

CHRISTMAS CHEER THROUGHOUT LAND

All Hearts Open and Poor and Suffering Feast and Have Gifts.

NEW YORK FEEDS 10,000

In Every City Prosperous Seek to Make Poorer Neighbors Happy. Several Mishaps at Christmas Trees Mar Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—This city celebrated Christmas of 1908 in a way that not only lived up to the best of its traditions, but set a new standard. Favored with the abundance which the year brought forth, the rich, the well-to-do and the moderately circumstanced had placed at the disposal of the hospitals, the workers in philanthropic ample funds with which to go about the work of making the day long to be remembered. The unfortunate in the jails, the ill in the hospitals, the poor in their homes and the destitute and helpless in institutions, all were remembered. That not far from 10,000 persons were fed is a conservative estimate.

Gifts at All Institutions. There was no institution in the city that did not have its Christmas celebration. Special dinners, entertainments, religious exercises, all figured in the program. In all of the hospitals, the workers in philanthropic ample funds with which to go about the work of making the day long to be remembered. The unfortunate in the jails, the ill in the hospitals, the poor in their homes and the destitute and helpless in institutions, all were remembered. That not far from 10,000 persons were fed is a conservative estimate.

Christmas Trees on Liners. Special dinners were served on all Atlantic liners. The German liners have a particularly festive Christmas. Each department of the German boats arranged for its own Christmas tree. The spirit was apparent even on the more frugal craft, hunting barges, tugs and the like being decked with green, with now and then a Christmas tree aboard for the captain's cabin.

Christmas at Washington. Roosevelt Dine With Cowles—Festivities for Children and Poor. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas at the National capital was marked by an almost complete cessation of business, both official and private, and in its stead there was substituted the time-honored observance of the gladdest day. Nature combined to give an added effect to the joyous occasion by covering with a mantle of snow and the joyous snowflakes were every where heard. As has been the case in years past, interest centered in what the official families were doing. President and Mrs. Roosevelt gave a large family lunch with a few intimate friends and tonight they dined with Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Cowles. Most of the Cabinet folk were here, the only absence being Secretary of War and Mrs. Wright, who celebrated the day in Memphis; Attorney-General and Mrs. Bonaparte, who are at their home in Baltimore; Secretary Newberry, who was the guest of the Detroit Club, in his native city, and Postmaster-General Meyer, who has gone on a brief hunting trip. The President has his daughter, Miss Jean Timmons, and the sons of the household remained here to participate in the day's festivities, while Mrs. Fairbanks is visiting friends in Atlantic City.

Forgives Man Who Killed Her. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Miss Ellen Downey, who was recently run down by the driver of a brick wagon, is dead, leaving a Christmas message of forgiveness for the man who caused her fatal injury and insuring him against prosecution by the police.

Santa Fatally Burned. DETROIT, Dec. 25.—Leo Wagner was perhaps fatally injured last night by the man who caused her fatal injury and insuring him against prosecution by the police.

ONE MAN DEAD, FOUR HURT. Bonners Ferry Local Collides With Freight Near Elmira, Idaho. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 25.—A wreck on the Great Northern one-half mile west of Elmira, Idaho, 50 miles east of Spokane, at 6:48 this morning, resulted in the death of Charles Mackey, a fireman on a passenger train known as the Bonners Ferry local, and the injury of four others, two trainmen and two passengers. The injured are: Rev. J. T. Kelley, back injured; Henry Keefer, slightly injured; Engineer J. E. Dostwick, cut under the eyes; and Brodman Eaton, slightly injured. Wreckers were hurried to the scene and the injured removed to the hospital at Sand Point, Idaho.

Canney Takes Their Sardines. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—The sardine crop of about 700 tons of sardines by men working for a San Pedro cannery has set the fishermen of Avalon almost crazy with indignation. It seems that the men at the Catalina Island resort have hand-fed, in fact almost spoon-fed, the sardines throughout the spawning season. Instead of shipping their catches of albacore to the Los Angeles market they have cut them into pieces and fed them to the sardines. These latter are the natural game fishes which inhabit Catalina waters, and the fishermen had hoped to keep the big school of sardines until the tourists arrive in the Spring. Their winter's work all went for naught when, in 15 minutes, the crew of a cannery aloop seized the whole bunch.

Poor Fed at St. Louis. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 25.—Shrewd eyes and loving hands belong to the charity workers of Louisville as they do today that not a hungry person went unfed or an unhappy one lacked Christmas cheer. The kettle contributions of the Salvation Army gave opportunity for the feeding of a host. The Santa Claus Association had its automobiles occupied by real, live Santa Clauses, and filled with thoughtful and useful gifts, whisking through the poorer sections of the city all day.

Detroit Honors Newberry. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 25.—Truman H. Newberry, Secretary of the Navy, was tendered a reception today at the Detroit Club by friends and business associates of the city. For more than an hour a steady procession of callers passed through the club, congratulating

Mr. Newberry on his advancement to the head of the Navy Department, and wishing him holiday greetings. There were many expressions during the reception of hope that Mr. Newberry would continue in his present capacity in the Cabinet of the President-elect.

No Christmas Joy—Kills Self.

DENVER, Dec. 25.—Discouraged because he was out of money and could not make his wife happy with Christmas presents, Thomas Hamlin, a plumber, killed himself last night by sending a bullet into his brain. The suicide was committed in the presence of his wife, who had just given him a small Christmas remembrance. Touched by her thoughtfulness of him and his inability to return her kindness, he broke down and cried. "This will be a sad Christmas for you," he said, and walked into another room, drew a revolver from a suitcase, placed the weapon to his head and fired. He died 10 minutes later without regaining consciousness.

Kansas City's Great Christmas.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 25.—Christmas spirit in wholesale quantities was in evidence here today when the doors of the big convention hall were thrown open to the unfortunate children of Kansas City and the distribution of gifts in every outstretched hand was begun. Immense trees groined under the weight of gifts collected by the women of this city, under the supervision of Mayor T. T. Crittenden. Five thousand bags of toys were distributed.

ON TRIAL FOR FRAUD IN BOSTON.



BOSTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Cardenio F. King is the "get-rich-quick" man who made a fortune selling bad mining stocks through advertising and who ran away from Boston when his bubble burst. King is believed to have salted away a great deal of the money paid him for stocks. At one time King started a daily paper in Boston to boost his enterprises which, he said, were being treated unfairly by the press. But he found it too costly a proposition and dropped it, leaving many of its bills unpaid. He is now on trial in Boston.

tributed at the hall, and almost a thousand more at homes throughout the city.

Fatally Burned by Christmas Tree.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—While trying to extinguish a Christmas tree which caught fire early this morning at his home in this city, Nathaniel Butler was so badly burned about the face and body that it is doubtful if he will live. Frederick Pluggie was also burned in endeavoring to extinguish the fire, although not seriously. The damage from the fire amounted to several hundred dollars.

Choked to Death by Peanut.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Martha Fones, a 23-year-old child, died dead at her home while her Christmas tree, adorned with gifts and with candles unit, stands in the next room. The baby swallowed a peanut shell which lodged in her throat and died at the hospital despite the efforts of the surgeons.

Gives Dinner to 10,000 People.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The new St. Louis Coliseum was given over to Christmas celebration today. The Post-Dinner Association gave a dinner to women and children. Ten thousand tickets were issued. After the dinner presents were given to all the children. A circus wound up the day's treat.

Picked Guard for Regent.

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Borrowed Gun to Kill Himself.

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ERA OF BUILDING OPENS IN OREGON

St. Paul's Activity Coastward Acts as Stimulus to Harriman and Hill.

DANGER OF COMBINE PAST

Construction of Cross-State Line to Be Followed Quickly by Building of Many Other Roads Throughout Northwest.

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man's lieutenant that his summer vacation spent in his log lodge on Pelican Bay on the Upper Klamath Lake, had a good deal to do with his determination to give the State of Oregon more transportation facilities. At that time all of the Harriman operating and traffic officials spent some time at the lodge and it was there that the comprehensive campaign of railway construction in the state was laid out. The entire ground was gone over personally by Mr. Harriman, who at that time agreed to build several lines in the state.

"Agreed" is the proper term, for the agreement was with the Governor of the state who spent the winter at the Harriman lodge last August. At that time the Governor and Mr. Harriman had a long heart-to-heart talk regarding railroad affairs in general and the Harriman system in particular. It is understood that Mr. Harriman informed the Governor that he desired to be known to history as a great railroad builder, one who had made possible the full development of hitherto unproductive territory by the construction of the best railroads possible under modern science of railroad building.

Accordingly he is said to have asked the Governor what, in his judgment, the State of Oregon needed to provide in the next few years to make a commensurate development of the state's resources necessary. The Governor outlined then and there several lines of railroad which the state imperatively needed and among them was the east and west line.

Depression Caused Delay.

"Oh, that road would have been well under construction now," Mr. Harriman is said to have replied, "had it not been for the business depression." Two north and south roads with branches and the result of the interview is known to have been highly satisfactory to both the Governor and to Mr. Harriman. But outside of his desire to see the railroad builder of this or any other age, Mr. Harriman is wise enough to know that valuable territory must be occupied by him soon if his field left open to the attack of his rivals.

St. Paul Activity Stimulus.

The construction of the St. Paul's Pacific Coast extension has done more than any other single factor to stimulate railroad activity in the Northwest. The St. Paul's policy is known to Mr. Harriman and to Mr. Hill, for there has been no secret made of it in the St. Paul camp. It is the purpose of that management to occupy rapidly as possible every foot of territory which gives any promise of ever becoming a valuable feeder for its coast extension.

The "nerves" of the country in pushing with incredible rapidity the construction of the Coast extension in the face of a falling market, the number of surveying corps which that company has put into the field for branch lines has awakened the activities of the Harriman and of the Hill camps. This fact makes it certain that the Northwest is to see such an era of railroad construction as has never before experienced. It will no longer be possible for the Harriman and the Hill lines to enter into agreements making any territory sacred ground. They have now got to hustle, for the St. Paul has expended \$100,000,000 to get to the Coast and it is going to justify that expenditure with every pound of traffic which it is possible to develop.

This is why Edward H. Harriman is so anxious to "carry" to completion his railroad building program in the state of Oregon and the people of that state need not fear the result. Harriman needs no urging from the people of Oregon for he realizes that the time has come when he must protect his rich provinces.

It may not be generally known that Mr. Harriman has already decided to continue the construction of his new "Shasta Route" on north and northwest of Klamath Falls to Natron, on the present line. This will require the construction of more than 200 miles of railroad at a cost of not less than \$8,000,000. This much is admitted by Mr. Kruttschnitt. The road is to be built on the Klamath Falls, opening up that basin to settlement now that the Government has practically completed its irrigation projects there with the exception of the training of the Tule marshes.

This new road will give the Southern Pacific a maximum grade of less than 2 per cent as against nearly 4 per cent on the present line. It is the purpose to make the new route the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and San Francisco. In addition to getting a lower grade the new Harriman line will open up some fertile country, such as the Butte and the Klamath valleys, and will greatly reduce the cost of operation. After leaving Klamath Falls the new line will extend almost directly northwest to Natron. The east and west line will extend between Natron and Ontario unless there should be an unexpected change in the plans.

It can be stated positively an announcement from official sources, that the Snake River, and also on the line between Oregon and Idaho, and is furthermore a station on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Company's main line. The line will extend almost due west to Natron and will cross the mountains at the most favorable pass and at a grade which will make it an economical operating problem.

Regarding the Deschutes line, there is not so much certainty, but that such a line will be built there is the slightest doubt. This line, however, will probably have to await the completion of both the other roads. When built, however, it will probably begin at The Dalles, on the O. R. & N., and follow the river pretty nearly to the mountain range. The road will then defect eastward to avoid the higher altitudes and will join the new main line of the "Shasta Route" at some convenient point north of Klamath Falls. It needs only a glance at the map of Oregon to see what these railroad building projects would do for the state. That they are "on the fire" and will be announced at the earliest moment that business conditions will warrant can be stated with positiveness. The officials of the Harriman lines here admit as

IRRIGATORS WASTE WATER Only One-Third of Supply Diverted Is Actually Used.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—William E. Curtis, under a Washington date in the Record-Herald today, gives additional data on the water supply possible for irrigation purposes in the arid and semi-arid territory of the country as furnished by Dr. A. C. True, of the Agricultural Department. True says Dr. True, is so limited that if it could all be used for irrigation it would water only a small fraction of the total area of that region.

There are now about 13,000,000 acres of land under irrigation ditches in the United States, and it is estimated that the water supply available for irrigation will allow that area to be extended to 50,000,000 acres. But if the present wasteful methods continue this area will have to be reduced to 15,000,000 acres. Measurements made by irrigation engineers and other experts show that not one-half of the water diverted from streams by an unlined earthen stream reaches the land to be irrigated. Another large part of the water is lost by evaporation, and still more is lost by wasteful use. It is safe to say that no more than

FURIOUS AT HIS WIFE, FROM WHOM HE IS SEPARATED.



NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The Duke of Marlborough is said to be furious with his wife Consuelo, from whom he is separated. The Duke, by reason of his family connection, is one of the leading lights of the Primrose League, that noted Tory organization. Some time ago he was elected to the presidency in succession to Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, its founder. Now, as the wife of the Duke of Marlborough, the one-time Consuelo Vanderbilt would be the natural head of the women's branch of the League. But as she is separated from the Duke, she is regarded by the Marlborough clan as no longer one of them. Yet the Ladies' Grand Council of the League called on the Duchess last Thursday, and she accepted the invitation. Friends of the Duke think the Duchess is trying to wound the pride of the Duke.

one-third of the water diverted from streams serves a useful purpose on the lands for which it is diverted. While some of this loss is unavoidable, much of it can be prevented by better irrigation methods. In Southern California, where water is scarce and of very high value, careful use is extremely rare. The water is carried in lined canals and distributed to the fields in underground pipes, but it was found that 40 per cent of the loss was by evaporation when the water was spread over the fields. It has been found by applying water in furrows, so that only a small part of the surface is wet, and by following the application of water by thorough cultivation, that most of the loss by evaporation can be stopped.

JOHN BULL NOT SO MERRY

Christmas in England Marred by Poverty. LONDON, Dec. 25.—The dark side of the English Christmas is the great number of unemployed, and the distress and prevalence of destitute and suffering. This is seen principally in London and at Glasgow, and at other shipbuilding centers where shipbuilders are out of work. A small band of shabbily dressed, miserable looking unemployed persons have paraded fashionable streets during the past week, threading their way among the crowds of Christmas shoppers. The police accompanied the band, in order to prevent disturbances. Its motto showed, "We want work."

More than 100 homeless men assembled on the James' embankment at midnight to get Salvation Army tickets for beds. The newspapers daily record cases of men being sentenced to imprisonment for lack of food who have families suffering from want.

PICKED GUARD FOR REGENT

Precautions to Protect Prince Chun Against Assassins. PEKIN, Dec. 25.—An imperial edict issued today ordered Princes Tsai Tao and Yu Lang and Grand Councillor Tsch Liang to form an imperial guard of picked men from the Manchurian regiments for the use of Prince Chun, the Regent of China. Princes Tsai Tao and Yu Lang and Grand Councillor Tsch Liang were recently entrusted with the task of guarding the palace gates. A leading article published yesterday in the newspaper controlled by Prince Kai, the Grand Councillor, advised the Regent to remain in the palace, so as to avoid the dangers of assassination.

RUSSIA APPROVAL DEAL

WARMLY INDORSES AMERICAN-JAPANESE ENTENTE. ISWOLSKY, Speaking to Douma, Says Russia Powerless to Prevent Possession by Austria. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Foreign Minister Iswolsky met with a favorable reception in the Douma today when he presented the annual statement of Russia's foreign policy. He referred with warm approval to the Japanese-American agreement, which he said guaranteed the open door in the Far East and the integrity of China, and the terms of which were communicated to Russia before it was signed.

The rest of M. Iswolsky's speech shed no light on mooted questions, nor gave any substance of the Russian proposals regarding the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria. M. Iswolsky confessed that Russia could not have raised her individual protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary because her hand was bound by the previous Austro-Russian agreement. The only way open was for the concert of powers and other signatories to hold Austria fast by an arbitrary amendment to the Berlin treaty.

M. Pkrowsky, Social Democratic member, made a speech devoted to the relation of an alleged Russian plot in Bulgaria during the reign of Prince Alexander and during the early years of the reign of Prince Ferdinand, tending to show that Russia distributed bombs, firearms and other instruments for political assassination.

MAYOR WOULD LEND BELL

PHILADELPHIA EXECUTIVE FAVORERS COAST TOUR. Declares His Opinion That It Is Right for Historic Relic to Be Lent Portland-seattle. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Mayor Reuburn is in favor of granting the request of the Portland Rose Festival and Yukon-Alaska Pacific Exposition authorities that the Liberty Bell be permitted to journey to the Western Coast for the opening of the festival at Portland, Ore., in June. "Certainly nothing can happen to it," declared the Mayor, "and it is only right that we should allow the historic relic to be shown to people all over the country. The distance is great, but I do not see how that will make any difference. There are many Western people who never saw the bell, and it would be a good thing to show it to them. It is a matter of education, and I am heartily in favor of sending it out. The expense amounts to something, but I believe enough could be raised by subscription to cover that end of the question."

EPIDEMIC PREVENTS CELEBRATION.

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 25.—On account of an epidemic of scarlet fever, municipal authorities today refused to allow any public Christmas entertainments here. Sunday school associations also are barred next Sunday. Election officers T. P. A. 130 Com. Club.

Store Open This Evening Until 9:30 o'Clock

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. For one day only—today—Saturday, December the 26th

We will sell the remainder of our highest-class Imported Tailor-made Costumes and Evening Wraps

Consisting of this season's most approved and newest styles, selling regularly from \$75 to \$250—all at

Half Price

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Raincoats, Values to \$20 at \$9.98

Waists, Values to \$15.00 at \$5.97

An assortment of Women's Raincoats, made in loose and semi-fitted styles of fine cravenette in tan and oxford; also of striped rubberized silk. Selling regularly \$9.98 up to \$20.00. On sale for

Here is the kind of a waist value that will not come for many weeks after these end-of-season sales are over. 125 net, messaline, lingerie and taffeta waists in an endless variety of styles and designs, all new this season, made and trimmed with insertion, lace and fancy medallions. Values to \$15.00 for

Women's \$5 Coat Sweaters, \$1.49

The greatest value ever offered by a Portland store in women's knitted, mannish coat sweaters, with pockets, the style so popular now. They come in white, with knitted bands in contrasting colors—an effect as novel as it is popular. Regular values to \$5.00, on sale for only

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. All Holiday Goods Reduced

Thousands of articles of Holiday Merchandise in all parts of the store have been marked at a fraction of the regular value. We will sell these articles at very low prices rather than carry them over until next Christmas. These articles are placarded in the jewelry, leather goods, stationery, toilet articles, pictures, books, art needlework, pyrography, dolls, notion and other departments

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. All Novelty Dress Goods 1/3 Off

All this season's latest Domestic and Foreign Novelty Suitings reduced one-third. Your unrestricted choice of 100,000 yards of all colors at

ALL \$1.00 VALUES AT 67c YARD ALL \$2.50 VALUES AT \$1.33 YARD

ALL \$1.25 VALUES AT 83c YARD ALL \$2.25 VALUES AT \$1.50 YARD

ALL \$1.35 VALUES AT 90c YARD ALL \$2.50 VALUES AT \$1.67 YARD

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MEXICAN SHOT AT CROWD

Celebrates Christmas by Killing One, Wounding Two Men. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 25.—Florensis Varces, a Mexican, began celebrating in a street, San Diego, on a late in the day with a charge of murder to face, about 9 o'clock this morning. He entered the San Diego wireman on Fifth street and, after gazing at a group of men, at the bar for a minute, walked up to Angelo Baffel and shot him in the head, the bullet entering at the right eye and passing out of the back of his head. Death ensued almost instantly.

Varces shot a second time at the group, the bullet passing through the arm of Batista Philippe and wounding Joos Mulford, the bartender, in the shoulder. Baffel was a cement contractor, a native of Italy, 27 years of age and a resident here for five years. Philippe is a cement worker. Varces was arrested.

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