75C PER YEAR



At Christmas Play and Wake Good Cheer. For Chistmas Comes but Ince a Year."



WASHING B

THIEF CAUGHT IN RAT TRAP

Comes to Grief While Looting Trenton Home.

Jason Meany, who comes from Chicago, says that he is the original hard luck thief. He faces a prison sen-tence at Trenton, N. J., all because he put his hand in a rat trap.

While looting the home of Mrs. Jul-

ian Voorhees, Meany dropped a dia-mond ring which rolled under a stove. While groping for the diamond in the dark he put his hand into a rat trap. was a sudden snap and the burglar screamed in pain. Three of his fingers were broken. So great was his suffering that he made no attempt to

According to Meany, his first experience in burglary was in Chicago three years ago. He was trembling, and in order to steady himself leaned against a piano. Several keys sounded and before he could flee he was confronted by a woman who held a re volver in her hand.

NO MONEY FOR GIFTS, SUICIDE

Unable to Buy Xmas Gifts For Wife and Children He Takes Poison. Rendered desperate by the thought

that he wouldn't be able to purchase any Christmas gifts for his crippled wife and four small children this year because of his depleted finances, due to illness, Peter Popp, aged forty-two years, killed himself at his home in Pome, N. Y., by swallowing carbolic

His wife was recently struck by a falling tree, and as a result of the accident one of her legs was amputated. This added misfortune preyed upor Popp's mind, and while his four chil dren were discussing their Christmas prospects he left the house, purchased the poison, returned and killed him-

Murdered and Robbed by Bandits.

The authorities of Pueblo, Mexico have been notifid of the murder of Manuel Vargas, a wealthy land owner of Accieto, by bandits. The bandits then bound the women and servants and robbed the house of \$3000 in cash.

Senator Elkins Recovering. Senator Stephen B. Elkins, who has been seriously ill, is on the high road to recovery, according to an announce ment made on the floor of the senate by his colleague, Senator Scott.

Hounded by Wife's Spirit.

A petition for divorce filed in Kan-sas City, Mo., by Marvin Minnear, a bookkeeper, alleges that he has been hounded by his wife's spirit and it was more than he could stand.

The wife, Anna Minnear, says the petition, declares she possesses power to separate her spirit from her body and send it where she likes.

Minnear alleges she accused him of inconstancy, basing her charges on her power to have her spirit shadow him and make report to her of all his

25 Years For Baby Slayer.

Judge Johnson sentenced Joseph D. Green, of Oakview, near Clifton He. hts, to twenty years in the Media. . . iail for the murder of his in fant son Earle and five years addition al for shooting his wife.

Green killed his baby last Septemson last week. Twenty years is the maximum penalty for second degree

Two Die In Electric Chair.

John J. Smyth, a bartender, who shot and killed his wife and young August, was electrocuted in the penitentiary at Richmond, Va. Jim Sit-lington, colored, who robbed and mursered a seventy-year old white woman in Rockingham last August, also was

Robbers Crack Safe: Get \$6000. Daring robbers blew a safe in the wealthy residential section of Toledo escaped with \$6000. The house artially wrecked by the force of was partially wrecked by the force of the explosion. It is the boldest robbery in Toledo's police annals.

JOHN B. DIETZ.

Friends of Outlaw Offer to Go His Bail.



PLEDGE BAIL FOR DIETZ

Daughter Raises \$22,000 Among Hunt-

ing Friends of Family.

Due to the personal solicitation of Miss Myra Dietz, daughter of John F. Dietz, the "Outlaw of Cameron Dam," business men of Bangor, Wis., pledged themselves in writing to furnish \$22,000 bail for her father, enough to se-cure his freedom on the three re-maining counts against him.

The bonds will be signed as soon as formally drafted. The signers are all village merchants who have enjoyed the hospitality of the Dietz family dur-

Carnegie's Big Fund For Peace.

Andrew Carnegie has announced his gift of \$10,000,000 for the promotion of international peace. The announcement was made at a

meeting in Washington of twenty-two of the twenty-seven trustees who have are left practically unhampered to devote the income, which will amount \$500,000 a year, in the interest world-wide peace.

"Lines of future action," says M. Carnegie, "cannot be wisely laid down Many may have to be tried, and, hav-ing full confidence in my trustees, I leave to them the widest discretion as to the measures and policy they shall from time to time adopt, only promising that the one end they shall keep unceasingly in mind until it is attained is the speedy abolition of interna tional war between so-called civilized

Mr. Carnegie's ten million gift is de signed as much for the continuance of the peace movement after he is gone as it is for its promotion now.

Crops Are Worth Billions.

Final estimates of the important farm products of the United States for 1910 announced by the crop reporting board of the department of agricul-

ture are as follows: Corn. 3.125.713.000 bushels of weight. from 114,602,000 acres; total farm value, \$1,523,968,000, or 48.8 cents per

Winter wheat, 464,044,000 bushels of weight; from 29,427,000 acres; total farm value, \$413,575,000, or 89.1 cents

Spring wheat, 231,399,000 bushels of weight, from 19,778,000 acres; total farm value. \$207,868,000, or 89.8 cents per bushel.

wheat 695,443,000 bushels of weight, from 49,205,000 acres; total farm value, \$621,443,000, or 89.4 cents

Oats, 1,126,765,000 bushels weight, from 35,288,000 acres; total farm value, \$384,716,000, or 34.1 cents

per bushel. Tobacco, 984,349,000 pounds, from 1.233,800 acres: total farm value, \$91,-

459,000, or 9.3 cents per pound. Rice, 24,510,000 bushels of weight, equivalent to 5,930.000 bags of 186 ounds, from 722,800 acres; total farm value, \$16,624,000, or 67.8 cents per

JOHN D. GIVES C. U. \$10,000,000

University.

HIS TOTAL IS \$35,000,000 MANY BUILDINGS

Original Plans Carried Out and Others Must Aid the Institution-Son and Representative Quit as Trustees.

John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in the founding of the University of Chicago.

Public announcement was made of "single and final gift" of \$10,000,000, which includes all the contributions that Mr. Rockefeller had planned to make to the university. This sum, which is to be paid in ten annual installments, beginning Jan. 1, will make a total of approximately \$35,000,000 that Mr. Rockefeller has donated to the university.

Mr. Rockefeller says he now be-lieves the school should be supported and enlarged t, the gifts of many rather than by those of a single donor. This he believes will be better accomplished if the public underst nds the limit of his contemplated a sistance. The founding of new departments he leaves to the trustees, as he says funds may be furnished by other

friends of the university.
Up to the present time nearly \$7,-000,000 has been donated to the university in addition to Mr. Rockefeller's

With the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's final donation came the resignation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Fred T. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's personal representative, from the uni-

versity board of trustees.
In enclosing these resignations, Mr. Rockefeller explained that he was only carrying out a conviction that the institution should be "controlled, conducted and supported by the people" with whom up to this date he had been simply co-operating.

Mr. Rockefeller's idea, as it is understood, is that he is turning over the institution and its endowment to been selected to handle the fund. The chicago and the west, and in doing so scope of the gift is wide. The trustees withdraws from any further representation in its control.

The official announcement of the

benefaction was made at the quarterly convocation at the university. President Martin A. Ryerson, of the board of trustees, read a letter from Mr. Rockefeller, which bore the date of Dec. 13, and was addressed to the president and trustees of the University of Chicago.

Christmas Box For Taft. President Taft has received a Christ-mas box of "goodies" from his Aunt

Delia Torrey. Delia Torrey.

Miss Torrey lives at Hillbury, Mass.,
and is celebrated as a maker of apple
ples. She is determined that the president shall have in the White House all lthe good things he used to enjoy

The big box contains all sorts of jams and jellies of the kind the presidents mother used to make. The ies were stored away, but some of them will appear on the table at

Miss Vivian Gould to Wed.

The marriage engagement of Lord Decies and Miss Vivian Gould is officially announced in London.

Miss Gould is the second daughter

of George J. Gould, of New York. Miss Decies was four four years old on Dec. 5. He is a distinguished soldier, being lieutenant colonel of the Seventh

Huge Oil Well In Mexico.

The biggest oil well in Mexico has just been brought in a Juan Casiano by Ed Dopeny, of Los Angeles, Cal., and associates. It is blowing at the

rate of about 30,000 barrels a day. While trying to jump over a board that protected the rollers at the Morea colliery, at Mahanoy City, Pa., mon Regard, eighteen yeasr old, fell into the machinery and was literally ground to pieces.

9 DEAD, 155 HURT IN EXPLOSION

Oil King's Last Gift to the Dynamite and Gas Wreck New York Power House.

DAMAGED

Street Car Was Hurled Upon Automo bile, Crushing Out the Lives of Four-1000 Shaken Up by Detona

Nine persons lost their lives, 155 others were injured, many of them not seriously, and 1000 or more were shak en up in New York in an explosion of car lighting gas tanks and dynamite.

The explosion occurred in the new six-story power station of the New York Central railroad under course of construction at Fiftieth street and Lexington avenue. The power house took fire after the explosion and the interior was practically burned out.

On a technical charge of homicide the police took into custody Albert Segaratt, motorman of a train which bumped into and broke one of the gas pipes near the sub-station. This acci-dent is blamed by New York Central

officials for the explosion.

Segaratt said he tried to stop the train with his brakes and reversing levers, but could not do so. The explosion occurred twenty-seven minutes afterward.

The dynamite explosion picked up a northbound trolley car, carrying about a dozen high school students, lifted it in the air and sent it crashing down upon an automobile which was passing along the other side of the street. Four of the passengers were killed and everyone in the car was injured. One of the passengers killed was a woman.

What became of the chauffeur and occupants of the automobile, if any, could not be determined. The body of a man found on the sidewalk nearby was believed to be that of the chauffeur

Ceilings and windows in hospitals schools and apartment houses for many squares about were shattered by the explosion, which caused in-numerable minor hurts of workmen

and persons in the affected territory. Fire Chief Croker says that in his opinion the first explosion was that of lighting gas and the second explosion that of a hundred weight of dynamite that lay within fifty feet of the gas

The windows of all the buildings overlooking the excavation were shat-tered; walls were smoke-blackened, and in many cases cracked and riven; a cloud of smoke hung over the scene; bodies were scattered here and there and there was the incessant clatter of ambulance gongs. The Grand Central cut looked as if a battle had been

Clamoring hundreds besieged the Fifty-first street police station, where piteous scenes as the identifications were made. The police had all they could do to calm anxious mothers, wives and relations of persons who cinity at the time of the disaster.

The damage to the power house and other buildings has not been estimated, but it was stated that it will likely

exceed \$500,000.
Toomey, a patrolman, was on Lex ington avenue when the shock came one of her legs being blown off, while Toomey himself was blown across the street and his uniform almost completely torn from him. He got up and was starting to help in the rescue work, when he fell unconscious.

A gang of more than fifty bricklay ers, sixty feet in the air on the big power building near the scene of the explosion, had a remarkable escape from death or serious injury. An air cushion, formed by the explosion be low, hoisted up the big scaffold which they were working, tilted wardly and tossed the men over the wall they were building and upon a firm scaffolding on the inside. Only one man of the gang was injured and he

"Her feet are a sight."
"Yes; she has a pair of spectacles."— New York Press.

H. V. HILPRECHT.

University of Pennsyl-



PROF. H. V. HILPRECHT

Following his resignation as pro-fessor of archaeology at the Univer-sity of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, Dr. Herman V. Hilprecht has also resigned as curator of the Babylonian and Semetic sections of the university museums, and his withdrawal has been accepted by the board of managers of the museums.

From now on Dr. Hilprecht will not be connected with the university in any way. Samuel F .Houston's resignation from the board was accepted at the same time as that of Dr. Hil-

Finds \$5560 In a Box.

James E. Marley, an undertaker of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., discovered in a box which he thought contained worthless papers a bequest of \$5560, made to him by Mrs. Bridget Mosier, who died at his home in November.

Before Mrs. Mosier died she called

Marley to her bedside and gave him the box, with instructions not to open it until after she was dead and buried. He put the box away and thought no more of it until Friday, when, opening the box, he found that it contained government bonds worth \$5560 and a letter signed by Mrs. Mosier stating that she left it all to him. The Marley family had taken care of Mrs. Mosier for many years, but never knew that she had any money.

Weds Legless Man.

Wheeling Robert Meyers, her leg less lover, into the office of Alderman P. J. McInerney, at Pittsburg, Pa., Anna Reilly, a pretty brunette, blushingly said: "Alderman, we fant to get married."

wheel chair in which his bride had taken him to the alderman's office and several men were called in to help and to act as witnesses

in an accident on a railroad, where he was employed as a brakeman. He had met Miss Reilly two years ago and she refused to give him up in spite of his misfortune.

Appoints Negro Port Collector. President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Charles A. Cotterill of Toledo. O., to be collector of inter nal revenue at Honolulu, Hawaii. Cot terill is a negro, and his appointment was forecasted. A protest from Honolulu that a resident of that city should be appointed was unheeded.

\$10,000,000 Xmas Cash to Stockholders Standard Oil company stockholders received checks for the final quarterly dividend of \$10,000,000 for the current year. From 1902 to 1910 the company has distributed to shareholders \$357,-929,620 out of net profits of \$672,202,

"Eli Perkins" Dead.

Melville Delancy Landon, better known as "Eli Perkins," humorist, author and lecturer, died at his home in New York at the age of seventy-one years. He had been ill for several

FAMILY SLAIN; HOUSE **BURNED TO HIDE CRIME**

Colored Attacks Girl and Murders Three.

Nathan Montague, a negro, who committed three capital crimes, either one of which is heinous enough to se-cure a death sentence in North Carolina, will be lynched if the people of the vicinity of his crime, in Hester township, Granville county, are able to get him.

After assaulting J. L. Saunders, an old farmer, and his granddaughter, he raped another daughter of Saunders, Miss Mary Saunders.

After satisfying his animal passion he murdered Mary Saunders and then committed arson by setting fire to the dwelling. Before burning the dwelling he killed the old farmer, already unconscious from blows delivered when the fiend first broke into the house. The little grandchild was burned in the house.

After discovering the crime the of-

ficers traced the thrice murderer, rapist and house burner. When found he had blood and hair from his victim whom he had assaulted on his coat. He broke down and confessed. At present he is in jail at Durham and a heavy guard has been placed around the jail. Feeling is intense.

BONUS FOR STEEL EMPLOYES

About \$2,700,000 to Be Distributed by

Corporation.
The United States Steel Corporation has announced in New York its plan for distributing a bonus to the officers and employes of the corporation and subsidiary corporations in accordance with its annual practice.

The sum to be distributed for 1910 amounts to approximately \$2,700,000. The amount is determined by the an-

nual earnings.

The bonus will be paid 60 per cent in common stock at \$70 a share and 40 per cent in cash. Last year the bonus was paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at 3124 a share or common stock at \$90 a share. This year the usual opportunity will be given to subscribe for shares of the corporation on a basis of \$114 a share for preferred and \$70 a share for the common stock.

Canadian Bank Closes.

The Farmers' bank, which was or-ganized five years oga, with head offices in Toronto, Can., and thirty-one lages throughout Ontario, has suspended payment. The capital stock of the bank is \$1,000,000, with about \$600,000 paid up. The deposits in the various branches are, roughly speaking, about \$1,400,000.

Battleship Texas Contract Awarded. The contract for building the 27,000-ton battleship Texas was awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding company, the lowest bidder, at \$5,830,000.

Knapp Confirmed For Commerce Court The senate in executive session confirmed the nomination of Martin A. Knapp, of New York, as chief justice of the commerce court.

In a shotgun duel at Gainesville, Ga., H. S. Worley, twenty-five years old, was shot and killed by his brother,

Leonard Worley, thirty years old.

The brothers quarreled at a dance Returning home, each secured a gun and met in front of the home of the

After exchanging shots the brothers calmly reloaded. At the second exchange the younger brother fell dead. The elder Worley was captured after an all-night chase.

Chile's Minister Is Dead.

Senor Don Anibal Cruse, minister from Chile to the United States, died suddenly at the Chilean legation in Washington. Death was due to heart

The news of Senor Cruse's death spread quickly about official Washington and came as a shock to many, for figure at the banquet of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International disputes.