

ORGY OF CHRISTMAS BUYING IS REPORTED

People in Many Cities Are Spending Money Freely.

LUXURIES SOUGHT MOST

Jewelry and Fur Trades Doing Biggest Business of Years. Stores Have 'Traffic Cops.'

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special)—These dispatches received from widely separated points show a remarkable abundance of money, chiefly among people not so fortunate in other years, who are spending it on their Christmas shopping and gaieties.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Department and other stores are reported to be doing a tremendous Christmas business. Exorbitant prices that are being charged for articles of embellishment rather than for necessities have no terror for the thousands who have profited by the war or are now receiving high wages.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 23.—Downtown retailers say this is the biggest Christmas shopping season St. Louis ever had. Christmas sales this season will show from 50 to 60 per cent increase over those of last year. Jewelry has sold rapidly this year, diamonds, although more costly than ever, have been in large demand. Clothing, too, has shown a big increase.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—New Orleans has taken \$100,000,000 more money on its Christmas shopping this year than it did last Christmas and has made from one-third to one-half as many more purchases. High-grade, expensive goods and luxuries dominate purchases.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—Despite the fact that thousands of miners suffer from great financial losses, recent strikes, department store managers today assert there is a "great increase" in Christmas business this year as compared with past years. Jewelry store proprietors report their business markedly increased. This is especially true of the jewelry shops known to cater to "common trade."

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Christmas trade in this city far exceeds in volume that of any previous year. The reports all the business it can possibly handle. The greatest expenditure is being made in jewelry and furs, dealers in these lines reaping a harvest.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Quaker city is in the midst of an orgy of spending for Christmas and money seems no object. Large department stores have been forced to institute a system of traffic cops in their aisles to keep the crowd bent on buying a-moving. Managers report that the increased prices of expensive articles has not cut down purchases.

BANK'S OFFICERS SUED

G. A. SARLES DEMANDS RIGHT TO LOOK AT BOOKS.

State Bank of Portland Stockholder Alleges Officials Refuse Him Access to Accounts.

As a stockholder in the State Bank of Portland, G. A. Sarles has been refused permission to inspect the books of the corporation, he declared in an action to enforce this right through a writ of mandamus filed in the circuit court yesterday. The writ is returnable Monday, December 29, at which time the officials of the bank must show cause why an inspection should not be made or grant the permission asked.

Attorney G. Ryan, who filed the petition for the mandatory writ, said last night that he was not at liberty to state the reasons for instituting the action. The bank and officials are named in the petition. The latter are: Leroy D. Walker, president; Anton Eckern, vice-president; and Maynard Redmond, cashier. The State Bank of Portland absorbed the Scandinavian American bank some years ago, being incorporated for that specific purpose. Officers of the bank said last night that Mr. Sarles had not been denied any information that might properly be given to him.

SCHOOL'S PLAN IN DOUBT

Willamette Defers Action on Erection of New Hall.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special)—Whether to launch a state-wide campaign to raise \$1,000,000 to replace Waller Hall, erect the proposed new woman's building and make other extensive improvements of Willamette university, or confine the drive to repairing the partially burned structure will be decided by R. A. Booth, Dr. B. L. Stevens, Dr. J. H. Collins and Dr. Carl G. Doney, members of the board of trustees of the institution. At a meeting of the trustees here today Fred A. Legg, architect, presented tentative plans for the rebuilding of Waller hall, but because of the possibility of a large financial campaign no action was taken. It is said here that no resident already has offered a large donation if the drive for \$1,000,000 is finally determined upon by the university officials.

ROBBER SUSPECT ARRESTED

Two men, one armed with a revolver, were arrested last night by Patrolman Green at Vieta avenue and Patton road, with a few blocks of Strohecker & Sons grocery store, where the safe was blown and looted early yesterday. They are Henry Brown, 20 years old, charged with carrying concealed weapons, and James Lane, 26 years old, charged with vagrancy.

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IRVINGTON YOUNGSTERS, ONE OF 150 GROUPS, WHO WILL SING TONIGHT BEFORE HOMES IN WHICH LIGHT CANDLES WELCOME THEM.



Group of youngsters singing "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," standing in front of the Westminster Presbyterian church and being directed by Walter Jenkins of the Community Service.

5000 WILL SING CAROLS

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BE SUNG INTO HEART OF CITY.

Songsters Organized Into Groups Will Invade Every District of Portland.

The Christmas message of joy and hope will be sung into the heart of Portland tonight by 5000 carolers who, under the direction of the community service, will invade every district of the city and sing before the windows in which are placed lighted candles.

The singers will range in age from the youngest school children to business men and women, and will be in groups of from 15 to 50 members. These groups, of which there are more than 150, are assigned to different districts of the city, so that the music will be enjoyed throughout Portland. They will sing between the hours of 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock.

The Vernon school, in which there was a recent strike, will have perhaps the largest body of singers. Two hundred fifty of its scholars will band together. Franklin high school will send 27 group leaders to assist in conducting the carolers. Eleven groups will come from the Clinton Kelley school. Other organizations which will participate will be Olds, Worlman & King, Martha Washington hotel, Lidman & Wolfe, Hazelwood, Neustader Brothers, Portland Woolen Mills and others. One hundred groups will go from Portland churches.

Walter Jenkins, song leader of the community service, is in general charge of the singing.

YOUNGS BAY DATA READY

Bridge Bid to Be Sent to Simon Benson for Approval.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special)—All data connected with the construction of the proposed Youngs bay bridge at Astoria, including the bids from local contractors, at the meeting of the state highway commission held in Portland last week, have been compiled by local engineers of the department and will be sent to Simon Benson, a member of the commission, who now is in California. Because the lowest bid was approximately \$31,000, or \$61,000 in excess of an engineer's estimate, it was decided to delay awarding the formal contract until the proposal could be approved by Mr. Benson.

If the commission approves the lowest bid, work on the structure probably will begin within the next few weeks, and the employment of the Salem offices of the commission.

OFFICER RULING IS GIVEN

War Department Answers Inquiries as to Commissions.

In reply to numerous inquiries relative to the reinstatement of civilians to emergency commissions formerly held in event of hostilities between this and any other country, the secretary of war has issued the following information: The war department has been commissioning in the officers' reserve corps suitable officers who served during the emergency and who have been re-commissioned in such reserve corps. In the event of any future emergency, it is contemplated that the reserve corps may be needed by being secured by ordering to active duty officers holding commissions in the officers' reserve corps, and by commissioning of civilians in not contemplated until such reserve of officers has been exhausted.

U. S. FLAGS TO TOP TREES

Kiwanis Club Points Out Christmas Duty of Americans.

"Put an American flag at the top of your Christmas tree." This is the word from the Kiwanis club, whose members point out that holiday celebrations are best carried out with observance of duties and privileges as Americans. The Christmas spirit prevailed at the club luncheon at the Benson yesterday. A Christmas message was delivered by Dr. Howard A. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Harry Hibschman of Spokane, Wash., asserted that much of the unrest is caused by the refusal of retailers to content themselves with a fair margin of profit.

CLACKAMAS STILL SEIZED

Two Men Caught Making Liquor Fined \$50 and \$100.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Sheriff W. J. Wilson certainly could not have predicted a Christmas on Tuesday afternoon when he unearthed a still in operation in a house in the Hitchita section of the county near Clackamas. He learned of the still and took

GIFT BOX IS DEADLY ONE

CHRISTMAS PACKAGE PROVES TO BE INFERNAL MACHINE.

Seattle Family Narrowly Escapes Death—Contrivance Sent by Mail From Portland.

THREE IN SHOPLIFTING NET

WOMAN AND SMALL STEPSISTERS ARRESTED.

Mrs. Anna Barton Alleged to Have Been Teaching "Game" to Girls Aged 13 and 9 Years.

In company with her two small stepsisters, to whom she was alleged to have been teaching the finer points of shoplifting, Mrs. Anna Barton, 21 years old, was arrested last night by inspectors Leonard and Heliyer and charged with the larceny of a coat from the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. store. The police found a leather handbag and a trunk said to contain \$600 worth of pink silk lingerie in her home at 124 Lincoln street. The articles were seized as evidence. One of the stepsisters, Cecile, is 13 years old, and the other 9 years old. Cecile escaped with the coat when the police arrested Mrs. Barton. The 9-year-old child guided the inspectors to the Barton home, where the alleged stolen goods were found.

BIG CAT IS MONEY MAKER

Persian Felina Brings in Milk, Squirrels and Muskrats.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special)—A large Persian cat at Glen Grayland, on the south beach, is proving valuable to its owner, a cranberry rancher, according to a story brought here by E. E. Benn, who has large holdings in that vicinity. Within the past few months the cat has captured more than 100 mink, squirrels and muskrats. Its principal catch has been mink, the pelts of which are quoted in the fur market at \$8 to \$9 each. Muskrat skins, once of little value, are worth \$250 to \$3 each. The animals have all been brought in in good condition. The cat was not trained for this work, but a reward of a big pan of milk and cream is supposed to be a stimulus.

MEMORIAL PLAN OPPOSED

CHOICE OF LIVING SOLDIERS FOR IMAGES NOT FAVORED.

Idaho Legion Urges ex-Service Men to Decline in Favor of Men Who Lost Lives.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The action taken by posts of the American legion in this state condemning the decision of the Idaho memorial association for selecting living ex-soldier models to be used for the uniform memorials to be erected in various counties of the state has created an interesting situation. The legislature created the state commission and empowered it to select a memorial to the memory of Idaho boys who gave their lives for their country in the recent war. The commission decided on Lieutenant John M. Regan of Boise, who lost his life on the battlefield in France; Private Newbauer of Sugar City, who won the congressional medal for bravery; and Sergeant Turner of Idaho county. It was in regard to the selection of the two latter that the objection was raised, legion posts declaring that the dead should be honored in preference to the living. The latter two men have been urged to decline to permit the commission to use their images for the memorial.

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LEGION TAKES UP GAUNTLET FOR SICK

Discharges From Hospitals Are to Be Protested.

SOME LEFT HELPLESS

Veteran Order Desires Disabled and Incapables Held Till Congress Increases Compensation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—A letter to the legislative committee of the American Legion in Washington urging efforts to have modified the recent order of the war department for the release to civil life of service men who had been under treatment in hospitals for more than 18 months was mailed from national headquarters of the organization today. The letter, signed by Franklin D'Oliver, national commander, supplements a resolution seeking the same object adopted last week by the executive committee of the organization here.

"Officers and enlisted men confined in hospitals receive full pay," the letter said. "When returned to civil life tubercular and other incurables will receive but \$5 to \$30 a month. We want such action by the war department postponed until provision will have been made for these men by congressional legislation and \$9 to \$9 days allowed for the formation of the necessary government organizations for carrying out the provisions of such legislation.

"Theoretically, the public health service is supposed to have an organization to take care of these men. As a matter of fact they have not the hospitals to care for the men, nor has sufficient appropriation ever been made by congress for this service. The war department order would throw on public charity the responsibility of caring for a large number of these sick.

"A compromise offer was made permitting men to remain in the hospitals for 12 months where but two or three months' additional treatment would be required for complete recovery. This showed a lack of appreciation of the real situation. It is not so much the care of these confined by temporary illness that concerns us as the future of thousands of incurables, who would be returned to civil life with inadequate means of support and inability to earn a livelihood for themselves."

ROSARIANS ARE TO SING

Quartet to Give Concert at Auditorium Next Sunday.

The Royal Rosarian quartet will be featured in the first of the third series of popular concerts to be held next Sunday afternoon in the public auditorium under the auspices of the city. Mrs. Gladys Morgan Farmer will play the organ. The Rosarian quartet is composed of Harry Miles Whetzel, first tenor; Warren A. Erwin, second tenor; Thomas H. Will-Hams, baritone; and Walter Hardwick, basso.

VETERANS TO PLAY SANTA

Children, Widows and Orphans to Be Guests Tuesday Night.

Children, widows and orphans of Spanish war veterans will be guests of Santa Claus at 8 o'clock next Tuesday night. This decision was reached at a meeting of the veterans at the courthouse last night, at which a report was received from the Christmas tree committee.

EXPLOSION BURNS COOK

Carl Chompp, cook in the Coffee Cup restaurant, Park and Alder streets, was burned severely about the hands and face last night by the explosion of gas in an oven by which he was working. He was attended by an intern from the emergency hospital, and went home.

AUTO HITS PEDESTRIAN

An automobile driven by Dr. J. C. Moore, 122 East Thirty-fourth street, ran over A. Lind, 326 Simpson street, at Union and Killingsworth avenues last night. Mr. Lind, who escaped with cuts and bruises, was taken to his home.

RIGHT OF WAY LANDS ASSESSABLE

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special)—

Douglas Fairbanks

in "When the clouds roll by"



It's "Doug" Fairbanks' second and greatest picture, written and produced by himself. See the Biggest Flood scene ever produced on the screen. It has a million and one thrills—and "Doug" adds a special thriller for every scene.

MAJESTIC

LANDS INCLUDED IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A RAILROAD ARE ASSESSABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER LANDS IN THE DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO A LEGAL OPINION GIVEN TODAY BY I. H. VAN WINKLE, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL. THE OPINION WAS REQUESTED BY J. P. LEE, ASSESSOR OF KLAMATH COUNTY, THROUGH THE STATE TAX COMMISSION. EXTRA! Orpheum show tonight.—Ad.

CHILDREN ARE LIBERAL

First Methodist Sunday School Raises \$500 Fund. The spirit of giving stood by the children of the First Methodist church Sunday school last night and they responded so generously to the call for money for the refugees of Bible lands that they doubled their quota. At the annual Christmas treat in the

Why lather and soap shaves are slow and uncomfortable

All soaps are made from grease or oil. Acids and alkali must be used to saponify them. These are really harmful. They burn the natural oils in your face. They raise the cuticle around each hair. The razor cuts this cuticle and slices the hair at an angle. This is why faces are sore and uncomfortable after shaving.

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No Soap — No Brush — No Lather Softens the toughest beard instantly

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Stat advertisement for a show featuring Corinne Griffith, with a large image of the actress.