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## CHRISTMAS FINDS ASTORIA CHEERY

### City, Emerging From Depression, Smiles.

## CHILDREN ARE MADE HAPPY

### Trees and Gifts Are Provided by Elks.

## LODGE HIGHLY PRAISED

### Baskets of Goodies Are Distributed; Adults Lay Plans for Reconstruction.

## ASTORIA, OR., Dec. 24.—(Special.)

The spirit of Christmas has flooded this stricken city as thoroughly as the warm equinoctial rain, which for two days has bathed the scarred by flames, which recently ate out the city's business heart. Faced by a task of almost unimaginable proportions and just emerging from the depression which full realization of the extent of the disaster brought, Astoria's citizens tonight were preparing for "the first Christmas after the great fire" and on every face was a smile.

## Gloom to Be Driven Away.

"There will be no abiding place for gloom in all Astoria tomorrow," declared Rev. W. S. Gilbert, chairman of the committee of ten, and his words appeared truly prophetic.

## Plans Spotted by Fire.

Just prior to the fire Astoria Elks had completed plans for its annual Christmas tree. But the fire spotted all that and left the Astoria Elks downhearted. Then W. P. Stenborg, of Portland; W. F. McKenney, president, and Monroe Goldstein, secretary of the state association, brought cheer to the announcement that contributions from lodges throughout the state would provide a Christmas basket for every child in Astoria under the age of 12 years.

## Three Trees Provided.

So last night at three Christmas trees—one in South hall, a second in Columbia hall and the third in the high school gymnasium, happy children gathered and care-free fathers and mothers silently clasped hands as President McKenney delivered Elkdom's message in the words of the Creator, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

## YOUTH, STRUCK DOWN, FOUND LYING BESIDE ROAD.

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## YULE MASS ABANDONED

Primate of Ireland Fears Government Cordon About Church.

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, today announced that he had abandoned his previously announced purpose of holding his usual midnight mass to usher in Christmas.

## DIET MENU ANNOUNCED.

Here's the menu the guardsmen will serve:

Cream of tomato soup, oyster crackers, roast young turkey, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, celery, cream corn, apple pie, raisin pie, mince pie, chocolate cake, coconut cake, caramel cake, assorted

## MAIL CARRIERS KEPT BUSY ALL OF SUNDAY

### DELIVERIES WILL TAKE UP MOST OF TODAY ALSO.

### Only One Call to Be Made, but Volume of Mail Is So Great It Will Take Ten Hours.

The mail carriers were so busy playing Santa Claus to the residents of Portland yesterday that they had no time to take their customary Sunday lay-off. And they will continue to work today while most of the city's more fortunate citizens are enjoying Christmas dinners and fixings or passing the day in relaxation and amusement.

## CHEER IS CARRIED INTO EVERY HOME

### Baskets Are Provided for Needy Families.

## WHOLE CITY MAKES MERRY

### Mayor Baker and Chief Jenkins Lead in Relief.

## 100 VIGILANTES ASSIST

### Elks Hold Christmas Tree in Auditorium Today; Admission to Be by Ticket Only.

## JAPAN HOPEFUL OF PACT

### New Agreement Suggested in Case Arms Treaty Falls.

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Diplomacy during the current year is mainly pivoted upon the Washington agreements, according to Viscount Uchida, Japanese foreign minister, who addressed the upper house here today.

## CHICAGO OFFICES BURN

### Annual Stockyard Blaze Is Staged in Windy City.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)—Offices of 40 livestock commission firms were reduced to ruins and one fireman was seriously injured today when fire destroyed the roof and third story of the Exchange building, in the heart of the Union stockyards.

## JAM THREATENS BRIDGE

### Span at Kelso Endangered by Several Million Feet of Logs.

SEASIDE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A log jam, containing several million feet of logs from the Silver Lake Lumber & Railway company's booms threatened the Kelso bridge today. False work under the new bridge which is immediately below the old bridge caused the jam. Efforts to break it met with considerable success and a million feet of logs already has gone into the Columbia river.

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## WONDER WHO IS HAPPIEST THIS MORNING?

### OR SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO PLAYED SANTA CLAUS?

## PRESIDENT GREETING DISABLED VETERANS

### PEOPLE PLEDGED TO GIVE EVERY VETERAN A FEELING OF NATIONAL AFFECTION

### WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Harding, in a Christmas message to disabled veterans, made public tonight, declared they were "entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything possible for them."

### Gratitude of Nation Extended to Men Made Maimed and Ill by Serving Country.

The greeting of the president, which the disabled American veterans, through its national office here, sent out to its members, follows:

"It is deemed especially fitting that at the Christmas season the gratitude of the nation should be extended to the sick, disabled and maimed men of the country's military services. These men are beyond all others the most sorely tried victims of the armed service in which they and their comrades upheld the national honor and vindicated the national flag."

"Our obligation has prompted the nation to a very considerable dealing with them, which, it is hoped, has been, in some measure at least, commensurate with the debt owing to them. For such misfortunes have come to thousands of them, no adequate reparation, but they are entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything possible for them."

"That the coming year may bring them in the fullest measure a restored fortune, health and prosperity is the earnest wish of the entire nation."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Holding greetings to the rank and file of the army have been sent by Secretary Weeks, General Pershing and by Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, who signalled his approaching retirement to private life by sending best wishes to his comrades.

"You are the guardians and preservers of that peace and good will which we reverence at this season," Secretary Weeks said. "None deserve to a greater degree the benefits of the peace we now enjoy, the security of which you guaranteed by your personal service to the nation."

General Pershing in his message said: "You have materially contributed to the welfare of the American people during the year just ending, yours has been a personal service for the good of your country, which is deeply appreciated."

General Harbord's greeting was in the nature of a formal farewell to the service he had been in for more than 38 years.

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## CAUSE OF EVILS DEEP

### Reorganization of Europe's Industry Declared Necessary as Second Step.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN, Germany's Foremost Publicist. (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.)

In the midst of rejecting throughout Germany the hope that a Berlin loan will soon be forthcoming from America, Dr. Harden sounds a solemn warning. Such relief would be exhausted within a year, he believes, and the terrible industrial crisis which has been staved off so far would completely engulf Germany and all Europe.

France-German collaboration must be the first step in economic restoration, he says, followed by organization of a Pan-European conference, whose seeds would be fertilized by the manna of a loan which, if it comes too soon, will only shrivel in barren earth.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Is our world approaching a new Christmas? The present era has lasted too long, as happened once before when Jeremiah prophesied the dawn of Christianity. Grief hangs cloud-like over everything. Millions of mothers lament their dead children. Distress cripples whole nations and the air vibrates with the groans of those languishing in misery.

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End of Suffering Seen. "Our suffering is coming to an end," they say. "The world is beginning to see that it cannot exist without Germany's recovery. America is going to intervene. It will grant a big loan and compel France to reduce her claims. After a few weeks the mark will recover its old value."

The tangible reason for this belief here is the fact that the dollar declined 3000 marks in the last few days. All the rest, as I write, is intangible rumor, having as its origin political and financial speculation. The causes for political speculation are less evident than the plain object of the financiers, who desire to buy raw stuff for Germany and shares in Germany below yesterday's exorbitant prices, and to reduce the foreign bills.

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## SOVIET CLAIMS VICTORY

### United States Said to Have Realized Power of Reds.

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—After six months of watchful waiting the United States suddenly has arrived at the conclusion that soviet Russia was a real factor in world economics and must be reckoned with, according to an assertion made by M. Kameneff, president of the Moscow soviet, at the opening of the all-Russian congress yesterday.

M. Kameneff spoke in the place of M. Lenin, the premier who, he announced, had prepared an extensive report, but deferring to the advice of his doctor would not leave his home for several days, owing to his fatigue that he was ill from overwork.

## PERSHING STADIUM BEGS

### Paris Seems Unable to Give Away Structure.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Nobody wants the Pershing stadium; the city of Paris can not give it away, the union of federations of sporting societies to whom the municipal council offered the stadium recently, refused to accept it unless the city guaranteed the 100,000 francs necessary for its yearly upkeep. This the city is not prepared to do.

The municipal council now has offered Pershing stadium to the sporting federation of the labor unions.

## AUTOMOBILE VICTIM DIES

### Los Angeles Teacher Struck by Car in Honolulu.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Miss Katherine Hall, normal school teacher, died in a hospital here today after being struck by an automobile while she was getting on a street car.

Stanley Kennedy, manager of the Center Island American Navigation company, was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

Miss Hall's parents, who live at 60 South Euclid avenue, Pasadena, Cal., have been notified.



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The great Anglo-French business negotiations with reparations and the near east as the objective are yet unconcluded. Kemal Pasha's Turks want money, and, naturally, as they did not receive the 250,000,000 francs they demanded in Paris, they turned to England, where Leslie Trouhard gave them a check for a million pounds sterling with a prospect for further aid, thus spelling the French game on the one hand and the Russian on the other.

Lausanne Conference Bluff. The course of the Lausanne conference henceforth can be nothing but a bluff, but England, who willingly paid a large sum for her share of control of the straits and tranquillization of the Indian Mohammedans, has as yet not found an effectual means of making France yield on reparations.

The effort to do this by lowering the exchange rate of the franc has been unsuccessful despite the fact that American private institutions helped in the matter for pacifist reasons. French railways have had British money advanced to them, while French trade with Russia has been rendered possible, with the result that the position of the franc necessarily improved.

During the recent London conference it became clear to Premier Poincare that America's help would be obtainable only when France desisted from military force. He expressed this intention in the chamber, and Deputies Tardieu and Leclercq, who desire to succeed him, agreed with him. This means progress, but for England the way is still "long to Tipperary."

France May Be Target. Were France to be brought to the British viewpoint on the principal issues—the near east, reparations, debt and disarmament—she must be intimidated and made to appear as the only obstacle preventing solution of all political and economic difficulties with American help.

It is comprehensible that this war, has engendered the latest rumors, but it is impossible that this belief prevails in America, whose operation, I have frequently stated, is necessary, but that even a large loan could miraculously heal the world's economic sickness is foolish

## CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY OF WOMAN AGED 111

### NATIVE OF IRELAND CROSSES ATLANTIC IN 1840.

### Old-Time Girls, Without Paint and Rolled Stockings, Held as Pretty as Present Ones.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary Vermette, who lives on a farm near Woodstock, Ill., will celebrate tomorrow her 111th birthday anniversary. It is believed she has lived through more Christmas celebrations than any other person in Illinois.

Mrs. Vermette was born on Christmas day, 1811, in Cork, Ireland, and came across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel in 1840. Soon thereafter she came to Illinois in an ox-cart.

She will enjoy the celebration today, for she moves around the house with freedom. Her son, Richard, 78 years old, will help in the Christmas festivities. There is another son who is still three years older.

When questioned recently about the difference between the girls of today and those of her girlhood, she replied with decision:

"The girls in my day were just as pretty as the girls are now, but they didn't paint their faces or roll their stockings to make themselves attractive to young men."

Mrs. Vermette's greatest enthusiasm is the freedom of Ireland.

## KELLER HAS BREAKDOWN

### Representative Who Sought to Impeach Daugherty Ill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Threatened with a nervous breakdown, Representative Keller republican, Minnesota, whose impeachment charges against Attorney-General Daugherty recently were heard by a congressional committee, is at his home here under a doctor's orders to stay away from work for a couple of weeks.

His physician said today that his condition was not serious.

## JUAREZ HAS BIG FIRE

### American Consulate Is Burned in \$150,000 Blaze.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Fire starting in a restaurant in the business section of Juarez, just across the border, today destroyed the American consulate offices and wiped out more than a half block of business houses before it was brought under control.

The loss is estimated at more than \$150,000.

## CANAL IS HIT BY SLIDE

### Panama Waterway Traffic Is Not Hampered by Accident.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—A slide in the Panama canal occurred Friday morning. Meanwhile traffic through the waterway will not be hampered.

## CONSULATE IS BOMBED

### Little Damage Done to Italian Building in Spain.

LISBON, Dec. 24.—A bomb was exploded today against the door of the Italian consulate here. Only slight damage was caused.

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## ARBUCKLE MAKES FAIR PLAY PLEA

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## SCRIPTURES ARE QUOTED

### Producer Prepares to Feature Fatty Again.

## SCENARIO IS SOUGHT

### Fat Comedian Asks How Accusers Would Like to Be Judged as They Judge Him.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Roscoe C. "Fatty" Arbuckle, motion picture actor, today quoted the scriptures—"As ye judge, so shall ye be judged"—in his first official statement on the controversy which followed his Christmas "pardon" granted him by Will H. Hays, titular head of the motion picture industry.

He issued the statement shortly after returning from San Francisco, where he went last Friday to pay his brother a brief visit, and simultaneously Joseph M. Schenck, producer, who will re-employ the comedian, announced he was seeking a scenario suitable for Arbuckle and that work on a picture would be begun as soon as it was found.

Statement Is Issued. "All I ask is the rights of an American citizen—American fair play. Through misfortune and tragic accident, I was tried on a charge of which I was absolutely innocent. A jury composed of eight men and four women, all of whom were of high character and excellent civic standing and all of whom were members of churches of various faiths, found me innocent. Not only that, but the same jury sent a message to the American people in this language:

"Acquittal is not enough for Roscoe Arbuckle. We feel that a great injustice has been done him. We also feel that it was only our plain duty to give him this acquittal under the evidence, for there was not the slightest proof adduced to connect him in any way with the commission of a crime."

"We wish him success and hope the American people will take the judgment of 14 men and women who have sat for 31 days listening to the evidence that Roscoe Arbuckle is entirely innocent and free from blame."

"Unlike the jury, those denouncing me have heard their part of the evidence and are without knowledge of the facts. The Scripture says that 'As ye judge, so shall ye be judged.' How would my accusers like to be judged as they are judging me?"

Innocence Is Asserted. "The institutions of my country, the courts and juries, and the law of the land have declared me innocent, and I am entitled to the benefit and protection of the law. Those who are unjustly, untruthfully, maliciously and venomously attacking me:

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