

AMERICAN TARS ARE WELCOME GUESTS

Port of Spain Receives Evans and His Fleet With Open Arms.

LUNCHEON BY GOVERNOR

His Hospitality to Evans Contrasts With Swettenham's to Davis.

Accidents Delay Sailing of Torpedoboats for Para.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 24.—The first day of the officers and men of the American battleship fleet at this port proved to be an enjoyable one.

The officers of the fleet to the number of a hundred or more attended a garden party, at which they had the opportunity of meeting many of the prominent public men of Port of Spain.

All through the day the great American ships, as well as those who manned them, were objects of special interest to the entire populace.

The men of the fleet who were given shore leave spent their time in sight-seeing and playing various games, and their behavior in every respect was most exemplary.

There will be numerous social functions here in honor of the American officers and one day will be given over to the races.

SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETING

Metcalf's Message to Officers and Men of the Fleet.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Evans has reported to the Navy Department the arrival of the battleship fleet at Trinidad yesterday.

Secretary Metcalf today sent the following to the officers and men of the battleship fleet and the torpedo-destroyer flotilla:

"Evans, Port of Spain, Trinidad: "The department extends to you, officers and men, its warmest wishes for a merry Christmas."

This message will be read to the men tomorrow aboard the various ships of the fleet and will be interspersed in a conspicuous place where it may be readily seen by them.

CHARGED WITH TREASON

DOUMA MEMBERS' CASE WILL BEGIN TODAY.

Verdict of Guilty Anticipated for 160 Members Who Desire Various Reforms in Their Country.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The trial of 160 members of the Dozina, who signed the Viborg manifesto about 18 months ago, calling upon the citizens of Russia to stand up for their rights, for popular representation and for an imperial parliament, will begin tomorrow before the Court of Appeals.

The former Dozina members are charged with high treason and with the promotion of an appeal to the people calling upon them to refuse to pay taxes or serve in the army or navy.

The verdict of guilty is anticipated, as the gist of the accusation is established by the text of the manifesto, and only a technical defense can be interposed.

The prominence of the accused, however, among whom are Professor Serge Mourmesteff, former president of the lower house, Petrakovich and many other liberal leaders, and the total ineffectiveness of the Viborg appeal may induce the government to further leniency.

The leading lawyer in Russia, headed by Yassili Maklakoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats in the second Douma, will appear for the defense.

LOSING COCA BAY TRADE

SAN FRANCISCO MORE PROMPT WITH DELIVERIES.

Marshfield Merchants Would Prefer, However, to Deal With Portland Jobbers.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—There is some agitation here as to whether San Francisco or Portland shall get the trade of Coos Bay.

The earthquake, San Francisco lost much of the Coos Bay trade, which went to Portland.

There is a general feeling that the trade properly belongs to Portland because of its being in the same state, but the preference, merchants say, will be toward the city which furnishes the

promptest deliveries and transportation facilities.

Conviction in Three Minutes.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Thomas Linn, the second of seven Eugene men accused of violating the local option law, was found guilty today, the jury being out only three minutes.

STEAMER CASCO CLEARS.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The steamer Casco cleared at the Custom House today for San Francisco with a cargo of 300,000 feet of lumber, loaded at the Tongue Point Lumber Company's mill.

Candy for "Central" Girls.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Each of the 19 "central" girls employed in the local telephone office received a big box of candy today from Governor Chamberlain.

SEND LABORERS TO ALASKA

SAID TO BE EFFORT TO BREAK THE STRIKE.

Federation Agents Working Against the Move—Say Men Will Starve Before Spring.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—During the past day or so there has been started a movement to send laborers to Alaska.

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Michael Davis, the Federation delegate, declared that the big operators are the project to send men into the country, the object being to further embarrass the strikers and to further reduce wages, and that the men who take advantage of the chance to go to the interior will go to hunger and hardship, and will by the time Spring opens, be glad to work for any wage.

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WILLING TO PLEAD GUILTY

Man Charged With Crime Against Daughter Admits It.

S. B. Evans, an apparently well-to-do merchant, her most grievous type of parent, if the allegations which led to his arrest yesterday are true.

It is alleged that Evans has maintained the relationship with his own daughter and on the strength of a warrant sworn to before Justice of the Peace Olson yesterday, the Sheriff and his deputy made an arrest.

Evans admitted his willingness to plead guilty to the charge of assault with intent to commit rape, on which he is being held.

Evans is well known in Eastern Multnomah County.

DISPENSE HOLIDAY CHEER

Salvation Army Provides Laden Baskets to Many Poor Families.

At the Salvation Army headquarters, on Davis street, yesterday afternoon the Christmas baskets furnished by the army to the poor of the city were distributed by Major Faulkner, divisional officer, and assistants.

The furniture had been removed from the main assembly-room and the floor was covered with rows of heavy high with provisions of all sorts.

In addition to his Christmas baskets for poor families, the army, acting in conjunction with the Associated Charities, will today issue tickets to 150 single men, entitling them to a Christmas dinner at one of the restaurants.

TAFT WRITING LETTERS

Taft Has No Time on Arrival for Matters of the Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Taft was met at the station by General Bell, chief of staff, who accompanied him to his home, where they had luncheon, and then drove to the War Department.

A good part of the correspondence was of a personal character, and in fact, the Secretary scarcely had an opportunity to turn his attention to those matters of departmental business, such as the disposition to be made of the Army officers who had tried to take the "insurance ride" required by the President.

FOREST FIRE IN BOULDER

High Wind Threatens to Drive the Flames Through Entire Town.

BOULDER, Colo., Dec. 24.—For the past 24 hours the wind has blown from 30 to 40 miles an hour here. At times disaster was threatened to the whole town.

Certain kinds of notes attract snakes. The whir of the mowing machine is one, and in six months as many as 120 snakes alone have been killed on a grass farm in India by the advancing machine.

WHEELS TURN AGAIN

Steel Mills to Resume, Depression Being Over.

PITTSBURG SETS EXAMPLE

Every Industry in District Will Be in Operation January 6—Money Stringency Gradually Passing Away in the East.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Christmas in Pittsburgh and vicinity was made doubly joyous today by the announcement that by January 6 all of the thousands of wheels of industry in the mills of McKeesport, Glassport, Duquesne and other plants in the Monongahela Valley, would be in operation.

Over forty thousand men who have been idle for several weeks, will return to work. It is also expected that other mills in the district will also resume in full shortly after the first of the year, practically resuming operation in the district employed within fifty miles of Pittsburgh during the past few weeks.

Great Tinplate Mill to Resume.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Ten of the 20 pot mills of the Shenango tinplate mill will resume operation in the next ten additional mills will resume shortly after and it is expected that the entire plant will be running full force before the end of the year.

OLD MEMPHIS BANK CLOSES

Memphis Savings Says It Will Pay Every Dollar.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings Bank failed to open its doors this morning. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver, and that E. B. McHenry had been appointed receiver. No statement has been issued.

The Memphis Savings Bank is one of the oldest institutions in the city. C. W. MacRae, a well-known capitalist, is president and E. L. Menager, cashier. The bank carried deposits of more than a million and a half dollars.

A statement of the condition of the suspended bank was made on Dec. 11, and is as follows: Resources, loans and discounts, \$1,012,006; overdrafts, \$23,697; stocks and bonds, \$29,376; real estate, \$17,218; cash and sight exchange, \$25,932.

Liabilities, capital stock, \$294,100; surplus and undivided profits, \$72,654; bills payable, \$250,000; cashier's checks, \$50,537; deposits, \$1,681,949.

Later a statement was issued by the directors of the Memphis Savings Bank, announcing that the institution was solvent and that creditors would not lose a cent. The statement added that because of the financial stringency it was deemed wise to close the bank, ask for a receiver and liquidate its affairs.

BANK WRECKERS IN COURT

Brown Denies He Played Races. Barnett to Return Stock.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—James Dilzell Brown, former general manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, and Walter J. Barnett, a former director in the same institution, were this morning arraigned before Superior Judge Dunne, upon the indictment returned against each by the grand jury last week, charging them with embezzling securities valued at \$250,000, which belonged to the estate of Ellen M. Colton, of Santa Cruz.

The pleading of the defendants was continued until January 2, and Brown and Barnett were returned to the County Jail.

E. P. Oliver, newly elected president of the insolvent bank, made a formal demand upon Barnett this morning for the 15,000 shares of Western Pacific Railroad stock belonging to the bank, in place of which was found a receipt from Barnett for the stock. The latter informs Oliver that the stock was at present in New York and would at once be forwarded to this city.

Mrs. Barnett, who came to the court to see her husband, was subpoenaed by the District Attorney to appear before the grand jury Friday afternoon and testify. Assistant District Attorney Cook declined to state what testimony was expected from Mrs. Barnett.

Brown, through his attorney, Hiram W. Johnson, today gave out a statement in which he protested against some of the stories that have been published about him, declaring that they were unfair, unjust and untrue and denying most vehemently that he had ever played the races or lost money at the racetrack.

"Whatever may have been his sins of omission in the conduct of the bank, it has never appeared that an appropriate cent for his own benefit nor can it be said that he profited one dollar by the failure of his bank."

THE SITUATION IS IMPROVING

Controller Ridgley Gives Out Statement About Zanks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—William B. Ridgley, Controller of the Currency, was in town on personal business today. Before leaving for Washington tonight he talked over the financial situation. Mr. Ridgley said: "I think the situation is improving gradually, and after the first of the year the general expectation seems to be that this improvement will proceed even more rapidly. The returns under the last call of the Controller's office have come to hand so well that we know with considerable accuracy the situation as it is with the new banks. Upon the whole it is very satisfactory. I hope to issue from Washington soon

know with considerable accuracy the conditions of the banks than is usually put out.

"It will be found that the banks in a great many cities have done their duty by the public with surprising faithfulness. This is particularly true of New York City. The same may be said of other Eastern cities and some of the West. The present situation is, therefore, of this same spirit, and there are a number of other cases."

PORTLAND'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Improved Financial Outlook and Real Money From Banks.

"As a piece of good news for Christmas, you may say that the corner has been cleared with the local financial situation," said A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, yesterday. "Portland and San Francisco are now paying out real money, and in such quantities and are meeting all demands made upon them. Every indication points to easier conditions and quiet prevail in banking circles."

Better conditions are said to obtain all along the Pacific Coast, as well as in the East. That the worst has been passed is conceded by all in a position to know and general encouragement is felt by bankers. It is to be hoped that Seattle and Tacoma can resume cash payments at an early date, as when this occurs, the whole Coast will be back on a normal basis.

The resumption of business in San Francisco helped Portland materially, and the same would doubtless be the result if the Puget Sound cities could see their way to resuming operations. Bankers here hope they will do so at an early date.

New York exchange is being taken at an earlier favorable indication of the East still balks at taking sterling bills on London without discount, but Eastern correspondents have assured Portland banks that within the coming two weeks this matter will be adjusted, and this will be another very decided factor in helping the situation.

Receivers for New Orleans Firm.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Temporary receivers have today been appointed for the wholesale grocery firm of Adler & Co. Members of the firm declared that the firm can probably meet all obligations and resume business.

Des Moines Pays Cash.

DES MOINES, Dec. 24.—The banks of Des Moines today resumed cash payments. Every bank in the Clearing-House Association announced the resumption of payments in cash.

Receiver for Neal Bank.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—The Central Bank of Neal & Company will be appointed receiver for the Neal Bank, which closed yesterday and will endeavor to pay the depositors in full.

Paying Cash in Twin Cities.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—St. Paul and Minneapolis banks are now back on practically a cash basis.

KILLS TWO WHILE DYING

WHITE MAN SHOT BY FIGHTING NEGROES IN GEORGIA.

Trying to Separate Blacks, Wallace Dyal Is Fatally Shot, but His Gun Speaks Twice.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Dec. 24.—Wallace Dyal, a woodsman employed at a turpentine still about 15 miles from Waycross, was killed today by a crowd of negroes who were fighting among themselves. Before dying, he shot and killed two negroes. The report reached Waycross with a request for the sheriff and deputies to be collected for the distribution of the property of the deceased.

The negroes, it appears, were fighting, and Mr. Dyal tried to separate them. They resisted his interference.

WILL SING AFTER DEATH

VOICES OF GREAT SINGERS PRESERVED FOR CENTURY.

Talking Machines Into Which They Poured Melody Deposited in Paris Opera House Vault.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—There was a unique ceremony this afternoon in the subterranean passages of the opera-house, it consisted of depositing in a specially prepared vault a talking machine and a number of discs bearing records of the voices of the greatest singers of the 19th century. Tamagno, Caruso, Scotti, Plancon, Patti, Melba, Calve and others are represented in the collection.

The discs are in double boxes, each separate from the other. Neither light nor air can penetrate the coverings and it is believed they can be thus preserved for a century.

At the end of a hundred years they will be opened and the people of that age will have the opportunity of hearing the voices of this era as well as seeing the talking machine as manufactured today.

HUNT FOR MISSING HEIR

English Nobleman Supposed to Be Somewhere in West.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Search is being made in this part of the country for Genlle Cave-Browne Cave, believed to be the heir to the title and estates of Sir Mylles Cave-Browne Cave, an English baron recently deceased. According to Henry C. Solomon, a prominent Kansas City attorney now retained by a man who represented himself to be Genlle Cave, the latter is somewhere in the West, probably in Kansas. The last he was seen was a year ago, he was bound for that state to become a cowboy.

Genlle Cave-Browne Cave, according to the attorney, was born in 1836. He was born in Leicester, England, in 1836. He did some act to displease his parents, who disowned him, and he then began a life of wandering, having carried him through various countries. He arrived in Kansas City two years ago.

"It is very likely that he has gone further west," said Mr. Solomon. "He leads an aimless life."

The missing son is believed to be heir to the title and to Stratton Hall and the estates of his father at Leicester.

Pope Greets the Cardinals.

ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope was present at the Sacred College today for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the Cardinals. No addresses were made, but the Pontiff conversed familiarly with each Cardinal on such topics as modernism and the revision of the Vulgate.

IN CHURCH TODAY

Religious Services Held in Various Sanctuaries.

SPECIAL MUSIC PREPARED

Masses by Catholic and Timely Exercises by Protestant Denominations Held in Honor of the Prince of Peace.

Christmas services will be held today in nearly all of Portland's churches. Services in the Catholic churches will begin as early as 6 o'clock. Masses will be said at St. Mary's Cathedral at 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 o'clock, low mass being at 8 and 9 o'clock and solemn high mass at 11 o'clock. Special Christmas music has been arranged for by Frederick W. Goodrich.

St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, at Third and Sherman streets, will hold services at 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30 o'clock. Special music will be sung by the following choir: Misses Barrett, L. Harwood, Labie, Kurtz, M. Barbery, Smith, Le Doux and B. Jones, and Messrs. Gianelli, Fleming, Le Doux, Twitchell, Smith, Laycock, Waitring and Miss Mattie Kelly.

At St. Francis Cathedral, East Oak and Ninth streets, six masses will be said, beginning at 6 A. M. At the services at 10:30 Leonard's mass in B flat will be rendered.

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albina will have services at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30. Special music will be sung by a choir.

Solemn high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock and 10:30 o'clock this morning by Rev. Hyacinth Clabattini in the Italian Catholic Church at 10:30 o'clock. A low mass will be sung at 8 o'clock. At the early morning mass Frank Hennessy will sing "The Glory in the Highest." (Bills) and at the mass at 10:30 o'clock will sing "The City Divine." (Bonheur.)

Communion at St. Stephen's.

Christmas services at St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, Thirteenth and Clay streets, Holy communion service will be held at 7:30 o'clock. At the 11 o'clock service Rev. Charles Scadding, Episcopal Bishop of Oregon, will preach the sermon.

Holy communion services in Trinity Episcopal Church will be at 8 o'clock, and at 10:30 o'clock. Special music will be sung by a vested choir under the leadership of Carl Denton.

Services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1030 Commercial, will be at 8 o'clock and 10:30 o'clock. A Christmas tree will be decorated at 10:30 A. M. All Saints Church, Twenty-second and Reed streets, will hold services at 8 and 10 o'clock.

St. Matthew's, First and Caruthers streets, holy communion will be held at 8 A. M. and full services at 11 o'clock, with music by a vested choir and an instrumental solo.

St. James, English Lutheran Church, West Park and Jefferson, will hold services this morning at 8 o'clock, with a Christmas tree for the children and tonight at 8 A. M. and full services at 11 o'clock, with music by a vested choir and an instrumental solo.

St. Paul's German Lutheran Church, East Twelfth and Clinton streets, will hold services at 10:30 o'clock. A Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be displayed tonight at 7 o'clock.

Masses in St. Andrew's Church, Fifteenth and Alberta streets, will be said at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. A choir of eight voices will sing special music.

The Bible school will hold Christmas exercises tonight in the White Temple. There will be a large Christmas tree. Instead of presenting gifts to the children of the congregation as heretofore, gifts of all sorts and food and clothing will be collected for the distribution among the poor children of the city. An interesting feature of the entertainment tonight will be a dramatization of Kate Douglas Wiggin's well-known story, "The Little Christmas Carol." Mrs. Sylvia W. McGuire is in charge of this feature.

East Side Catholic Services.

Christmas will be celebrated at the Holy Rosary Church, Union avenue and Clackamas street, by the Dominical Fathers, assisted by a large trained choir, with solemn high mass, followed by a low mass, and the Christmas mass. A special musical programme has been arranged by the choir, which is composed of the following members: Tenorio, Anna Hanson, Mrs. J. E. Barrett, J. Bol, D. A. Morris, J. E. Malley, A. Larsen; basses, E. J. Alstod, Dr. J. P. Goray, J. E. Braut, E. Edor, G. Stanning, the choir will sing, and Miss Lallement is the organist. The masses will be every half hour from 5 to 10:30 A. M. at which hour there will be solemn high mass.

The last mass will be celebrated by Rev. Father Lawler, with Rev. Fathers O'Brien and Lamb, deacon by Benedictine monks, and the choir will sing for the first time the Christmas carol, "Venite Adoremus." Following will compose the musical staff: Soprano, Miss M. Fagin; Miss Anna Hanson; Mrs. M. J. Keating; Mrs. A. L. Morris; Miss Clara Klink; Misses Grace and Marion Campbell; Miss Margaret Flohr and Miss Frances Keating; alto, Miss Molly Klink; tenors, Edward Condon, Edward Klink, M. J. Keating; basses, Louis Klink, J. F. McDonald, James Keating, George Muller, W. Shea, Charles Graham. Solos and duets will be as follows: "Et Incarnatus." Mrs. M. J. Keating; "Christe." Miss M. Fagin; "Gloria." Mrs. M. J. Keating; "In Spiritu." Mrs. M. J. Keating; Mrs. A. L. Morris; "Benedictus." Edward Klink; "Agnus Dei." Mrs. A. L. Morris; "Gloria." Mrs. M. J. Keating; Miss Nellie Keating, the regular organist, will be assisted by George Mueller on the violin. Masses will be celebrated at 6, 8 and 10 o'clock. The 6 and 10 o'clock masses will be high masses. There will be benediction after the 10 o'clock mass.

Chinese Empress Tells People to Wait for Constitution.

PEKIN, Dec. 24.—A long edict, equivocal in tone, has been issued by the throne. It expresses the earnest hope that eventually a constitution will be given to the people, but no date is fixed. It asserts the hopelessness of efforts to make the country powerful, weak, or poor, and that the people must not be raised higher in its demand for a constitution, but that the people must be satisfied that the first step looking to the formation of a parliament has been taken by the recent creation of the government council, together with the provincial assemblies.

The Tsu Cheng Yuan, or government council, has been deliberating since it was established several months ago, but so far the provincial assemblies to which the edict refers are non-existent, the Chinese people have not received the



We wish all Portland a Merry Christmas.

Store closed all day.

Thursday starts our Great After-Christmas Sale of Holiday Goods—all holiday goods reduced in price including Leather Goods, Jewelry, Pictures, Calendars, Toilet Articles, Art Needlework, Pyrography, Etc. An unequalled opportunity to furnish the home with useful articles of high quality At Extraordinary Low Prices!

No prices are advertised because ALL HOLIDAY GOODS ARE REDUCED—special large discounts will be given from regular marked prices. Do not fail to attend the sale Thursday for the choicest articles will go at these lowest bargain prices of the year.

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social and entertainment. A free dinner will be served to those who attend the entertainment. A committee of women has the preparation of the dinner in charge.

Christmas exercises will begin at the Holy Cross Church, University Park, with high mass at 6:30; low mass at 8:30, solemn high mass at 10:30 and vesper and benediction of the most blessed sacrament at 7 P. M. A fine musical programme has been prepared for the different services.

Milpax Presbyterian Church exercises will be held tomorrow night in the church, Powell and East Thirteenth streets. A tree and a programme will be provided. All friends are invited to attend.

The Christmas exercises of Centenary Methodist Church on East Pine street were held Monday night in the parlors of the church. In place of gifts for the children of the congregation, the tree was laden with gifts for the poor children of the East Side. The exercises consisted of songs and recitations under the direction of Mrs. Kenworthy.

The rostrum was piled high with supplies of provisions and clothing for distribution among the needy. Ten wagon-loads of supplies were yesterday distributed by a committee from the Sunday school, composed of Miss Maude Kenworthy, Miss Merle Allen and Miss Tibbitts. A wagon-load of clothing and provisions was also sent by the church yesterday for the prisoners at the rock pile.

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WEDDING INVITATIONS

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