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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 scar left 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. The Christmas spirit and the determination to "help the other fellow" was apparent in all plans for observance of the greatest day of the year.

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 2500 Astoria children, who otherwise faced the probability of falling to get a visit from Santa Claus.

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 children 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."

And what a reception that 40-

pieces band received! At each Christmas tree childish airs of joy rent the air as soon as the first uniformed bandman appeared.

President McKenney was accom-

panied to Astoria by Secretary Goldstein and Stanhope S. Pler, treasurer of the Portland Elks' Christmas tree committee. Arrangements for the three Christmas trees and programmes were made by a committee of the Astoria lodge headed by George Walters. Other members were J. L. Wilkins, Charles Wright and William Silvo. Prior to the celebrations the visiting Elks and members of the band were guests of Mr. Wilkins at a dinner at the Halco hotel and at supper just before the band returned to Portland.

Special Services Arranged.

Observance of Christmas will center in special services at the various churches of the city. Sermons of pastors will tend to strengthen the morale of the citizens who were sorely tried but not found wanting in courage and fortitude.

Men of the National guard, who

already have endeared themselves with Astoria's needy, will add the final touch tomorrow with a Christmas dinner in the basement of the Methodist church.

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.

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. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—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.

SEKEL, 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.

AUTOIST IGNORES VICTIM

Youth, Struck Down, Found Lying Beside Road.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—George Newman, aged 19, of South Union, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newman, sustained a fractured skull when he was struck down by a small automobile on the Pacific highway near Tumwater last night.

YULE MASS ABANDONED

Primate of Ireland Fears Government Cordon About Church.

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

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.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Harding, in a Christmas message to disabled veterans, declared tonight, "It is a Christmas message to the nation that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything possible for them."

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 honor."

"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 and they can be no compensation, no adequate reward, 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, which 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."

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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.

PERSHING STADIUM BEGS

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.

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CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY OF WOMAN AGED 111

NATIVE OF IRELAND CROSSES ATLANTIC IN 1840.

ARBUCKLE MAKES FAIR PLAY PLEA

Innocence Asserted and Acquittal Cited.

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.

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The course of the Lausanne conference henceforth can be nothing but a bluff, but England, who will not give up the Suez, will have to play a large sum for her share of control of the straits and tranquillization of the Indian Mohammedans, as has yet not found an effectual means of making France yield on reparations.

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