

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" IS WORLD-WIDE CRY

Foes in Trenches Will Shout Ringing Greeting Today Across Battlefields.

SANTA GLADDENS MANY

Christmas Dinners, Gifts of Toys, Food and Clothing to Make Happy Hearts—Churches to Have Special Programmes.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS TODAY. 5:30 to 11 A. M.—Special services in the churches. 10 A. M.—Christmas breakfast by Knights Templar. 10 A. M.—Dinner at Multnomah Field; Multnomah vs. Beavers. 11 A. M.—Dinner to homeless men by O. W. R. & N. Co. Golf tournament at Waverly Golf Club. Open house to members and friends at Portland Heights Club. Christmas day music and dinner at Y. M. C. A. 1:30 P. M.—Dinner at Portland Commons to families of incarcerated men.

Merry Christmas! This grand old greeting rings throughout Christendom today. The wide world over it makes the universal appeal to the heart of humanity and proves that all men are brothers.

Teuton and Gaul, facing each other in the trenches on blood-drenched Flanders soil, will shout it to each other, forgetting for the moment the blood feud that rages between them. "Un joyeux Noël!" will cry the French troops. "Froeliche Weihnachten!" will shout back the Germans.

Only to the Russians and Turks, among all those fighting Europe's great war, today will mean nothing. Russia celebrates her Christmas on January 7 because that country follows the old calendar. Turkey has no Christmas in her list of holidays.

Christmas Spirit Strongest Here. Nowhere in all the earth, as the hall of "Merry Christmas" rings out, following the sun in its circle around the war-scarred old globe, will the greeting be exchanged with more warmth or real meaning than here in Portland. For here peace reigns, men are brothers in very truth, and the spirit toward all men is that brought to earth by the child of Bethlehem, whose birth the nations celebrate today.

Churches of the city will hold praise services and raise anthems to the Prince of Peace. The story of the Christ Child's birth will be told of the children will learn for the first time the deep significance of Christmas. Throughout Portland a deeper fellow feeling runs today than ever in the city's history. The ruin, suffering and death following in the wake of foreign war blinds men closer here. Because of this citizens have been more deeply touched by the needs of others and have given more lavishly than in former years to relieve them.

Hearts of Unfortunate Gladdened. The keynote of the city's Yuletide celebration today is the thought of others, perhaps less fortunate, that prompts the helping hand and the kindly word. As merry blessing meet the one who gives, people of the city are happy in attaining to the true Christmas spirit.

Portland began its big celebration of the day yesterday with many events in keeping with the season, chief of which was the "Merry Christmas" gladdened the lives of no less than 6000 children. Old Kris Kringle shook his bells throughout the city last night and right merrily the old favorite was welcomed. Young and old shared in his favors and good customs of Yuletide were observed generally.

Churches of the city will herald the day with solemn ceremonies. Special music has been arranged, masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral, the Holy Eucharist services will be held in Episcopal churches, and other denominations will give special sermons and music appropriate to the day.

Hallfood to Banquet Many. The biggest dinner of the day will be that spread by the O. W. R. & N. Company on the steamer Hassalo at the Ash-street dock for homeless men and attached men of the city. Preparations have been made for 1400, and the meal will be served from 11 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. Music will accompany the meal and short talks of a helpful nature will be given by prominent churchmen. Special decorations have been arranged on the steamer and the big waiting-room on the dock has become an attractive reception-room.

Through the distribution of baskets by many charitable organizations yesterday, Christmas cheer was brought to many families in the city. The Salvation Army, Volunteers of America, the People's Institute and other organizations were most active in this work. The Muta, supplementing its regular charitable work in other directions, sent out more than 300 boxes, each filled with approximately 25 pounds of provisions and Christmas delicacies.

Knights to Have Ceremonies. This morning, at 9 o'clock, W. S. Kingston Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar, will assemble at the Masonic Temple, East Eighth and Burnside streets, and conduct a general initiation and ceremonial programme for one hour. Following the exercises, the members and their families will sit down to a Christmas breakfast. T. S. Drake, eminent commander, will preside.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Men's Resort tonight for homeless men. A real Santa Claus will distribute good things of the season to the men at the institution. The Portland Heights Club will keep open house today for members and friends and a programme of music and readings has been arranged. St. Johns will have a community Christmas tree and celebration. A big tree has been set up in a prominent thoroughfare of the city and large committees have been named that will make the celebration a thoroughly representative one.

Aid Society to Have Programme. The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society will observe the day with a big Christmas dinner and this afternoon there will be special music and readings. The annual musical and dramatic programme will be given Monday night at the institution.

A musical programme will be given at the Young Men's Christian Association this morning from 10 to 12:30. From 1 to 2:30 a Christmas dinner will be served to the men of the organization at the County Farm and Hospital. Christmas cheer reigns today. Special entertainment and good things for the menu will be provided. At the county

SCENES IN HEADQUARTERS WHERE VOLUNTEERS AND SALVATION ARMY WORKERS DISTRIBUTED CHRISTMAS CHEER.



Christmas Baskets of Food at Salvation Army Headquarters



A Generous Display of Baskets at The Volunteers of America Hall

and city jails there will be a special menu. Music has been arranged for prisoners of the county.

Families of Prisoners Helped. The Portland Commons will give a big Christmas dinner this afternoon to the families of men incarcerated in prison. The dinner will be spread in the mission hall, 195 Burnside street, at 1:30 o'clock.

Girls of the Delta Iota Chi Sorority are providing for the wants of 50 needy families. They have given food, clothing and Christmas gifts and in some cases have paid rent. Sunday schools and life divisions have been active during the week in carrying baskets of provisions and Christmas dainties to needy ones and dolls have

THIEF'S ARREST REWARDED

Jewelers' Alliance Pays \$100 to Night Watchman Yost. A check for \$100 payable to Night Watchman Harry Yost is being displayed in the window of the jewelry store of Isaac E. Staples, being the reward of the Jewelers' Security Alliance offered for the arrest and conviction of a man who broke into a store affiliated with it. Yost was responsible for the arrest

and conviction of Fred Ulrich, who broke into the Staples store the night of November 25. Ulrich received a 60-day sentence. The Jewelers' Security Alliance has a membership of nearly 6000 jewelers and has paid out more than \$34,000 in rewards for the apprehension of jewelry thieves. There are 24 members in Portland that display its reward sign in their windows.

California Pugilist May Die. SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Cline Daly, a local lightweight, is seriously ill and may die as the result of injuries received two weeks ago when knocked unconscious in the second round of a bout with "Young" Flores.

PASTORS GIVE FAVORITE CHRISTMAS QUOTATIONS

From Rev. H. M. Ramsey, Dean of St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral.

AND as Christmas day is the birthday of true human dignity, so it is the birthday of true human brotherhood. Kneeling at the manger of Bethlehem we may dare to look forward, in some coming time, to that union of human lives, of human hearts, of which the noblest of our race again and again have dreamt; to a brotherhood which has sometimes been recommended by abstract arguments, sometimes dictated by revolutionary idealism, but which to be genuine must be the perfectly free movement of hearts drawn towards each other by a supreme attraction. That attraction we find in the Divine Child of Bethlehem. And all the courtesies and kindnesses of this happy season between members of families, between the rich and poor, and the old and young, and the so-called great and the so-called insignificant, are rightly done in his honor who came to bind us to each other by uniting us to himself. If the ideal is too far from being realized; if we hear of somber jealousies between classes, let us look to it that, however humble be our place in the scale of moral and spiritual agents, we be found among those who have heard to some purpose the angel song in the meadows of Bethlehem, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom God is well pleased.—H. P. Liddon.

From Rev. John H. Boyd, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

TO me the Christmas Spirit moves in melody, in hope, in confidence, and hence, I find myself turning to Tennyson's great words: The time draws near the birth of Christ: The moon is hid, the night is still: A single church below the hill is pealing, folded in the midst. Ring out the old, ring in the new; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true. Ring out the want, the care, the sin; The fetters coldness of the time; Ring out the thousand wars of old; Ring in the thousand years of peace. Ring in the valiant man and free; The eager heart the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land; Ring in the Christ that is to be.—Tennyson.

From Rev. Frank L. Loveland, Pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church.

THIS "Dream" of the Laureate-Poet has haunted me for years. The dream must come true or Christmas becomes a farce and Christianity a meaningless pantomime. My head sometimes doubts, but my heart knows that the Christmas bells will sometime Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old; Ring in the thousand years of peace. Ring in the valiant man and free; The eager heart the kindlier hand; Ring out the darkness of the land; Ring in the Christ that is to be.—Phillips Brooks.

From Rev. J. Allen Leas, Pastor St. James' English Lutheran Church.

I AM sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, apart from the veneration due to its sacred origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-travelers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.—Scrooge's Nephew in Dickens' Christmas Carol.

From Rev. Henry Marquette, Pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church.

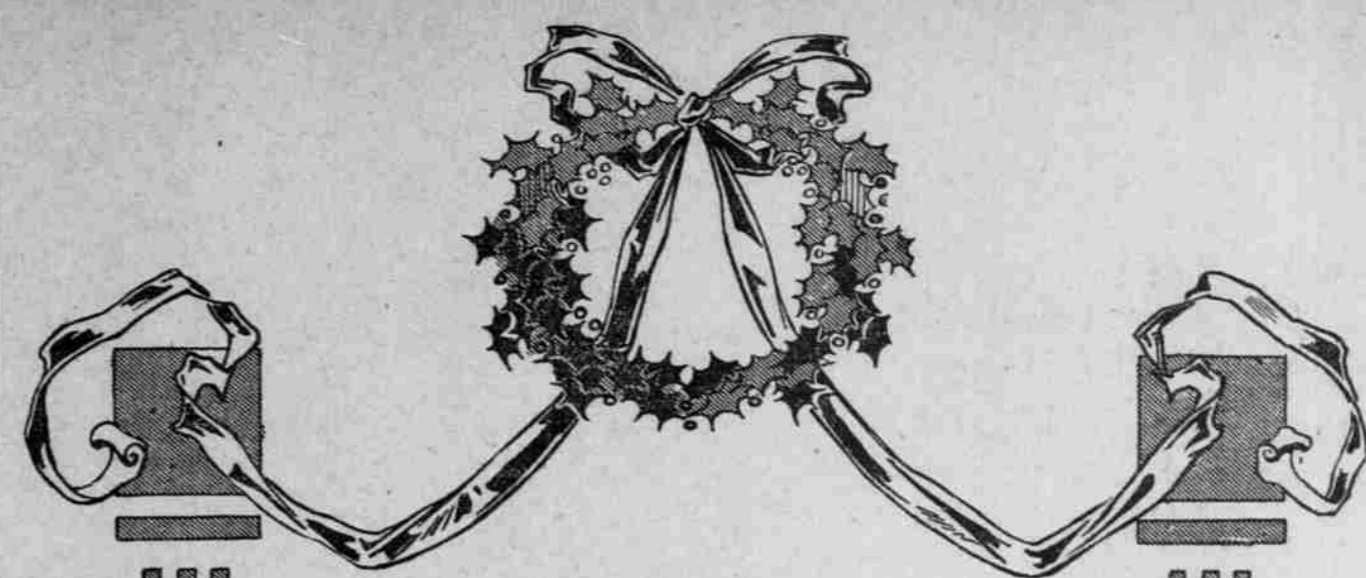
BE you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.—Luke 2:10-11.

From Archbishop Christie, Pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

GLORY to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will.—St. Luke.

From F. Elmo Robinson, First Reader First Church of Christ, Scientist.

THE basis of Christmas is love loving its enemies, returning good for evil, love that "suffereth long, and is kind." Page 260. Today the Christ is, more than ever



That there will be great joy in giving throughout Portland and the Northwest today—we know.

Abundantly this Xmas spirit was evidenced to us through the vast quantities of gift merchandise purchased by the happy throngs who came here to shop daily during the Holiday time.

To one and all—our friends and patrons—to all our faithful employes, we make public our heartfelt wish of a very merry Christmas Day.



550 BASKETS FILLED

Salvation Army and Volunteers Bring Cheer to Many.

HASSALO TICKETS GIVEN

Staples Provided to Last Several Days, Articles of Clothing Also Distributed and Pathetic Incident is Related.

Baskets containing a chicken, some potatoes, staple groceries, a package of oatmeal, some canned fruits, apples and a Christmas War Cry found their way into 550 humble homes yesterday, and this was only a part of the good work done by the Salvation Army of Portland, whose gallant soldiers were battling down the forces of poverty, unhappiness and loneliness all day. As a result of their untiring efforts there will be Christmas cheer in many a dwelling in Portland today.

In discussing the work done Adjutant Whitney, of the Salvation Army, said: "There has been more misery among the families this Winter than ever before. We account for this by the great amount of people who are unemployed. Portland people have been so generous, so full of the spirit of helpfulness, that there is no need for anyone to go hungry today."

The families who got the 550 baskets yesterday had all been called upon by the representatives of the Army and they had tickets that called for baskets to meet their necessities. The average sized family served was five, making a total of supplies furnished for 1750 persons. The contents of the baskets were staples, many of which would hold the fort against hunger for a week to come.

Adjutant Whitney was assisted by Staff Captain John Gale and several others who were busy at the headquarters at 243 Ash street. There were between 40 and 50 volunteers of America actively engaged in gathering funds and preparing for the big part of the Christmas giving that was theirs yesterday, but they were a whole host in themselves. Their headquarters, 267 Ash street, was open from 10 o'clock this morning to the evening when 200 well-filled baskets were given out to destitute families.

Tickets were given to the men who came and these will be good for the dinner on the Hassalo today. Shoes and stockings distributed to the children will keep many little feet warm and dry for the remainder of the Winter. In addition to the baskets of food for the families a large amount of clothing was distributed by the Volunteers. Major Jessie F. Starks, Adjutant Starks and Captain Krug assisted in the work.

DEPENDENTS ARE HAPPY Cheer Brought to 317 Inmates of County Poor Farm. Christmas spirit permeates the atmosphere of the Multnomah County Poor Farm, near Troutdale, owing to the thoughtfulness of various generous persons for the 317 delinquent there. Last Sunday the Presbyterian Churches of Portland gave baskets to the bed-

ridden and various presents to others. Father Bruenagel, of Gresham Catholic Church, on behalf of his parish, presented ten boxes of apples and generous amounts of candy, oranges and nuts a few days later.

Yesterday, however, was the banner day. A committee of women, led by Mrs. Ferdinand E. Reed, Mrs. A. N. Lawrence and Mrs. M. L. Kline, had passed a week getting subscriptions or gifts, with the result that 200 pounds of tobacco, 100 packs of cards, 700 miniature stockings filled with candy and nuts, 1500 apples, 1100 oranges, magazines and a potted plant for every inmate of the tuberculosis home were distributed at the farm yesterday.

The things were taken in a motor truck donated by Kern & Keene, and the above-mentioned committee and F. E. Reed were taken to the farm in an automobile donated by Jack Harrison, where distribution took several hours. Among the interesting inmates are John Stovall, close to 100 years old and bed-ridden; Lane Duck, a Chinaman who has resided in Portland over 50 years; Charles Dauche, colored, over 90 years old; Mrs. Martha Bryant, colored, who had grown children when the Civil War broke out; Joe Basket, 80 years old, a legless Indian.

D. E. BUDD PASSES AWAY

BUILDER OF PORTLAND'S FIRST STREET RAILWAY DIES AT 87.

Pioneer, Widely Known Throughout City and State of Oregon, Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

D. E. Budd, 87 years old, builder of the first street railway in Portland and former Superintendent of Streets here, died at 1:20 o'clock this morning at his home, at 254 Twenty-fourth street North. Pneumonia was the cause of death. While Mr. Budd served as Superintendent of Streets in Portland for five years he was known principally for his activity in railroad construction. He obtained the first franchise for operation of streetscars on Washington street and was superintendent of construction of the O. R. & N. line from Cascade Locks to The Dalles. In later years Mr. Budd was in charge of the employment bureau of the O. W. R. & N. Company. He is survived by three children, who are Edward R. Budd, superintendent of the water lines of the O. W. R. & N. Company; Mrs. D. Mulligan, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Fred Reed, of

Boise, wife of Immigration Commissioner Reed. Mr. Budd came to Portland from Iowa in 1872. He was one of the most widely-known pioneer railroad men in the Pacific Northwest.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. LOST—Small diamond ring, valued as keepsake. Reward. Mr. E. Russell, 50 Union Block.

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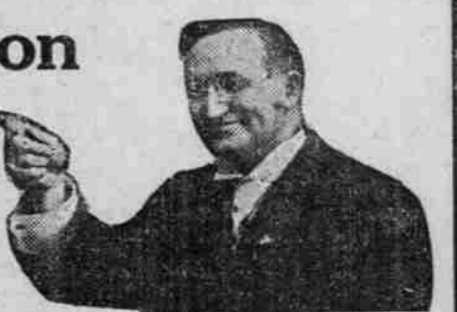
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