

EMPLOYEES SHARE IN FRUITS OF INDUSTRY

Many Portland Business Firms Distribute Cash Bonus.

BANKS FOLLOW OLD CUSTOM

Awarding of Substantial Gifts One of Natural Incidents Suggested by Prosperous Year.

Portland's banking houses and many of its leading business firms followed their annual custom this year and at the Christmas season remembered their employees with substantial gifts.

The management of the Northwestern National Bank remembered all employees who had been with the institution for more than a year with a sum equal to a month's salary.

The First National Bank disbursed among its employees two weeks' pay each, regardless of the length of their service with the bank.

In addition to the Christmas remembrance, both the Northwestern and the United States National banks for several months have been giving their employees a monthly bonus of 10 per cent of their monthly salary, payable every three months.

On recommendation of the directors of the Tweed District at San Francisco, employees of the Federal Reserve banks in this district, whose salaries exceed \$1500 a year, were given a bonus of 15 per cent. Those employees whose salary did not exceed \$1500 received a bonus of 20 per cent of their annual salary.

At the Chamber of Commerce all employees in the dining-room received a cash bonus based on the length of their service. Several of the women employees of the commercial organization were also remembered in a substantial way.

CHICAGO MAKES CASH GIFTS

More Than \$10,000,000 Awarded in Form of Holiday Bonuses.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Ten million dollars in Christmas bonuses were given to employees by their employers this yesterday, according to estimates made public today by the Chicago Association of Commerce.

This, it is said, is the greatest sum ever distributed in this city in the form of holiday bonuses, and the number of concerns sharing their prosperity with their employees was greater than ever.

TROOPS WELCOME WILSON

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All this part of France lay under a gray cloud and banks of drizzling cold rain when the President's train pulled into the station. The troops declared the weather was exceptionally fine, as compared with the usual brand of weather and every one had a broad smile beaming above his mud-bespattered khaki uniform.

Doughboy Made Happy.

Things were in motion early for the review. When the President raised the curtain of a window in his car the person he saw was a strapping American doughboy on guard, who gravely came to salute. The President smilingly gave him a "Merry Christmas" and made him the happiest soldier in France. A French troop train passing gave a "Vive Wilson!"

As his train moved on the President saw on every hand monuments of America's participation in the war. There were great piles of supplies everywhere and American soldiers swarmed on locomotives, box cars, tree tops and every point of vantage to get a glimpse of the President and shout a "Merry Christmas."

Day Great One for Boys.

The folks back home would have called it the dreariest Christmas day in history, but this was the greatest one for these American troops and evidently a very happy one for the President. He was ready for the "big day" and looking forward to every feature. He remarked that the rolling hills and wooded ridges looked not unlike the Virginia hills, where he was accustomed to ride and play golf when at home.

American Troops Reviewed.

President Wilson reviewed the American troops at Langres, southeast of Châlons, this afternoon in accordance with the pre-arranged programme. The review took place on the Langres plateau.

ITALIANS SUBMIT MEMORIAL

People of Trieste, Istra and Fiume Would Join Italy.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Italian deputies of the redeemed provinces who represented their districts in Vienna and Budapest Parliaments and came to Paris expressly for the purpose of submitting their case to the American president have been received by Colonel E. M. House. Through Colonel House the deputies presented a memorial to President Wilson. The deputies are Pitacco for Trieste, Bennatti for Istra, Zanella for Fiume and Chigis Anovich for Zara.

The memorial recites that their country has been for 2000 years Italian; that Trieste has suffered under Austrian oppression for five centuries, and Dalmatia since 1797 has endured all kinds of persecutions to defend its nationality. The people of the districts, says the memorial, fought in all wars for Italian independence and participated in the present war with 4000 men.

Regarding the annexation of Trentino, Trieste and Istra, the memorial says there is no question that can be raised, but adds that Fiume being a free city, similar to Bremen and Lübeck, has the right to decide its own government, and any contrary decision would be against the principles proclaimed by President Wilson. Fiume already has shown by a previous determination to be united with Italy.

Dalmatia has 310 miles of coast, of which Italy claims less than 100 miles, comprising the cities of Zara, Sebenico and Spalato, besides the greatest part of the Dalmatian Isles. Furthermore, says the memorial in conclusion, Italy is ready to make Trieste and Fiume free ports for every country.

GAMIN RECOGNIZES WILSON

President Wishes Young Parisians Merry Christmas.

PARIS, Tuesday, Dec. 24.—L'Intransigeant, describing President Wilson's interview with Mrs. Wilson, says that the couple while strolling through the crowded shopping center yesterday lost their way and asked two little boys who they were. The boys gave the needed information, and one of them, doffing his cap, astonished the President by asking: "Might one shake hands with Monsieur le President?" The President shook hands with both boys heartily and wished them a merry Christmas before proceeding on his way.

After calling on Premier Clemenceau, the President had his first experience with Parisian taxi drivers. He went downtown to continue his shopping, intending to walk home, but rain set in and he was obliged to call a cab or taxi which in the present crowded condition of the capital is a complicated and often an exasperating experience, cabmen and taxi drivers generally being masters of the situation. President Wilson, however, though unrecognized, got through the ordeal without difficulty.

Late this afternoon President Wilson conferred with members of the American Shipping Board and then called upon Premier Clemenceau to say that he was going away for a week. Mrs. Wilson went downtown during the day to purchase Christmas candy, which she sent for distribution among Parisian orphan asylums.

ACTION IN RUSSIA DEFERRED

Allied Governments Against Intervention at Present.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia, at least for the present, according to indications from official circles. Great Britain and the United States, it is reported, are recognizing that Russia should be assisted in a way to permit her to return to normal conditions, point out military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and dangers of all kinds.

Stephen Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, explained the situation at length to the committee on foreign relations yesterday. He said the solution at present favored by the committee is ante moral support to the governments which had sprung up at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

ENTENTE DECLARED DILATORY

Allies Are Not Doing Their Part, Says Count Caroli.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 24.—(Havas.)—Count Caroli, the Hungarian leader, addressing the People's Assembly today, complained that the allies were not carrying out their part of the armistice agreed to. He declared that it was impossible to maintain order while the food necessities of the country remained unsatisfied.

Count Romanones Hopeful.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(Havas.)—On his return to Madrid Count Romanones, the Spanish Premier, it is understood, expressed great satisfaction over the result of his conferences with French and American statesmen during his recent visit to Paris. He discussed with them the Moroccan question and the future status of Gibraltar.

ARE YOU A FIGHTER?

Or Are You a Fatalist?—Let Every Citizen Fight Disease—Never Surrender.

The Big Gun of Defense Is Cadomene Tablets—Tonic.

What class suffered most from the epidemic of influenza? Authorities everywhere agree that those in a temporary state of "low vitality" made up the major portion of fatalities.

If you are a fatalist, you will not believe in preparedness, but if you are a "fighter" you will see the wisdom of keeping your body and nervous system strong so that disease will not find fertile soil in which to carry on its ravages.

Medicine rightly used at the right time is like the "Big Guns in War." If your vitality is low, you "catch cold" all too readily, you are weak, nervous and ailing with aches and pains of unknown origin, you tire easily and are irritable and often sleepless at night; digestion is faulty, liver and bowels irregular, appetite flicker and you never feel bright and happy as you once did.

Strange tremors seize you, memory seems failing and many of the joys of life are denied you, through lack of energy and ambition.

Three-grain Cadomene Tablets were formulated by a brilliant medical man, just for the treatment and restoration to health of those who suffer as perhaps you do.

Millions of packages have been sold in the past few years, and your druggist can supply you, and help you fight disease conditions. Adv.

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In Five Hours With MENTHO-LAXENE.

You Buy It Concentrated and Mix With Pint of Syrup.

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It can be done by taking Mentho-Laxene either in its raw state—ten drops to the dose—or by making a granulated sugar syrup and mixing in a pint bottle of jar. A pint will last a whole family for a long time and keeps every member free from the distressing after-effects of a bad cold.

Mentho-Laxene is guaranteed to please or money back by The Blackburn Products Co., Dayton, Ohio, and any well-stocked druggist can supply you. Don't take a substitute. There is really nothing to compare with Mentho-Laxene.

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CENTRALIA SEEKS NORMAL

LEGISLATURE WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE MOVE.

Committees Appointed and Active Campaign Will Be Launched Within Next Few Days.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Working committees were appointed at a recent meeting of the Commercial Club to work with Lewis County's legislators in securing passage of a bill by the next Legislature providing for the establishment of a state normal school in Centralia.

The financial committee, of which Albert Smith is chairman, will raise money to defray expenses. The publicity committee, of which M. E. Cuse is chairman, will prepare literature for distribution among members of the Legislature.

The legislative committee, W. H. Cameron, chairman, will personally talk with members of the Legislature at Olympia.

Booster committees, of which W. B. Keir is the men's chairman and Mrs. Kina Hower is the women's leader, will stimulate enthusiasm among the citizens as to the desirability of locating the normal school here and will have charge of special booster days, if it is found necessary to carry the work to Olympia.

The executive committee is composed of H. L. Bras, chairman; L. E. Titus, Albert Smith, W. H. Cameron and J. H. Roberts.

The president's council of the Women's Federated Legislative Council of Lewis County, held a meeting and voted unanimously to support the campaign for the passage of the normal school bill. The council represents over 1000 women of the county.

Victim of Auto Accident Buried.

BANDON, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The body of Anita Axteil, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Axteil, victim of Sunday evening's auto accident, when the Axteil car plunged into the river at Bullard's Ferry, was buried here yesterday. The body was recovered from the bottom of the river by the local United States Coast Guard crew, who also recovered the six-cylinder Studebaker roadster.

High Students Released January 3.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE Corvallis, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Superintendent Grot, of the Portland schools, has notified President Kerr, of the college, that his school students, expecting to be graduated late in January, will be released to enter the college January 3. They will be accepted at Corvallis provided they have a certificate from the Superintendent showing that they will receive their diplomas.

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OREGON PIONEER IS DEAD

A. T. BONNETT DIES AT EUGENE AFTER LONG ILLNESS.

Veteran, 76, Plays Important Part in Industrial Development of Lane County.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A. T. Bonnett, well-known Oregon pioneer, a member of the third family to settle in this city, died here this morning. He had been ill about one year.

Mr. Bonnett was born March 12, 1842, in Van Buren County, Missouri, crossed the plains by ox team, and came to Oregon in 1854. Six months' time was required for the journey.

The Bonnett family played a comprehensive part in wresting Lane County from the wilderness. For many years Mr. Bonnett resided on a ranch near Colburg, but recently retired from active life and had since resided in Eugene. He was married in Harrisburg, Or., in 1868 to Catherine Couch.

Mr. Bonnett was prominent in this vicinity. He was a member of the Oddfellows lodge.

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