

# LINGERING DEATH LURKED IN CHILD'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT



Kathleen Robertson

Special Correspondence to The Press  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—The life of a little girl snuffed out, a mother prostrated, a father heart broken, the perfect happiness of a family torn by sorrow, all this because death lurked in the pretty wrappings of a Christmas toy that a child friend sent, wreathed in holly, to little Kathleen Robertson, the 11 year old daughter of Thos. P. Robertson, a wealthy capitalist, of this city.

The child was buried a few days ago, while her mother fatteringly read the funeral service above the tiny grave.

On Christmas eve the Robertson family gathered about a tree, glittering with lights and tinsel, and laden with a wealth of gifts. The two children, Kathleen and Mary, sang holiday carols while their father gave them their presents.

In the glow of the hearth they opened the dainty parcels. Books, jewelry, dolls, all that make happy the hearts of children. One gift—a toy—gave Kathleen the greatest pleasure. It was from a playmate whom she had not seen for weeks, who had been sick. She laughed gleefully as she fondled the little remembrance.

Kathleen and her sister weft joyfully to be, their presents piled high by the sides of their cots.

Christmas day Kathleen was ill. She grew rapidly worse. The best medical men that money could procure attended her. They pronounced her sickness an aggravated case of scarlet fever. For many days she lingered before death took her, raving in delirium and unable to recognize her sobbing parents.

The friend who sent the fatal gift is unaware of the sorrow she

has caused. She is recovering from a sickness of a fortnight. The sickness is scarlet fever, whose deadly germs in the wrappings of the gift to her friend brought of the gift to her friend brought sadness instead of holiday joy.

## WOULD TAX ALL PROFESSIONS

(Special to The Press)

OLYMPIA, Jan. 28.—A bill soon to be introduced by the committee on revenue and taxation will provide a tax for nearly every occupation of a professional nature. Doctors, lawyers, agents who sell articles, barbers, all shops and stores, brewers, in fact about everything that a tax or a license can be affixed to will be included.

The bill was conceived by Representative Lambert. With him it is merely a question of state revenue and he believes that he can raise by this manner from a half to a million dollars a year.

Mr. Lambert is anxious to have the deficit in the state treasury cleared up. It's a void that troubles him. He sees no way of ever cutting down the state's expenses so that the state may catch up with itself in a financial way and is seeking some new means of getting the money.

CONGRATULATE COSGROVE.

The Spokane County Township club has wired its congratulations to Governor Cosgrove on his inauguration.

## SHE WANTS TO GO ON THE STAGE

How to get upon the stage is a question confronting every young person of histrionic ambition. There are various methods ranging from the possession of unmistakable ability to sheer nerve. Here is a glimpse of one appeal that came to Manager Muller of the Orpheum from Seattle:

"I write to confide in you my ambition to become a lyric actress. I have taken vocal lessons ever since from a child and my figure is all that could be desired, being strictly virtuous and from a Christian family, my father being a member of the carpenters' union of this city. My friends express their enthusiasm of my voice on every occasion, and it is with little pride that I ask for a trial in your valued theater, as I am reluctant to feel that I cannot succeed from the very first, as my repertoire is large and various, singing such well known songs as Rainbow, Someone, Cheyenne, Goodby Sweetheart, Goodby, Summertime and others of the very latest print. I have appeared in public a great many times, but I would much prefer to go on a regular stage with a troupe if you can give me a position. My costumes are made short and reaching to the knees, and I wouldn't like to sing in tight suits until I have tried the short dresses awhile, if it is just the same to you. I am a brunette 17 years of age, and my parents believe I will make a great success if I can get tried in a specialty. I wouldn't care to act with men unless you can assure me they are perfect gentlemen, as my morality is reproachless, and it shall always be my aim to lead a life in keeping with my art, which I think shall be unstinted and idealistic.

"It may seem queer that I should go at length in this respect, but I feel as my duty above all things to be conscientious and abstemious, as my voice is my fortune and my ambitions on the contrary cannot wean me from the simple and unpretentious which many actresses are prone to afflict upon the public.

"Now, Mr. Muller, I can mail you my photographs in three positions and one tinted which you can use on your advertising boards in front of your theater should you care to engage my specialty at a salary of \$20 per week which I can assure you is reasonable from others who cannot sing as well as I can. My stage name is Phyllis Le Claire and in fulfilling my ambitions to vaudeville you will find that I am in every respect harmonious and genteel, which will be noticed in my acting at all times.

"When this letter reaches you I will be in Spokane and will bring if you desire letters of recommendation from my teacher and Mr. Collins of the Pantorium dye works who is a good judge of acting and singing."

Mr. Muller has had somewhat of an experience in vaudeville, but this is what he calls a genuine novelty.

In spite of the fact that she seems so demure and amiable, the cat is a constant tail bearer.

## GAIN OF 25 PER CENT

The volume of business transacted on the local market is again on the increase, and while no accurate calculation can be made because only about five per cent of the business is consummated on the exchange, brokers figure the January increase over December at about 25 per cent.

Brokers are agitating state legislation for the protection of investors, and while it is doubtful whether a bill can be passed at this session of the legislature, the time seems close at hand when

LISTED	Bid	Asked
Ajax	.09	.15
Alameda	.02	.03
Bullion	.04	.05
Canadian Con. Smelters	80.90	95.00
Copper King	.04%	.05%
Echo	.01%	.02
Evolution	.02%	.03%
Gertie	.02%	.03%
Happy Day	.02	.03
Hecla	3.10	3.70
Humming Bird	.06%	.07%
Hypotheek	.01%	.01%
International Coal & Coke	.68	.74%
Kendall	.75	1.00
Mineral Farm	.02	.03
Missoula Copper	.03%	.04%
Nabob	.02%	.03
Snowstorm	2.00	2.05
Sonora	.03	.04
Stewart	.65	.80
Reindeer	.05%	.06%

UNLISTED	Bid	Asked
Alhambra	.10	.18
Ambergis	.13	.18
Bell	.05	.11
Holden Gold & Copper	.09	.15
Idaho Giant	.03%	.04%
Lucky Calumet	.08%	.09%
Monitor	.30	.32
Moonlight	.02%	.02%
Oom Paul	.03%	.05
Panhandle	.02%	.03%
Park Copper	.01%	.02
Rex	.07%	.08%
Rambler-Cariboo	.14	.17%
Snowshoe	.07	.07%
Sullivan	.00%	.01
Tamarack & Chesapeake	.80	1.10
Wonder	.02%	.03%

## WHO'S GOING TO DO THE SCRUBBING? WILL WOMEN UPSET SOCIALIST DREAM?

### FLOORS STRONG BUT UNSUITABLE

John K. Dow, the Spokane architect who has been indirectly criticised by State Senator Hutchinson in connection with the building of the new hospital at Medical Lake, has made his reply. He has mailed to Senator Farnsworth a letter giving the results of tests he has made by placing weights on the floors and noting the effect. He reports that as a result of the tests the floors have been demonstrated strong enough to carry at least twice the load they will ever be called upon to bear. His only criticism of the building is on the cement floors, which he claims should be changed for maple flooring, as cement is not suitable for a building of that character.

Hutchinson's contention was of the same character, largely. He claimed that the floors were cracked and, in the basement, damp.

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Special Correspondence to The Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The socialists' dream of a land where everyone labors and get a fair reward for toil is handed an awful junch by Thomas Dixon, jr., the man who wrote "The Leopard's Spots," a book that almost reopened the negro problem. Mr. Dixon's latest is "Comrades." He puts 2000 ideal socialists on



THOMAS DIXON, JR.

an island, called Ventura. They have plenty of money to try for an Utopia.

But the women folks make trouble. They all want to be chorus girls, authoresses or artists. Nobody wants to scrub or do the washing. Then he has the women folks fall in love with different leaders. One or two of the girls go wrong and won't be good. All this makes trouble among the men. At last there is a terrible mixup and troops from San Francisco are called to save the life of the down-thrown leader, a young millionaire. Mr. Dixon makes all the trouble come from women and the ambition which they inspire in men.

The socialists are bound to attack him for this book.

And then there are the women folk who are likely to be heard from.

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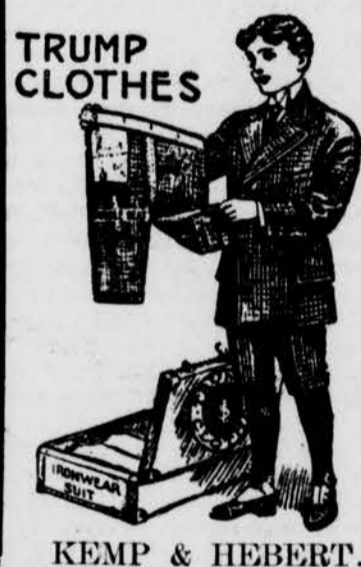
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5c Hair Pin Boxes	3c	Women's \$1.75 Comfort Shoes	97c
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10c Child's Garters, pair	5c		
25c Table Mats, set of 6	19c		
5c Ironing Wax	2c		
10c Finishing Braid	5c		
10c Pearl Buttons, card	4c		
10c Fancy Pins, card	5c		
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Overcoats, worth \$12.50, for... \$5.35 50c Union Suits, fleeced, at... 28c  
\$2.50 Work Shoes at... \$1.62 \$1.25 Camelshair Vests at... 54c  
75c Heavy Underwear at... 47c Boys' or Girls' Vests or Drawers at 19c  
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## GREAT FUTURE FOR SEA WASPS

TESTS LEAD NAVAL EXPERTS TO BELIEVE SUBMARINES WILL BE PART OF EQUIPMENT OF ALL BATTLESHIPS.

BY H. LEE CLOTWORTHY

Special Correspondence to The Press  
MANILA, Jan. 28.—That it is only a question of a very few years when one of those nerve-testing little ship assassins, known as submarines, will be a part of the equipment of every battleship, is the consensus of opinion among naval experts.

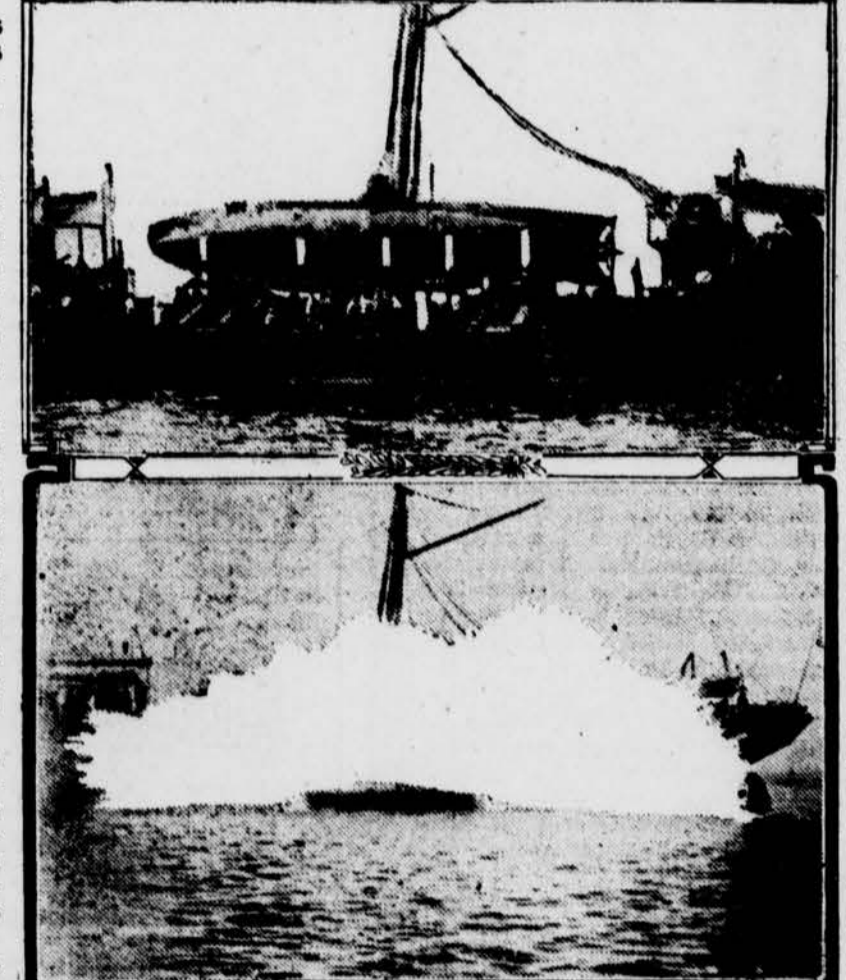
Those dangerous craft have long since been proven to be the most effective coast defenders against a naval power, but under operation from a land base their cruising zone is necessarily very limited. But if carried to sea on battleships and launched on the approach of an enemy the probable part they will play in the naval battle of the future is one of the most disturbing problems confronting naval strategists.

The accompanying photographs show how readily one of these destructive little craft can be stowed away on a "mother boat" and suggests the little difficulty which will be experienced by naval constructors in designing a berth for one of them on a battleship.

The "little diver" shown in the photograph is the Shark, which, with a sister boat, the Porpoise, is stationed at Cavite, Philippine Islands.

More dependence is placed by the military and naval authorities in these two little craft to deter an enemy from attempting a sea attack on Manila, during the absence of proper naval defense, than is placed in the batteries of heavy guns mounted on Corregidor island at the entrance to Manila bay.

No defense against an attack by submarines has yet been proven to be in any measure effective and the moral effect that the suspected presence of these unseen enemies within striking distance has on the



THE LAUNCHING OF THE SUBMARINE "SHARK," AT MANILA. UPPER—READY TO "LET GO." LOWER—AS THE "SHARK" STRUCK THE WATER.

officers and crews of a fleet is demoralizing. The launching practice depicted within four seconds after being dropped from a crane into the water the little craft bobbed to the surface like a cork and within 10 seconds was ready to get under way. It is the general impression among naval officers that pending the awakening of the bureau on construction to the evident value of a small submarine to the de-

structive efficiency of a battleship, that an auxiliary fleet of "mother boats" carrying a flotilla of submarines would accompany the battle fleet if war was imminent. By many naval officers it is believed that the general employment of submarines as fleet auxiliaries would make these deadly little sea vipers a most important factor in the next sea battle. In the photographs took place recently in Manila bay and was most successful.

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