

UNEMPLOYED IN SAN FRANCISCO

Shelter and Work Also Given Army of Men—City Joins in Relief Work.

CHURCH IS UNDER GUARD

Fearing Raid on Building, Pastor Appeals to Police to Protect Property—Emergency Jobs Furnished for 200.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Duck dinners were fed the city's unemployed Thursday. The army of homeless, idle men, who marched on the city hall yesterday and made a successful plea to Mayor Rolph and the supervisors for aid are receiving shelter and Christmas food in abundance. In fact, the amount of provisions on hand is greater than the demand.

At the San Francisco Co-Operative Bureau of Employment, the office relief headquarters, tables were set for 4000 men for the holiday dinner. Mayor Rolph announced that the programme adopted yesterday would be carried out in its entirety.

As a precaution against invasion by men out of work, Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was in charge of a police guard tonight, complaint having been made by the Rev. J. S. Crossgill, pastor.

Word was circulated among unemployed men on Wednesday to the effect that the church basement was to be opened for the accommodation of men desiring a place to stay. The plan was refused those who applied, the minister advising the men to apply to the city authorities. Mr. Crossgill announced that the men had been informed. Fearing the men might return tonight in a body and invade the church, the pastor applied to the police for protection.

1180 FED AT COMMONS

Superintendent Says 40 Per Cent of This Number Have No Beds.

By actual count, 1180 men ate their Christmas dinner guests at the Portland Commons Thursday. So many applied that the regular dinner supplies ran out. The Rev. W. G. MacLaren, superintendent of the commons, said 50 pounds of sausages, three dozen half-gallon jars of preserved fruits and a big quantity of bread and butter. They ate that up, seen so many really hungry men," said Rev. Mr. MacLaren last night. "Most of them were men who want to work, but can't get it, and are not 'bummers.' Something must be done for them.

PLAN TO ROB SUSPECTED

Portland Heights Resident Reports Questionable Persons.

Questionable characters were lurking around the residence of F. L. Fuller, vice-president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, at 563 Spring street, Portland Heights, Thursday night, and Mr. Fuller complained to the police shortly after 11 o'clock. He said the men were loitering in the vicinity of his home, and expressed fear that another attempt might be made to enter the house which was burglarized several months ago and many articles of value stolen. A search of the neighborhood was made without resulting in any arrests, the men disappearing before the arrival of the police.

COOK SLASHED BY PATRON

Man, Arrested, Confesses and Victim Goes to Hospital.

Lawrence Cuccone, a cook in a restaurant at 35 North Sixth street, was deeply cut about the arms and shoulders with a knife by J. S. Robin, a patron, following a disagreement over the price of service. Cuccone was slashed on his way home on the East Third and East Burnside streets by Motorcyclist Goldstone, who found his hands and clothing bloodstained. He was arrested and taken to headquarters, where he confessed the deed. Ernest Sarsfield was arrested by Patrolman Tustin for complicity in the affair. Cuccone was removed to Good Samaritan Hospital.

THEATER FOLK CELEBRATE

Actors and Actresses in Portland Make Merry After Shows.

Christmas Day was celebrated with all the traditional atmosphere attainable by the theatrical people in Portland. The Hellig and Baker had special mat-

lines and the Orpheum had its regular show. The two other vaudeville houses, the Empress and Pantages, had four performances, two in the afternoon and two at night.

The members of "The Pink Lady" company divided into groups and held supper parties after the theater in local grills. Miss Olga Debaugh, prima donna, was hostess at a party of ten. Alfred Deery, one of the principals, had a Christmas tree loaded with presents and gave a small supper party to some members of the company and other Portland guests.

At the Baker the parties were kept within the confines of family circles. Mary Edgett-Baker and Kenneth Stewart attended a Christmas tree party, with stockings hung at the mantel, piece of the home of George L. Baker, manager of the Baker Players. Miss Dorothy Showmaker had a big tree at her country and asked others of the Baker Players to attend after the show. Little Mayo Method had a wonderful tree—and it was loaded with presents.

At the Orpheum the entire company assembled on the big stage following the evening's bill. Horace Goldin, who has been acting as host, with Maude Muller he had planned and executed a most elaborate party—with a tree and all the trimmings—presents for the company and for the women were held at each place. The Pantages performers had a big party after the last show at the Sorsolita Hotel.

TIMBER LAW CONDEMNED

SECURITY LAKE WOULD NOT PERMIT HOMESTEADING.

Solution Declared to Lie in Treatment of Land and Timber as Separate Factors.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Timber on the public domain should not be procurable under the homestead law, says Secretary of the Interior Lane in his annual report, but should be disposed of separately from the land. Condemning the present law which permits the homesteading of timber lands, Secretary Lane said:

"I am not satisfied with the operation of the homestead law as to the timber lands of the western lands. The law now is a man may enter upon 160 acres of these lands, and by living a total of 21 months on the land during three years and outlasting at a maximum 20 acres of the land, it becomes his. He promptly proceeds, if he is wise, to sell it to some lumber company for \$20,000. The land is eventually sold for agricultural purposes, if so adapted.

FATHER TO BE SON'S PAL

Companionship Movement of Y. M. C. A. Is Adopted by East.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26.—Queries received by Robert E. Lewis, of the Cleveland Y. M. C. A., regarding the "Father and Son" movement, launched here, indicates that the idea is taking root in other cities.

COMMANDER IS DISCIPLINED

Spanish Naval Officer Is Relieved of His Command.

MADRID, Dec. 25.—It is announced that the commander of the Spanish cruiser Emperor Carlos X, now at Vera Cruz, has been relieved of his command for disobeying the instructions of the Minister of Marine, who ordered him to proceed to Mexican waters at a speed of not less than 12 knots.

TREE CANDLES START FIRE

Department Quickly Quenches Blaze at 646 Kirby Street.

The second Christmas-tree fire with in the last three days was literally nipped in the bud Thursday night at 646 Kirby street by the speedy arrival of the fire department. Some candles had ignited the trimmings on the tree and a threatening blaze was beyond control of the occupants of the house when the firemen arrived.

RAID ON LOTTERY NETS 30

Thirty-one Chinese and Japanese were arrested Thursday night in a raid on the place maintained by Suey Sing, 7 North Fourth street. Suey Sing was held on a charge of conducting a lottery game.

SHOT DEFENDS GIRLS

Pastor's Son Fires When Gang Attacks Young Women.

ONE GIRL KNOCKED DOWN

Member of Lower Albina Placed Under Arrest and Minister Will Prosecute Case.

Shots were fired from a rifle Thursday night by Joe S. Barick, son of Rev. C. C. Barick, of the Central Methodist Church, when a gang of neighborhood ruffians intercepted Miss Alice Barick, Miss Lillian Johnson and Miss Esther Sorenson near Vancouver avenue and Morris street.

Young Barick had been sent by his father to the home of Miss Johnson, on Vancouver avenue, to act as escort to the three young women. As the young people were walking along Morris street a gang of 15 boys descended upon them offering lives and ribald insults. Barick fired his rifle and a charge of discharging a gun in the city limits.

The Rev. C. C. Barick appeared at police headquarters Thursday for his son and he promises a lively prosecution of the boys, who, he says, have made a practice of accosting and insulting young women in lower Albina.

STORM BRINGS SUFFERING

First Frost Fatality of Winter Occurs in Mississippi Valley.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—A heavy snow storm which began Wednesday night and continued unabated until almost midnight last night throughout Eastern Missouri and Western Illinois has resulted in one death, widespread suffering by human beings and farm stock and thousands of dollars damage to commercial property.

Probably the first fatality from frost in the Mississippi Valley this winter, was recorded at Cairo, Ill., where Dennis Casvender, 69 years old, lost his way in the storm and froze to death.

\$500,000 BID FOR PARDON

Son of Money-Lender Offers His Fortune for Dad's Release.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—That Elmer E. Tolman, son and business successor of Daniel P. Tolman, a money-lender now serving a term of six months, is ready to purchase without reserve, notes amounting to \$500,000 and go out of business to obtain a pardon for his father is the statement made last night by Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for the Tolmans. Application for a pardon for Tolman will be made to Governor Glynn today.

200,000 BULGARS STARVING

Forty to 50 Dying Every Week in One District.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Sofia correspondent of the Times makes an appeal on behalf of 200,000 refugees scattered throughout Bulgaria, the majority of whom are totally destitute and suffering terrible privations.

FRITZI SCHEFF WEDS AGAIN

Twice Divorced Musical Comedy Star Takes Leading Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Fritzi Scheff, light opera prima donna, was married on Wednesday at New Rochelle to George Anderson, her leading man and nonpareil here yesterday.

AUTO DEATH RATE GROWS

416 Killed, 2149 Hurt in New York in Eleven Months.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—During the last 11 months 416 users of the pub-

lic highways were killed and 2149 persons were injured by motor vehicles over which these victims had no control, nor, by the vast majority of these accidents, were any subsequent investigations conducted to determine the responsibility, according to a statement issued by Secretary of State May.

"It is apparent," said Mr. May, "even from these inadequate statistics, which do not include hundreds of other accidents due to structural defects or careless driving, when the operators or occupants alone were injured, that there is something radically wrong both in the law and its enforcement, as this sacrifice of human life, almost double that of last year, is too heavy a toll to pay for the advantages of the automobile."

The Secretary said that these figures also proved the increase of reckless driving and the apparent lack of any common sense method of bringing offenders to justice, largely because automobile owners of this state are not yet awake to the vital necessity of taking more vigorous and intelligent drivers of cars who persist in joy riding and breaking speed laws at every possible opportunity.

Mr. May inquired if it were not time that reputable and careful motorists combined to bring to justice drivers of this type and thus prove to the general public their willingness to uphold the law.

"Certain motor car officials," continued Mr. May, "were fond of declaring that public hostility to them is general and that there is no good reason for its existence, therefore, as long as they refuse to take vigorous steps to protect themselves and the public from the consequences of these evils, they may expect to see this sentiment grow to proportions that will soon become embarrassing."

NOTES AROUSE SOCIETY

"POISON PEN" MISSIVES SENT TO WILKESBARRE'S SMART SET.

Leaders of 400 Called Ugly Names by Author of Letters—Woman Arrested and Held in \$1000 Bail.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 25.—"Poison pen" letters which have been circulating in Wilkesbarre's social circles for the past month and in which Mrs. C. J. Wallace, a prominent social leader, a member of the Luzerne County Board of Visitation and the wife of Dr. C. J. Wallace, a leading physician, has been called a "knave" and a "tool" of politicians, are responsible for the arrest of Miss Kate Davis, superintendent of the National League of Regulation League, an organization for improving pictures. Miss Davis has been released on \$1000 bail for her appearance at the next term of court to answer to a charge of publishing libelous letters.

The letters first made their appearance in October, when many prominent women of Wilkesbarre received anonymous missives attacking Mrs. Wallace. Only a few letters at first appeared, but a short time later a dozen or more were sent to the homes of society women.

Some of Mrs. Wallace's friends turned their letters over to her and, while she suspected that she knew the author, she made no public complaint. Another batch of letters went out, Dr. Wallace decided to cause the arrest of Miss Davis.

ALL INDIANAPOLIS ANGRY

Society Resents Action of Council Over Dance Supervision.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25.—Society people of Indianapolis are incensed by the passage by the City Council of an ordinance which requires the presence of a police officer, appointed by the superintendent of police, at every dance given in the city. The act has been signed by the Mayor.

AEROPLANE TO CARRY 20

Three-ton Flyer Has Sleeping Accommodations in Cabins.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The Bourne Gazette publishes an account of the successful trial of the aviator Sikorsky's newly designed aeroplane, weighing three and a half tons. The trial was carried out at the aerodrome.

SERB-BULGAR STRIFE OFF

Diplomatic Relations Resumed Between Balkan Nations.

SOFIA, Dec. 25.—Diplomatic relations between Serbia and Bulgaria have been resumed. The second Balkan War grew out of quarrels over the divided city of Ohrid, which fell to the hands of the Turks in 1912.

Emerson Says: "No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows every day is Doomsday."

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