

Partly overcast tonight and Thursday; not so cold tonight.

Current Comment

Hight Bumped Again.

Lawrence M. Hight, former minister, tried at Mount Vernon, Ill., for the murder of his wife and of the husband of the woman he loved more than his wife, today was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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No Medal.

Clarence O. Gilbert was a reserve flier in the United States air mail service, but he had the heart and courage of his veteran companions.

The Christmas Spirit.

Tomorrow the Christian world observes its only international holiday—Christmas. Today and tomorrow there will be manifest a spirit which, if demonstrated on the other three hundred and sixty three days of the year, soon would make unnecessary the earnest pleas of those who want to hasten the building of sea and air forces in preparation for the next war.

The Old Story.

While winter's winds sent chills up and down their spines, hundreds of pedestrians, motorists and street car patrons were held up for more than fifteen minutes yesterday, shortly before noon, by a Rock Island freight train four or five blocks long.

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Don't trust too implicitly in your eyes when judging a man. Appearances may too easily deceive.

EIGHT ARE KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Hight And Mrs. Sweetin Guilty

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Two Negroes Force Oak Hill Motor-man to Turn Over Company's Cash.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS) Two gunmen who boarded an Oak Hill street car near the end of its run, about midnight last night, held up and robbed Louis Koffron, the motorman of \$35.65, 135 tokens, his pocketbook and his automobile key.

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JERUSALEM, Dec. 24.—(By International News.)—This is Christmas eve in the town of the lowly Saviour, and the narrow, winding streets are filled with a greater number of pilgrims than for many years.

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CROYDON, England, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Eight persons were killed when an airplane crashed at the airfield here today.

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The plane which crashed, was the big air express from London to Paris. It fell shortly after leaving the airfield and burst into flames, killing the pilot and all seven passengers.

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A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

JESUS was born in a shed in the tourist park in a town whose name signified that it was the house of bread, the home of plenty. He was reared in a small rural village, and learned the carpenter's trade and farming. He reveled in outdoor life. He loved the hills and woods, the birds and flowers, the blue sky and the black earth. When He became a man Jesus had the homely habits that belong to the ages. He was strongly social and mingled sympathetically with people in their feasts and sorrows, in their work and worship. He was no recluse, aloof mystic, high-strung dreamer, but an approachable personality with a faculty to make contacts with all kinds of people. He feared none while respecting all. He interpreted His life in terms of service to human need. He counted himself every man's brother and friend. Jesus accumulated no material wealth, wrote no books, held no public offices, made no scientific discoveries, nor organized any political or social revolution. Yet no man rivals Jesus as a man of authority, nor exceeds Him in the impact that He made on civilization. The world counts time from His birth. His advent was a turning point in the world's history. His teachings have spread and changed human thinking, feeling and action everywhere. The humanism of Jesus inspired the rise of democracy. His reverent idealism revolutionized religion and morals. Because Jesus touched the heart of things He touched all things, and His influence has been felt and grows in power in the political, commercial, religious and social life of mankind. While Jesus is recognized as the greatest single figure in history, and as belonging to all races, nations and ages, it is the simple power of His character and ideals that draws mankind to Him. He was gentle, kindly, considerate in a world that conceded little to the lowly. He was unselfish, generous and unwarmed in His service to others, in a world that was self-seeking, greedy and cruel. As men count advantages, Jesus was poor, but no one surpasses Him in the enrichment he brought to human life. As men count backing, Jesus had none. Still, He is the greatest personal and social dynamic in the world today. His powers are the virtues of heart and mind, and His backing the eternal things of the spirit. The mission of Jesus was to show a way of living. To this high purpose He gave himself. Today countless millions of His followers carry on His mission with burning hope that the justice, righteousness, love and peace for which Jesus stood may crown the achievements of the ages and, incidentally, prove eventually that Jesus solved the problem of human existence. A. L. MURRAY

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