

CHRISTMAS IS OBSERVED IN THE CHURCHES

Beauty and Meaning of Season Brought Out in Plays and Programs.

CANTATAS GIVEN BY LOCAL SINGERS

Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Baptists, Christians Have Special Services.

The beauty and meaning of the Christmas season was deepened yesterday at the La Grande churches, where several musical programs were presented during the day. The choir of the Methodist church presented "The Prince of Peace," a Christmas cantata by Mrs. E. L. Ashford. "The Adoration of the Kings" was given at the Presbyterian church by the Sunday school; the children of the Zion Lutheran church furnished a program; the young people of the Baptist church presented a musical play, "Seekers After Christmas," and a Christmas pageant, "Christ Was Born in Bethlehem" was enjoyed at the Christian church.

One of the most pretentious productions of the day was the cantata which the Methodist choir presented under the direction of Paul Knautz, with Miss Helen Williams playing the accompaniment on the pipe organ, and Miss Jennie Nielson furnishing violin obligatos. "The Prince of Peace" is divided into two parts, the first, "The Promise," and the second, "The Fulfillment." In Part I the entire choir sang "Sing, O Heaven," and "And There Shall Come Forth" Solo numbers were furnished by Paul Knautz, baritone, who sang "The Heavenly King"; E. E. Hurley, tenor, assisted by the choir, "Fear Thou Not"; and Mrs. A. W. Nelson, contralto, "Hall Bethlehem."

"The Fulfillment," part II, included "O Holy Night," sung by a male chorus; "There Were Shepherds," a soprano solo, by Mrs. Sherwood Williams, assisted by the choir; "Bright Star of Hope," sung by the Ladies chorus; "March of the Magi" by the male chorus; and "O Blessed Lord," a tenor solo by Sherwood Williams and the choir. As a closing number the choir sang "Blessed be the Lord God." The personnel of the choir included Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. James Cunniff, Mrs. Stanley Lyon, Mrs. Glenn Wagner, Mrs. Bay Fuller, Mrs. W. H. Hertzog, Miss Ethel Hansen, Miss Aileen Boyles, Miss Jean Williams, Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Thomas McGuire, Mrs. William Adler, Mrs. Roy R. Tyler, Mrs. Bethmyr Miller, Miss Gwendolyn Mertzog, Miss Amanda Zabel, Miss Mabel Morton, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, E. E. Hurley, A. W. Nelson, Wallace Arment, Jed Allen, Elmer Hansen, tenors; Paul Knautz,

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250 CHILDREN AT SALVATION ARMY PROGRAM

Two hundred and fifty boys and girls were in attendance at the opening event of the Salvation Army's series of Christmas programs Sunday afternoon.

Thursday evening at 9:30 Christmas carols will be sung on several different street corners of the city by a group of about 25 singers under the leadership of one of the Salvation Army girls. At 7:30 Thursday, the annual Christmas tree and program will be enjoyed by all who can attend. The program will take place in the State theatre and Santa Claus will be there with his usual toys and stories. A treat of candy, nuts and oranges has been arranged for.

Captain C. Legan announces that there will be a few baskets distributed Christmas morning, after which there will be a hot Christmas dinner served to the wayfarers men and women who happen to be in La Grande that day. The dinner will be served in the basement of the Army building from noon until 2 p. m., at which time the Christmas activities will close.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled with rains in the west tonight and Tuesday and snows in the east portion tonight or Tuesday; somewhat colder in the interior tonight; fresh south-west shifting to west winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—33 above.
Minimum: 33 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 41, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain and snow, precipitation .15 of an inch. Range—eight degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 21, 1930
Maximum 36, minimum 9 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range—21 degrees.

Japanese Begin Drive Aimed At Chinchow Area

Movement Alleged to be Directed Against Bandits, But China Protests to the League.

By the Associated Press
Japan started a new drive in Manchuria to the south of Mukden today and although the command said the movement was directed against bandits, there were those who believed that its purpose was to capture Chinchow before Christmas day.

China sent a note of protest to the league of nations and the foreign office issued a statement interpreted as a direct appeal to the United States to intervene in behalf of the nine-power treaty and the Kellogg-Brand pact.

Dr. Wellington Koo recalled that Theodore Roosevelt once prophesied that the Pacific would be the storm center of international politics in this century. He insisted that Manchuria should remain an integral part of China and that the Japanese military occupation was a violation of right and justice.

A Japanese estimate placed the bandit force at 600. There were no figures on the strength of the Japanese force participating in the movement to the south.

NEW NOTE SENT TO LEAGUE
NANKING, Dec. 21 (AP)—A new note to the league of nations and another statement, interpreted here

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Rev. Hertzog Is Speaker at Lions Luncheon Today

Bringing a Christmas message, Rev. W. H. Hertzog, of the First M. E. church, was the main speaker at today's luncheon of the Lions club in the Sacajawea Inn.

"The Christmas message is essentially one of peace," he said, "yet the world is armed for and expecting war!"

In discussing what means can be adopted to prevent war, he said: "When we live in a world where dollars are worth more than persons, we can only hope to avert the struggle for a time." The basic problem, the speaker asserted, is whether individual property are worth more, and that must be settled in favor of the individuals before war can be averted permanently.

Robert Ballot, violinist, played two solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss Lawanna Graham. The numbers were greatly enjoyed by the club.

H. E. Brady spoke in behalf of the American Legion's campaign to maintain the city band, stating that the Rotarians and legionnaires each had pledged \$10 a month and the church pledged \$10 of commerce \$5. He asked that the Lions pledge \$5, and President Max Sarvis assured him that the request would be complied with.

CONGRESS TO GIVE HOOVER RIGHT-OF-WAY

Senate and House Both Ready to Take up Economic Legislation.

WILL ACT AFTER HOLIDAY PERIOD

Immediate Action on Capper-Wheeler Wheat Bill Blocked in Senate by King, of Utah.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The senate formally took up the Hoover debt moratorium today after opponents had complained bitterly against the "lash" to drive through the measure by continuous session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Congress made ready to give its undivided attention to economic legislation on return from the Christmas recess.

Senate leaders joined their colleagues from the house who have assured President Hoover that they will lift the moratorium comes the half-billion dollar reconstruction corporation.

To hurry the day of enactment, it seemed likely the recess would be made shorter than the usual two weeks.

Further inquiry into stock market activities was proposed by Senator

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PAGEANT WILL BE GIVEN AT SCHOOL

"O Holy Night" to be Presented by Central Children Tonight.

"O Holy Night," a pageant, will be presented by the children of the Central school tonight at 7:30 at the high school auditorium, before a meeting of the Central Parent teachers' association. The production is divided into several parts, and the program is as follows:

I. "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," Reader Dorothy Campbell, Chorus: Ethel Bates, Bobby Brack, Phyllis Bryant, Justine Cade, Patricia Clark, Iva Coffey, Lloyd Davy, Henrietta Cone, Margaret Cone, Helen Emerson, Jack Pariss, Mary Freese, Donabelle Gouss, Patsy Jesse, Evelyn Hansen, Mammie Hollen, Goldie Kelley, Patricia Leonard, Estelle Loyd, Billie Mrs. Lloyd, Leola Miller, Raymond McClelland, Kathleen Peare, Dorothy Lee Reynolds, Vera Tusch, Marguerite Trowbridge, John Blanchard, Jack Brandt, Mildred Hoffman, Kelton Spain, Vena Mae Ward, Dorothy Lillard, Jane Williams, Adeine Bunch, Billy Hough, Wilfred Zurbick, Lois Burnett, Bobby McWayne, Jean Burck, George Cooper, Angel, Francis Clark, Shepherds, Kenneth Crawford, Carl Hansen, Joseph Feik, Ivan Hendricks.

BOY SLAYER MUST REMAIN IN HIS CELL

Efforts of Father E. J. Flanagan to Obtain His Custody Meet Failure.

"WOULD BE LIKE TIGER," M. D. SAYS

Herbert F. Nicolls Jr., Killer of Asotin County Sheriff, Compared With Hickman.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—Parole for Herbert Franklin Nicolls Jr., boy slayer of Sheriff John I. Wormell, of Asotin county, was denied and efforts of Father E. J. Flanagan, head of a Nebraska boy's home, to obtain custody of the boy were dropped today by Governor Roland H. Hartley.

COMPARED WITH HICKMAN
CLARKSTON, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—A boy of the Hickman type—that should NOT go at large, "that if liberated would be like a young tiger after its first kill" was the description of Herbert Nicolls given by a prominent physician and quoted by Elmer E. Halsey, prosecuting attorney of Asotin county.

The prosecutor whose trial of the 12-year-old boy for the slaying of Sheriff J. L. Wormell brought his conviction, and the imposition of a life prison sentence, dealt at length with the case in a letter to authorities at the Washington state penitentiary.

The description he quoted, he said, was given by Dr. John M. Semple, superintendent of the Eastern Washington hospital for the insane for 13 years at Medical Lake.

"The experience of Dr. Semple at (Continued on Page Eight)

STOPS HOLDUP BUT IS SHOT BY ROBBERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Detective James Calpis, one of the 40 persons dining and dancing in a northside night club, was fatally wounded early today when he balked six men who attempted to hold up the place.

Caplis died a few hours after he was rushed to a nearby hospital.

Miss Peggy Griggs, 21, another guest, was shot twice in the arm. Several hours earlier, three bandits held up a downtown restaurant, stood off several hundred citizens, and escaped with \$3,000 which they took from Miss Elsie Hill, 28, the cashier.

REDDOND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Edward Fennell dug for water and found gold.

Fennell was engaged recently to dig a well for the Ah-h-wood postmaster. He struck a ledge of quartz that assayed several hundred dollars worth of gold to the ton.

Claims have been staked on most of the land in that section since then.

DAVEY WOULD HAVE BAKER MAKE RACE
CLEVELAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—A plan for election of an Ohio delegation pledged to support Newton D. Baker for the Democratic presidential nomination was laid before Ohio Democrats today by former Congressman Martin L. Davey, of Kent.

Davey, who earlier in the month urged that Baker be drafted as a presidential candidate, sent letters to 40,000 Democrats over the state advocating immediate formation of Baker-for-President clubs in every county.

IT'S NEARLY AS BUSY HERE!



Santa Claus' workshop isn't the only busy place these days. Just see this view in a department of the New York General Post Office as hurried workers face a mountain of Christmas mail. It's a scene duplicated in post offices throughout the country.

Early Gains In Lumber Prices Are Predicted

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—An early rise in lumber prices due to depleted stocks and under-production, is predicted by James H. Owen, general manager of the Owen-Oregon Lumber company, who was here over the weekend.

Owen said lumber sales prospects now are better than at any time in the past 18 months. He said his company has received more orders in the past two weeks than in the previous year and a half, and spoke of an awakening in the building business in the mid-west and south.

Missing School Girl Found At Providence, R. I.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21 (AP)—Virginia Penfield, missing 10-year-old school girl, who disappeared here Thursday was located today at the Naragansett House in Providence, R. I. Her father, Clair J. Penfield, was informed she arrived there in a case and ill.

She arrived there yesterday. She was able to tell her own name but could not remember her father's first name, authorities at the Naragansett House informed Horace L. Wiggin, manager of the Benjamin Franklin hotel where the girl's father, Claire J. Penfield, has been directing the hunt for her.

The young woman, a student at the Mary Lyon school of Swarthmore, Pa., had been positively identified, Wiggin was informed, by travelers checks she carried.

The fact she was ill confirmed, the father said, his belief she had suffered from over-study.

Kahn Asks "Break" For Private Debts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—A little better than an even break for private debts over public obligations was asked by the senate finance committee today by Otto H. Kahn.

The partner of Kahn, Loeb and company said that if a choice must be made private debts either should take precedence or be on something more than parity.

He said he had had nothing to do with the moratorium and had no prior knowledge it was coming.

SEVEN DROWNED IN ERGANG LAKE

Six Deaths Occur Due to Attempts to Rescue Boy, Who Went Through Ice.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Dec. 21 (AP)—Orville Oman, 7, rode gaily to his death on a Christmas sled in the icy waters of a small lake near his home yesterday, and six other persons drowned in attempted rescues.

The multiple tragedy, which cost the lives of Orville's parents and four boys, occurred near Dalton, in northern Muskegon county.

The victims, besides Orville, were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Oman, each 33; Orville Oman, 7, another son; Harry Ergang, an uncle of the boys, and James and Theodore Morgan, 17 and 14, respectively, also nephews of Ergang.

Anxious to try out his new sled, Orville coasted down a hill and out onto the ice of Ergang lake yesterday afternoon. The ice broke, throwing Orville into the water. James attempted to go to the boy's rescue but went through the ice. Orville's older brother, Oliver, and Theodore Morgan set out to rescue their brothers. They too went into the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Oman and Ergang launched a boat and rowed to where the boys were floundering in the water. The four boys were picked (Continued on Page Three)

FALLING ROCK FROM CLIFF KILLS OFFICER

THE DALLIES, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Glenn Mayfield, 26, city traffic officer here for the past five years, was killed at 1:30 a. m. today when a rock slipped from a high cliff above the Columbia River highway and fell through the top of his automobile, striking his head.

His aunt, Mrs. Frank Grossmiller, and a cousin, Kenneth Grossmiller, riding with him, were uninjured. They were returning from Oregon City where they attended the funeral of Mayfield's uncle. On the return trip Mayfield had stopped to check on lost taken in a recent The Dalles robbery.

The rock was as large as a man's head. Mayfield was rushed to the Hood River hospital but died within a few minutes after arriving.

He is survived by his widow and four-year-old daughter. His father, Jess E. Mayfield, lives in Oregon City. Mayfield last summer declined an offer to join the state constabulary.

PROTECT DEPOSITORS.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—Plans to organize a committee representing depositors in the Hibbernia Commercial & Savings bank, which closed its doors here Saturday, were outlined at a meeting of 300 persons Sunday.

Rich Man Slain By Mad Butler, Companion Hurt

Japanese Servant, Brooding Over Discharge, Turns on Poughkeepsie Millionaire.

By Elton C. Fay
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 21 (AP)—Furious because he had been discharged, a Japanese butler stabbed and hacked his millionaire employer, J. William Schatz, 56, to death after a desperate struggle in the Schatz mansion here yesterday.

Aided by his meek sister-in-law, the butler then began a madman's attack upon Schatz's companion, Mrs. Florence Quick Corozza, 26, whom he had forced to look on as he killed the rich manufacturer and sportsman. Police summoned through the tracing of her strangled call for help, arrived to save her from death after she had sustained two stab wounds and several hammer blows.

Both confess
Authorities said the butler, Gantero Akiyama, 28, stoically confessed the crime. His sister-in-law, Sadako Otsuka, 26, also confessed, they said. The pair was held on charges of first degree murder.

The attack began in the bedroom where Schatz and Mrs. Corozza were sleeping. Akiyama leaped through an open window from a porch roof and seized Mrs. Corozza, who he believed had induced Schatz to discharge him. Schatz entered the battle and was hit over the head with a water bottle. The battle raged into the hall where the Otsuka woman entered it when Mrs. Corozza tried to telephone for help. Schatz witted under the attack of his small but wiry opponent and was dragged to the cellar. Then Mrs. Corozza was forced downstairs and held in a chair while her friend was slain.

She managed to flee but was attacked on the stairway just as police hammered on the door. Akiyama fled. Telephone Saves Her
It was Mrs. Corozza's desperate attempt to telephone for help that saved her life. She was pulled away from the instrument before she had said more than a word, but the receiver remained off the hook and the telephone operator heard the sound of the fight. The call was traced and police notified. They found Akiyama covering in a coal bin, his sister-in-law upstairs. Both submitted quietly.

Akiyama had brooded over his discharge, of which he had been informed (Continued on Page Four)

Ask Congress To Set a Limit For Campaign Costs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Congress was called upon today by the senate campaign funds investigating committee to establish definite limitations on campaign expenditures of presidential and congressional candidates.

It brought in a bill which sought for the first time to extend congressional supervision to the presidential race and to congressional nominating primaries.

All candidates would be made directly responsible for any expenditures in their behalf.

The special committee headed by Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, based its plea for the legislation on its report of the expenditure of \$5,505,712 in the 1930 senatorial campaigns.

The limits were set out in a bill presented by the special campaign funds investigating committee headed by Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota. The maximum it would prescribe in future campaigns:

For presidential nomination, \$250,000.
For presidential election, \$500,000.
For senatorial nomination and election, \$50,000 each.

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Stepfather Slain By Baltimore Boy

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 21 (AP)—Police today held a 15-year-old boy who early this morning shot and killed his step-father with a small rifle as the man advanced to attack the youth's mother with a pen knife.

EARLY ACTION ON COLUMBIA NOT FAVORED

War Department Engineers Disapprove of Immediate Development

NORTHWEST GROUP PLANNING FIGHT

Bill Will Be Introduced Authorizing Project, Despite the Engineer's Findings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21 (AP)—War department engineers were on record today disapproving immediate action on the proposed Columbia river development and on the Columbia river basin reclamation project, although they offer to hold a further hearing on it.

In response to the offer, Senator C. C. Dill announced that he would call for such a hearing and Representative Ralph D. Horr said he would introduce a bill authorizing the project, despite the engineer's findings.

With a period of 40 days given in which further evidence and testimony may be submitted by persons favoring the giant development, Senator Dill said he expected interested persons from Oregon and Washington will appear here immediately after the beginning of the new year.

Two Reasons Given
The principal reasons because of which the engineers opposed immediate endorsement of the project, which they submitted in a 700-word report yesterday, were two in number. They were a lack of a demand for the power which would be developed, and the existing surplus of agricultural products in the country, making the placing of more new land under cultivation appear undesirable.

Congressman Horr was outspoken in his opposition to the engineers' findings.

"The army engineers' action is only the beginning of this battle," he said. "The project is so vital to my state it will be the subject of vigorous action. I intend to press the fight as vigorously as I can."

A previous report by Maj. John S. Butler, an army engineer who studied the project, together with the findings (Continued on Page Four)

A. MUSSOLINI SUCCUMBS TO HEART ATTACK

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 21 (AP)—Arnoldo Mussolini, brother of the premier, died this afternoon following a heart attack.

He left the office of the newspaper Popolo d'Italia, of which he was editor, shortly before 1 o'clock to have luncheon at home.

He became ill in his car and was taken immediately to a hospital. He was 46 years old, two years younger than the premier.

Arnoldo Mussolini who died unexpectedly today, was almost the direct antithesis of his elder brother. He despised sports. His brother loves them. He was a careful motorist; the premier habitually drives at 85 miles an hour. He was stout and conspicuous; the premier is stocky with sharply chiseled features.

Gypsy, Spurned By Wife, Slays Her

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21 (AP)—Failing to effect a reconciliation with his wife, Louis Adams, 35-year-old gypsy, today shot and killed her before eight of the couple's children. Adams fled from the home but was overtaken by Lena Lee, 18-year-old sister of Mrs. Adams, who held him until police arrived. The Leo girl was shot in the hand.

Police here said Adams was wanted in Spokane, Wash., for the murder of his mother.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (AP)—Grain values receded in the late dealings today owing more or less to disappointment over the decrease in the United States visible supply total being smaller than had generally been looked for. The decrease for the week amounted to but 1,130,000 bushels, compared with 1,145,000 bushels decrease the week previous. Export demand for North American wheat lacked volume, new business being only 600,000 bushels.

Wheat closed unsteady, 1/4 @ 1 1/4c under Saturday's finish. Corn 1/2 @ 1 1/2c down, oats 1/4 @ 1/2c off, and provisions varying from 12 cents setback to 5 cents advance.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—With no sales—the ideas of buyers and sellers being far apart—there was a weaker tone in the Monday session of the Portland futures market. December lost 1c and May 1/2c. July was nominally quoted.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat lost 1c bushel.

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