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THE ADVENT OF THE CHRIST CHILD.

All morns may be like Christmas morn
To him who looks for them,
And daily is the Christ Child born
In some new Bethlehem.

Who walks with faith and quiet will
Through unknown ways and dim,
Who keeps his heart a child's heart still
The Christ Child dwells with him.

For him the heavens are made anew,
Lit by a guiding star,
With singing angels surging through
From hierarchs afar.

A new earth at his feet shall spring,
With love and life astir;
With shepherds and wise kings who bring
Gold, frankincense and myrrh.

His ears shall hear, his eyes shall see
The angels and the kings,
If but his heart a manger be,
Where Love her best-born brings.

—ROBERT GILBERT WELSH.

PRESIDENT SENDS WORDS OF CHEER TO ALL CITIZENS

No Cause for Dread; Let All Be Happy — White House and Cabinet Programs—Newsboys Taft's Guests.

CHRISTMAS SENTIMENTS BY PROMINENT MEN

Tim Sullivan's Annual Dinner and Shoefest—Long Holiday on Exchanges.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft today gave out this Christmas message:

"With bountiful crops and evidences of prosperity on all sides, the people of the United States can well enter into the full spirit of Christmas. I can see nothing ahead which should cause us, as a nation, any serious uneasiness, or interfere in any degree with the enjoyment of the season of peace and good will."

Washington, Dec. 24.—No invited guests will meet St. Nicholas at the White House this year. The old fellow will find just a snug American family gathered about the fireplace. The president has ordered that anything "official" shall be challenged at the door and held up until Tuesday.

Mrs. Taft has locked all the presents in a room and the president will have to scramble tomorrow morning along with Helen and Robert and Charlie to see what Santa has left for him. There is a box from Aunt Delia Torrey that holds the most interest. In the morning, after opening the gifts, the president will go with his family to church. Then will come the Christmas dinner. The president failed to obey the injunction to "do your shopping early." He made his annual trip to the shops this afternoon.

The Christmas spirit sidetracked business at the White House this morn-

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DOMINGUEZ FIELD TO WITNESS RIVAL AVIATORS' BATTLE

Wright and Curtiss Camps in Hostile Array and the New Science Will Be Demonstrated to the Limit.

HOXSEY MAKES FUTILE EFFORT TO GO HIGHER

Initial Attendance Low But Record Crowds and Record Results Are Predicted.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—Although less than 2000 persons attended the opening day's events of Los Angeles' 10 days' aviation meet, it is confidently predicted tonight that the meeting will be one of the most successful ever held in America. This prediction is based on the excellent performances of the aviators today and on the perfect weather conditions prevailing.

The feature of the meet promises to be the struggle of the rival Wright and Curtiss camps. Brookins and Hoxsey tonight reiterated their declaration that they would sweep the meet for the Wrights, and they refused to entertain the suggestion that they would have serious opposition from the Curtiss contingent.

Hoxsey Rises Only 6200 Feet.

Hoxsey gained the individual honors today. In his Wright biplane he assaulted the existing height record of 10,499 feet. He was aloft two hours, but his instruments showed he ascended only 6200 feet.

"The cold prevented a new record," the youth declared when he landed. "I went away out over the sea off Long Beach, and believe me, it was the coldest weather I ever experienced above ground."

When Hoxsey landed he was embraced and kissed by his mother, who had occupied a seat in one of the stands. Hox-

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TETRAZZINI FOR SAN FRANCISCANS SINGS IN STREET

Prodigious Audience in Open Air Entranced by Great Artist, Who Appears on Platform at Lotta's Fountain.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

San Francisco, Dec. 24. — Madame Luisa Tetrazzini sang in the streets of San Francisco tonight. The grand opera singer for the time being became a street singer. And the celebrated diva's audience, which was composed of more than 75,000 people, packed the streets for blocks around to get within sound of her great voice. The weather tonight was ideal. It was clear and mild. Overcoats were few and there was not a sign of an umbrella.

Among the thousands who came to listen to Madame Tetrazzini, were many visitors from nearby cities, they, like the San Franciscans, regarding the event as they would a festival.

The crowds began jamming the streets before 7 o'clock, all streetcar and other vehicle traffic was suspended, and when Madame Tetrazzini made her appearance upon the large stand that had been erected close to Lotta's Fountain, which had been presented to the city many years ago by Lotta Crabtree, the actress, the great audience broke into a tumult of cheering. Her first song was "The Last Rose of Summer," and when the first notes left her throat the crowds were hushed into a most remarkable stillness. At the conclusion of the song the cheering was vociferous.

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CHICAGO POSTOFFICE BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—All local records for mail handled were surpassed by the Chicago postoffice in its Christmas business of this year. For the 24 hours ending today, the clerks of the office, aided by stamping machines, cancelled 4,162,890 stamps. Of this number, 2,500,000 were on postal cards.

The previous high record was made on the last day of last year when 4,000,000 stamps were cancelled. The postoffice employes have been working day and night, often without rest, for two days at a time for 10 days. Owing to the necessity for procuring special enactment by congress to provide pay for extra work, the employes will not be paid anything extra.

NEW YORK FIRE CHIEF HAS PLAN TO STOP BLAZES

Wants Authority to Act and Declares He Will Reduce Fire Losses in Gotham at Least 25 Per Cent.

(By the International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 24.—"Invest us with the authority we seek and ought to have and I'll give bond to reduce the fire losses of New York at least 25 per cent the first year and God only knows how many lives we'd save," declared

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EVEN POOR DOBBIN TO HAVE A TREAT

Kansas City, as a Municipality, Makes Biggest Civic Handout on Record.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Kansas City's governing body tonight completed what Mayor Darius Brown characterized as the biggest municipal event in the history of the city, in which the city acted as Santa Claus for some 15,000 poor people. A summary of the Christmas treat sounds something like this:

Nine thousand children treated; 26,500 toys given away; 5000 tons of candy distributed; 7500 packages of nuts and oranges given out; $8500 in cash spent in treating the poor; $5000 (estimated) worth of provisions and clothing contributed; 15,000 poor people made happy; 4000 families given a Christmas dinner.

Not only are the poor to enjoy a big Christmas dinner at the expense of the city, but the board of public welfare has decided to give the poor beasts of the city a treat. This will be in the way of a sack of corn and oats to every horse whose owner makes application to the board tomorrow and Monday.

Confessed Incendiary; Released.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—So little credence did the police put in the story of the foreigner who "confessed" that he started the great Bodine street fire of Wednesday night, in which 14 persons were killed, that he was released from custody today.

SANTA CLAUS AGAIN GLADDENS MANY HEARTS BY HIS ANNUAL SHOWER OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A multiform Santa Claus was on the job in Portland yesterday every minute of all the hours from early morning until the stores closed and the street cars slowly carried the crowds back to Christmas trees and stockings last night. The Christmas spirit was very intense and very active. It was like a flood that surged up suddenly and overwhelmed the town. A Santa in the flesh would have lost inches of girth and his face would have been a battle ground between worry and a smile.

The flood of Christmas spirit did not reach its crest until the hour was late. This was because Santa's paternal and maternal representatives in some of the bungalows had failed to tally on their toy lists, and in some instances contempt for the old fashioned method of counting noses had disagreeable minus results.

To mingle with the crowd without buying presents or anxiously debating conflicting choices was to be different and apart from all the rest.

Good Natured Crowds.

It was possible, too, to lose some of the real gravity and seriousness of picking out at the last possible minute a present calculated to bear enough of satisfaction to the presentee to reflect at least a little permanent appreciation back to the presentor.

In spite of the hurry and the crush the crowd was mostly good natured. The wiry plumage that tickled the ear of the man in the elevator and the jogs that he got in the ribs before the toy counter as well as sundry mishaps to the bundles he and others were heaped

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COAST CITIES AGAIN LED BY PORTLAND IN BANK CLEARINGS GAIN

Portland again led all other Pacific coast cities in weekly bank clearings, the increase for the week ending at noon yesterday over the figures for the same week one year ago amounting to exactly 20 per cent. Los Angeles shows a gain of 18 per cent, while Seattle is 18 per cent on the red ink side of the ledger. Portland's splendid showing is largely attributable to the enormous amount of new construction in progress in the city, as well as an unprecedented holiday trade. The figures are: 1909, clearings, $8,775,815.02; 1910, $10,162,703.63.

4 MILLIONS MORE TO ENGINEERS IN WAGES ANNUALLY

Net Result of Settlement of Wage Dispute Effected by Mediator—Conductors and Trainmen Next.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—War which would have tied up 61 railroads, thrown 32,000 engineers out of employment and paralyzed the trade of the whole country west of Chicago was averted this afternoon when representatives of the lines and leaders of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers came to an agree-

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OFFICIALS CALLED NEGLIGENT; FIRE PROTECTION POOR

Board of Underwriters Declares Mains Are Badly Needed in Southeastern Section.

Declaring that Portland city officials have been negligent in supplying water mains for the southern portion of the east side, and have entirely neglected the southeastern section of the east side, the national board of fire underwriters yesterday filed the report of its investigations of the fire risks in this city.

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SPRAY RANCH TO HAVE PEAR TREES

This Announcement by New Owners Arouses Interest Among Growers.

In the sale of the well known Spray ranch for $50,000, a land transfer considered of much importance to eastern Oregon was consummated yesterday. The purchaser is a Hood River syndicate of apple growers, headed by Sheriff L. E. Morse and J. L. Neumaker of Heppner.

The Spray ranch is located on the John Day river at a point about 50 miles equally distant from Condon and Heppner, and the fact that the new owners have, after an exhaustive investigation, decided to plant 200 acres to pear trees is considered to add force to the claims of eastern Oregon as the scene of diversified soil interests. There are 3000 acres in the ranch, all but 400 acres being bench land. Alfalfa will be grown on 200 acres and the remaining 2600 acres will be used for the establishment of a high class stock farm for the breeding of cattle, horses and hogs.

Spray brothers located and acquired their property on the John Day many years ago, they being pioneers of that district. They have operated the property as headquarters for a sheep growing business which they are gradually closing out.

The new owners will build irrigation ditches for watering their fruit and alfalfa lands, and are planning an automobile road from Heppner through the John Day valley, ending at Condon.

4 MAIL CLERKS KILLED IN WRECK

Engine and Mail and Baggage Cars Derailed in West Virginia Tunnel.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Four mail clerks were killed in the wreck of an eastbound Norfolk & Western train in the tunnel near Williamson, W. Va., this evening.

The dead:

J. R. Herndon, Roanoke, Va.
Carl C. Good, McDowell, W. Va.
Howard K. Bell, Franklin, Ohio.
L. W. Dowdy, Petersburg, Va.

The cause of the wreck has not been learned. The locomotive and the mail and baggage cars were derailed and the mail car badly smashed. The engineer and fireman and Mail Clerk Davisson of Columbus, Ohio, were injured.

The tunnel was choked by the wreckage.

None of the passengers was hurt.

TWO KILLED, 9 INJURED IN WRECK IN FRANCE

(By the International News Service.)

Montreaux, France, Dec. 24.—Two persons were killed and nine injured in a collision between the Paris-Vintimiglia Express and a freight train which occurred here today.

Several Americans were aboard the express but none of them were seriously hurt.

LAW AS PROPOSED WOULD EQUALIZE PAY OF DEPUTIES

Bill to Be Introduced in State Legislature Requires County Court to Fix Uniform Scale of Salaries.

Equalization of the salaries of deputies in the county offices of Multnomah is the object of a bill which has been prepared for introduction at the coming session of the legislature. At present, part of the salaries of deputies are fixed by act of the lawmakers and part by the county court. The result is a jumble, and it is asserted by advocates of the measure that numerous inequalities now exist.

The proposed measure is drawn to affect Multnomah county alone, and it would leave the regulation of salaries of all deputies to the county court. It would require, however, that all chief deputies in the leading counties shall receive the same compensation, that second deputies shall be put on the same salaries, and so on down the line with county employes in all offices.

Provisions of Bill.

The proposed law, omitting the enacting clause, reads as follows:

"Section 1. That in all counties of this state having a population of 200,000 or more inhabitants, the county court may authorize as many deputies as in its judgment may be necessary, in the following offices: Assessor, coun-

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