

Best Christmas Since World War Is Foreseen

(By the Associated Press) Santa Claus is chuckling with old-time mirth as he prepares for his yearly visit to the chimneys of the world, because reports to him have indicated that this will be the best Christmas since the Great War.

Old Nick apparently has not been interested by the controversy on the relative merits of the air-ship. The latest statement from Lapland, transmitted via Copenhagen, said that he would hold to tradition and use his reindeer and sleigh for his annual voyage around the globe.

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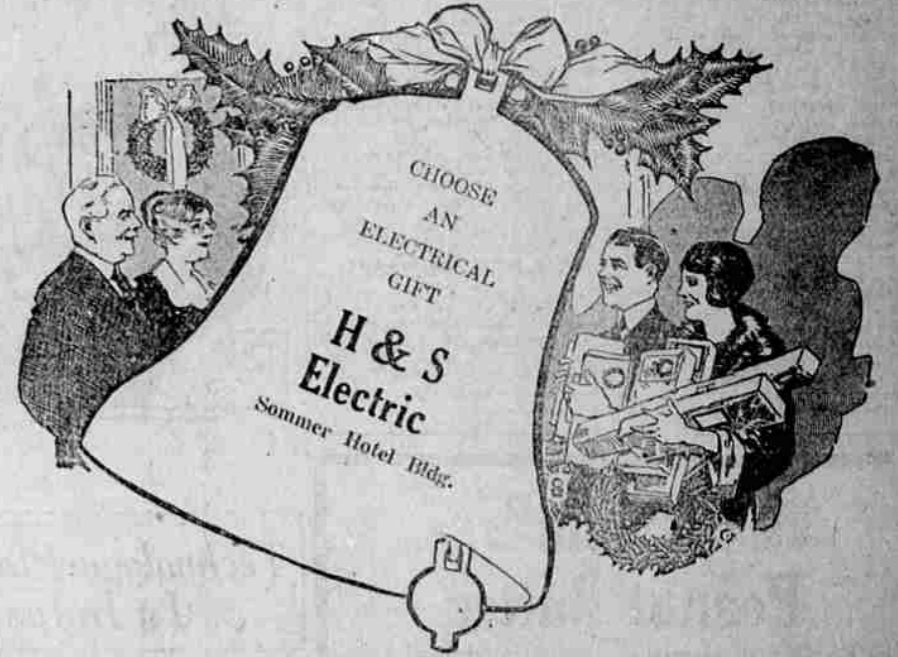


Telegraph companies in Washington have found girls make more efficient messengers than boys. Hence these four have been given pretty caps and told to go to it.

Lowly, Destiny Contrasts Million or So Mustangs... PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Out of the glories of mountain range and plain into the soap vat or fertilizer bin is the ignominious destiny that awaits in prospect for the western mustang—small, mostly useless, and numerous.

appreciably close when a Portland company began the construction of a plant in which this rendering will be done. The sturdy, saving bands of undomesticated horseflesh cut off the range that is needed by stockmen and upon which depends, to a large extent, the game in the western states. In Montana alone it was estimated that there are 250,000 of these wild horses. Other thou-

ands perplex the livestock interests of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Colorado, swelling the total to a million or more for which no ordinary commercial market exists, except for the leather and by-product value. Dr. E. L. Chase, Portland city veterinarian, has added to the indictment against the mustang, a charge that it spreads contagious diseases among cattle and sheep.



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vidents and stock. What happened then is expected to be repeated on a larger scale. Chicago alone had a total in Christmas savings funds of approximately \$25,000,000. Reports from the other cities showed that the issuance of these deposits early was "toll in the shopping districts. Hundreds of cities and towns will have municipal Christmas trees. Chicago will take the lead in carol singing when sixteen hundred members of the board of trade and others join in broadcasting through thirty-five stations. In Kansas City, the mayor will have a Christmas tree for the kids and one of the newspapers has arranged for Mr. Kringle to use the old-fashioned reindeer and sled when he passes through. Max Reinhardt's "The Miracle" will begin a four weeks' run in St. Louis on Christmas Eve. In Milwaukee, chimes from St. James Episcopal church will be played and a sixty-piece band will augment the carol singers. Detroit where the automobiles are made, experienced a deluge of Christmas buying. Down in Texas, where many children never have seen snow, Houston will place its Christmas tree in the city hall square, and provide a background of artificial snow. Here, Santa was asked to discard his sleigh and use reindeer and sled instead. Denver's carol singers will gather in the civic center's Greek amphitheatre, brilliantly lighted and festooned with holly wreaths and spruce boughs, to usher in the Christmas tide. Later, they will march through the streets. Indianapolis has turned over its municipal Christmas activities to the fire department and in each of the city's thirty-two stations there will be a tree. Santa will spend some time there, for he has agreed to slide down the pole in each station and personally deliver his gifts to the children. Florida, the country's boom state and the real estate salesman's paradise, is ready for a Christmas

commensurate with the large amount of business being transacted. Throughout Ilesle cities, large and small, the spirit is reported to have had the effect of bringing to the hearts of men the association of its meaning with the origin of their creed. In Berlin, twelve theatres including the Municipal Opera, are giving matinee and evening performances of fairy tales several times a week. More than 1,000,000 Christmas trees were cut in the Harz Mountains, despite the luxury tax. Sweden shares Christmas giving with its birds and animals. Next to the Christmas tree a sheaf of oats for the sparrows symbolizes the Christmas spirit and in a tree or on top of a pole in front of almost every house the grain is tied up for the birds to pick. On Christmas eve, all domestic animals are given an extra ration of oats or a special bit of hay. Another ceremony is the noon day meal when servants and masters eat together in the kitchen, dipping their bread in the same kettle where the Christmas meat is being cooked. France, Spain, Belgium and other countries will rival the gayety of America in their celebrations. Seaweed Is Table Delicacy. In Japan—Declared Nutritious. TOKIO (AP)—Seaweed in Japan is a dinner delicacy—for the Japanese. In fact, the harvesting of seaweed is one of Japan's large industries. Of the many species of the weed, gathered from the bottom of the sea, the Japanese Tangle (Gambusia Japonica) is most popular because of its flavor and refreshing taste. This weed grows abundantly in the cold seas off Hokkaido and is harvested during the summer months. The yearly harvest off Hokkaido alone is estimated at 200,000,000 pounds. While this seaweed is relatively cheap, food chemists claim it is

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Uses Whip on Her Hubby. Illustration of a woman in a hat. Text: Mrs. Nettie Taylor, 75, of Indianapolis, Ind., heard that her husband had seen in company with another woman. So she took this blacksnake whip and flogged him through a downtown street. She hasn't seen him since, and now she wants him back.

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