nice little home by us. We'll have them always with us, Madge."

"Oh! Bob, you're just wonderful! Father will be delighted with Chicago and mother will enjoy her new home."
 The train puffed into Oklahoma City. The first person Madge and Bob saw was Father Canton, leaning on his cane, looking up and down the vast throngs as they gayly hurried by. Oh, there he is, Bob! I can't wait to tell him of our plans. This will be my happiest New Year—taking them home with us.

"Father, so glad to see you! How is mother?" Madge shouted.
 "Howdy, Bob. Howdy, Oh, mother's as fine as a fiddle; dinner's all on the table. Don't think she went to bed last night; she was just sure you'd had a wreck."
 "I knew, dad, she'd be uneasy. Oh! we have the best present for you. We—"
 "I hope it's a suit of clothes—I need one," interrupted Mr. Canton.
 All laughed. They took a cab and were soon at the old home.

"My, mother, how good the turkey smells! We're so hungry and travel weary, but before we eat, or anything, I want to tell you about your new home Bob and I bought for you—right next to us. We're going to take you back with us. You can sell this place later. Bob and I have it all furnished for you."
 "Bob, you carve the turkey," said Mr. Canton; "Madge has taken my breath. What's the matter? I think you're crazy instead of wild, Madge! How long has she been this way, Bob?"

"But, father, you'll go; of course you will. This place is old, and we want to take care of you."
 "Now, see here, children; not while I have two feet and this cane to lean on. Ma and I were never happier in our lives. We'll take you and Bob in. We're able to take care of ourselves."
 "You won't go, mother, father?"
 In one voice they said—"No."

A happy week was spent together but Bob and Madge returned alone to see the new bungalow instead of the old home place.
 "Well, Bob, I don't know but that the folks are right and as they said: This may be the happiest year of their lives. Happiness comes from within, and now that I know they are so attached to that place I shall not worry about them. I just hope that when we are in our eighties we'll love each other and our home just as much as they love theirs—I have an idea we'll tell our children just as they told us—that they are crazy. True, I suppose, you can't transplant old people."

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The New Year

By Edith Livingston Smith

THE New Year—where it leads and whom concerning
 We cannot see,
 We scan the path and full our hearts of yearning
 And mystery—
 What will it yield, this lane of sudden turning,
 To you and me?
 Grant we may find our share of sunlight streaming—
 Come tears—come mirth;
 Where faith in man shall make life's good deeds seeming
 Of noble worth;
 Give days our toll and give our nights sweet dreaming,
 God of the earth.
 Give us the heart to tread the way, not knowing
 A vale or height;
 Give us of cheer that God, His grace bestowing,
 May guide us right;
 Grant we may love the others with us going—
 Old Year—Good night!

Things We Forgot During Past Year

Let Others Remember Our Good Deeds—It Is the Better Way.

By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS
 VERY likely many of the things we have forgotten during the past year, are the things that other people remember best. It generally works by the law of opposites.
 Thus: "I never got so much comfort out of anything in my life as that warm waist you gave me; cold mornings it's as good as a fire."
 "What warm waist?" you answer, puzzled. "Why, that dark blue one you gave me; don't you remember?" says the young married woman who has four children and lives up the back road from your village.
 No, you can't remember, but you're glad she's got it.
 And thus: "Say, you saved my life that day when you picked me up on the road."
 "What day?"
 "That drizzling, cold, raw afternoon last winter. I'd been shopping downtown and started to walk home, because it's an actual fact I'd spent every cent before I knew it, and hadn't even a car fare. I was just about done up, when you halted me and asked me to get in your car. I never was so glad to see anyone in my life!"
 And thus: "I've read that book you gave me five times and now I'm on my fifth."
 "What book?"
 "That book of poems you sent me when I was so sick. I like poetry but don't feel as though I ought to spend money on it; sort of selfish when there's so much want in the world. But I tell you, those lovely lines keep singing in my head and are like meat and drink to me."
 You can't recollect to save your life about that book, but you are grateful for the dear old lady's words.

WHY NOT STRIVE TO MAKE 1925 A YEAR OF GOOD DEEDS FORGOTTEN BY OURSELVES AND REMEMBERED BY OTHERS?
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The Tables Turned
 "Does your wife still give you Christmas cigars?"
 "No," answered Mr. Meekton. "I overheard Henrietta making fun of the cigarettes with which I presented her."

CONVICT PLAYS WAY TO FAME

On January 16 a man will leave the Missouri state penitentiary with fame and fortune within his grasp.

That man is Harry M. Snodgrass, known to radio listeners throughout the nation as "The King of the Ivories." Snodgrass was sent up for a stretch of three years for hi-jacking a candy shop in St. Louis. He has served 21 months and is eligible to release on January 16 because of good behavior. During his incarceration Snodgrass has worked diligently and has finished a musical training which ranked him in a recent radio popularity contest as the best loved of all entertainers of the air. He plays over WOS at Jefferson City.

When Snodgrass walks out of the pen next month, he will be handed a contract said to read "one thousand dollars a week" for concerts on the piano. Snodgrass will also be given a liberal purse which radio fans have raised for him during the past two weeks. He is a married man and has a son eight years old to whom he says he will return and devote the rest of his life in repaying for the suffering he has caused them.

Cultivates Profane Vocabulary.

"Does your husband work out cross word puzzles?"
 "He works over them. Cuss word puzzles would be a better name as far as he is concerned."—Boston Transcript.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Bailey County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Bailey, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 69th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 69th judicial district, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Annie Mae Patton, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Bailey at the Court House thereof, in Muleshoe, on the 29th day of December, 1924, then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1924, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 89, wherein W. L. Patton is plaintiff and Annie Mae Patton defendant. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

That plaintiff and defendant were married in the spring of 1919; that they lived together for about 4 months; that during such time as they lived together he treated her good; that during the month of September, 1919, she left the bed and board of this plaintiff with the intention of abandoning him permanently; that she has not since said time of abandoning this plaintiff returned to him or offered to return to him and that he has not heard from her since said time.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Muleshoe, this, the 25th day of November, A. D. 1924.
 (SEAL) C. C. MARDIS,
 Clerk District Court, Bailey County, Texas. 42-4tc-D 6, 13, 20, 27

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The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges that heretofore, to-wit on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1924, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises herein described as follows: The Southwest one-quarter of Section 9, League No. 143, Hansford County School Lands, situated in Bailey County, Texas; that plaintiff did on said date and still continues to do so, hold and claim the said land in fee simple title; that on the day and year last aforesaid, the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises by asserting some character of claim in and to the title of the said premises and unlawfully withholds from the plaintiff

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the possession thereof to his damages in the sum of \$1,280.00; that title in and to said premises vest in this plaintiff by virtue of a certain deed of conveyance dated June 30th, A. D. 1924 and filed for record September 16th, A. D. 1924, in the deed records of Bailey County, Texas, wherein J. H. Brokaw is grantor and this plaintiff is grantee; that this suit is brought to remove cloud from title of the premises hereinbefore described. WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that said defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition and that upon final hearing hereof this plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of said land and that a writ of restitution issue and for his damages cost of suit and for all other relief special and general to which he may be entitled in law and in equity.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, And have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Muleshoe, Tex., this the 2nd day of Dec., A. D. 1924.
 (SEAL) C. C. MARDIS,
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