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"I have come in search of one Lin-

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"Do I look like Santa Claus?"

"Then, to come directly to the point," Goodwin told her, "we find two depos

". vd small, pale faces peered at him

den Lane," the stranger said with a

man who stood on her tiny porch

died down to insignificant proportions to leer grimly at us as we passed little grated windows and low, scowling doors. Occasionally we passed a clump of empty boxes, barrels, and such debris and merchandise as had been crowded pell-mell from some inner storage by their newer and more dignified companions; and now and then we passed an empty bus, bulging up'in the darkness like a behemoth of the olden times; or, jutting from still narrower passages, the sloping ends of drays and carts innumerable. And along even as forbidding a defile as this we groped until we came upon a low, square brick building that, might have served at one time as a wash-house, or, less probably, perhaps, a dairy. There was but one window in the front, and that but little larger than an ordinary pane of glass. In the sides, however, and higher up, was a row of gratings, evidently designed more to serve as ventilation than as openings for light. There was but one opening, an upright doorway, half above ground, half below, with little narrow aldesteps leadir ; down to it. A light shone dimly from the liftle window, and as the boy motioned me to pause and listen, a sound of female voices talking in undertones was audible, mingled with a sound like that of someone snoring heavily.

"Rear the old man a-gittin' in his work?" whispered the boy. I dodded. "He's asleep?"

"You bet ' "s asleep!" said the boy, hours, anyhow. What time you got now, cap?"

"A quarter now till four," I replied, peering at my watch.

"Wy, it's Christmas, then!" he cried in muffled rapture of delight; but abruptly, checking his emotion, he beckoned me a little farther from the door, and spoke in a confidential

Whisper. "Capitook here, now; 'fore we go in I want you to promise me one thing cause you can fix it and she'll never drop! Now, here, I want to put up a Job on Sis, you understand!'

"What!" I exclaimed, starting back and staring at the boy in amazement. "Put up a job on Sist"

"Oh, look here, now; cap; you sin't a goin' back on a feller like that!" broke in the little fellow, in a mingled, tone of pleading, and reproof; "and if you don't help a feller I'll hof to wait till broad daylight, 'cause we ain't got no clock."

"No clock!" I repeated with in-

"Oh, come, cap, what do you say? It ain't no lis, you know; all you got to do'll be to jist tell Sis it's Christmas-as though you didn't want me to hear, you know; and then sholl git my Curistmas gift! first, you how; --and, --ch, lordy! won't sha think she's played it fine!" And as I slowly comprehended, the meaning of the little fellow's plot I nodded my willingness to assist in "putting up the job."

Now, hold on a second!" continued the little fellow, in the wildest glee, darting through an opening in a high board fence a dozen steps away, and in an instant reappearing with a bulky parcel, which, as be seared me, I disparcel, which, as he neared me, I dis-covered was a paper flour such half filled, the other half ispped down and fastened with a large twine string. "Now this stuff," he went on excited Now the stuff," he went on excited Now the stuff," he went on excited Now the stuff," he went on excited Now when you go in," you've to set down with the other side to'rds the bed. you see, and when Sis hollers "Christinas gift." you know, you flat thind o' let it slide down to the floor like, and III thall it blick enough-though if it fails in you to the floor or is want' fair fur you to tell her, and all that; and then Th open up stodent-like, and if you don't see old Sis buy out them eyes of hern I con't suddent like, and if you don't see old Sis bus out them eves of hern I don't want a cent!" And as the glostul boy conduded this speech, he put his hands over the mouth and dragsed the down the liftle, darrow steps. "Here's that feller takes is the see soft. "Here's that feller takes is see soft. "Here's that feller takes is the box sou observe the door and reage of a low be door and reage of a low seman different is the box sou seattanes. And dis consistors, propped woman direction and the other see soft. "To see, she yent to forgivenes, yet ware alled with mouse is the wild for main the said treating is booked and in from the soft of a set the different is the box sou and i downed it." And the syst ware alled with give is the wild for a said to open it fore inorning-and a and i downed it." And the syst ware alled with give is the wild for a said to open it fore inorning wild and the set alled with give is the box sou and i downed it." And the syst ware alled with give is the box is a and is the set boy wild formalit. To see, she yent on the down we ware alled with wild the different tailing in a failure (one, 'I'knowed with the mouse' is the box is the box is a and the open is forgivenes. Yet ware alled with give the down wild for any south of the tailing in a failure (one, 'I'knowed with the mouse' is the box is a shurthing. All did cookstore, propped upwith brinks shoot dack seather the wall' directly dependent and through the warsed and broken doors in front date warsed and broken doors in front date warsed and broken doors in the first issue burned withing at the side of the provelupped at the war an old tattered piece of carpet and a lit-tle character date of the bar at the one chair-and that was serving as a stand-stood near the bed. I high hump-mouldered forth altring on it a fruit can full of water, and a little disc and smoky lamp that glared subliky. "James, can't you git the man a chear or somepted" "He day at the rather aritim words: "He day at the rather aritim words "He day at the rather aritim words "He day at the rather aritim words "He day at the significant words "He day at at me significantly and soot up a po-attion near the "stand." "So this is Bis" I sold, with rever-The fiftle braggers face i went above was bounting. The dress reard dark and toning work tender, and though despir sonten were next childish in expression and simplars and lumin-on. Rhe reached a washed little hazis out to me, saying simply: "It was

mighty good in you to give them | for his own. "Guess I'm too giad, things to Jamesy, and send me that mo-that-that little box, you know-'cause I can't do nothin' on'y jist feel on'y I guess I-I won't need it." 'As she spoke a cmile of perfect sweet-ness res' id on the face, and the hand within my own nestled in dovelike Deace The boy bent over the white face

from behind and whispered something in her ear, trailing the little laughing lips across her brow as he looked up. "Not now, Jamesy; wait a while." "Ah!" said I, shaking my head with feigned merriment, "don't you two go to protting about me!"

"Oh, hello, no, cap?" exclaimed the boy, assuringly. "I was on'y jist atellin' sis to est you if she mightn't open that box now-honest! And you sobs. list ask her if you don't believe me-I won't listen." And the little fellow gave me a look of the most penetrative suggestiveness; and when a mo-

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ment later the glad words, "Christmas gift! Jamesy," rang out quaveringly in the thin voice, the little fellow snatched the sack up, in a paroxysn of delight; and before the girl had

time to lift the long dark lashes once upon his merry (see, he had emptied its contents out tumultuously upon the bad. "You got it on to me, sis!" cried the little fellow, dancing wildly round the room: "got it on to me this time! but I'm game, don't you forgit, and don't put up nothin' snide! How'll them shoes there ketch you? and how's this for a cloak?—is them enough beads to suit you? And how's

anough beads to suit you? And nows this fer a hat-feather and all? And how's this ter a dress midde and everthing? and I'd 'a' got a corsik with it if he'd on'y had any little enough. You won't look fly ner nothin' when you throw all that style on you in the moning!-Guess not!" And the delighted boy went of upon another wild excursion round the room.

Even slatternly Molly looked up with a faint show of interest that with a faint show of interest that might have grown into enthusiasm; and the sodden lump of firsh on the floor stirred and moaned unsaisly, his drunken slumber disturbed by the moisy joy of Jamesy. "Sia" gasped a bit and lovingly her thin hand hovered over the things that should have been precious to girl or woman. She lifted the shoes, stroked the clock and dress "Tm mighty glad, Jamesy," she mid, the little, this hands reaching

glad; and somepin' kind o' says that that's the gladdest glad in all the world. Jamesy!" "Oh, pshaw, Sis! Why don't you tell a feller what's the matter?" said

the boy, uneasily. The white hands linked more close ly with the brown, and the pure face lifted to the grimy one till they were blent together in a kiss.

"Be good to father, fer you know he used to be so good to us." "O Sis! Sis!" "Molly!"

The squabby, ed-faced woman herself upon her knees and threw kissed the thin hands wildly and with

"Molly, somepin' kind o' says that you must dress me in the morningbut I won't need the hat, and you must take it home for Nannie- Don't cry so loud; you'll wake father."

I bent my head down above the frowzy one and moaned-moaned. "And you, sir," went on the failing voice, reaching for my hand, "youyou must take this money back--you

must take it back, fer I don't need it You must take it back and-and-give it-give it to the poor." And even with the utterance upon the gra clous lips the glad soul leaped and fluttered through the open gates.

LEGEND OF THE YULE LOG

Old Negro Tradition of Its Origin as Told in Virginia Every Christmas Eve.

While the family sit around the yule log and sip their Christmas eggnog, there is told in many Virginia homes overy Christmas eve the old negro tradition of the origin of the yuld

In the early days one of the old dar kies would recite the story after the fire was kindled and the lurid glare of the yule log lit up the darkest corners of the roor

Then the old legend was teld as fol-One very cold Christmas eye, when

the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old black man was eltting in his little cabin on a mountain side, wishing and wishing that he had a fire to warm him. Suddenly he heard the cry of a little

Suddenly ne heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old black man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the foy world of snow. The wind and the snow came rushing in and the old man shivered till his "onliest two teef" chattered

with cold. The plaintive cry of a little child came again across the show. It went straight to the oid man's heart and he wished with all his power of long-ing that he might have strength to go, out and find the unfortunate little

one. A third time the walling cry came, and then a wonderful thing a speened. A miraculous power filled the old man's velue. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stopped from the threshold out into the snow. He hurried over the snow with an activity be had not possessed since boyhood; and by and by he came to a little child in a snow bank:

little child in a snow bank. As the child's little form touched

him a great, new strength came to him which seemed to give him wings to speed back to his ilitie comin. He placed the child upon the bed and tenderly drew the ragged quit about it and then he looked to see i' there might be a plece of furniture of which to make a fire to warm the little

At that very instant's great los rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked

These two hests were undiscov-ered," the man laughed, "and the hens have been laying golden eggs. You have, at this very minute \$300-", "Three hundred dollars! Oh!" she at the log with eyes like stars, which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man had ever seen. misively neid out her two tollworn



In Rooms of the Chamber of Commerce-Other Matters to Be Taken Up.

Santa Claus. Since the loss of both parents Linden-At the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock this evening will be a meeting of the general committee in charge ette had managed to, keep a roof over the heads of her small brother and sister and if the campaign to raise in Anderson had provided food for their slight frames. What did it a contribution to the South Carolina fund for Belgian relief. matter if her cheeks had

When the committee has determin-ed the amount of money secured for this worthy cause the results of the campaign will be winded to New York, where the headquarters of the work have been established. lost their roses and her lips their cheery bloom? The amile lingered. That was all that mattered. She brushed her tears aside, and arose to answer an unex-

When this matter has been dispos-ed of the question of perfecting an or-ganization for furthering the cause of charity here in the city and county of Anderson will be taken up. The com-mittee will discuss a number of matters along the line of local charity, such as a community Christmas tree, smile to which the girl responded. "The name is unusual," admitted an idea suggested at the recent meet-Lindenette, "and my own is even more impossible—being Lindenette Lane. May I ask you in from the cold?" She ing of the Churchmen's Club, of Grace Episcopal church, which was held at the residence of Gen. 流 L. Bonham opened the door and Marvin Goodwin entered the pitifully barren room info one night this week.

Common Sense the Chief Oualification

from the kitchen door, and Goodwin WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Presi-dent Wilson let it be known today that he had made "common sense" the chief qualification of the five men asked them by way of breaking the ie will nominate as members of the new trade commission. He does not "No, you don't;" returned the boy. bluntly. "Besides, Linda says it may new trade commission. He does not desire theorists, but men who can deal intelligently with business con-ditions. Politics, it is said, will not govern the board's makeup. At least one Republican will be named. Among the numerous men whose names are under consideration are Joseph Davios, commissioner of cor-porations; A. O. Thurmon, solicitor of the commerce department; E. N. Hariey, president of the Illinois Man-ufacturers' Association; John E. Richardson, of Tennessee; Thomas S. Felder, of Georgia; George Rub-lee, of New Hampahire; Samuel L. Rogers, of North Carolina; Previewson Henry J. Waters, of Kansas; E. A. Krauthoff, of Missouri, and W. B. be too cold for Santa Claus to come out this year." There was a wail from desire theorists, but men who can the little sister, and the boy strove vainly to conceal his disappointment at this announcement. Linda gave them each a hug and told them to run along. When they had gone she turned to Goodwin with "My errand is a pleasant one," he eadd quickly, for his own voice was none too controlled. "It will add to your happiness, I know." He draw a memorandum from his pocket, and after consulting it, asked: "Your)faafter consulting it, asked: "Your fa-ther, Linden Lane? Did he live in "Yes," replied Linds, with a flush of the training roses to her the training roses to her

Steamers Captured For Violation Neutrality

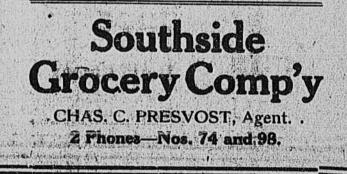
LIMA. Peru, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Buenos Aires says the Argentine criliser Pueyrredon has captured the German steamer Eleonore Woermann for an alleged violation of neutrality. The British sieamers Orcoms and Coroobada are remaining in port at Arica, Chile, fearing to put to see as the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eltel Friedrich is outside. The Orco-ma is awaiting the arrival of a Peru-vian cruiser to accompany her to Cal-lao. ts of \$25 each in two of our banks here, 'One Linden J. Lane opened the 80.

Inc. A dispatch from Buenos Aires Wed-nesday said the Pneyrredon had chas-ed and captured the German steam-er Patagonia in the Guif of San Jarge, alleging that she violated Ar-sentima's neutrality by supplying a German cruiser with provisions.: The Eleonore Woermann Line, was last reported November 1 in the harbor of Buenos Aires, where she had arrived fom West Afica. "My father used always to fear bank failures, and put small amounts in many banks." She turned sparkling eyes upon Goodwin. "We thought we had collected all his savings," she om West Afica.



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THESE PRICES ARE CASH We are the "Poor Man's Friend." We Divide Our Profits with You.



OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (2:50 p. m.) "The French war office gave out an official datement this afternoon as follows: "From the Somme to the Vosges there is nothing to report." LONDON, Dec. 17.-(9:45 p. m.)-The official press bureau tonight is-sued the following statement concern-ing the making of Egypt a British pro-"Between the sea and the Lys we ave occupied several German trench-

es at the point of the bayonet; con-solidated our positions at Lombaert-syde and St. Georges, and organized the territory taken from the enemy to

teotorate: " "His Brittanic majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, gives notice that in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Tur-key. Egypt is placed under the pro-ter tion of his majesty and will hence-f sth constitute a British protecto-

ate. "The Suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and his maj-esty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defense of Egypt and the protection of its inhah-itants and interests.

los with the most brilliant fire the old man had ever seen. The dingy little room was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light wrapped the child he laughed and laughed like a song of the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire butned and watelied the filmese leap in beautiful rainbow, that over the log, forming the shape of a cross in fire. The fames of the cross issped higher and higher, blue, red, yallow and white, the shape of as cross of watelied all this display, sud-denly and magnetify a table speared in the contrast of the prometer his ered, and never again, was its fingtry or dold and never again, was the fingtry of dolf and never again. Was the fingtry of dolf and never again. Toward me.
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Toean down here, " said the gift, is
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For the Beindser In Beigium the born and give all beir shows with bonns and carrots and go them, in the chimitry corner of the reindeer of 6t. Nickains. The beds set the beaus and carrots and by some puts sweetments in the hose to has emptied.

Declares Di-idend. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Atlantic Coast Lang Railroad today declared a semi-annual dividend of 21-2 per cent. of its common stock. The dividend is payable January 11. Sis months ago at 31-2 per cent. The latest news permits of its tirther doubt that the resistance of tirther doubt that the stock has paid less than 7 per cent. Complete Jury to children! They can have their Santa Goodwin found himself feeling lisp-pler than he remembered having felt before. Was it the knowledge that he had been the Good Fairy in this small family, or was it something more and its, more wonderful that had crept nto his mind? He laughed a triffe nervously. "I am going to eak for immediate aximant for the joy I have found for out" he said and when Linda's queryon," he said and when Linda's ques-tioning eyes met his he said impéri-onaly: "Let me come tonorrow and help make Ohristmas glad for the children. May I come?" Linda glances at him with a naw shyneas: "Yes," she said, almöiy. "It youllke I will go with you to help gen that Ohristmas tree." Next morning Linda; and the chil-dren ware up carly. Try Town Clerk NEW CITY, N Y. Dec. 17.-To CHEDIete & Jury to try William V. Clearly, towid clerk and Democratic identify to the son-in-law. Engene M. Newman, July 23, Justice, Morsonaus-er field a session of the supreme court here tonight. The first panel was ex-hausted this atternoop after ten jur-ora had been aworn. The jury was complety at tonicht's Hapting in the regions duty the Carpathians . 'Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno-Zakitoyu. "Along the other parts of the from the pursuit has begun." BERLIN, Dec. 17.- (by wireless to London, 3 p. m.) - Army headquarters today issued the following statement: "Yesterday the French Continued their attacks at Nieuport without suc-Next morning Linds and the chi-dren wars up early. The cracking of the fire as it fourned ap the stovepipe created a spirit of theerfulness that greeted Marvis Goodwin when he presented himself at an early hour. "Oh!" shouted Booby, "here's our own Bauta Claus!" His eyes were slued to the armful of packages Good-win deposited on the table. The jury was complety at tonight's sessifies and the case for the people was presented. Two unimportant wit-nesses were examind obefore the ses-sion was adjourned. Masked Enndits Seize Diamonds. 87. LOUIS, Dec. 17.— Two masked bandits tohight satered à jewelry store near Grand and Olive streets, in the Beart of the city, seized \$4,000 worth of diamonds and siter ex-chinging a doson short with the pro-prieture of the store, escaped. my. "The intention of the French to throw a bride over the Aime at Sole-sons was prevented by our artillery. "French carthworks is the cast of Rheims were destroyed." "Bobbyl" cried Linda. "Haven't you over bean Santa Clau Anvent you over bean Santa Chaus balcre?" queried_Peggy. "Never! This is noy very first ex-perimce: 1 nope 1 will sequir myself with proper dignity." Avd Linds & eyes, over the blads of the children, looked down dsup into Good faw big soil, and unconscioully and let the main read what her heats wastaby big. PARIS, Dec. 17.--(10:05 p. m.)--The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight: "In Belgium dur troops have sained pround sorth ist the read from Yores to Menin, and also on that to, the south and southeast of Bixschoots. "We have debouched to the north-east of Arras and have reached the first houses of St. Laurent Blangy." "Appreciable Droopress has been indee at Ovillers In Boisselle, Mam-muts, and Maricourt in the region of Repairme and Peronne," Bhawed Ao Services None, Dec. 17.-On his arrival at Rome, Prince you Buslow, former Gérman chancellor and now ambasas-cor to Italy, was informed of the bolla-bardmant of the Eniglish coast by German ships but showed no surprise. He said this accomplishment had been avranged for prior to his departure from Berin and added: "This is simply the profude to what the German Best is soon to undertake which may aspecial the world." a let the man read araiging. "Next Ohitstmas," he was asyngs in is mind, "Linds will here permanent over in two checks, and for dr? will be mich, and that will be all the map inches one Samue Claus world have." Lindenette smiled.

82 KILLED - Comp & Two of 3 "Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the south, the snemy began a general retrat which they are trying to cover by stubborn menting in the regions before the Carpathians

cess. Attacks were attempted at Zillebeke and La Bassee, but were re-pulsed with heavy losses to the ene-

prose the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur Henry MacMahon to be his majesty's high commissioner for Egypt."

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Latest Official Estimate of Casualties Resulting From German Raid at Hartlepool.

(B) Abstituted Press.) HARTLANCOUS England, Doc, 18.— the London, 130 n.m.) — Although at a here house the intermediate sti-billed and about 250, injured. Dany wrecked houses had not been explored and it was believed the list of dead eventually would reach 100. Eight sol-diars and two sallors were killed. Throughout the day rumors wore surrent that German and English fleets were firing of the Scotch coast. Army officers estimate that the Ger-mans fired 200 shells, chefty 9 and 12 inch missiles. Several unarploded 12-inch shells were found today. Two large German cruisers and one

inch shells were found today. Two large German cruisers and one small critiser did the shelling horo. C. Nielsen, the American consular service of the shelling horo. C. Nielsen, the American consular service of the shelling horow de-ing has being demolished. It is estimated that the cruisers were about 4,000 feet off shore during the heaviest part of the shelling. The shore guns acquitted theorem.

Steamer Sails With Horses. NEWPORT NEWS Va. Det 17-The British steamer Augto Patagoni-tan, carrying a cargo of 1.000 horses for me by the allies armise in the Su-ropoan war zone sailed from this port for Bordeaux, France, today.