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## NATIONAL MASS MEETINGS SUNDAY

### LABOR WORLD WILL PROTEST JAILING OF ITS LEADERS.

Haywood Believes Decision Yesterday Will Be Great Amalgamation Factor in Labor Circles—If State Supreme Court Reverses Buck People Will Carry to Highest Court—Big Demonstrations Will Be Held in All Large Cities on Sunday.

Denver, Dec. 24.—W. D. Haywood, former secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, declared today that the decision affecting Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell, imposing jail sentences on the labor leaders, will be one of the greatest factors in amalgamating the forces of organized labor.

Mass Meetings of Protest. Washington, Dec. 24.—The case will unquestionably be carried to the state supreme court. Gompers and his colleagues expressed confidence that the court of appeals would reverse the decision sending Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell to jail. If reversed, the Buck Stove and Range Co. will take the case to the highest court. Many mass meetings of protest will be held all over the country Sunday, with big demonstrations in every big city. Gompers failed to appear at his office this morning. A flood of telegrams from all parts of the country poured in over night, expressing sympathy and denounced the decision of Justice Wright; also offering support. The White House was also flooded with messages of protest. Roosevelt was notified today that Attorney General Bonaparte has expressed a desire to review with him the proceedings in the contempt case. Pending the conference, the president will make no statement. Labor leaders today declared that if the decision is upheld, Roosevelt will

pardon the defendants. It is believed Taft will take the same action if the case is presented to him.

**Jeffries Will Fight Again.**  
Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Jim Jeffries, the heavyweight champion, declared today he would meet the winner of the Burns-Johnson fight. He said if Johnson comes here looking for trouble he would get it.

**Big Trade in St. Louis.**  
St. Louis, Dec. 24.—St. Louis retail and wholesale merchants report that their Christmas trade has been exceptionally good and the total may break all previous records. Throughout the southwest, of which St. Louis is the jobbing center, prosperity is prevalent to an unprecedented degree.

## LONG JOURNEY BY ALASKA MINER

### CAUGHT IN ICE AND TRAVELS THROUGH WILDS OF SIBERIA

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Terminating with the arrival of the Japanese steamship Iyo Maru, here yesterday, a journey covering nearly 10,000 miles, involving almost unbelievable hardships, William Hall, an Alaskan miner, had a series of the worst experiences of the year in northern waters. He left Nome September 1, for Anadir bay. He expected to be gone two weeks, returning to Seattle on the last Nome steamer. He was caught in the ice off Kamchatka peninsula. He was compelled to make his way out by a long, perilous journey through Siberia, along the dangerous winter coast to Japan, taking passage for Puget Sound at Yokohama. Seven boats, a reindeer team, dog outfits and pack train were used. Besides, he walked 2000 miles through a Siberian winter.

## 40 PER CENT IN DIVIDENDS SURE

### FIRST REALIZATION BY DEPOSITORS FEBRUARY 19.

Notice of Encouragement to Depositors in Suspended Bank—Collections Are Coming in So Rapidly That \$100,000 Seems Assured for Date Mentioned—Third Installment of Shareholders' Assessment is Due on February 19—May Be Greater.

Immediately after the 19th day of February, depositors in the defunct Farmers & Traders' National bank will realize a dividend of between 40 and 50 per cent. At that time, the third installment of assessments on shareholders will be due and with what money will accrue in the interim there will be \$100,000 at a conservative estimate, to pay dividends with. Collections are being made in a satisfactory manner and unless unforeseen judgments against the bank are forthcoming, the total moneys on hand at that time—February 19—will be approximately as stated. There is every indication that the dividends at that time will be 40 per cent, at least, and what is more encouraging, there is a possibility of the payment reaching close to the 50 per cent mark. Receiver Niedner anticipates but little litigation and trusts that no judgment against the bank will be made in that time.

The last half of any proposition of a collection nature, always is the most tardy and just what amount will be collected in the immediate future after February 19, remains to be seen.

**Five Men for Coast Barracks.**  
Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Dec. 24.—The auxiliary cruiser Buffalo, arrived with a draft of 103 marines from the Pacific fleet for duty in local barracks.

## PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

### CHRISTMAS DINNERS WILL BE GIVEN BY SHOUTERS.

Salvation Army People Announce That Nearly a Quarter Million Will Be Given Christmas Dinners Tomorrow—No Limit on What Hungry and Homeless May Eat—Great Boon for Those Unable to Provide for Own Yuletide Pleasures.

New York, Dec. 24.—According to officials of the Salvation Army, no less than a quarter million people will partake of the bounty of the Salvation Army at Christmas dinners to be held tomorrow in every large city and town in the country.

In New York, tomorrow's dinner will be more liberal than ever before, and no hungry man, woman or child will be refused a square meal. The collections this year have been very large and today the coins are rattling into the army's street corner kettles in a merry shower of copper and silver and gold.

Besides the dinner there comes within the scope of the serving division's duties the no less important distribution of Christmas baskets. These have been made ready, filled with turkey, bread and all the other eatables in evidence at the dinner. During Christmas morning the baskets will be distributed to poor people of every section of the city. The giving is not done promiscuously, however, for members of the army have been making investigations several weeks with a view of discovering who were deserving recipients. Lists of names and addresses have been turned in a headquarters, and numbered tickets issued to each family.

In cases where the family is unable to call or send for the basket, it will be delivered by the army. Each one will contain, in addition to the eatables, a pretty Christmas card and previous to their distribution all the 4000 will be displayed on the tables. The charity of the army does not end with the distribution, though. During the few days after Christmas the same families will be visited by officers assigned to that duty, who are instructed to see if anything in the way of fuel and food is needed to tide the poor homes through the rest of the winter.

There is to be no artificial limit on the hunger of the Salvation Army's guests. Those who go to the dinner may eat just as long and as ravenously as they like. If they want five cups of coffee and three plates of turkey, they will be satisfied. After the tables have been set the waiting multitude will march to their seats at a given signal, and the feast will be on. Clad in white aprons, the army men and women who have been selected to wait on the tables will serve the steaming turkey and coffee, and then the sweets, as fast as the guests demand new portions. The arrangements are so systematic, it is said, that no matter how fast or how hungry the feasters may be they will not have to wait more than a few seconds between helpings.

**Chicago is Gay.**  
Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Christmas spirit is fairlyizzling in the Windy City today, and at the close of business tonight the stores and shops will have more money in their tills than they have known for many a day. More than 60,000 Christmas trees have been sold and will be loaded with a greater burden of gifts than have been purchased by Chicagoans in recent years. The Salvation Army will feed hundreds of poor people. Banks, corporations and brokerage houses today made an exceptionally lavish distribution of money among their employes.

**Greeks Celebrate.**  
Athens, Dec. 24.—Festivities on a large scale marked the celebration today of the 63d anniversary of the birth of King George I.

### Good Times on Coast.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—If any vestige of the financial stringency of last Christmas is left over for this, it is not in evidence in this part of the country. A tremendous volume of Christmas business has been transacted in all the coast cities, and today (this San Francisco preparing for the most enthusiastic celebration of Christmas since the big fire.

### Boston Prosperous.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Tonight will mark the end of the most successful four-day business period in Boston's history. Citizens of the Hub have been spending Christmas money more freely than ever, resulting in a season of unexampled prosperity for the merchants.

## COURTED DEATH FOR A PICTURE

### WOMAN HEROICALLY SATED BUT PERSISTS IN FACING SURE DEATH

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Roused from slumber and finding smoke pouring into his room, R. H. Grant, a carpenter, residing at the home of John McKinnon, proved himself a hero this morning by rushing to the second floor and dragging Mrs. McKinnon from her bed and carrying her down the flaming stairs. He rescued her just in time to save her life, as she was almost suffocated. After she revived the woman rushed back into the house for a picture of her dead daughter. She was brought out, but attempted a second time to rush into the burning building though held back.

### Gay Paris Celebrates.

Paris, Dec. 24.—With all the characteristic gaiety which accompanies a Parisian holiday, Christmas eve will be celebrated tonight. Great throngs are already gathering in the streets and boulevards, which are lined with booths. All stores were crowded today and the merchants of Paris enjoyed the greatest trade they have known in years. Special performances are scheduled for tonight at all the prominent theaters and opera houses, and the restaurants and cafes will remain open all night.

### Names Biggy's Successor.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Captain Jesse Cook, who was last night appointed to succeed the late Chief of Police Biggy, assumes his duties Saturday. Cook was the only member of the department who successfully suppressed Chinese gambling. He is very popular.

### Accused of Murder Then Dismissed.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Thomas H. Knight, jointly accused with James H. Holt, of the murder of Bandsman Henry Johnson, at Fort Worden, was released on the order of the state district attorney. The evidence was insufficient. Holt was sentenced for life the other day.

## DEAL EXPLAINS HIS STATEMENT

### REFERENCE TO TAMPERING REMAINS AS UNIMPEACHED.

No Reflection on the Circuit Judge Meant by Writer in Communication Yesterday—Exclusion of Testimony as Done by the Court Cannot Be Criticized—Any Fair-Minded Judge Would Do Same Thing—Realized Misconstruction May Be Made.

### To the Editor:

Realizing that a statement made in my communication of last evening may be misconstrued, I am glad to make an explanation. "In the first place, much evidence that would seem pertinent is thrown out as 'incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial,' so that testimony is very strictly limited to the day, and almost the hour when the act is alleged to have been committed." This sentence was not intended in any manner to reflect upon the rulings of the judge, but only to explain to those unfamiliar with legal proceedings why testimony that would appear to an outsider relevant, is by law excluded as not bearing on the question in point. I had some personal conversations with Judge Knowles and he explained to me fully and satisfactorily why some evidence, seemingly related, was not admissible.

I talked with him personally concerning the box of cigars brought to the jury, and he declared that such an act must be investigated and suggested I see the district attorney, which I attempted to do, but he was in Wallowa, so I could not see him, otherwise I should have laid it before him.

The whole article was intended to make public an act manifestly unjust, and perversion of justice. A bribe will blind the eyes of the jurymen, as one long ago said of the judge, and whoever is to blame in this case ought to be sought out and punished, and we believe our judge and district attorney will do it.

C. E. DEAL.

### CLAUDIANES CONVICTED.

Oakland, Dec. 24.—Peter Claudianes must spend the remainder of his life in prison. He was convicted last night of dynamiting the home of James Gallagher, chief witness in the graft prosecution. The jury was out six minutes. The prisoner wept when the verdict was read. He waived any postponement of sentence, which was immediately pronounced by Judge Watse.

### Christmas in South.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Although it lacks the rigorous climate usually associated with Christmas, the Southland is none the less enthusiastic in its observance of the day, and tomorrow's celebration promises to be fully up to the joyous standard set by past holidays in Dixie. The Christmas trade in this city has been very satisfactory and will far surpass in volume that of last year.



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Fancy China Box Goods		Comfort Slippers	Warm Caps Gloves Mitts Overcoats	

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