Rejoicing Veterans Welcomed by New York Residents.

ARRIVAL CHEERED

American Army in France Sends Greeting to Army at Home-San Francisco Has Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- In a cold, driving rain that in no way dampened their ardor, 3865 American troops came into port today aboard the big French liner France, Christmas eve ship of the fleet of the transports that is bringing back the American expeditionary forces. As the ship steamed up the river, the men crowded the deck and rigging and sang "Home, Sweet Home," "Dixie." "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here," and answered their reception from shore with more enthusiasm than has been displayed heretofore on any transport. They seemed thoroughly to appreciate their good fortune in getting back to American soil the day before Christ-

The returning troops included 1504 wounded men from nearly every state in the Union, their injuries ranging from bullet wounds in arms and legs to shell shock and cases which will require months of treatment.

Red Cross Is Cheered. There were in waiting at the dock a military band and delegations from the canteen service of the American Red 'ross. The enthusiasm and "home for Christmas" spirit that was displayed during the trip up the harbor was more than doubled as the ship rounded into

The appearance of the Red Cross flag, The appearance of the Red Cross Has, the uniformed members of the Salva-tion Army and other relief organiza-tions on the dock brought forth a great outburst of cheers from the happy sol-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—With 500 French heroes of the Verdun and other French heroes of the Verdun and other west front campaigns, and more than 200 wounded American "doughboys," as her guests of honor, San Francisco is preparing for an eventful Christmas. The wounded Americans are at the Letterman General Hospital. They began their celebration at 2 o'clock today with a heavily laden Christmas tree. Tomorrow a Christmas dinner is to be served.

"The sole credible answer is that, after an overwhelming allied victory, the allies were no longer as ready as before to accept his 14 points of even-handed justice, and that little by little, under the influence of selfish passions aroused by conquest, some of the allies have shown signs of an intention to throw over some of the essential points.

"If this is not so, and if the Prest."

French to Be Guests.

"If this is not so, and if the President is not afraid for the safety of his 14 points, then his visit is meaningless. But the President is not a man addicted to meaningless acts. And one may reason further.

"One may fairly argue from Mr. Wilson's present in First the safety argue."

Idaho Murderer Gets Loan for Sup-

posedly Worthless Stock Which

Turns Out to Be Valuable.

mous Hercules mine at Burke, Idaho

and induced Cardoner to accept this interest as collateral for a loan. Or-chard's interest, after it had been trans-

ferred to the Spaniard, became worth

thousands of dollars,
When Cardoner died his widow in-

TREE DEMOLISHES HOUSE

Lane County Residents Have Nar-

row Escape From Death.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 24 .-

going through the building to the floor. Mr. and Mrs. Cline were in their night clothes and were just retiring. A limb of the tree knocked the lamp

fered bruises to the face. Mrs. Cline

story, is now a pile of kindling wood. Every window was broken.

MILUKOFF LEAVES CAPITAL

Former Russian Minister Leader in

1917 Revolution.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Paul N. Milukoff, former Russian Foreign Minister, who was accused last July of Germanophile

leanings, has been obliged to leave Parls, according to the Matin. His presence here was believed to be un-

scaped injury.
The house, which was new and of one

ut of Mr. Cline's hand. Mr. Cline

Special,)-To have their house smashed

The French soldiers who are awaiting transportation to Siberia are to be entertained by the French consulate and by the Girls' Auxillary of the war camp community service in Oakland. The principal civic celebration is to take place tonight at the foot of a gorgeously decorated and lighted tree placed in the civic center. The observance will be known as the "Pageant of Peace." The French soldiers who are await-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The American Armies in France and at home exchanged Christmas greetings today by cable. General Pershing cabled to Gen-

"Please accept for the officers and men of the American Army in the United States cordial Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming sar, from the American expeditionary

General March replied: "Christmas greetings to yourself and the American expeditionary force. A happy New Year and a speedy return

NAVAL WELCOME ASSURED

Federal Heads on Way to Greet Battleship Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Confidence that the American people will greet the officers and men of the returning battleship squadron "with pride and DENVER, Dec. 24.—When Mrs. Alice Mathilde Julia Cardoner, of Barcelona, congratulations" and as "valiant visitors" was expressed by Secretary
Daniels tonight, on the eve of his departure for New York to review the
home-coming naval units.

The American dreadnoughts, though
The American dreadnoughts and the company to the

The American dreadnoughts, though denied the opportunity of winning a great sea victory, did more, said the Secretary for they co-operated in receiving the surrender of the entire German fleet. Secretary Daniels and many Government and diplomatic officials will leave Washington tomorrow afternoon for New York.

siderable time in America. Harry Orchard, now serving sentence in the Idaho Penitentiary for murder in connection with mine troubles some RESERVE CORPS PERMITTED years ago, was "broke" once when Car-doner was visiting in Boise. Orchard owned one-slateenth interest in the fa-

University of Oregon Now Awaits Word From War Department.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene. Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The university authorities were authorized to apply for the establishment of a reserve officers' training corps unit at the university in place of the students' Army training corps unit, which has been discontinued, at a meeting of the exceptive committee of the board of regents Saturday night.

Word on the authorization is ex-

Word on the authorization is ex-pected from the War Department by January 1, when arrangements con-cerning its establishment will be and told only her attorney of her wealth. A daughter, the only heir lives in Spain.



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BOY SCOUTS ACT AS SANTA CLAUS TO PORTLAND CHILDREN.



Topser Picture Shows Scouts Leaving Courthouse Yesterday Morning to Take Toys and Other Christmas Gifts to Needy Youngsters. Master Dean Elliott, Louded With Bundles of Good Cheer, Is Shown in Lower Cut.

Foreign · Mimister in the first revolutionary Cabinet, retaining that position until May 16, 1917.

her arms. "My reason may be wrong. I hope it is, for if the President falls to get all his main points at the peace conference THIRD ESCAPE SUCCESSFUL INFLUENZA TURNS ISLAND INTO and retires baffled, revolution through-out Europe will be the outcome. The 14 points are the only possible bul-wark against revolution and a general and sanguinary idiocy." Woman, Accused of Fraud, Walks

ast two jailors and a policeman, Jewell Leclaire, who had been arrested WEALIH BAKEU AI ULAIN Sunday on a charge of impersonating a Red Cross canteen worker as a means of defrauding returned saliors and soldiers, escaped from the County Jail last evening, her third escape from the authorities within 24 hours.

The woman escaped from the City

Out of Butte Jail.

Jail Sunday evening by crawling through a transom, but was caught later in a cabaret. After receiving sentence of 10 days in jail on conviction of technical vagrancy she escaped from the courtroom, but was again captured by a detective after a chase through

LIBERTY THEATER IS OPEN

Vancouver Soldiers to Enjoy Play-

house During Last Days in Service. cial.)—The Liberty Theater in Van-couver Barracks, built for soldiers, is open. To soldiers and their guests the admission price is 5 cents, to officers and guests 10 cents. Friday will be known as amateur night, and soldiers and is exacting an enormous total there. will be encouraged to compete for \$15 in gold prizes offered every week. The theater was built by soldiers from lumber cut by the cutup plant. The the-ater seats 1400. The post amusement fund furnished the necessary funds to build the theater, which will make the last few weeks of the men in the serv-ice considerably more enjoyable.

"Boys in Fine Spirit," Is the Message From Overseas.

President Assures America That World Is on Eve of Just and Lasting Peace.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Wilson in Paris sent to the American people today the following Christmas

"I hope that it will cheer the people at home to know that I find their boys over her in fine form and in fine spirits, esteemed by all those with whom they have been associated in the war and trusted wherever they go and they will also, I am sure, be cheered by the knowledge of the fact that throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war public opinion strongly sustains o kindling wood and yet to escape al- all proposals for a just and lasting Aid for Water Supply of Corvallis, most uninjured was the experience of peace and a close co-operation of the Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Cline, of Mosby clieved the world Creek. During the storm Thursday night a fir tree, two feet in diameter fell across the center of the house, going through the building to the the sentiments which I find every-where prevalent."

Idaho Accountants Organize.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—
Accountants in Idaho have completed
the organization of the Idaho Association of Certified Accountants. Following are the officers: O. E. Cannon,
Mountain Home, president; James Munro, Caldwell, vice-president; J. W.
Robinson, Boise, secretary-treasurer.
These officers with the following com-These officers, with the following, com-pose the board of directors: Byron Defenbach, Lewiston; Edwin A. Wilson, Twin Falls; C. E. Folson, Boise, and Clarence VanDeusen, Boise.

French Offer Appreciated.

CHARNEL PLACE.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24. - Walking Fully One-Tenth of the Population of Papeete Are Dead as Result of the Epidemic.

> bodies of many natives waiting to be thrown into the glowing ashes of those who have been consumed by the flames.
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> The Associated Press correspondent has learned that fully one-seventh of the population of Papeste are dead. Bodies of victims are everywhere surrounded by the dying. In almost every native home families are lying about with no medicine and little attention. They beg in vain for food. Those Europeans and Americans who escaped the discase formed a volunteer copys to odies of many natives waiting to be of 10 might like

disease formed a volunteer corps to carry food and medicine to the sick and to take measures for the disposal

Two big public meetings and other gatherings were held after the arrival of the steamer. Quarantine regulation proved unavalling. Medical authorities here stated it was the most widespread and destructive epidemic in the historic of the islands. As Papeete is the only port of call and departure in the islands, the epidemic naturally started

AIRPLANE STOCK IS LARGE

British Columbia Produces More Than 35,000,000 Feet.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 24.—Ship nents and production of spruce and fir lumber for airplane stock from Jan-uary 1, 1918, to November, inclusive, in British Columbia, totaled 25,348,000 feet, said a statement made public to-day by the aeronautical branch of the Imperial Munitions Board. Of this total cut, 9,224,000 feet was

Dallas and Oregon City Prospect. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative W. C. Hawley today obtained from the committee on public lands a favorable re-port on his bill to add to forest re-serves certain lands formerly in the Oregon-California land grant, and now upply of Corvallis, Dallas and Oregon

Pepsin, Nux, Iron, Celery.

This is what makes Peptiron of wonderful therapeutic value, and so successful after influenza, the grip and in blood and nerve troubles, anemia, paleness, nervous weakness and the exhausting worry and anxiety over the world war.

It is a real iron blood and nerve tonic, especially beneficial in the week-

Paris, according to the Matin. His presence here was believed to be unnecessary.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(Havas.)—Secretary of War Baker and General Pershing have replied to offers made by Andre Tardieu, head of the general commission for France at Constantinople by mistake, the newspaper says. He had been in Paris four days.

Professor Paul N. Milukoff for many years has been one of the most promisent Liberal leaders in Russia. He prompted the offer. Details of the proposed organization are being continued in the revolution of March, 1917, and was appointed.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(Havas.)—Secretary of War Baker and General Pershing have replied to offers made by Andre Tardieu, head of the general commission for France-American was matters, to place at the disposal of American soldiers French universities, libraries and technical schools. They commission for the spirit which prompted the offer. Details of the proposed organization are being considered by a committee, libraries and restores the wasted red world war.

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Portland's American variety over the wind and in the converted tonic, espe

CHRISTMAS DREAMS OF YOUTH FULFILLED

City Covered by Santa Claus in Efficient Manner.

BOY SCOUTS CARRY TOYS

Youngsters. Who Set Forth Wants in Letters, Made Happy by Generous Organizations of Portland.

Not only in the hearts and dreams of Portland children, but in the very real form of Christmas giving and openheartedness, does Santa Claus exist. Inspired by dozens of "Santa Claus" let-ters and by the stories of need and pov-erty gathered by Portland's charitable organizations, Boy Scouts yesterday were messengers of Kris Kringle in hundreds of homes all over the city.

The city-wide distribution was the plan of the Santa Claus Club, an organization of public spirited women working in co-operation with the Public Welfare Bureau—the center of characty work in Portland.

Youngsters Made Happy. Working quietly the club covered the city in a thoroughly efficient manner. The school attendance officer and child welfare agencies were called in to cooperate in seeing that no Portland home went without the Christmas celebra-tion. Cases of need were hunted out and investigated. No sione was left

unturned that might contribute to the good time of some worthy Portland Stacks of toys—all new and all good —were piled up and made ready for distribution by the women, working under the direction of Mrs. A. F. Giles, under the direction of Mrs. A. F. Glies, secretary. Dolls—real ones—candy, the kind that make you know it's Christmas; teddy bears, big United States flags, balls and bats—in fact, every kind of toy that might make glad the heart of the Portland youth was included in the list. cluded in the list.

Boy Scouts Carry Toys. The Boy Scouts, assembling yester-day morning, added another to their list of patriotic acts by carrying these toys to homes in all parts of Portland, which Santa, by some hook or crook, might have overlooked in his hasty

Although dil of the dozens of Santa Claus letters were not answered by the Santa Claus Club organization, all those indicating real need were included in the list. From the dozens of letters carried from Postmaster Myers' desk, those were sorted out.
"I am trying to be a good little girl and mind my daddy. Please bring me a doll, rabbit and some wash things."

said one little girl in her letter to War Toys in Demand.

A "set of paints, some rube paints, crayon and drawing paper," was the wish of another little girl.

That the war has had its effect on the minds of these trusting children was shown by the dozens of requests for trains to come the minds. for trains, toy cannons, guns, drums, trucks, ships and even a submarine. "Please bring me a doll, buggy, piano, a set of dishes and a little store," was

the modest request of another.
"A child's 'piccher sho,'" was the demand of a little girl. "I am rather late in writing, but I hope not too late," said another. "I would like a yellow hair ribbon to go

rison street, and please send something to every other little girl, 'speachily

PEACE FRAMERS HAVE EYE ON DIVIDED NATION.

London Hears View Expressed That Obscurity Means Crushing Blow to Germany.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—(Special Cable.)—
"It is possible," says the Daily Chronicle, "that advantage will be taken of President Wilson's presence in Europe to discuss some line of policy to be America in the face of the Bolshevik

danger. "Russia's condition under the mis rule of the Bolsheviki goes from bad to worse. Rufflans in power in Petrograd

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May every little thing that comes to brighten the day reveal anew that friendliness and kindliness which, on this one great day of the year, opens our hearts to one another in the broad spirit of good fellowship freed from every consideration save that of creating happiness between us all.

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are killing and arresting on the slight-est pretext and driving people mad by st pretext and driving people mad by their cruelties, while hunger and fam-"We are about to see the end of the ne are stalking through the land."

Problems to be faced by the peace long article in the Times from a corre-

the obscurity of the future of Russia. The statesmen at the Paris conference, he thinks, should consider that condi-

German system that prevailed from 1864 to 1914. The new Germany will conference furnish the subject for a not control Slavs, Italians, Turks or any long article in the Times from a corre-PAPEETE, Tahiti. Dec. 9.—(Mall.)—
Spanish influenza has turned the island of Tahiti into a charnel place.

At the crest of Papeetc burn great pyres, with the stark sheet-covered put in anything you think a little girl bodies of many natives weiting to be of 10 might like."

would like a yellow hair ribbon to go spondent formerly in Berlin. He says the German situation will stand out the German situation will stand out the German situation will stand out the complex of the complex of the complex of the future of the fine part of the future of the fine part of the future territorial establishment in the Far

Farm Labor Division Created.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Farm labor furnished through the United States Employment Service hereafter will be directed by a special division created today in the Department of Labor. M.



Christmas Dinner \$1.00

Manhattan Clam Chowder, Cream of Chicken with Rice. Consomme, Plain, MEATS. Roast Turkey, Dressing and Cranberry Sauce.
Roast Spring Chicken, Dressing and Fruit Jelly.
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Roast Goose, Apple Sauce.

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