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Pekin, Dec. 21.—Three German army officers, a captain and two lieutenants, who escaped from a Siberian prison camp, have been killed in Mongolia by Russian soldiers, according to the Chinese foreign office.

After effecting their escape from the prison camp in Siberia, they made their way to Urga, in northern Mongolia.

A Chinese military escort started thence with the Germans for Peking. The Chinese foreign office has now advised the German legation here that Russian troops seized and killed the officers.

PROSPECT TOWARDS

HUMANITY BRIGHTENS

London, Dec. 21.—The Star newspaper, which, as well as the Daily News has pacifist tendencies, says that Premier Lloyd George's statement that the British welcomed the German development as long as it was on the paths of peace, has not received the attention it merits.

"On the whole, the prospect before humanity is not quite so black as it was last Christmas," the Star continues. "The nations have reached the stage of talking about peace. If they are talking at each other rather than talking to each other, it is because the dawn of peace is only starting to break."

"It may be many weary hours before dawn blossoms into sunrise, but a faint light already is seen in the eastern sky."

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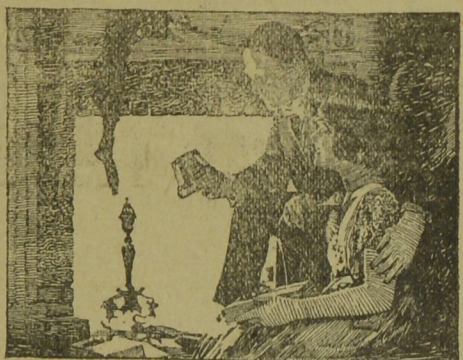
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Rosie's Santy Man

By IRENE BEACH

"Oh dear! I wish he'd come," sighed Rosie Perrone.

"Maybe he he sick," said the brother, as he dusted carefully the array of fruit arranged with such a holiday air in the narrow window of his shop. "He come if he not sick. You wait, Santy man no forget."

But Rosie in spite of her brother's encouraging words became very impatient. Finally she started in search of the kind friend, who was none other than the Santy of her street. Not the real Santy of Christmas eve, but a man who just pretended he was the same jovial friend of holly and cheer and wore a cloak and hat of red, faced with fur, and carried instead of a long whip to urge tired reindeer, a sign which told of a wonderful toy-shop just around the corner.

A week before Pietro had seen from his little shop window this same Santy man stagger and fall. Then both he and Rosie had helped the stranger into the fruit shop, where food and sympathy had been generously given. Now, it was the day before Christmas and the stranger who each day had stopped at Pietro's little shop had failed to appear.

"Maybe he up the street somewhere," the brother had called to Rosie. "When you see him, tell him, to-morrow we look for him to eat with us. Yes?"

Rosie nodded and went on down the long avenue. There was a gentle snow falling, just enough to add to the street the touch of Christmas. But nowhere could Rosie see the kind Santy man of her street, who had told her such wonderful tales of toys, candies and of the real country of deep hills and red sunsets.

Suddenly she thought of something, a something so different that it made her heart go thump-thump. She would go to the wonderful toyshop, just around the corner and see for herself, if her friend was there.

But not a tired, hurried clerk of the shop had time to answer Rosie's questions. Finally she approached a tall gray-haired man standing in the centre of the long aisle. She felt certain he would know something about the Santy of her street.

"Please, do you know our Santy man?"

"Who?" asked the man.

"The Santy man, who wore a red coat, cap and carried a sign?"

"No, I don't. What is it you want to buy, little girl?"

"I don't want to buy nothing. I'm just lookin' for the Santy man of my street. He—" Then Rosie could say no more. The lumps would stick in her throat, no matter how hard she swallowed.

Just what might have happened is hard to say, if a lady standing near hadn't heard what Rosie said and wanted to help her. She knew exactly what to do.

An hour later, after seeing Pietro at his little shop, Rosie rode away with the lady, who was very beautiful, by the way, in her big automobile, to the hospital, where the poor Santy had been taken the night before.

It was a wondering, curious little Rosie, who followed her friend down the long, cool hall to the ward where the sick Santy man lay. Timidly she walked to the man's bedside. He saw her. He held out his hand. Rosie grabbed it and held it close and fast in her own little hands.

"Oh—I'm so glad you're found. Me and Pietro love you so much. I never would have found you if the beautiful lady hadn't—"

But Rosie didn't finish the sentence, for Santy hadn't heard a word she was saying. He was staring with deep, strange eyes at the lady, who had drawn nearer the sick man's bed.

"Sis," he whispered.

"Bob," she answered.

There Rosie sat with shining eyes and a little heart thumping and listened to the wonderful story of her Santy man and the lady. Santy was none other than the lady's brother, whom she hadn't seen since the day, years ago, he ran away to sea. And the lady? She was the beautiful fairy of the toy-shop!

"And did you know all the time she owned it?"

"Yes."

"Why didn't you go and see her?"

"Because I was too poor, sick and proud."

Now, of course, like all stories where fairies and Santy hold forth, everybody was glad and lived happy ever afterward. It was a wonderful day for Rosie and Pietro.

And up and down Rosie's street, too, there was gladness; for the good news had spread to the children, Rosie and the sparrows told, that the Santy man of their street had found a sister.

A War-time Problem

A baker informed the Rugby tribunal that he had advertised for women workers. The reply he had received was from a girl, aged sixteen, who confessed that she knew nothing of the business and asked for six dollars per week.

It is not uncommon to have a Rhode Island Red cock throw a white feather. It is no sign of impurity. These white feathers are apt to develop with age.

Tumblers for cold drinks that are made of ice and provided with paper holders have been invented by a German.

Hinged ribs that permit it to be folded to half its length feature a new fan that can be carried in a hand bag.

THE U. S. DRAWING NEAR VERGE OF WAR

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing today authorized the following statement:

The reasons for the sending of the note were as follows: It is not our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical.

I mean by that, we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves, and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

No national alarm has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document; the only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course one of the difficulties before the President was that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denies that that was the fact in the documents.

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