

# Dwelling House Partly Wrecked by Strong Gale



Home of George H. Parker, which was damaged by wind storm.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER IN EVERY LAND

Glad Holiday Celebrated Throughout Country—Charitable Societies Make Happy Many Poor Families

## SHIPS IN NEW YORK HARBOR OBSERVE DAY

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 25.—Christmas dawned in New York crisp and clear after a night of gaiety in the hotel and theatre district. Charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, and others, which began yesterday their distribution of good and wholesome things to the poor, continued their work today. The usual bountiful spread was provided by the Salvation Army and baskets were sent into countless homes of the needy.

American craft, either at sea or in the harbor, prepared to honor the day with fitting ceremony. Special dinners were served on all Atlantic steamships, the German liners having a particularly gay program. Each department of the great German boats arranged for its own Christmas tree.

The spirit was apparent even on the more sluggish craft, humble barges, tugs and the like being decked with green, with now and then a Christmas tree aboard for the captain's children.

Thirty-seven hundred aliens at Ellis Island had their first glimpse of an American Christmas yesterday with an entertainment. There was a good musical program, a good dinner and a display of American flags, Christmas greens and good cheer which familiarized the immigrants with Yankee customs.

## WALL STREET BROKERS REMEMBER EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, Friday, Dec. 25.—Wall Street's celebration of Christmas was marked by a large distribution of gifts to employees.

Members of the New York stock exchange alone subscribed \$13,000 for the 450 employees. On the consolidated stock exchange the amount subscribed was \$4,000, which will be divided among 200 employees. The National Exchange Bank divided a bonus of \$1,000. The First National Bank and the National City Bank raised salaries all around. The Chemical National Bank gave employees 10 per cent of the year's salaries; the Gallatin National Bank and the Importers & Traders' Bank 30 per cent.

J. P. Morgan & Co. it was reported, will give a bonus of 50 per cent of their salaries to old employees. The others will receive from 15 to 25 per cent.

## COUPLE TELLS OF SECRET WEDDING

CHICAGO, Friday, Dec. 25.—Four "Santa Claus" babies were to have been married last night. Two reached the church adorned for the ceremony, but when Miss Alta Robinson and Bert Payne arrived the former wore no bridal veil.

"We can't be married again," Payne announced. "We were married three months ago in Crown Point, Ind."

Mrs. Payne was born at Des Moines, Iowa, on Christmas day in 1839. Six years before on Christmas day Bert

## ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT IN G. N. WRECK

Fireman Charles Mackey Meets Instant Death in Head-on Early-Morning Collision Near Elmira, Idaho.

## BONNER'S FERRY LOCAL AND FREIGHT MEET

SPOKANE, Friday, Dec. 25.—A wreck on the Great Northern, one-half mile west of Elmira, Idaho, ninety miles east of Spokane, at 6:40 o'clock this morning, resulted in the death of Charles Mackey, a fireman on a passenger train known as the Bonners' Ferry local, and the injury of four others, two trainmen and two passengers. The injured are:

Rev. J. T. Kelley, back injured; Henry Keefer, slightly injured; Engineer J. E. Bostwick, cut under the eye, and Brakeman Eaton, slightly injured. Wreckers were hurried to the scene and the injured removed to the hospital at Sand Point, Idaho. Fireman Charles Mackey, who was a resident of Hillyard, a suburb of Spokane, was instantly killed. The wreck was the result of a head-on collision between the Bonner's Ferry local and an extra freight. The cause of the collision is unknown.

## CALIFORNIA BANK ROBBED OF \$29,000

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Friday, Dec. 25.—The fact has just been made public that the First National Bank of Monrovia, Cal., was robbed of a sum said to amount to \$29,000 Monday night. Detectives have been at work on the case, but it is stated that no clues to the robbers have been found, and no arrests have been made.

The loss of the money was discovered when the bank opened for business Tuesday morning. Whether it was taken by an expert thief late Monday night, or was removed after the vault had been locked Monday afternoon or evening, has not been determined. All the officers of the bank refuse to discuss the matter.

President John Bartle admitted that the robbery had occurred, but said that in view of the fact that the bank was insured for \$25,000 with a casualty company, the loss to the stockholders would be less than \$5,000. The bank is capitalized at \$100,000, with a surplus of \$90,000, and has undivided profits of \$20,000.

Some additional details were disclosed during the day. It has developed that the time-lock on the vault did not work Monday night and that the combination lock alone protected the funds.

The money must have been abstracted either during the few minutes after the cash was counted Monday afternoon, and before it was carried into the vault, or was taken out of the vault Monday night.

The missing money is in currency. Six-

## RESIDENCE BLOWN DOWN BY WIND

Home Being Erected for G. H. Parker on Capitol Hill Lev- eled by Gale That Swept City This Morning.

## TELEPHONE WIRES AND TELEGRAPH LINES DOWN

THE magnificent residence being erected for George H. Parker, manager of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, at the corner of Fourteenth Avenue North and Prospect Street, was blown down at 8 o'clock this morning by the high wind that swept the city and Puget Sound. The building was to cost \$30,000, and the framework was up as far as the top of the second story. The entire structure was crushed to the ground. The flooring for the second story was laid, and the wind, catching this, literally lifted the whole structure from the foundation and hurled it to the ground with a crash. Persons living in the neighborhood were frightened by the loud noise and rushed to their windows and doors to see what had happened. All that they could see was the timbers of Mr. Parker's residence lying in a tangled mass on the ground.

P. B. Reed, who lives at the corner of Fourteenth Avenue North and Prospect Street, directly across the street from the new building, was watching a scuffling beating about in the wind not a minute before the structure collapsed. The frame work was apparently solid. He had just turned and left the window when the crash came. He went to the front of his house and all that was visible was the wreck.

The loss on the building could not be estimated; but will fall upon the contractor, J. S. Shockey. Most of the material can be used again, but the loss in labor will amount to considerable. It is said the accident is not due to faulty construction but to the peculiar status of the building at the time the wind struck it, the flooring of the second story forming a plane for the wind to catch and lift the frame work. The damage will probably not exceed \$1,000.

Throughout the city the wind played havoc, minor damage being done to awnings, trees and building that are incomplete.

Both telephone companies and their patrons suffered. Wires were not down in the city to any extent, but the wind twisted them about and crossed them so that service was either impossible or unsatisfactory. Both companies had workmen out, but the high wind all day prevented them from accomplishing much. Long distance lines were down.

Telegraph companies had their lines leading out of the city torn down by the wind, or put out of commission by falling trees. Linemen were sent out and service restored in all directions, except along the west side of Puget Sound, by the early hours of the afternoon. A fire in the Interbay Station of the Northern Pacific through which all the wires to Vancouver and the North of both telegraph companies pass, interrupted the service and added to the disabled condition caused by the high wind.

Neither the Seattle Electric Company nor the interurban companies reported any damage, and all were able to keep up their service.

In the downtown district the wind whisked around corners and tore up several awnings and broke electric light globes. Wrecked umbrellas along the streets told a tale of how pedestrians had tried to face both wind and rain.