Civil Government Follows Civil Government and Each Fails to Win Country Back.

BY NORMAN MATSON. ROME, Dec. 17.—(Special Cable.)-"The Baikanization of Italy" is a phrase heard often in Italy in these days of extraordinary social confusion. Conservative leaders warn it is inevitable unless there is a return to respect for .aw and life. But "Mexicanization" would be more accurate. Italy today in many ways is like the Mexico of some years ago. Civil government follows civil government and each admits its failure to win the country back to that ideal state wherein a central anthority is respected by the whole country.

Each week has its crisis in Italy; but the one being faced at present overshadows those of the last year and threatens to assume the proportions of the 1920 factory insurrection.

Peace Paet Torn Up,

Last summer's peace pact between the nationalist fascisti and the sodays of extraordinary social confu-

the nationalist fascisti and the so-cialists has been formally torn up. It was never effective, strong factions of both red and nationalists re-fusing to recognize it, but its deliberate destruction is tantamount to repeating a declaration of war for the sake of emphasis.

The five-day general strike in Rome and the nation-wide printers' strike that kept the entire nation without news for two days are apparently the first of a series of great strikes. Italy has had unaccountable strikes since the armistice, but they were generally regional. The new strike is nation-wide and is political as well as economical. Coincident as well as economical. Coincident to and intimately related with the economic and social crisis is the po-litical crisis suddenly developed after the "occupation of Rome" by the fascisti in November. The left in the chamber combined—liberal democrats and social democrats—become thus and social democrats—become thus the strongest single group in paritament and counting among their lead-ers three ex-premiers, Nitti, Orlando and Giolitti. If this group takes over control it will be upon the plodge of disciplining the fascisti. Fremier About pro-fancisti.

Fascisti Cause of Trouble.

It has become apparent that the fascisti must be disarmed. The other alternative is the unilicely one of sub-mission to fascisti dictatorship by Catholics, republicans and socialists. Catholics, republicans and socialists.

All three groups have paid a beavy toll in dead and wounded to fascisti bombs and pistols. The general strike that forced an end to fascisti "occupation of Rome," the newspaper strike and the threatened general railroad strike were and are directed at both the fascisti and the government.

ment.

Thirty provinces have for a year been overrun by a bloody persistent civil "guerigilia" In 1819 the fascisti had but 1700 members. Now they have 2220 local councils (fascios) and a declared total membership of 326.

000. They organized to fight the a declared total membership of \$22.000. They organized to fight the revolutionary socialists and won their first real strength after the occupation of the factories last fall. Their statistics show a preponderance of land-owning peasants, merchants, students, employers and the control of the factories last fall. Their statistics show a preponderance of land-owning peasants, merchants, students, employers and the control of the launched his master-stroke. "Don't yuh think yuh oughta buy the gun for a present to Cousin Evelyn" he said innocently, but with crafty plans all thought out for the future. iand - owning peasants, merchants, students, employers and they had at first the undivided support of middle and upper classes. But as their ranks grew new elements entered in and it became increasingly difficult to control the various branches which raided socialist towns without consulting headquarters, killed for other sulting headquarters, killed for other than political reasons and even shot each other.

Rome Congress Called.

Diplomacy that excels the willest brand of grizzled European statesmen is that of a mother who can whisk a mother who can whisk and sulting inquisitive boy and girl through a toy store, buy a drum for one and a doll for the other, without being observed by her charges and spoiling the reality of Santa Claus in their minds.

Bary of Wilsonian "entanglements as Mr. Lodge to sign it. But the irreconcilables, as it appears here, are grouping against it, because, timid as the day of a wonderful Christmas abundance of special food. Everyone at the home knows how many days are left before the big holiday and the more akilled in mathematics can tell you how long it is in hours.

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Youths Go Armed.

Young Italians go armed quite as naturally as did our own mining camp braves. And he shoots as quickly. The peakant, normally peaceful, has become demoralized are ugly stories af ambalance over and the last few days have and there are ugly stories af ambalance over and the last few days have peaceful, has become demoralized and there are ugly stories af ambunkes on lonely roads at night and of massacres. The writer declined the gift of a neat little weapon made of a short length of tough wire and egg-shaped hit of lead and braided leather. It was offered by a most respectable citizen of a Tuscan town—an official, in fact. He said it was safer; his son always carried one, besides his pistol.

Of all the nations west of Europe's hunger frontier, liaily is probably in the greatest difficulty. She is handleapped by over-population (the tightening of United States immigration hars is not the least of her worries) and an almost complete lack of raw materials; but her greatest danger is social revolution.

This would now seem remote with

Junction City Post Elects.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 172-(Special.)

Junction City post, American Legion, has elected the following officers: Commander, Gien Strome; vice-commander, James H. Hughes, Henry Hausen and George H. Balley; adjutant, Edward Bailey; finance officer, A. J. Flint, sergeant-at-arms, William Jensen; historian, L. E. Thornton; service officer, Max B. Nielsen; athletic officer, Chester Harper, The auxiliary at Junction City has elected officers as follows: President Mrs. Glen Strome; vice-president Mrs. Glen S ident Mrs. Glen Strome; vice-presi-dent, Irene Bailey; secretary, Eleanor Bailey; treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Washburne; chaplain, Mrs. Frank Will-

## MILITARISM YET PREVAILS IN CHRISTMAS TOY WINDOWS

Holiday Displays Contain Specimens of Soldier From Time of Caesar to World War-Guns Attract Youngsters.

Socialists Formally Torn Up.

By Don skene.

Christmas is a holiday dominated by the spirit of childhood in all the shades of joy and sorrow that the day brings each year. The height of happiness to all is the sight of a group of laughing youngsters arowed about these displays. In their ranks there may be an embryo Pershing, Grant or Lee. ts burden of gifts. The depths are touched when a ragged waif has faith crushed by an empty stocking.

The spirit of Christmas will always be young, for there will always be children to celebrate it with joyous sincerity. It is right that this should be. The central figure of the first Christmas day was a babe lying in a manger. And when the babe became a man he said, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and "As you do it unto the least of these, you do it unto me." Christmas is coming to Portland.

and with it little stories that bring a smile or a tear.

ter with substantial relief.

There is, or should be, a heaven



onomi is in fact, if not avowedly, strange sound rings out in the land,

yesterday in a toy department. He paused with sparkling eyes before a glistening air-gun, a proud weapon with which countless herds of phan-tom buffalo, tribes of war-painted

Work After Holidays.

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This would now seem remote with the definite cutting away of the socialist party, the strongest political group in Italy, from the third (Moscow) internationale.

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NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 17 .- (Spe-

Christmas. 1921, is fas different to 200 ex-service men than the holiday



land Hentenants, will answer the let- dren, representing the families of 175 to 200 ex-service men, are des-perately needy. These kiddles of the boys who wear the Victory medal will have a cheerless Christmas unless they

get outside aid, for the fathers have been out of work for periods ranging from three months to a year. The Daddies' club, Elks, Goodfel-ws and kindred charitable organiza-ions have volunteered to help, but here's work enough for more big-

When the little bells of the Salvaion Army start tinkling beside swing-ng kettles, it's a sure sign of Christ-nas. Hour after hour, the men and women who crusade against sin and spread charity and service stand by the printed alogan, "Keep the Pot

With pennies and dimes and quarters the pot is kept boiling by passers-by. Not long ago the Salvation Army workers were targets for the insult and blows of unthinking men an boys and rowdies. But that was be a happy occasion for the Vincents of fore this religious army conquered to see a center of important routes the city.

The American forces overseas with a barrage of service, smiles, sacrifice agreements.



\$10,000 THEFT REPORTED Police Are Stirred Till They Find

sergeant reported as he received the theft report by telephone. Instantly the bureau was in a turmoil. Detectives were rushed into the room and put in readiness to get to work.

"Just a minute," the desk officer company of this city, charging the corporation with having employed a boy under the age of 18 without first

Lewis Poultry Report Out.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 17 .- (Special)—The growth of the poultry in-dustry in Lewis county is shown in a report just completed by A. G. Fow-ier, county agent, in which the total farm production of the county this

ording to an announcement mase

established recently between Read The Oregonian classified ads

Good Will Indicated Is Held More Vital Than Text.

TROUBLE SEEN IN CHINA

Step Is Declared to Be One More Toward International Solidarity Despite Senate Foes.

BY ANDRE TARDIEU.

PARIS, Dec. 17,-(Special cable.)inclusion of France in the fourpower treaty agreement concerning the Pacific islands is, of course, wel-come news here, but French opinion does not attach to it the exceptional importance that seems to be at tributed to it in the United States This difference, which is one of de-gree only, is quite natural, for a Frenchman thinks of the great imee years ago in portance of the French possessions in That luck has Indo-China and holds that it would have been inconceivable to arrive at auch an understanding among three nations only—the United States, Great Britain and Japan—without consulting France and obtaining her ad-

> As to the agreement itself there can be no objection to it in France since it is founded upon the maintenance of existing rights. But there is a tendency to consider it rather timid; first, because it applies only to the islands, whereas China, which is not covered by the treaty, is the principal reservoir of future con-

Goodwill, Not Text, Valued. And timidity again appears to characterize the reservations made on December 13, by the United States. The view widely taken here is that it la now the words of the text, but the goodwill and good faith of the sig-natory powers that constitute the

chief value of such agreements.
France unreservedly approves the spirit behind this freaty. Perhaps because of her long sufferings, cer-tainly because of her complex his-tory, France believes in frank, mutual nderstandings between nations. the past two years have rendered he skeptical of them. France asks only for assurance and is therefore pleased to see a center of important routes

the big department stores.

It is the peculiar wail, or battle chant, of the youngsters, inspired by the windows and counters full of toys. Plaintive, excited, appealing and happy, echoes the cry:

"Mamma, look, will yuh buy me that?"

One tiny strategist definite as soon as the causes for the present groupings of powers shall disappear.

French Are Reserved. Whether the American adversaries of the Versailles treaty like it or not. the new pact is a return toward the international solidarity which the senate so emphatically rejected ir 1919. Mr. Borah has not been slow o make his complaint as a conse-

But this time Mr. Lodge is a party to the contract. It is true that the lew agreement contains no impertives and does not commit the signers to anything very tremendous and this fact permits so notorious an adver

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When their leaders signed the passed with the socialists the ranks and the first passed to the passed and the passed of the passed and the passed than the passed of the passed than the passed that the passe

ourse. This is the view of the man n the street in France. If anybody ells you to the contrary, refuse to

Still Operator Fined \$250.

John Dwser, Neppach hotel. Third and Burnside streets, lost \$16,000- more or less—from his clothes at the hotel yesterday, but when he telephoned his report to the police detective bureau he was the lesst concerned of all.

"Here's a \$16,000 robbery," the desk sergeant reported as he received the theft report by televice of the policy of the televice bureau he was the lesst concerned of all.

Employment of Minor Characteristics and Drugge Deich.

purred, as he smiled ever so lightly,
"This \$10,000 consists of 10 bills of
German 1000 marks. The fellow says
they are worth about \$66."

boy under the age of 18 without first
having obtained a permit, as provided
by the juvenile labor law. A plea of Y. W. C. A.

Special Wednesday Night Dinner

5:20 to 7 P. M. Change of Menu Every Wednesday 81 PER PLATE.

CRAB COCKTAIL.
CONSOMME JULIENNE.
ROAST SPRING TURKEY, DRESSING.
PEACH COMPOTE.
BAKED POTATO,
PINEAPPLE AND CHEESE
SALAD.
PUMPKIN PIE.
SHERBET AND CAKES.
COFFEE. TEA. MILK.

Also Our Regular Dinners at 60c and 75c.

# "Mother! Mother! Mother! They Won't Have Any Left for Christmas!"

OBODY knows the cause of this young lady's alarm, save that the store was crowded with people and she concluded that there wouldn't be enough watches to go

And maybe she's nearer right than many a Christmas veteran!

For, even as this is being written for this newspaper, every counter in the store is lined with gift buyers.

And we are going to be sold out of lots of things long before Christmas eve.

THIS isn't being written in order to stampede folks into buying in a hurry. It is merely the record of a plain, but interesting fact.

For the cash register tells us that we are actually selling three times as much as we did in the same period last year. And you can't fool a National Cash Register!

NE of the store's old friends said: "I'm making my Christmas money go a long way this year—not that I want to be 'cheap'—but I figure when I get a watch and chain for the price of the watch alone I'd be fourteen kinds of a jackass if I neglected to do it."

PRACTICALLY everything in the store is marked down from a fourth to a half. A store full of gifts that last-and scarcely anything full price!

Even the finest diamonds and the most wanted White Gold Bracelet Watches are selling way below their former prices.

A NEWSPAPER man called for another advertisement. He was "loaded for big game"—and he said "you ought to use whole pages now-time's getting mighty short, you know."

"Why use whole pages?"

"Why?" he echoed. "Why, to get all you can while the getting's good!"

"But what's the use getting more business than we can attend to? Yesterday afternoon the crowds were too big for the store—and it will be even worse next week."

"Here's the kind of an advertisement we ought to run. We ought to tell the people of Portland as politely as we know howsomething like this:

## -Notice to Gift Buyers

"If you cannot come in the morningsplease don't come in the afternoons. We have more business than we can attend to-and it only makes us feel bad."

"How's that for an advertisement?"

"That," the newspaper man conceded. "That would make a hit."

Inasmuch as it's written, it may as well be



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agement of the company and a trial will be had in justice court here next

Legion Auxiliary Elects.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 17 .-(Special.)-The American Legion auxunitedly turn our eyes toward the illary has elected the following of-side from which the common menacs comes. Daily the German press pub-Mrs. H. W. Titus, vice-president: comes. Daily the German press publishes aggressive discourses attacking the territorial, military and finanting the territorial, military and finanting the territorial of the territori annual meeting from the women's



Slippers Our distinctive new models for street, afternoon and evening wear leave nothing to be desired in suppertyles. And we have the better makes of hose to match.

For evening or afternoon wear we suggest slippers in cloth of gold, cloth of silver, bronze of silver, bronze kld, black satin. either plain or bead-ed, with French or d im inutive French heels. Prices range \$10 to \$21. Ornaments rhine-stone, cut steel and headed; straps of ail designs to attach.

KNIGHT SHOE Co.

GORDON HOSIERY

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Gifts of genuine enjoyment and utility; gifts, too, that charm musically; gifts that give a lifetime of pleasure, that educate and refine, and gifts that beautify the home-these we show in variety-would not your home welcome

A Beautiful VICTROLA or a BRUNSWICK

A Lovely GRAND PIANO or a PLAYER PIANO A Modern

UPRIGHT PIANO or a GOOD USED PIANO A Dozen

A New PIANO BENCH, PIANO STOOL or LAMP

VICTOR RECORDS or PLAYER ROLLS

Or For a Friend A MERCHANDISE ORDER for RECORDS A VICTOR BOOK OF THE OPERA

All these and a wealth of beautiful and musical gifts that will add to each day's enjoyment for years to come-Make it a Musical Christmas and you enrich the entire household.

MORRISON ST. AT BROADWAY

