

Always sung on Christmas day. "Gloo-rye, gloo-rye, in the 'ighest !" We could hear the tenor say. Then the basso joined the effort. "Pay-son airth, goo-dwill toe man; Gloo-rye, pay-son, gloo-rye, pay-son"-That's the way the anthem ran.



"AWNGILS SANG THE GLAWD REEF-RAIN."

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON GEORGIE'S SLATE By FRANK H. SWEET

Young Hopeful's Message For Dear Old Santa Claus.

[Spelling partially and impartially cor-rected by papa under the Roosevelt rules and others.] Dere Santy-Wenn U kum along Dere Santy-Wenn U kum along With Rainderes mity nere as strong As Hooley's goat 2 pull Yore sledd U'll find Me sleaping inn mi Bedd, Butt on the Beddstedd U will C A pare of Sox 2 bigg for Me-Thur Papa's, for mi oan was wett, So I yuzed his-now, don't forgett!

I don't want verry menny Things-2 Injun boze R 3 with Strings And narrers and 1 of themm There

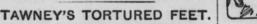
gunns that Shoots itsself with Pop Air, And 2 Revolvurz, 1 with Kapps 2 Skair themm little Jonsun chapps And 1 that Shoots a recul Bawl 2 play with Katts and Pupps; that's

Oh, yes-I nerely plumm forgott-I want a Kannun saim as whott U brung 2 Jimmy smith last yere, R maybe Bigger-I don't kere. 1 of themm Kannuns with a Rore That's loud enuff 2 shaik the dore And maik the nayburz shutt thur

awl.

And say, "Don't play with him, mi deres.

Yes, and sum Powder and a soard And skabburd, iff U kan afford 2 leev Me themm. U C I'm go'n' 2 B a soljer wenn 1'm groan And go and Fite the nashun's Kaws, Upholding Fredum's wholly laws; Tho Papa sez I want an Orgy Of Noys around the howse.



#### The Minnesota Representative's Early **Recollections** of Christmas.

"Early Christmas recollections are associated in my mind always," says Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota, "with the picture of a great and beautiful church lighted in every part with wax candles-thousands of wax tapers-a surpliced choir and the strains of a wonderful organ; this picture against the background of a cold, black morning before sunup, of frozen rutty roads, of a bleak north wind, a breakfast of ginger cookies and a pair of stiff crumpled boots, which made every step of a three mile trudge through the darkness a twinge of exquisite pain.

"I was nine years old. My brother was twelve, and with superior strength and determination he overruled my desire, due to the boots, to turn back for home. The trouble arose from the fact that we had tallowed the boots the night before, and the tallow had hardened. It was necessary to suffer until the warmth of the foot melted the tallow and made the boots less torturesome. So we plodded on.

"It was our first Christmas festivity. We lived on a farm two miles from Bonneouville, in Adams county, Pa., and brother had conceived the idea of going to mass at the Catholic church three miles distant. For this purpose we had risen before 3 o'clock in the morning, had quietly abstracted some



ber bent the

knee. Only the light of tapers small, That on two tender faces fall, Two tender faces-one divine-That still through all the centuries shine



From palace walls, from thrones of gold, From churches, shrines, cathedrals old, Where the grand masters of their art Wrought faithfully with hand and heart



## TO PROBE COAL FAMINE

President Orders Commerce Commission to Find a Remedy.

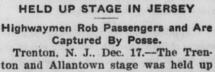
Washington, Dec. 17 .- So alarming has become the situation in the north and middle west as a result of the coal famine, due, the railroads claim, to car shortage, that the president has instructed the interstate commerce rommission to bend every effort to find wistful eyes and means of relief before the worst of the winter weather sets in. Unless speedy relief is provided there will be untold misery and suffering among hundreds of thousands of persons.

An investigation of the conditions causing the alleged car shortage and consequent coal famine will be begun this week by the commission in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City. Its prime object will be to ascertain the cause of the car shortage, recommend some remedy to relieve the distress and guard against its repetition in the future. Senator Hansbrough, of North Da-

kota, had a consultation with the members of the commission and declared that the situation regarding a shortage of coal in his state was most deplorable, and that the public schools in some localities were closing on account of a lack of fuel to keep the children warm.

## SUNDAY MASS IN FRANCE

Day Was Quiet In Paris, But Great Excitement at Other Places. Paris, Dec. 17 .- The serious disturbances that it was believed would ensue on the first Cunday under the law sepa rating church and state were not real ized. The services in this city in particular passed off quietly. There was a noticeable increase in the size of the congregations, and in them were large bodies of men who were determined to forcibly prevent the interruption of masses by rowdies. There were only a few cases wheer rowdies entered the churches wearing their hats, and they were promptly ejected and arrested. Reports from the provinces show that there was great excitement at many places. Large processions, chanting psalms, accompanied the clergy to and from the churches. Counter demonstrations took place in several cities, notably Perpignan and Amiens, where the Catholics and Free Thinkers came into collision, necessitating interference by the police, who quickly dispersed the crowds.



just outside the city by three men, who secured only a small sum of money and later were captured. The highwaymen were passengers in the well-filled coach, and when one of the men jumped down from his seat and seized the horses by the head, the other two, who were armed, robbed the

other passengers. The three then took

to the woods. Soon afterward a posse

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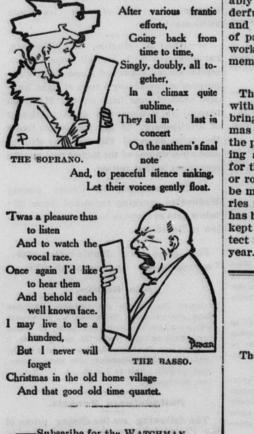
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Then the women gathered courage : "Awngils sang the glawd reef-rain;" d the basso followed after: "Awngils, raff-rain," o'er again. "Reef-rain," "raff-rain," "ruff-rain," "roof-rain, Shouted each; then all went back And began again at "Gloo-rye," Sailing on another tack.



cakes from the jar in the cellar, and, as I have described, painfully I trudged to the town and the big church.

"It seemed big to the nine-year-old boy, and it seemed gorgeous in its illumination. Wax candles I never had heard of, and so many I never dreamed existed. We edged in with the crowd and stood at the rear of the church, and my boy eyes drank in a scene which never has been nor probably will be forgotten. It was wonderful, spectacular, dramatic to me, and that picture punctuates the vista of past Christmas days like a striking work of art in a gallery of vaguely remembered pictures."-Pittsburg Press.

#### Holly Superstition.

There are many traditions connected with holly-one, that it is unlucky to bring it into the house before Christmas eve. There are two kinds of holly, the prickly and nonprickly, and according as the holly which is brought in for the Christmas decoration is smooth or rough the wife or the husband will be master. A bunch of holly with berries must be broken from holly which has been used in church decoration and kept until the next Christmas to protect from lightning and insure a lucky

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Giving Christmas gifts is almost a science. It is certainly a study for one who really wishes to give and not distress and embarrass. No one is more helpless than the woman who receives an utterly useless and undesirable gift. She is fairly forced into falsehood and is obliged to express gratitude which she does not feel.

The woman who has a green parlor and receives a blue rug, or the woman who has a blue dining room and receives a set of doilies embroidered with purple violets, or the woman with a sallow complexion who is given a delicate pink shawl, is actually made to sin against truth. She feels, if she is of a naturally grateful and tender disposition, that she must express thanks which she does not feel. Then, ten chances to one, if it is not a struggle for her not to pass along those useless gifts next Christmas and fairly involve herself in a mesh of deceit, she goes about terrified lest by any unforeseen chance the first giver should discover the gift in the hands of the second recipient.

Often people are so deluged by use less gifts that memory fails them concerning the givers. Such mistakes are likely to occur, and petty and absurd, but no less lasting, feuds are the consequence.-Philadelphia Press.

The Romance of Mistletoe. By the Teutons mistletoe was held sacred to Baldur, the sun god, the son of Freya, the Scandinavian Venus. In Baldur all that was beautiful, eloquent, wise and good was honored, and he was the spirit of activity, of joy and of light. Predicting his own approaching death, his mother, Freya, exacted an oath from animals, planets and minerals not to injure him. The mistletoe among the plants had been forgotten. When this was discovered by the treacherous Hoeder, the blind god of brute strength, he took a wand of it, and, being directed how to aim it, the mistletoe pierced Baidur through the heart, and he fell dead to the ground.-Boston Traveler.

## TAUGHT CHILDREN TO STEAL

Two Little Girls Say Their Mother

Made Shoplifters of Them. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17. - Claiming that their mother had taught them to be shoplifters, Mary Katchur, aged 13, and his sister Annie, aged 11, tearfully confessed to the police authortties to stealing goods valued at \$1000 from various department stores in this city. The children were arrested in a Fifth avenue store, and later the pareats were taken into custody and all were locked up in the central station, charged with being suspicious persons.

Annie, the youngest daughter, said her mother would read the newspapers to ascertain what was offered in the stores and would then command them to produce the goods according to her written order.

was formed and run down the robbers who, after an exchange of shots, surrendered. They gave the names of Edward Bannon, Edward Mulush and Peter Klaski. Bannon is known here, but the others are not. BLAMED FOR LAWYERS WRECK Operator G. D. Maddox Repsponible For Fatal Crash on Southern R. R. Washington, Dec. 18 .- The official investigation of the Southern railway into the rear end collision which occurred at Lawyers, Va., on Thanksgiving day and in which President Spencer, of the Southern, and six others, including a number of prominent people, lost their lives, has been concluded and the responsibility for the wreck placed on G. D. Maddox, block operator at Rangoon, Va. General Counsel A. P. Thom, of the railroad, issued a statement announcing the official conclusions. BISHOP McCABE DYING Methodist Clergyman Is Uncons

and the End Is Near. New York, Dec. 18.-Bishop Cl C. McCabe, of the Methodist Epis church, is dying at the New Yorl pital. He is unconscious and the is said to be a matter of only hours.

Last Tuesday the bishop was stricken with apoplexy while passing through this city on the way to his home in Philadelphia and was removed to the hospital. He is 70 years of age.

## Bryce to Be British Ambassador.

London, Dec. 18 .- In spite of the fact that no official announcement has yet been made, it was declared in the lobby of the house of commons that James Bryce, chief secretary for Ireland, had accepted the post of British ambassador to Washington in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No formal announcement is likely pending a rearrangement of the cabinet, but Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

## Robbed of \$10,000 In Jewels.

Boston. Dec. 17 .- Declaring that he had been robbed of a chamois bag containing \$10,000 worth of jewels, among which is an 11½ carat sapphire ring. besides three diamond studs and 20 unset pearls, William Wallace, a prominent autoist, called upon the police and the detective bureau to institute a search for a pickpocket. The robbery occurred in the shopping district.

Aged Woman Killed By Train. Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15 .- While attempting to cross the Fhiladelphia & eading railway tracks near her home Mrs. John Harvey, a well-known aged resident of Locust Gap, was run down by a freight train and killed.

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