EARLY SHOPPING IS DESIRED THIS YEAR

Portland Merchants and Their Employes Urge Haste.

LAST-DAY RUSH DREADED

Buyers Now Have Benefit of Complete Stocks; Forenoon Trading Is Encouraged.

The early Christmas shopper is like the early bird. And by an early shopper is meant one who shops not only early in the season, but early in the day.

This, in brief, is the way Portland merchants and the men and women behind the counter size up the situation with Christmas only a few days away.

Early buyers, it is pointed out, have a larger assortment to choose from and receive better service from the clerks. Early-morning shoppers have freshly replenished stocks to select from and get more attention from the folk behind the counter. Early buyers also do a humanitarian work, the merchants declare, in relieving clerks from the last of the season rush when the stores are thronged.

With the ban on merchandising lifted, the holiday buying season in Portland is well under way. The stores were thronged all day yesterday, but this coming week is expected to see the greatest activity among the gift buyers.

Season Is Lengthened.

It is pointed out that people have more money than usual, the necessity for curtailing purchases due to the war has been removed and the stores have the goods. This combination is expected to result in a record season.

"Eagerness to alleviate the burden of the store workers this season when they need relief more than ever is turning the calendar ahead and lengthening the holiday season by a week at least," said Julius L. Meier, of Meier & Frank Company, yesterday, "and these early shoppers will have all the best of it."

"In my 40 years with Meier & Frank Company I have often wondered why the public did not shop earlier in the day and earlier in the season," said W. L. Harmon. "The early shopper has every advantage."

"The shoppers are earlier this year than usual," said G. Gensler, manager of the toy department, "and they are finding a better assortment and getting better service." Joseph Keho, buyer for five holiday departments, who directs the work of 250 persons, points to the advantages of early buying when the stores are not crowded.

"The earlier the Christmas shoppers appear on the scene, the better the assortment of goods they have to choose from and the better service they receive," said Adolphe Wolfe, of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. "As the season advances the stocks are depleted and the clerks are so busy they cannot give all buyers the desired individual attention."

Even Distribution Permitted.

"Early season shopping allows a more even distribution of goods and therefore more efficient merchandising from both the standpoint of the buyer and the seller," said W. P. Olds, of Olds, Wortman & King. "Materials for our goods many times come from across the sea and we have to buy early to give service.

"There is no surplus merchandise in Portland this year, but the stocks are ample, for the merchants have made early preparations for the holiday trade. The buyers in our own store, for instance, have made two and three trips to the markets where they formerly made one."

"The first buyer to come gets first choice and that, of course, is what they all desire," said Thomas Roberts, of Roberts Bros. "No matter how hard we try to keep our stocks fresh and replenished the late comers cannot expect to get the same goods and service as those who took time by the forelock and did their holiday buying early. Then there is the human side of the question. It means a lot to the clerks not to have to go through the ordeal of the usual eleventh-hour rush."

VILLA FORCES DEFEATED

MEXICAN BANDIT IS REPORTED ROUTED BY FEDERALS.

Juarez Residents Cease to Worry When News of Outlaw's Repulse Filters Into Town.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Nov. 30.—When wire communication was restored south of here tonight, it was learned that a fight between Federal forces and Villa followers occurred Wednesday near Villa Ahumada, in which the Villa forces were defeated and routed, according to an official statement made tonight by Colonel Mora, the new commander of the garrison.

Information was also brought here late today that Villa and his band were at a ranch 20 miles east of Villa Ahumada, where ranchers reported having seen the Villa command en route toward Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex.

All fear of an attack on Juarez was dispelled tonight when the telegraph line was repaired and it was learned that General Francisco Murguia, the federal commander, who has been at Villa Ahumada with 1000 men, was advancing toward Juarez repairing the burned bridges as he advanced. He is expected to reach here Monday and will take the field against Villa along the American border.

ARSON CASE ROILS JUDGE

STATE FIRE WARDEN OFFICE SCORED IN COURT.

Prosecutor Ordered to Produce Evidence to Defense or Answer Charge of Contempt.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The State Fire Warden's office and District Attorney L. L. Ray, of Lane County, came in for a scoring at the hands of Judge G. F. Skipworth in the Circuit Court here this afternoon in connection with the case of Jesse Fox, Harry Martin and charged with arson. The case grew out of the burning of a warehouse at Coburg about a year ago.

The criticism came when the attorneys for the defense asked the court that the Prosecuting Attorney be compelled to make available for them copies of evidence secured by agents of the State Fire Warden's office and John Collier, a Portland attorney, by methods contrary to the requirements of the statutes.

The defense charged that Collier and the Fire Warden's agents subjected the defendants and other witnesses to a cross-examination before a court reporter without authority.

Scoring the Fire Warden's office for using illegal methods to secure evidence and for evading the statutes, and declaring that he would not tolerate such methods in his court, Judge Skipworth ordered Mr. Ray to file copies of the evidence in question with the County Clerk for the information of the defendants.

Upon Mr. Ray's statement that he would not file the evidence as ordered, Judge Skipworth gave the choice of complying with the order before 6 o'clock this evening, or being dealt with for contempt of court. Mr. Ray filed the evidence within the allotted time limit.

POLICEMAN IS PENSIONED

INSPECTOR HAWLEY RETIRES ON HALF PAY UNDER LAW.

Career of Almost 21 Years in Uniformed and Detective Departments Now Closed.

H. H. Hawley, "the policeman who never was late for roll-call," has taken advantage of the new pension law, and retired, ending a career of almost 21 years in the uniformed and detective

H. H. Hawley, Who Retires From Police Department on Pension After 21 Years of Service.

departments of the Police Bureau. He prides himself on the fact that in all his years of service he never missed a roll-call unless he was working on a case and could not report to headquarters. He handled about 17,000 cases during his service.

Inspector Hawley will be 65 years old next April. He said yesterday that he would take a vacation until Spring, and then hunt around for some occupation for his old age.

For years Inspector Hawley has made a specialty of hunting for missing persons. In this line of work he had no equal on the police force.

One of the cases on the solution of which Inspector Hawley prides himself was the finding of Jessie Jones, a 16-year-old girl who was kidnapped in Portland, dressed in male attire and carried off down the Willamette Valley. Inspector Hawley finally discovered the missing girl working as a boy in a hop field near Champoeg.

Inspector Hawley proved that the finding of lost persons was not his only line of endeavor by his work on the Crambrook diamond case, and the recovery of $10,000 worth of stolen diamonds. The thieves were captured and sent to British Columbia for trial.

Inspector Hawley was the sixth man assigned to the case. The first five were men from British Columbia, and some of them were considered the best the province afforded.

Inspector Hawley is a brother of Willard Hawley, of the Hawley Pulp and Paper Company, in Oregon City. He lives with his wife at 505 East Broadway, and has one married daughter and two granddaughters in Portland. Under the pension law passed by initiative at the last election, a policeman may retire on half pay after 20 years' service.

When Hawley was appointed patrolman only 68 men were on the police force. Two months after he was appointed, he was detailed to work for the Boys and Girs' Aid Society, where he remained two years, until appointed chief probation officer under Judge Frazer, for the Juvenile Court. When the Legislature ruled that no policeman under pay by the city could be employed in state or county offices, Hawley returned to headquarters, and was appointed a detective.

POLES TO CELEBRATE

Anniversary of Attempt to Secure Freedom to Be Observed.

Americans of Polish birth and descent will meet in the Polish Hall on the corner of Maryland avenue and Failing street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow, to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the Polish attempt in 1830 to regain freedom for Poland, and to talk over the present Polish situation.

Mayor Baker has been requested to speak. Other speakers will be F. Spitulski, J. Hybke, Rev. F. Matuszeuski and J. F. Goodzki.

The Polish organizations are making a demand on the United States Government and its allies to send a commission to Poland to make a thorough investigation of the rumor, violently denied, that the Poles were persecuting the Jewish inhabitants there.

ROAD BUILDING MAY GO ON

Capital Issues Committee Removes Bars on Construction.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The capital issues committee today virtually removed all bars on highway construction and notified the State Highway Department that it will approve all bond issues covering necessary work where labor and materials are available.

All road work contemplated in Oregon will come under this description, it was said at the offices of the commission today.

YANKEES FLOCK TO LONDON

American Soldiers Spend Leave in Seeing Sights in Metropolis.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—American sailors and soldiers in large numbers are on leave and, as a consequence, they are taxing accommodations in London. Scores of them have been unable to find places to sleep.

Hundreds of soldiers are arriving from France daily for a seven-day leave and many hundreds of sailors have been granted their first London leave. American uniforms predominate in the streets.

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COLLEGES ELECT OFFICERS

ANNUAL SESSION AT NEWBERG COMES TO CLOSE.

Levi T. Pennington, of Pacific College, Is Chosen Head of Association.

NEWBERG, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The Association of Independent Colleges of Oregon has just closed its annual session here, being entertained this year by Pacific College. The next meeting is to be held at Philomath College at the time of the Thanksgiving recess next year, and the newly elected officers are as follows:

President, Levi T. Pennington, of Pacific College; vice-president, Wallace H. Lee, of Albany College; secretary-treasurer, Franklin G. Franklin, of Willamette University; representative on state standardization board, L. W. Riley, of McMinnville College; correspondent, Levi T. Pennington, of Pacific College.

All of the colleges in the association with the exception of Eugene Bible University, were represented, the official delegates being as follows: McMinnville College, Leonard W. Riley and Dean Northrup; Reed College, Charles H. Gray; Pacific University, Edward Taylor; Philomath College, L. L. Epley; Albany College, Wallace H. Lee, R. W. McNeal; Willamette University, George H. Alden, Franklin G. Franklin; Pacific College, L. T. Pennington, R. W. Lewis.

Deportation Bill Advocated.

SEATTLE, Nov. 30.—Prominent King County Democrats, with Clarence L. Reames, special assistant to the United States Attorney-General, as their chairman, were named on a county Democratic committee today to prepare a bill for submission to Congress which will provide that aliens who renounced their American citizenship to escape military service, be deported.

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