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## ELKS DISPENSE LIBERAL GIFTS

### Hearts of Youngsters Gladdened By Generosity of Local Lodge

## MATINEE AFTER TREE

### CHRISTMAS OTHERWISE CELEBRATED IN QUIET WAY WITH CHURCH SERVICES AND DINNER PARTIES.

With more than one hundred children present, Amarillo Elks gave their first Christmas tree in the elegant new home for the benefit of the unfortunate yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, which gracious dispensation was followed by free matinees for the little guests at the Deaudt and Majestic theatres.

Never before has this city witnessed such lavish abundance as was evidenced yesterday afternoon at the Elks home. There were presents of every description almost, and many of these carried with them not only the pleasure of the instant, but combined the excellent and much to be desired quality of service and comfort.

The dispensation was without regard to condition or standing of the recipients. The fact that the invitations to be present as guests of the Elks was taken as sufficient proof of eligibility, and smiling hands gave out of the store so gladly contributed by the hands of the noble brotherhood of Elks. On every hand there was warmth that cheered and smiles that brightened within the precincts of this fraternal home which now more than ever graces the city, and makes itself felt for the general good, an enduring monument to the affiliation of true manly hearts, its real foundation.

When every little hand was filled to overflowing, it was found that almost as much more remained to be given out under the direction of the committees. It mattered not that the hands that reached for the toys, the goodies and wearables happened to be soiled; they tightened with un-mixed gladness upon the things that made life merrier. The expressions of joy upon the faces of the little guests spread to those of the elders and all were made happier by reason of the contact.

Not stopping with lading the children with presents, ladies and gentlemen in autos whirled the happy youngsters away to their places of abode. The dollies, the tops, the bugles, the nuts, the candies, wraps, hostlers, mufflers, coats and caps found a place in the vehicles with their new owners, and doubtless many informal prayers went heavenward last evening from the hearts of the recipients in behalf of the gracious dispensers of gifts.

Closing was general yesterday, the crisp air, passing over an abundance of snow, seeming to add zest to the holiday spirit of gladness among the people. Dinner parties, too numerous to mention, claimed attention of the citizenship of Amarillo.

Patronage at the theatres was somewhat larger by reason of the leisure granted employees, after the strenuous duties of the past two weeks, in which the buying is declared to have surpassed anything ever known before in Amarillo. In the evening there were numerous informal parties and various forms of amusement claimed attention of both young and old.

Christmas services were held yesterday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock in Saint Andrew's Episcopal church, a sermon by the rector, Rev. Milton R. Worsham, being supplemented with a musical program of unusual worth. The church was beautifully decorated with southern smilax, trailing with easy grace above and about the windows, the altar and the chandeliers. The service was beautiful in its simplicity and was heartily appreciated by the ample audience.

Midnight mass in Sacred Heart Catholic church Sunday night was liberally attended and thoroughly appreciated. The musical program was one of beauty, combining and blending with the service as a whole. Rev. Father D. H. Dunne, the pastor, conducted the service, so impressive and suggestive of the advent of the Christ into the world.

## SHALLENBERGER IN RACE FOR SENATE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 25.—Former Governor A. C. Shallenberger today filed with the secretary of state, his application as Democratic candidate for United States senator.

## GOVERNMENT TO OWN OR CONTROL

### Failure of Railroad Legislation Will Force Possession, Says Knapp

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Justice Knapp, chief justice of the commerce court, in recent utterances concerning railroad legislation and control has stated that, if the regulation which is now sought to be enforced shall be found inadequate government ownership of the railroads is the only alternative.

Appropos of his remarks is the trend of thought of some of the representatives and senators who have come out for government ownership of railroads as well as other big business. Although Judge Knapp does not think that this condition will prevail, at least for the present, he does think that railroads should be regulated under the provisions of the national congress.

In speaking of this subject, he said: "The regulation of interstate commerce is one of the most commanding and certainly one of the most conspicuous subjects now before the public. The provision in the federal constitution giving to congress the right to regulate commerce with foreign nations, between the states and with the Indian tribes has not only stood the test of time, but appears to be adequate for our marvelously changed modern conditions."

**Early Cases.**  
The history of litigation based on this constitutional provision is illuminating. The first case to come before the United States supreme court on this subject was not reached until 1834, one-third of a century after the adoption of the constitution. Until 1849 only four cases came before the tribunal. Between 1849 and 1860 fifteen more cases were heard. Between 1860 and 1880 there were fifty cases. In the decade between 1880 and 1890 seventy-eight. Since 1890 hundreds of these cases have come before the supreme court and the number is increasing steadily.

In the first case brought before the supreme court an attempt was made to restrict within narrow bounds the constitutional rights of congress. Chief Justice John Marshall rejected the application for such restriction and declared the power to regulate commerce given to congress knows no limit other than the constitution.

A concurrent opinion by Associate Justice Johnson declared that not only the articles and subjects of interstate commerce may be regulated by congress, but all the agencies and facilities entering into such commerce are within the regulating power of congress.

**A Fundamental Right.**  
"Why," says Justice Knapp, "should carriers be regulated? The right goes back to primitive days. Man, in those times, had ways of passage from one hunting field to another from his rude abode to the places where he found his sport."

When advanced in civilization, the right-of-way was one of the first fixed by ancient custom and finally by law. Then came the establishment of the highway and the street. It may well be said that the street is the foundation of the state.

"Government has three important functions: to give security to the person, protection to property and assurance of equal use of the highways."

"Henry George, the brilliant thinker declared 'what difference is there between a man owning all the land and owning all the people?' I amend that by saying that the person who owns the highways owns both the land and the people."

**Duty of Government.**  
"There is an inherent right to equal use of the highways, and the right of the great railway systems has not altered this in the slightest. They have absolutely replaced the old highways for long hauls. With the ancient usage clear it now well be said that the duty of the government

## GENERAL REYES TAKEN PRISONER

### Leader of Revolt in Mexico Confined in Linares Jail

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

### GRAY-HAIRED REBEL FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT HIS DREAM OF CONQUEST WAS DISPELLED.

Linares, Mex., Dec. 25.—Defeated and stripped of his former arrogance and pride, General Bernardo Reyes, Mexico's one time great military leader of a revolt which threatened to tear the country from border to border, was tonight placed in jail here. He surrendered today officially to General Trevine his enemy for years. General Reyes was later released upon his promise not to leave the city. Riding alone in to Linares today, the gray-haired rebel gave himself up to a lieutenant commanding twenty-five rurales. Reyes frankly admitted that his dream of another successful revolution had come to a close, and placed himself at Trevine's disposal. "I called upon the army and the people, and no one responded," said General Reyes. "This attitude I considered as a protest, and I am resolved not to continue this war against the government. I place myself at your disposition."

General Reyes asked no guarantee for himself, but pleaded for mercy for the little group of followers who have not yet surrendered. Rudolfo Reyes, son of the general, announced to night from St. Louis, when informed that his father had surrendered, that he would go to Washington to talk with the officials regarding the conditions in Mexico. He says that the people of the United States do not understand conditions existing in the southern republic.

**Surprise at Washington.**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The surrender of General Reyes was a surprise both to the State Department and the Mexican embassy, although it was generally believed that his capture was inevitable.

Neither the government nor Embassy tonight had received official word of his surrender, but both are relieved by the turn of events.

**Advices Reach Laredo.**  
Laredo, Tex., Dec. 25.—According to a private telegram received here, bearing the signature of General Geronimo Trevine, the Mexican military commander, General Bernardo Reyes has been taken prisoner.

Reyes, according to the telegram, surrendered after his forces had been defeated by the federal troops near Linares today.

## SUN YAT SEN AT SHANGHAI

### Prospective President of Chinese Escorted Down River By Warships

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leading promoters of the revolution, who may be named president for the proposed republic, boarded a launch soon after his arrival here this morning and was escorted down the river by two warships.

He is now discussing the situation with Wu Ting Fang, foreign secretary of the provisional revolutionary cabinet.

**UNITED STATES KEEPS WATCH ON SITUATION**  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—The arrival of four more naval vessels of the United States' Asiatic squadron in Shanghai yesterday has made it apparent that the United States is keeping close watch on the situation there, where a peace conference is being held between the Imperialists and the revolutionists. With the arrival of the Cruisers New Orleans, Cincinnati and Albany and the destroyer Dale, the total of American vessels in Chinese waters around Shanghai is raised to eleven.

## WILL QUIT POLITICS AND RETURN TO BOOK WRITING



Toledo, O., Dec. 25.—Bram Whitlock, novelist and humanitarian, and chosen mayor of Toledo in four blistering campaigns, has run his last political race. He announced Saturday that insofar as man can plan the future, he will never again run for office.

## GIFT FROM NAVY TO BENEFACTORS

### Presents Made to Rockefeller, Sage and Helen Gould

New York, Dec. 25.—Boys of the navy surprised John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage and Miss Helen Gould with Christmas presents today in appreciation of the help the trio has rendered in giving to the navy the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Rockefeller was presented with a handsome table cover which the sailors themselves had embroidered, working out naval emblems with greatest skill and precision.

## DR. AND MRS. LITTLE VISITING IN AMARILLO

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Little are in Amarillo from Englewood, Kansas, as the guests of the latter's brother, A. E. Meyer, until New Year's. Mrs. Little, formerly Miss Pauline Meyer, is well known and popular in Amarillo, and she will doubtless receive many calls during the brief week she remains in this city.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING WEDNESDAY

Announcement is made for a meeting of the Missionary society of the Polk Street Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This meeting will be held in the church building, and the hope is expressed that the attendance be liberal, as matters of interest and importance will claim attention.

## SHUSTER REFORMALLY NOTIFIED OF DISMISSAL

Teheran, Dec. 25.—The cabinet today notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia of his dismissal. This action follows the decision of the national and the ministry, to submit to Russia's demands. An indignation meeting was held after the announcement was made of Shuster's dismissal to protest, but the officers restored quiet without bloodshed.

## MARYLAND MOB LYNCHES NEGRO

### Black Who Killed White Man at Fairchild Shot to Death

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25.—King Davis, the negro who Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, a white man, at Fairfield, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, early today and shot to death by a small party of unknown men.

The negro was dragged to a spot two hundred yards from the station and shot four times through the lungs. His body was discovered several hours later.

## FIGHTING CONTINUES SEVERE AT TABRIZ

Julfa, Persia Dec. 25.—According to information received here, fighting continues in the streets of Tabriz between the Russian guards and the Persian constitutionalists. Russian reinforcements consisting of a regiment of riflemen and cossacks, with a mounted battery which left here December 23 for that city, arrived here today, having encountered little opposition.

## DR. ROBINSON'S SON RECOVERS FROM FEVER

Ernest E. Robinson, Jr., is practically well again after an attack of scarlet fever at the home of his parents. Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Robinson, at the parsonage of the Polk Street Methodist church. The attending physician states that the little fellow has passed all danger, and he is now being detained beyond the point at which he might endanger those who come in contact with him.

Both family and physician are taking every possible precaution.

## RUSSIAN HANDS REDDENED WITH PERSIAN BLOOD

### Massacres at Resht Continue and People Are Terrorized

## HUNDREDS SLAIN SUNDAY

### MANY VICTIMS OF BRUTALITY OF CZAR'S TROOPS ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

## SLAUGHTER MERCILESS

### Despite Unresisting Attitude of Persians, Assaults Bombard Government House and Demolish Homes.

London, Dec. 25.—Massacres have been going on in Resht since Saturday, according to official telegrams received here today. It is stated that on Sunday five hundred Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The Persians are being exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacres still continue.

The government house has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been slaughtered. Private houses have been demolished, and it is reported that the Russians killed four unarmed Armenians in Tabriz.

"The people of Persia," said the dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately on the acceptance by Persia of the Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

## CHICAGO PRISONERS GET CHRISTMAS FEAST

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—Seventy-seven murderers with six hundred other prisoners, partook of Christmas dinner and exchanged yuletide greetings in the Cook county jail today. Revival meetings and song services were held, led by the murderers who have repented.

## REBELLIOUS MOROS TROOPS SURRENDER

Manila, Dec. 25.—Moros, who several days ago took position on top of a mountain in the island of Jolo, which had been strongly fortified today surrendered to American troops. The Moros numbered 600 and laid down their arms only after being starved out, the Americans having had them surrounded several days.

## RICHESON CELL FLOWER-DECKED

### Alleged Slayer of Avis Linnell Remembered By Many Friends

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—Rev. Clarence Richeson, charged with the murder of Miss Avis Linnell, was not forgotten by his friends today. His cell was decked with flowers and he received many Christmas presents. The preacher is reported as rapidly recovering from self-inflicted wounds and there is a rumor that the trial set for January 15 will be postponed for a time.

## COUNTY COURT GOES OVER FOR HOLIDAYS

On account of the holidays, Judge W. M. Jeter has announced that there will be no business in the county court next week. This is the first week of the term, and it was designed that criminal matters should be brought up for consideration. This was found to be impossible, and the docket has just been moved forward one week.

It is probable that on account of the New Year observances, there will be little if anything taken up next Monday, but business will be opened up with a rush Tuesday, provided nothing unforeseen happens.

## WEATHER

Washington Forecast.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—West Texas: Fair in the western portion. Snow or rain in the eastern portion Tuesday. Colder in the southeastern portion. Fair, Wednesday.

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*Feeding 4,000 sheep*

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