

HUERTA'S "JOKE" AT HIS CHRISTMAS FEAST IS BITTER

Invites 300 of Upper Classes to Dine With Him and Then Asks Them Why They Are Not Out Fighting.

"FINE VAGABONDS" HIS FINAL SHOT AT GUESTS

O'Shaughnessy Attends Reception Given by Huerta in Honor of Patron Saint.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Mexico City, Dec. 24.—General Huerta planned today to leave the affairs of his tottering government behind for a few hours and to spend Christmas eve at home with his wife and family. He ordered a big Christmas tree for the three youngest Huerta girls.

Mexicans were still talking of the bitter speech made by Huerta at last night's banquet at Chapultepec Castle.

"I am doing the best I can for my country," Huerta said, looking fixedly at his guests, "but I must complain that you of the upper class of Mexicans will not fight. No man is any good who refuses to fight for his fatherland, his home and his family. There are 300 soldiers outside this house tonight. Why do you men not go out there and join them?"

The male guests looked uncomfortable and embarrassed during this speech. Huerta was not smiling while he talked. At the end of his speech he smiled bitterly and sarcastically, saying: "Do not worry, gentlemen, I must have my little Christmas joke."

The reception was a Christmas affair, given by the Huerta family, and the guests filled 50 automobiles. They gathered first at the mansion of a friend near Chapultepec. Huerta came very late, wearing his little brown felt hat and at once joined the guests in the ancient Mexican Christmas custom of searching through the house for the Christ-child, meanwhile singing Christmas anthems.

"You're a fine crowd of vagabonds," Huerta told his guests, as they were loaded into the automobiles and taken to the castle and escorted by 300 soldiers, two bands and an orchestra.

Changing his mind when the reception

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FIRE BURNS CARLOAD OF CHRISTMAS MAIL SENT FROM THE EAST

Parcel Post Shipment Is Destroyed En Route on Oregon Short Line.

Hundreds of residents of Portland and vicinity are going to be more or less disappointed this Christmas in the receipt of remembrances from friends and relatives in the east because a carload of parcel post mail bound for this city was burned Saturday night in Wyoming, while the heavily laden No. 9, the mail train which reached Portland at noon yesterday, was laboring westward. Reports of the almost total destruction of the car and its contents came with the arrival of the train.

Although greatest secrecy regarding the affair has been maintained by the railroad company, and local postoffice people were unable to gain other than meager details, that the incident took place was confirmed by several dispatches received by The Journal from its correspondents.

Known as a through car, and loaded almost solidly with fourth class or parcel post mail, the blaze is said to have started from chemicals in the car. The fire is said to have taken place at Nutria, Wyo., 525 miles east of Huntington, and 15 miles west of Granger, Wyo. No. 9 was due here Monday morning at 7 o'clock, but it did not arrive until yesterday afternoon. The delay is said to have been caused by the fire. The car is reported to have been ditched.

Local postoffice employees say the average storage mail car holds 300 or more sacks of parcel post matter and this would mean that several thousand at least of parcels were destroyed. Such a car load would be very roughly valued at around \$12,000, postoffice inspectors say. The car that was destroyed held mail consigned through to Portland from the east and the burning occurred on the main line of the Oregon Short Line, after it had been transferred from the Union Pacific.

SNOW DOES DAMAGE TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Redding, Cal., Dec. 24.—All of California north of Tehama county was visited last night by a terrific snowstorm which continued until early today. The fall here amounted to six inches.

Heavy damage was done to power companies and telephone and telegraph wires. Redding tonight. The same situation will prevail at Kenwick, Kennett, Coram and Anderson. Officials of the power companies declared it would require several days to repair the damage.

WOULD BURN \$500,000 IN NOTES TO PURCHASE LOAN SHARK'S PARDON

Attorney for "King of Sharks" Offers to Throw Them Into Glynn's Grate.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Former Senator Charles A. Towne, attorney for D. H. Tolman, notorious loan shark, who maintained offices in a score of cities over the country, called on Governor Glynn today to urge that Tolman be pardoned. Towne was accompanied by Mrs. Tolman, her son, E. E. Tolman, and four women managers of New York state offices.

In making the appeal, Towne presented papers which were said to represent \$500,000 in loans made by the Tolman firm. If the pardon was drafted, Towne offered to burn these papers in the fireplace of the executive chamber. Glynn refused to permit this, saying the application must follow the regular course. Tolman was sentenced to six months' imprisonment last October.

WIRELESS FOR HELP HEARD FROM ARCTIC

European Stations Close While Faint Tappings From the North Are Read.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 24.—The first wireless call for help ever recorded from the Arctic circle came early today, announcing that the Norwegian steamerh Sagnvald Jarl was ashore 600 miles north of Bergen.

"Bergen is working S. O. S. Wait and listen."

This message faintly tapped out went the rounds of the European wireless stations about 1 a. m. All stations as far south as Bordeaux were asked by Bergen to close down. Then Bergen caught the distressed steamer's message, sent it on here and elsewhere. The steamer's position was picked up at double her supposed radius.

WASHINGTON FIREMEN HURT IN STORE BLAZE

Washington, Dec. 24.—Five firemen were injured, two seriously, in a fire which caused \$100,000 loss early today to the American Five and Ten Cent company store, at 314-316 Seventh street. A general fire alarm was sounded. The store was in the center of the downtown shopping district, but firemen prevented any spread of the blaze.

The firemen, all of No. 6 company, were injured by falling beams and debris. All will recover. Dr. William L. Kelley, an emergency hospital interne, braved death from falling timbers to get to the men, all of whom were imprisoned by debris, and administered morphine to stop their sufferings.

The department store was stocked full of inflammable material and burned like tinder. The origin of the blaze is unknown.

WEST ASKS ACTION IN LAND MATTERS, AVERS SECRETARY

New Policy of Department of the Interior Regarding National Resources Meet Approval, Says Franklin Lane.

COMMISSION PLAN PROPOSED FOR ALASKA

Cordial Cooperation Between Government and States in West.

Washington, Dec. 24.—In his annual report to the president, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane gave prominence to the fuller and freer use of national resources and outlines a constructive program that will with the least burden place, in his opinion, the government resources at the service of the people.

Referring to the feeling in the west

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DR. MONTESSORI CALLS AMERICA WORLD'S HOPE

Educator Leaves Saying This Is to Be Greatest Race Ever Seen.

HE DOESN'T FEEL A BIT DEPRESSED NOW!



SHOT BY SON SAVES COUPLE FROM DEATH BY MADMAN'S HAND

Lunatic Lines Family Up in Room, Threatening to Shoot Them, Then Son Kills Him.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Defending his father and mother from the attack of a madman, Bert Webster, 24, shot and killed Frank Kenyon, telegraph operator of the West Shore Railroad at Amboy, eight miles west of here early today. Kenyon appeared at the Webster home last night and ordered the farmer to burn his barn. Webster refused. Kenyon then drew two revolvers.

The family was ordered into one room, lined up against the wall and kept prisoners all night. In the meantime, the madman gloated over his deeds and threatened to kill Webster if his orders were not carried out before midnight.

One of the children finally slipped away, ran to a neighboring house and summoned aid. A posse was formed and advanced upon the house.

Bert Webster, in the meantime, obtained a gun and creeping into the room, shot Kenyon, who died before a physician arrived.

WARD FAMILY GIVEN \$5,000,000 BY WILL

If Daughter Doesn't Marry, Her Share Goes to Working Girls' Home.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 24.—A Montgomery Ward, mail order house head, who died at his home at Highland Park, Ill., recently, left all but \$250,000 of his \$5,000,000 estate to his wife and daughter, Miss Marjorie Ward, according to provisions of his will made public today. The \$250,000 is to be divided among 15 other relatives.

Ward made no bequests to charity, but provided that if his daughter does not marry, and leaves no will, her share of the estate, estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, reverts to Mrs. Ward, who will use it to establish a home for working girls. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ward, the widow, received from \$2,000,000 to \$2,000,000 of the estate.

U. S. RADIUM BANK FOR TREATMENT OF CANCER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—Indorsement of a federal radium bank where cancer sufferers might receive expert treatment was given today by Dr. Rucker, of the public health service.

"Any system which will lower the cost of radium, guard poor sufferers against charlatans and spread the use and experimentation of radium is greatly to be desired," he said.

Dr. Rucker declared that the use and production of radium is only in its infancy.

RAILROAD PRESIDENTS 'TALK SHOP' REGARDING NORTH BANK AFFAIRS

Retiring Official, J. H. Young, and Successor, L. C. Gilman, Have Conference.

Two presidents graced the offices of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway company today, when Joseph H. Young, retiring, and L. C. Gilman, his successor, grasped hands across the big desk and plunged into details of operation, construction, traffic, development and policy.

Mr. Young arrived in Portland late last night from New York City, where he had hastened immediately after tendering his resignation to the Hill overlands at St. Paul. Mr. Gilman dropped in from Seattle, his home, early this morning expressly to meet the descending chief and prepare to take his place.

PRESIDENT DOES NOT FORGET BOY AND GIRL FRIENDS, CHRISTMAS

Two Autos Also Used to Carry White House Gifts to the Poor.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Several hundred homes of poor families in Washington will be merry tomorrow, because President and Mrs. Wilson remembered them with gifts.

Two White House automobiles started on a Christmas mission at noon today.

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CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS ARE NOT ALL FILLED AND THERE IS STILL TIME TO CHEER NEEDY

Earnest Appeals From Worthy Mothers Are Not Stilled and Plaintive Cries From Children of the Poor May Yet Be Heard This Christmas Eve.

Christmas Stocking Fund.

Previously acknowledged by Journal \$1,234.40

Previously received by organizations with which Journal is cooperating 3,038.25

P. L. Love, Woodburn 1.00

M. L. 1.00

J. W. A. 2.00

John Doe 1.00

John M. Peigle 2.00

A friend (additional) .50

James J. Murphy 1.00

V. W. B. 2.00

K. P. 5.00

E. W. 2.00

C. H. R. 2.00

E. S. 1.00

C. J. Hanson 2.00

F. A. R. 2.50

Girls employed by J. G. Mack & Co. 10.00

Cash 3.50

G. F. Tillamook 1.00

Phil O'Neill 1.00

Santa Claus 1.00

Received by Piegah Home G. Y. Edwards, Newberg 40.00

415 East 8th St., N. 1.00

Cash 1.50

J. B. S. 1.00

H. M. 4.00

Merchandise Orders by Trouble, Meter, Line and Shop departments of P. R. L. & P. Co. 25.00

Frankie Roberts 2.00

A. G. F. 5.00

E. C. Boland 1.00

R. J. Caton 2.00

Total \$4,394.75

WEEKS IS CONSIDERED FOR RESERVE BOARD

Republican Senator From Bay State Will Be Offered Appointment.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 24.—President Wilson enjoyed complete rest today. Secluded in his private car he slept late, denying himself to all visitors at the few stops his special train made. To his attendants he admitted that he was completely tired out, but withal, he was very happy. Dozens of messages from every section of the country, congratulating him on the new currency law, echoed the same note.

The chief executive was unable to get away from the job seekers. Many of the telegrams suggested men for membership on the new federal reserve board. The president expects to make up the personnel of this new branch of the government before he returns to Washington on January 13. It was learned today that one of the first men who will be tendered an appointment to this board is a Republican—Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.

Crowds of curious people surrounded the special at all stops. The president acknowledged their cheers by lifting his hat and smiling a greeting, but did not leave his car.

THE JOURNAL'S YEAR'S END NUMBER

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PAGE ONE OF "TO-THE-LAND" SECTION TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEDNESDAY

Twelve pages of text, statistics and illustrations having to do with Oregon's agricultural output.

YEARS' CROP RETURNS ACCURATELY COMPILED

This is the fifth and last part of THE JOURNAL'S YEAR'S END NUMBER. All five numbers, together with news sections for those days, will be mailed to any address for 15 cents. Fill out coupon on inside page.

OLD KRIS KRINGLE APPROACHES FAST WITH JOY FOR ALL

Poor This Year Will Share the Joys of Christmas With Those Upon Whom Fortune Has Smiled More Kindly.

COMFORTS PROVIDED FOR THOSE IN NEED

Charitable Institutions to Feed Thousands Tomorrow, Even Prisoners Remembered.

No Snow for Christmas.

There is little possibility of a "White Christmas" this year, says District Forecaster E. A. Beals, who has predicted warmer weather for tonight with brisk southeasterly winds and rain to-night and tomorrow, for Portland and vicinity. In other parts of the district the conditions are favorable for snow or snow-Christmas day, says the fore-cast.

Giving promise of a "White Christmas" a snow flurry blew up shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, but it did not fall long and by noon there was none left in the downtown district, although on the higher ground in the outlying districts some of the white mantle remained on the ground.

The weather man says that a storm of decided character is approaching the Oregon coast from the ocean and southwest storm warnings were ordered out at 6:40 this morning at Coos Bay. Small craft warnings were ordered at the same time at all other storm warning stations in the district.

'Tis Christmas eve, and jolly old Kris Kringle, borne on the swift wings of the winds from his home somewhere up around the North Pole, is hurrying southward to spread his gifts, and the gospel of "Peace on earth, good will to men" among Portland folk.

Already there is a forerunner of the spirit which is most manifest tomorrow, Christmas day. Children in homes with chimneys have asked numberless questions to make sure that the rotund old saint and his bag of toys can make safe entry into the homes down the chimney, while the youngsters in steam heated apartments and flats are still figuring whether he will pop out of the radiator like the steam does once in a great while, or will choose a window or the dumb waiter shaft.

Everywhere there is hurry and bustle. The late shoppers are cramming the stores in efforts to complete their

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an accident watches sleepless over the wife made ill by lack of food and warmth, and while he watches his faces meanwhile the fact that his accident has made his services undesirable either to his former employers or others.

It comes to the Italian family on East Grant, where the mother wrote, "dear gentlemen help for the sake of my children," and the children were found in a fireless room, some without shoes, shivering in the thinnest summer garments and hoarse with colds that were almost pneumonia.

It comes to the family on East Gill

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CALLS

You can have ten telephones in your office, but what good do they do you if you never answer calls? Some men with one-tenth your equipment in telephones and several times your supply of brain cells, will answer his phone and get the business.

Whether you have a telephone or not, calls come to your home and office for you every day—for instance, offers of wood for \$3 a cord, a four room cottage near school and car line for \$3 a month, a fox stole and muff at very low prices, one \$1 jewel Hamilton watch for \$18, cows, canary birds and automobiles. One woman asks a chance to show her skill in telephone cleaner and a man says he can do anything for you.

Ten telephones are a needless luxury—brain cells aren't. Cultivate a few and read today's Journal Want Ads.