

ALASKA READY TO KISS RUM GOODBYE

With Midnight, December 31, Order of Decency Will Succeed Drunken Roistering.

OLD-TIMERS BEWILDERED

In Whisky's "Gladdening" Wake Old Friends Have Fought and Blood of Innocent Has Been Spent—Civilization Steps In.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—From across the snow-steeped trails leading into Nome "Big Jack" Winters, square-jawed, heavy framed, thick-muscled man of adventure, brought up on his dog-team in front of the famous Northern saloon under the pale of dawn. He had been "out" for many weeks and his inner self ached to spend the poke of gold he had.

Leaping from the seat on his sled he rushed through the swinging doors of the Northern.

"Hello boys," he shouted, tossing the snow off of his hat. "How's the gang gettin' along?"

His voice rang through the hall and for the moment drowned out the asynopated strains from the adjoining room where scarlet women tripped about the slippery floor with top-heavy partners. Eyes glanced up from the faro wheels and nimble fingered dealers suggested to their customers to "wait a minute."

"Line up 'ere fellers and bring all the girls in," said "Big Jack," as he took a commanding position in the middle of the bar. From his coat he brought a big leather pocket and flung it on the mahogany top.

All Goes for "Booze."

"It's all for booze and a hell of a time," he explained with a violent rap of his fist. The crowd gathered about and "Big Jack's" big time was soon on in full blast. Wine, whisky, champagne—anything it all flowed like so much water. Gold dust turned into sparkling liquor. It wasn't particularly a big time in Nome; it was just "Big Jack's" big time.

As the night wore on and midnight gave way to early morn the orgy became more riotous. Vice ran rampant, unimpeded by any legal brakes. Presently a word was passed that meant fight in the North. The best of friends, in their drunken condition, clenched iron-knuckled hands and sprang at each other like tigers. A free-for-all was soon on. Pistol shots rang out from one corner of the room. One man fell, wounded. The riot continued for a time and then gradually subsided and the liquor-crazed men and women filed out into the snowy streets to go to their homes to rest—if it be that—for another wild night.

In the afternoon of the next day "Big Jack" started back over the trails for another poke with which to have another "big time."

Scenes Are Familiar.

Such are the scenes of the Alaska of old, without which a story of the passing of the Northland of yesterday, would be incomplete.

It's now good-bye for good to the Alaska of old. Crepe will soon hang in full length upon its romantic, blood-tinted, reckless past.

It's "good morning" to the Alaska of tomorrow, whitewashed by the sweeping brush of 20th century civilization. For when the hands on the time-scattered clocks hang on the walls in the famous saloons of the Far North reach 12 midnight Monday night it will mark a new era in civilization's forward charge. These clocks that never before held out any significance to anyone within their radius will carry a mighty message on that night. When darkness gives way to daylight Tuesday morning Alaska will be gone. The Alaska of old will have vanished, as if by the turn of the hand and the Alaska of new will have arrived. The most Western of the West will be revolutionized.

Old-Timers Bewildered.

Some of the old-timers of the North—grizzled old prospectors and adventure-seekers, who haven't been to "the outside" for years, can't understand the reason why. They are bewildered, dumfounded.

"Who is it that has invaded this far-away, nature-blessed land of ours and overturned things?" they ask.

"It is part of the new order of things," they are told.

But still they can't see why.

Outside of the personal views the expressions that were heard in Seattle, Portland and other large cities before they were voted dry ring from every corner:

"Prohibition will kill Alaska."

But just as Seattle and Portland have found by experience that instead of "killing" these cities, prohibition has given them the mightiest impetus, Alaska will doubtless find that it has been reborn into a greater country, with better men and better women.

Women's Vote Felt.

Those pokes of gold that went over the bar for whisky and wine will go to a better use. Those of the "Big Jack" Winters type will come into Nome over the trails and draw up in front of the old Northern only to find, possibly, a clothing store or a moving-picture house in the place where vice before had reigned.

It's all so different, so queer, so unusual, but pretty soon it will take on a familiar hue.

It was more than a year ago that the people of Alaska voted the territory dry. The women's vote rang loud in the result and the voice of the grizzled old-timers "who couldn't see why" was drowned out. The people's vote was just advisory, but the territorial legislature accepted the dictum and passed a measure recommending to Congress that it legislate Alaska dry. Congress did so.

attempting to locate the intermittent 77s of several French guns that have drawn up about us for this special attack. In our corrugated iron domiciles are four American drivers and about us 10 rather nervous broadsworders (stretchers-bearers), who are gaining child-like at a picture supplement of the New York World. They are going out in half an hour to assist in bringing in the wounded. When 4000 men face those spitting machine guns and crawl under the German barrage shells there are sure to be blessings—blessings galore. We are going to pick up the blessed far nearer the lines than usual. New postes have been established closer to the lines so that we can make faster trips and more of them. We have maps of the roads so that we can follow up the advance.

It will be 5 o'clock before the first blessed arrive and that hour there will be 20 ambulances here to do our

NEW YORKER TO HOLD MISSION IN ST. STEPHEN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL.



Rev. J. Attwood Stanfield, A mission of revival of spiritual and religious interest will open at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral beginning Thursday morning and continuing for ten days. The Rev. J. Attwood Stanfield, of New York City, who is regarded as one of the foremost Episcopalian preachers of the country, will preside. The mission does not mean missionary work, but an effort to bring religious power and truth to all who attend. The services will be daily—eucharist, 7 A. M.; prayers and instruction, 10 A. M.; and a big informal meeting in the evening, with good preaching, music and teaching. No collection will be taken up. As money is not the object, the public is invited.

work. One cannot help being a bit excited, for we are going into the hot place yet—we are going to drive over roads shelled by the Boche artillery—and we are going to follow up a real wholesale French offensive. I am not displaying bravado when I say that I am glad that for once our chances for safety are not so overwhelmingly and disgustingly good."

At this point there was a lapse, and later, following the attack, the letter continues:

"A great deal has happened in the past 19 hours. We carried over 100 wounded between 5:10 o'clock and midnight. All of the drivers made five trips and some seven. About 30 men died in our ambulances. This morning the arbor was full of corpses and the hospital was crammed full. The stretcher-bearers are sleeping from exhaustion."

"Ninety German prisoners were taken, several machine guns and four officers, including a captain. The first German trenches were found deserted. The French went on further, but did not stay, knowing the trenches were mined, thanks to their spy system."

TONG PLOTING DENIED

WITNESS PROTESTS IGNORANCE OF REQUEST FOR GUNMEN.

President of Hop Sing Tong Testifies in Behalf of Oriental Murder Accomplice Suspect.

That he had no knowledge of an alleged telegram sent by his tong in 1913 to the Hop Sing tong at San Francisco in which an urgent plea for gunmen is said to have been made, was testimony given yesterday by Wong King Lock, president of the Hop Sing tong, in testifying in behalf of Chin Jung Hin, president of the Suey Sing tong, on Tuesday before Circuit Judge Bingham for complicity in the murder of Chin Hong, of the Bing Kung tong.

The witness further denied any knowledge of alleged tong records said to be in the hands of Deputy District Attorney Collier in which certain rival tongmen were marked for killing, and also containing the names of the rival Chinese who had been killed in the recent tong hostilities in this city.

The Hop Sing president denied emphatically that there was any "murder meeting" between his tong and the allied Suey Sing tong on the night of May 18 last, at which time the killing of Chin Hong is alleged to have been planned.

The defense expects to conclude the presentation of its case by tomorrow evening and the case probably will reach the jury Wednesday evening or early Thursday.

APPLE SITUATION PLEASES

Hood River Sales Manager Says Condition Better Than in 1916.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—According to the reports of local apple shipping concerns a total of 315,000 boxes of the million box crop of apples for last Fall remains in local cold storage plants and warehouses. The Apple-growers' Association reports 240,000 boxes, of which 50,000 are sold and are being shipped to purchasers. Sales Manager McCullagh reports that the situation now is far better than last season, when the cold storage plant had more than 300,000 boxes in stock and a large amount of fruit stored at Eastern terminals.

"This year," says Mr. McCullagh, "all apples shipped East have been sold, and the fruit that we hold in storage for purchasers will not interfere with making a sale at Eastern centers at a later date."

Guler Masons Elect.

GULER, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Trout Lake Lodge of Masons has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, Charles F. Coate; senior warden, Clifford W. Stewart; junior warden, John E. Reynolds; treasurer, William Coate; secretary, Edgar C. Duncan; John deacon, Henry Pearson; junior deacon, Charles A. Pearson; chaplain, Frank M. Coate; marshal, Blaise C. Hamilton; Tyler, Claus H. Pearson; senior steward, Christian Guler.

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OREGON BOYS HAPPY

Mrs. William R. Logus Visits at Camp Mills and Other Posts.

SOLDIERS IN GOOD HEALTH

Before Regiment Left for France

Woman Visited in New York, Where She Was Entertained Extensively; Operas Enjoyed.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—

Mrs. William R. Logus, wife of Captain Logus, of the 102d Infantry, who has been visiting in Canada and the East for five weeks, returned to Oregon City Wednesday.

Mrs. Logus visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tilden, at Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, for a month, and then proceeded East, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Malley, formerly of this city, but now of Washington, D. C. It was the intention of Mrs. Logus to visit her husband at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., but after her arrival at Washington the Third Oregon received orders to move to Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y.

In company with Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley, she proceeded to the Panama Military Hospital at Vancouver, B. C., to await the arrival of the troop train bearing Captain Logus, who was on the lookout for the party when the train arrived. Mrs. Logus later went to Hempstead, where she secured an apartment so she could be near her husband.

Although visiting days were Sunday and Wednesday of each week, Mrs. Logus was given a pass which entitled her to visit the camp at any time she desired. She was the guest of honor of the boys from this city and all were glad to see someone from home. Mrs. Logus said many of the boys with whom she was not acquainted greeted her cordially.

Soldiers in Good Health.

"Camp Mills is not a desirable place for winter camp," says Mrs. Logus, "nevertheless the boys from Oregon and the West appeared to be in good health, especially 'Curley' Armstrong and Kent Moody, of Oregon City. 'The boys from the West have made a hit' with the Eastern people. This is due to their fine discipline. When allowed to make trips to the city of New York, the discipline was the same as in camp and on visiting days. They received visitors in a manner that won praise from all. While stationed at Camp Mills, although the weather was anything but pleasant, they were not word of complaint from the Western boys."

Before the regiment left for France Mr. and Mrs. Logus took many delightful trips to New York City, where they attended operas and other places of amusement. The first time Mrs. Logus and her nephew, Kent Moody, were the guests of Mr. Logus's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Graciously, who reside in Flushing, N. Y. Captain Logus was unable to leave camp on that day, but fared well, as turkey and other "good eats" had been provided for the men in camp.

Captain Logus had given his wife orders, before breaking camp, that she should be as close to him as possible. Mrs. Logus promised her husband none would be "spared" if she was allowed to see the troops leave. The request was granted, and Mrs. Logus, in company with Mrs. Stewart, of Portland, wife of Captain Stewart, who also left on the same train, watched the departure of the men.

Sweaters Please Soldiers.

It was during a visit at Camp Lewis that Mrs. Logus witnessed the arrival of the sweaters and helmets sent by the Red Cross Society. "You never saw such delight as when these articles arrived," she says. "The men tried them on, and they were somewhat becoming. When the troops departed there were enough helmets and sweaters for all the men, and as the day was cold, these articles came in handy for the soldier boys."

After the departure of her husband Mrs. Logus was the guest of Mrs. Kathryn Ward Pope, formerly of this city, who is studying for opera, and who expects to make her debut with an opera company early next spring. Mrs. Pope has a rich voice, and was heard on many occasions while a resident of Oregon City. Mrs. Logus was a guest of honor at several grand opera performances while a guest of Mrs. Pope. She also was a guest of honor at several dinners. Mrs. Logus made the return trip through the Southern States. She passed a day at New Orleans and witnessed one of the lightest nights established in that city. The city was dreary and black and anything but inviting to a visitor.

While passing through Texas and Arizona the atmosphere was sweltering, and it was necessary to have elec-

tric fans in operation for the comfort of passengers on the train. The train was delayed many hours, due to heavy traffic and soldier trains.

FINANCIAL PLAN PROPOSED

Morton Would Issue Road Bonds to Assist County.

MORTON, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Realizing that the extent of the damage done in Eastern Lewis County by the high water may cause a shortage in county funds that would endanger or defer improvements badly needed in this section and already provided for, Morton has come to the front with a plan to help the county out.

On New Year's day, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Red Cross rooms, there will be a meeting of the Commercial Club to inquire into and formulate plans for the bonding of this road district by forming an improvement district if necessary for enough to build the road to Bremer from Morton if possible to the west end of Bear Canyon and place it in year-around condition, and to put the Highland Valley road in similar condition, and enough over to pay the promised county's share of building the Riffe bridge.

SOLDIER'S AUNT SOUGHT

Letter From Joe Ross, in Hospital, Awaits Mrs. Janet Gibson.

A letter intended for a Mrs. Janet Gibson, of Portland, from a badly wounded soldier, now in Shaughnessy Military Hospital at Vancouver, B. C., is being held by Mrs. W. S. Terry, 167 Eleventh street, who brought it to Portland and the soldier's request several days ago.

Mrs. Terry has made every effort to locate the Mrs. Gibson referred to, but without success. Yesterday she communicated with W. F. Gibson, of Butler Bros., who is no relative of the woman sought and he yesterday asked the Oregonian to assist in finding Mrs. Gibson.

Mrs. Terry was visiting the military hospitals in Vancouver, where she met the wounded soldier, whose name was Joe Ross. He had attained the rank of corporal when he was badly injured and sent to the Shaughnessy hospital after preliminary treatment abroad. Mrs. Gibson is his aunt.

BREAD CONTEST ARRANGED

"Show" to Be Feature of Housekeepers' Week at Pullman.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Housewives, the home breadmakers of Washington, are invited by Miss Mary E. Sutherland, home economics extension lecturer of the State College, to participate in a state-wide breadmaking contest, the purpose of which is to enlist the industry, skill, experience and patriotism of women who know how to make bread in producing the best loaf of bread in point of wheat, flour economy, palatability and nutritional qualities.

The State College's "bread show" is planned as the crowning event of Housewives' Week at the college, the week of January 7, at which all the bread will be auctioned for the benefit of the Red Cross.

EXCESSIVE FEES CHARGED

Quack Doctors Are Warned by City Health Officer Parrish.

Reports that certain quack doctors in the city are forcing payments of exorbitant bills from patients being treated for social diseases, caused City Health Officer Parrish to issue a warning yesterday against the practice.

It has been reported that physicians in some cases have threatened the patients with exposure unless bills are paid. Parrish said this is nothing more than blackmail, and such cases should be reported immediately to him. He says that while physicians are required to report work at the health office they do not report the name of the patient, but only his number as given by the physician.

Worthless Checks Cause Arrest.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—R. E. Brady, who passed a number of worthless checks in Marshfield during the Christmas season, and for whom the officers were searching, was apprehended today by Cashier E. J. Loney, of Powers, while attempting to pass a check at the Powers bank. Brady will be returned to Marshfield, under a warrant issued by District Attorney John F. Hall, and given a preliminary hearing in a Justice Court.

French Urge Grain Economy.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a resolution asking the government to prohibit the use of cereals in the manufacture of gin.

LIBERTY

SUNDAY NOON CONCERT

1. HAIL, COLUMBIA!
2. Andantino (Duet) from "Il Trovatore."
3. The Skaters, Waltzes.
4. HALLELUJAH CHORUS from the "Messiah."

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE



From the stirring story by Rupert Hughes, "When Life is Marked Down"

Which Eye Does Ben Shoot With?



TAMING TARGET CENTER Thirty Minutes With SHERIFF NELL AND THE GRIEF ROBBERS

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT MATINEE

STAY UP LATE AND BE A DEVIL—JOIN THE LIVE ONES

LOG SHIPMENT IS ISSUE

CONTOVERSY BETWEEN RAILROADS NOW IN FEDERAL COURT.

Judges Bean, Wolverton and Gilbert Will Sit on Banc on Application of S. P. for Restraining Order.

United States Judges Bean, Wolverton and Gilbert, in the Federal Court tomorrow morning will hear arguments on the application of the Southern Pacific Company for an order restraining the Public Service Commission of this state from enforcing a decree requiring the railroad company to make physical connections with the Oregon Electric at Albany for an interchange of service.

Enforcement of the order of the State Commission is resisted by the Southern Pacific Company on the ground that it undertakes to require it to turn over its terminal facilities to a competing line without due compensation.

The real purpose of the desired interchange of service requested by the Oregon Electric is to expedite the shipment of logs which originate along its

railway line above Albany for the paper mills at Oregon City.

For the information of lawyers, District Court Clerk Marsh yesterday announced that the motion calendar in the Federal Court will be called at 2 o'clock tomorrow instead of 10 A. M. This change of time was made on account of the hearing that has been set for the morning session.

Forestry Soldier Dies.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Will Pratt, formerly of this place, who joined the Forestry Service some time ago and who was in Washington, D. C., on his way to France with his company, died at that place according to a telegram received by Edward Pratt, a brother of the deceased. Will Pratt left the Northwest about a month ago. He was unmarried. The body will be shipped to Chehalis for burial. In the telegram announcing Mr. Pratt's death permission was asked to hold an autopsy to establish the cause of death.

Car of Apples Promised.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Fruitgrowers of Medford and the Rogue River Valley have agreed to furnish a carload of extra fancy Newtown apples for the American soldiers at the front. S. V. Beckwith, manager of the Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association, has been appointed district chairman for Southern Oregon by C. M.

McCullagh, of Hood River, who is chairman of the movement in the state.

In New Zealand the Minister of Railways is considering a suggestion that railway locomotives be given names to perpetuate some of the great events of the war.

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