

MILLIONS IN GOLD GIVEN BY CHICAGO FIRMS

PROFIT SHARING PLAN IS CARRIED OUT IN CHICAGO LIBERALLY TODAY.

TAFT AWAY ON CHRISTMAS

Gold and Food Given Away by Chicago Firms to Employees Today, Rather Than on Christmas Day—Germany Prepares for Its Yuletide With Interest Despite Trade Dependency.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Showers of gold and loads of turkeys were distributed by a generous Santa Claus throughout Chicago's business district today. It is estimated that at least \$2,000,000 was distributed as bonuses among the employes of industries, banks and big stores, with the probability that the total will be raised to \$3,000,000 by the addition of gifts deferred until Christmas day or the end of the year. The biggest givers were the large factories and mercantile establishments that have adopted the profit sharing plan. Practically all of the banks and brokerage houses presented their employes with gold pieces, from \$5.00 to \$20.00, in most cases according to rank and length of service.

Christmas in Germany.
Berlin, Dec. 21.—Notwithstanding the warcloud hovering over Europe and the industrial depression that of late has become pronounced in many sections of the empire, the approaching celebration of Christmas is monopolizing German attention as completely as ever. There is no feature of German life which shows so little change. The imperial family will celebrate the holiday with all the traditional German customs. Christmas trees, one for each member of the family, will be set up in the shell room of the new palace at Potsdam. The trees will be arranged according to the age of the person represented—the emperor's the tallest, that of the empress second, and so on downward to the youngest of the imperial grandchildren, and each of the trees will be loaded with presents for that particular person.

Christmas With the Jack Tars
New York, Dec. 21.—Between 15,000 and 20,000 officers and men of the United States navy are in New York to enjoy the Christmas holidays. They belong to the great battleships Utah, Florida, Delaware, North Dakota, Michigan, South Carolina, Vermont, Louisiana, Connecticut and nearly a dozen other vessels of the Atlantic fleet now swinging at anchor in the harbor. The bluejackets are making the most elaborate preparations for the Christmas celebrations. Uncle Sam's going to provide the turkey and many other delicacies, while on most of the warships the men themselves have arranged to contribute towards elaborate spreads. The Christmas dinners will be followed by entertainments, ranging from sparring matches to vaudeville and moving pictures—all on board ship.

Christmas at Washington, C. D.
Washington, Dec. 21.—It is something almost without precedent for the national capital to pass a Christmas with no celebration at the white house, which always has been a great center of attraction during the holidays. The president probably will have his Christmas celebration in Colon. It will be the first Christmas since he became president that Mr. Taft has not spent in the executive mansion, but with Mrs. Taft and several close friends with him he doubtless will enjoy the day almost as much as if he were in Washington. In the homes of nearly all of the cabinet officials and others promi-

ODD STUNTS THIS MAN'S PASTIME.



Rodman Law, who has jumped from every bridge he considers worth jumping from around New York City; has jumped from several high buildings and from the Statue of Liberty, startled even those who know his daring the other day, when he sailed out over the Hudson river in a balloon and at the height of 450 feet, exploded a large quantity of dynamite in his balloon, destroying it and dropping into the water. The report of the exploded dynamite startled the whole city and Law's drop into the water caused several women who were passing on ferry boats to faint. The picture shows him just after he landed in the Hudson. Apparently his nerve (if he has any) were not shaken by the stunt.

MERCURY FALLS TO 14 DEGREES

SHARP DROP COMES AFTER SUNRISE TODAY.
Plenty of Snow and Enough Cold to Protect It, for Christmas.

SHORTEST DAY OF YEAR.
This is the shortest day of the year, which is naturally to be expected of the last Saturday before Christmas. It is the shortest day astronomically as well as financially. The approximate time of the solstice this year will be at 11:30 o'clock tonight. This will mark the beginning of winter. From now on the days will become longer and the nights shorter, as the sun works northward.

Winter of the sort that astronomy defines, will be ushered in in Union county with substantial snow and cold. Early this morning the mercury dropped to 14 above zero, after a sharp drop of several degrees after sunrise. By 11 o'clock, however, the mercury went nearer to the melting point. The degree of cold has not been disagreeable at all but on the other hand, has lent interest to the Christmas shopping. Indications are that it will remain cold enough to protect the snow until after Christmas morning.

New Shipping Rules Issued.

Under the circular effective Jan. 12th, 1912, shipments of stock traveling over the O.-W. R. & N. will be allowed to feed in transit at any point between the original point of shipment and destination.

"Regarding the above information, if any of the interested shippers will call on me at the freight office I will be pleased to furnish them with the information necessary in connection with these shipments," says J. H. Keeney, local agent.

ment in the affairs of the national government here the day will be essentially a family day. In the diplomatic corps the holiday will be observed according to the custom of each country represented. The Moel will be duly observed at the French embassy with all the customs of France, while roast pig, plum pudding and a burning rule log will aid the Christmas cheer of Merry England at the British embassy.

SEVEN-FOOTER AS JAIL KEEPER

NORTH YAKIMA GIANT TO GET JAIL JOB.
Medford Midget Will Not Release Jailor Job as Requested to.

North Yakima, Wn., Dec. 21.—Sheriff-elect Meter expects to appoint the tallest jailer in 17 states in a few days when he names Sam Hutchinson keeper of jail doors. The man is seven feet, five inches tall and it is expected he will be on his post immediately after January 1.

Short Jailer at Medford.

Medford, Dec. 21.—County Jailer Eaton, who is four feet two inches high, refuses to resign because of his smallness. He says the state can not make him let go of his job on that score, but must find something more pertinent as a ground for action.

Millman Hurt.

Thomas Doyle of the Grande Ronde Lumber company was brought to the hospital this morning from the camp. He lost control of the carrier on which he was riding and suffered a fractured rib and other injuries. His condition is not serious.

Joe Smith's Daughter Dead.

Laprael Smith, 10 year old daughter of Joe Smith, superintendent of the poor farm, died last night. Funeral arrangements have not been completed but will probably be held at Union.

Take Potatoes East.

G. A. Barnes and Link Wood of Elgin have gone east with a carload of potatoes and a carload of apples. They will go to Kansas City.

SOUTHERNER LIKES CITY.

"If I ever have occasion to recommend any town to prospective settlers, La Grande will get the recommendation," asserts Chas. Pridgen, retired business man of Wichita Falls, Tex. He has just finished a business visit to La Grande in which he took careful inventory of business. Quoth he to Secretary C. M. Humphreys of the Commercial club: "I make it a point to chat with bankers and business men of every town I am in and this is the first place that a big majority of them have not been anxious to sell out and move. La Grande must be all right."

ENTIRE TOWN LAID WASTE BY YAQUIS BANDS

MEXICAN INDIANS TORTURE, KILL AND BURN IN TOWN OF HERMOSILLO.

BANDITS ASSAULT WOMEN

Two American Women Said to Have Been Victims of Assault by Bandits—Women of the Country Ordered Into Cities Through Sonora and Other Provinces—Situation is Alarming.

MADERO TO BE WARNED.
Washington, Dec. 21.—A official of the state department admitted that another warning will be sent to the Mexican government and if this is not heeded the United States will act. It is believed that the news was allowed to leak out in the hope that the report would reach the ears of Madero and make an ultimatum necessary.

BUOYANT TONE IN WAR-DRAMA

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE PEACE ENVOYS AT LONDON
European Peace Certain in Eyes of Experts Who Watch Signs.

London, Dec. 21.—The Balkan and Turkish envoys held an hour's session this afternoon and then adjourned until Monday. Little was accomplished. As a result of the peace conference leading stocks are buoyant, and this in spite of the reports that the Turks will end the sessions unless the Balkans allow them to re-provision the cities of Adrianople, Constantinople, Scutari and Janina. Servia's endorsement of the self-government of Albania is believed to make European peace certain. The Servian ambassadors did not meet today.

Hog Cholera in Umatilla County.

(Penodleton East Oregonian.)
There are a number of cases of hog cholera in Umatilla county and that hog raisers must take precautions to head off an epidemic is the statement of Dr. C. W. Lassen, local veterinarian who at the instance of County Judge Maloney, made a special inspection trip to the west end of the county this week. Reports have come in during the past two weeks of a disease that has affected the hogs about Hermiston and Stanfield and after an examination, announced the disease to be the dreaded cholera.

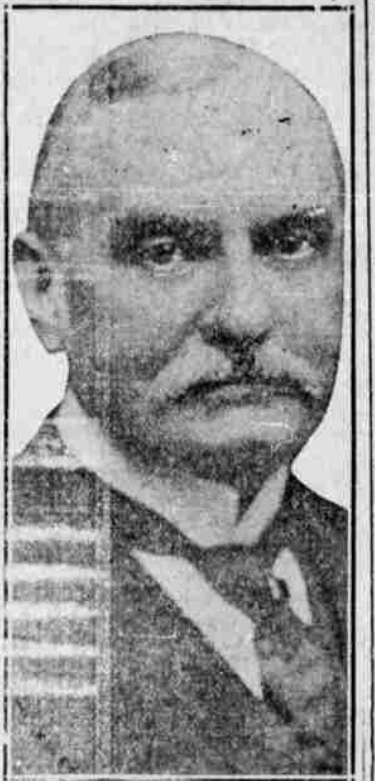
Federals Coming to Relief.

Douglas, Dec. 21.—Mexican federalists in the city of Agua Prieta admitted receiving reports that federal troops are being rushed to the stricken city. They also confirmed the reports that the Indians overran the village and killed and wounded many of the inhabitants. They denied having received any further information. Telegraphic communications from Hermosillo state that there is little hope that many escaped the massacre.

Postoffice Open Sunday.

For the relieving of Christmas package rush, Postmaster G. M. Richey has issued a special order for tomorrow. The postoffice will be open from 11 to noon Sunday. On Christmas day the several windows will be open from 9 to until 10 a. m., and from 4:30 until 6:00.

The Latest Portrait of Thomas F. Ryan



This portrait of Mr. Ryan was sent out last week by his secretary as the one that Mr. Ryan prefers to have used when the newspaper find it necessary to print his picture. It was taken very recently by a well-known New York photographer.

LOGUE MURDER SUSPECTS ARE TAKING SWEATS

DAMAGING CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE UNEARTHED BY CHICAGO OFFICIALS.

SEVERAL WOMEN SUSPECTS

Death of Jewel King at Chicago Is Being Unraveled Piece by Piece—Petticoat and Weapon That Correspond to Known Facts Are Found by the Police in Several Apartments.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Several suspects have been arrested and are being given the third degree in the case of the J. P. Logue murder of Chicago. When the police opened the safe of the murdered jewelry dealer in the McVicker theatre building this morning they found it empty and ransacked. This is held to indicate that Logue broke down under the torture, opened the safe and was then killed. The shot wound is held not serious enough to have caused death. Clyde Stratton, Margaret Johnson, Edward Hampdon and wife, Frank Williams and Chas. Duffy are suspected and are being sweated. They are also supposed to be the automobile robbers, who have recently looted stores and safes. The officers are expecting the women to confess this afternoon. A petticoat from which a strip was torn, and which corresponds to the goods used for the gag on Logue, a burglar's kit, a suitcase full of dynamite and nitroglycerine, two thousands' dollars worth of loose diamonds, bloodstained business cards, a revolver of the same caliber as that used to shoot Logue, were discovered in the apartments occupied by the Hampdons, Stratton and Mrs. Johnson.

CABINET IS PICKED.

Wilson Remains Silent on His Selections for the Present.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 21.—After a long conference this morning President-elect Wilson and W. J. Bryan emerged from the conference room today and said they had discussed the cabinet and the availability of the different men whose names have been suggested. Bryan did not suggest any new names and considered the fulfillment of the Baltimore platform paramount. Bryan's name was not discussed. When asked by the reporters about the cabinet appointees, he said: "I leave it all to Wilson; if he wishes to announce the results of the conference that is his privilege. I have nothing to say."

TAFT RELIEVES WILSON.

Homestead, Fla., Dec. 21.—Addressing five hundred people here today President Taft who is on his way to Panama said: "I have seen the four corners of America. I am now on my way to the Panama canal to change the organization of the government there. As I have had to do with the canal from the beginning, I think I ought to take the responsibility of deciding the matter, thereby relieving my successor of the necessity of going into a matter about which he is unfamiliar."