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SENATURS LAUNCH FIGHT ON FOR

SARAH BERNHARDT REPORTED DYING AFTER RELAPSE; GIRL DARED POLLARD TO SHOOT HER, DECLARES WITNESS

Mrs. Thelma Ham Richardson Raised Hands in Defiance to Employer, Neighbor Says

AFFIDAVIT IS SUBMITTED

Brother of Accused Man at Richmond Describes Broken Promises of Reformation

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 24 .-"Shoot me-shoot me-go on and shoot me."

This alleged challenge of Mrs. Thelma Ham Richardson and the fact that eight seconds ater she was shot dead on the stoop of a house at 2518 Grove link in the chain of circumstances by which Commonwealth Attorney David Satterfield expects to obtain the conviction of Thomas Pollard, family.

The killing, which took place on the evening of December 11 during T. J. Burnett, former deputy, in an alleged quarrel between Pollard and Mrs. Richardson, his stenographer, was followed by the arrest of Pollard who was charged with violence. the slaving. AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS.

Just before the close of the hear-

Judge Ingram, the commonwealth attorney made the startling revelation that he had in his possession an affidavit signed by Mrs. S. Park Register, who claims to have been of the Klan, continued their investi- phia, and New York for her. a partial witness to the slaying. partial witness to the slaying.

Hiram Smith, former United but failed. The only witness inbrother of the accused and one of brought to justice.

to secure a conviction.

Mrs. Register occupies the lower Richardson made her home. HEARD QUARREL.

Mrs. Register states that she was in her own apartment when she necks by turning State's evidence.

begin quareling. Going to the door, she opened crime. screen and peeping through the blinds saw both of them gesticulat. Fire Consumes Hundred ful. Don't drink Christmas bootleg ing and giving every appearance of

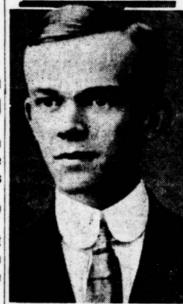
being greatly agitated. "Shoot me-shoot-me-go and

Pollard in a beseeching manner. Mrs. Register's affidavit states ords were destroyed. that she noted that Mrs. Richardson's hands held no weapon.

Register says she shut the blinds and went into another room, where she met her little son, who, sens ing out of the ordinary, exclaimed: "Mamma, mamma, what's the mat-

ter-what has happened?" A report from a revolver outside

THOMAS POLLARD, scion of a prominent Virginia family, who has been held for a grand jury, in connection with the slaying of his stenographer, Mrs. Thelma Ham Richardson



avenue may be the connecting Spirit of Christmas Chilled By is quickly located the result may be Investigation In Klan-Torn Town.

By Universal Service

BASTROP, La., Dec. 24.-Christmas Eve was strangely quiet in scion of a prominent Virginia Bastrop and Mer Rouge. The finding of two alleged victims of the Ku Klux Klan and the arrest of on the situation, connection with the crime, cast a pall over the holiday spirit.

Four companies of State militia were on guard. But there was no

The bodies of Watt Daniels and Chinese Merchants' Association.

Little groups gathered on the Chaloner Held In \$500 States district attorney and counsel streets and discussed the situation. for Pollard, sought to have Mrs. Little doubt was felt but that the Register put on the stand as a men who last August abducted five witness at the preliminary hearing, citizens, dragged them to the woods, Chaloner, millionaire artist, was troduced was Robert N. Pollard, Daniels and Richards, would be with having liquor in his possession.

The prosecution is pinning its the secret service operatives revealed bottle marked "White Rock." Chahopes on the testimony of Mrs. Reg- that a white-robed, hooded band were loner's counsel said the bottle was ister, it was admitted last night, whipping the men when the mask full when it was seized, but it was gratified her many friends, and Mes. off. Daniels and Richards recog- court. Coggin denied drinking any floor of the house where Mrs. nized the unmasked man and were put to death on the spot. The act. it was said, was not approved by all Monte Carlo restaurant. He and the by Henry Lettellier, whose table In an affidavit which she made the white-robed figures. The dis- manager, John Kenned, were placed was surrounded by a bevy of Hollybefore the commonwealth attorney, senters may confess, it was pointed under \$500 bond to appear Decem-

The organized Ku Klux Klan has Celebrators Warned denied any connection with the

Cases of Xmas Liquor whisky.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 24.—A fire prevention of blindness has sent out shoot me." Mrs. Register claims she which started in a saloon and con- the warning. It makes these points: heard the woman say, at the same sumed a hundred cases of Christmas | Wood alcohol causes blindness or time holding both her hands out to whiskey, badly damaged the Amer- death. No test except a chemical

Chinese Merchant Fears Her Disappearance May Hasten Mother's Death.

POLICE FIND NO CLUE

Every Known Friend of Pretty Oriental Girl Questioned By Her Relatives.

Three hundred dollars reward was offered last night for information regarding Mildred Wen, seventeen-year-old daughter of Wing Ling Wen, wealthy Chinese importer and owner of a restaurant at 316 Ninth street northwest, who mysteriously disappeared Friday night, the eve of her wedding. OFFERED BY FATHER,

The offer was made by the girl's save her mother's life.

Since the strange disappearance f the bride-to-be her mother has been in a critical condition, constantly under the care of a physician. She has suffered a nervous breakdown and fears are expressed by Brilliant Scenes Mark Beginrelatives that unless the daughter

Every effort is being exerted by the police and friends and relatives to find some clue that may prove to be the key to her disappearance, but until an early hour this morning the veil of mystery was still baffling.

On the night of her disappearance, the pretty little almond-eyed Christmas and New Year. girl, had been making arrangements

Thomas Richards were buried in the Leaving the Ninth street restaur-The solemn ceremonies were largely after 7 o'clock, she walked to ninth French dining and dancing cafes. attended. The bodies had been found and F streets northwest, turning Operatives of the Department of the last trace of her known to the and wine extra. Justice and special agents of Gov- many persons who are searching ernor John M. Parker, avowed foe Washington. Baltimore, Philadel-

Bail for Having Liquor By Universal Service, NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Robert W.

beat them and caused the death of taken to court today and charged

Patrolman Coggin said he had Bits of information gathered by seen Chaloner pour whisky from a of one of the tormentors was pulled half empty when produced in John Black. of the evidence.

Chaloner was arrested at the

Of Bootleg Liquor NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Be care-

The national committee for the ican consulate here today. All rec- analysis is sure to detect the pres

on's hands held no weapon. Fearing trouble and a scene, Mrs. Curfew in Belfast Prevents Midnight Mass for the First Time in 93 Years

(Copyright, 1922, by Universal Service.) +abandoned the midnight BELFAST, Dec. 24.-As a result Armagh Cathedral. of steps taken by the civil authori-

and the sound of persons moving ties to prevent violation of the that the midnight mass on Christ- old. He served in France with the (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.) curfew, Cardinal Logue tonight mas eve has not been read.

MISS MILDRED WEN, misher father has offered a reward of \$300. Her mother is prostrated over the affair and her condition is said to be critical.



father in the hope that she could be speedily found, and thus probably CHAMPAGNE GUSHER

ning of City's All-Night Holiday Festivities.

By C. F. BERTELLI.

Special Wireless to Universal Service.
PARIS, Dec. 24.—A "champagne gusher" which could not be capped, was brought in tonight, flooding to that effect. Every known friend has been ques- Paris with the most expensive wine tioned, but none can shed any light on record and ushering in the first all-night fetes in which thousands of Americans here will celebrate

For weeks every table at such for her departure at midnight to places as the Cafe de Paris, Max-New York, where she was to be- im's, The Rathmore, Abbe de Phe- of roses and orchids and she recome the bride of George Num Lee, leme, Moulin Rouge, Bal Tabarin prices, and making it an almost exing king. Protestant cemetery at Mer Rouge. ant operated by her father, shortly clusive American celebration at the

Many of the restaurants charged in Lake La Fourche early Friday. west on the latter street. That is \$20 a head for tables with meals

Among the many brilliant private bock, the music being provided by princes, barons, generals and other former members of the imperial court of Russia.

A distinguished crowd began the evening at the Ritz, the hostesses including Mrs. Herman Oelrichs. Mrs. Perry Belmont who had the Earl of Ypres as a guest, Mrs. William Littauer of Washington, whose recovery from her recent illness

The gayest party at Ciro's was that of Fany Ward, Jack Dean and William Elliott who were rivalled

Mr. and Mrs. J. Low Harriman had a large party at the Cafe de Paris. Other diners there included Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. Laurens Morgan Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ludley Gil-

At Maxim's, the traditional Christmas eve headquarters, it was no longer possible to gain entrance after 10 o'clock. The diners here included four famous American actors, James K. Hackett, Joe Coyne, George M. Cohan and Nelson Keys, each having a separate party.

Cancer Society President.

64, Dies of Apoplexy DENVER, Dec. 24 .- Dr. Charles Andrews Powers, widely known surgeon and president of the American Society for Control of Cancer, died of appoplexy here today.

rank of major during the war

SURPRISING CHANGE

Every Reigning King Sends Christmas Cards and Messages to Hospital.

DOCTORS HOLD OUT HOPE

Correspondent Says He Found Her Pale and Wan, But Still Vivacious.

Special Wireless to Universal Service

PARIS, Dec. 24.-Just before midnight tonight Madame Sarah Bernhardt was reported to be dying following a sudden relapse. The announcement of the sudden change for the worse in her condition caused surprise, as the daily reports from her home since her attack of heart failure or syncope during a rehearsal last week, have been most reassuring.

FELT SURE OF RECOVERY. The famed actress herself wa authority for daily statements that

she was on the road to recovery and would live to see her friends in America again. Earlier in the evening she was

still apparently improving. I was admitted to her sick room late this afternoon and found her pale and wan but vicacious. The doctors at her bedside then would not admit that Mme. Bernhardt was facing crisis in her illness and professed surprise at reports current in Paris

WARNS AGAINST ALARM. To me then Mme. Bernhardt declared:

"Do not be alarmed. I will live for another farewell tour of America. My time has not yet come."

son of the millionair president of the and other famous restaurants and sages from prominent personages resorts have been taken at high everywhere, including every reign-

Becker, Awaiting Death Sentence, Eats Heartily

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Abraham Becker, awaiting sentence after suppers, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. having been found guilty of slaying McCormick entertained at their his wife, is more concerned about She then called the police and fire his eating than about what the future holds for him.

> with the gusto of a man long de prived of food Becker on Tuesday will be tenced to the electric chair.

Reuben Norkin, also charged with the murder of Jennie Becker, will go on trial January 8.

British Offer to Sell Mexico 10 Destroyers By Universal Service,

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.-An English ship building concern has of

It is probable that the governmen will buy them, using five on the At lantic and five on the Pacific as coast guards, according to an announcement of the war depart

Plot Hatched In Greece **To Overturn Government**

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—Several ar ests were made tonight in conne tion with reports that there is definite and well-formed plot being hatched to overthrow the govern

Athens is seething with turmoil and officials are contemplating mar

Italian Count Vanishes From Railroad Train

ROME, Dec. 24,-All search has een in vain for Count Bini who disappeared from a railway o on the Milan-Rome train. The disappearance of the

has caused a sensation.

Harding Expresses Nation's Gratitude to Maimed Soldiers

The Disabled American Veterans yesterday sent to their members the following greeting of President Harding to the wounded men of the nation:

It is deemed especially fitting that at the Christmas season the gratitude of the nation should be extended to the sick, disabled and maimed men of the country's military services.

These men are beyond all others the most sorely tried victims of the armed service in which they and their comrades upheld the national security and vindicated the national honor. Our obligation has prompted the nation to a very considerate dealing with them, which, it is hoped, has been, in some measure at least, commensurate with the debt owing to them. For such misfortunes as have come to thousands of them there can be no compensation, no adequate requital.

They are entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything possible for them. That the coming year may bring them in fullest measure a restored fortune, health and prosperity is the earnest wish of the entire nation.

With Explosion of Ammonia Truce In Church Broadcasting Tanks She Braves Death to Notify Nurses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-The lives pital were saved today by a brave of the air between the Rev. Charles ment of the institution.

The heroine is Miss Mary de Saovia, who remained at her post Christian Church-WJH, is about in a room filled with ammonia fumes until assured the last patient was in safety. She then collapsed. explosion rocked the hospital. action which will eliminate the mix- the Administration forces, and is Fumes spread rapidly, first filling ture of the sermons without causexpected to address the Senate via, before she realized the plight of the patients, was choking and gagging over the pungent fumes.

nurses to shut in the patients and Dr. Wilfley, last night. "I think, should take the first opportunity Donning helmets, the fire fighters

Today he ate everything in sight further escape of the fumes. Miss and given treatment by a staff sur-In the meantime nurses had

bundled their patients in blankets Finds His Brother's Body and had opened every window in the ward rooms. Some of the patients suffered discomfort, but were not seriously affected.

Daugherty's Accuser Suffers Breakdown Threatened with a nervous break-

down, Representative Keller, of Minnesota, author of impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty, is at his home here. His physician said yesterday his nated place. The body was found condition was not serious, but on lying face down in the water. He account of high blood pressure he had been shot through the left BORAH CONFIDENT.

Week. Confusion, resulting from the tion forces conferred at length of 65 patients in the Italian Hos- ministerial battle for the supremacy telephone girl, when a four-ton am- Wood, pastor of the Church of the defeat of the Borah resolumonia tank exploded in the base Covenant - broadcasting station tion. WDM, and the Rev. Earle Wilfley. pastor of the Vermont Avenue

Battle Is Expected This

ing either church any inconv

"I hope to chat with Dr. Wood, who is a close friend of mine, to successfully arrange some work-She called each ward, directing able plan for broadcasting," said however, there is no need for either of us to withdraw."

mons on "Life Lessons from Great entered the basement and shut off Modern Paintings," and prizes will be given boys and girls under De Saovia was carried to the street fifteen years of age for the best essays written on these sermon received by radio.

At Spot Seer Forecast

After Fred Romer had been miss ing for a month his brother, J. F. Romer, asked a fortune teller to solve the mystery. The seer advised that all lonely spots near a pool, seven miles from town, be searched, saying Fred Romer's body would be found there.

J. F. Romer, Howard Beebe, and Harold Kanoff went to the desigbreast, apparently by the accidental

Ex-Kaiser's Bride and Princess Bury Old Grudge at Xmas Party ther use of funds from the Amer

DOORN, Dc. 24-The holiday+criticisms of the marriage. They spirit brought peace to the House exchanged embraces while Wilhelm of Hohenzollern today when Priness Hermine, the former Kaiser's bride, and the former crown Doorn House, it is reported. princess Cecile buried the hatchet. The two women kissed and made been prepared for the holiday is tion, the setlement of which, he

stood by smiling at the peace pact, the belief that his resolution A mutual friend brought them together at a family Yule party at issued a formal statement asserting

up like a couple of debutantes. loaded with gifts. It contains pre- maintains, is the prime purpose of The "kaiserin" forgave her new sents for the former Kaiser, his his proposed conference relative for calling her an ad- bride, and tokans to and from the Both the President and 8 Menturees, and Codie potrected her servents.

Declare Senator's Proposal Would Hamper the President in His Efforts to Aid Europe

LODGE TO LEAD ATTACK

Idaho Solon Defends Scheme: Says Nation Cannot Avoid Responsibility in Situation

By Universal Service.

Administration leaders in the Senate yesterday decided upon a program of vigorous opposition to the proposal by Senator Borah, of Idaho, that the United States foster an economic conference to save Europe from financial chaos.

Senator Lodge, of Massa; chusetts, Republican leader; Senator Watson, of Indiana, and others of the Administrayesterday on a program for

LODGE TO LEAD.

Senator McCormick of Illinois, just returned from a trip to Eu-The two ministers are expected rope, joined in the conferences to discuss the situation within the and gave an intimate picture of next several days, with a view to conditions overseas. He has, it is Shortly after 3 o'clock a terrific deciding upon some program of understood, aligned himself with this week on conditions found them.

As a result of the confere it was decided that Senator Lodg when Congress reconvenes Wedner day to express the determination of Next Sunday Dr. Wood will Administration leaders to preven begin broadcasting a series of ser. the adoption of the Borah propos The position of Administ

forces is stated as follows: First, By adopting the Borah resolution. Congress would enter upon a field reserved for the executive branch of the govern

Second, The passage of such a esolution would embarrass the President and Secretary of State MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24 .- Hughes in delicate negotiation now in progress looking toward a solution of European financia problems.

Third, A conference such as the one proposed by Senator Bo rah would involve the United States in the treaty of Versailles and the league of nations, both of which have been repudiated by an overwhelming vote of the American people at a national

Administration Senators also a drafting amendments voicing the opposition of Congress to the treats of Versailles, the league of nations the cancellation of the debt owing to the United States, and the fu ican treasury by the nations o

Despite the marked opp Senator Borah yesterday expres be accepted in the Senate. He als that the United States cannot avoid The Christmas tree which has an interest in the reparations ques