

MUTS TO ARRANGE FOR CHRISTMAS IN ARMOY TOMORROW

Big Fir Trees Will Be Set Up and Decorations Placed by Army of Workers.

BALLOONS BRING MONEY

Depot for Gifts and Storehouse for Goodies Has Been Established in Pittcock Block.

Early tomorrow morning an army of Muts will take possession of the Armory. They will invade every corner of the grim, massive structure. Armament will disappear and harsh contours will be softened by decorations of tinsel, popcorn and greenery. Big trees will be set up in the spacious drill hall and the shelves which bend beneath the weight of the thousands of toys and dolls and baskets of candy, nuts and fruit. A bower for Santa Claus will be created so that 4000 little folks may come next Thursday afternoon and experience as joyous a Christmas as though good fortune were constant resident at their homes.

Baskets by Hundreds. Hundreds of baskets were filled with their quota of contributions yesterday by volunteer workers under the direction of Frank Coffinberry, chairman of the Muts' Santa Claus committee. And today it seemed that a beginning had been made in the work that was yet to be done.

The ambitious plan of insuring Christmas to every child in Portland has involved the Muts in the most extensive efforts in the memory of the city. Quantities of gifts and fruit and candy and nuts have been assembled, but they still appear for more. They have a number of volunteer helpers but they need more.

The sales of balloons by enthusiastic Muts on the streets Saturday night resulted in the addition of \$225 to the Christmas fund.

Thousands of rabbits slaughtered in connection with the rabbit drives in Umatilla county yesterday are expected to be received here tonight or tomorrow, and they will be distributed among the poor of the city.

Tonight the Athletic club of the Oregon National Guard will give a smoker for the benefit of the Muts. There is to be a program of such attractiveness that a large attendance is expected, and all the proceeds will be added to the Muts' fund, which, according to reports last night, stood as follows:

Muts' Fund Growing. Previously acknowledged, \$3417.44. Cash, \$100.00. Pipe, \$5.00. Employees Lumbermen National bank and Lumbermen, \$50.00. Portland Shine Parlors, \$2.00. Lay Day, \$5.00. G. M. Cornwall, \$5.00. H. J. Huesing, \$10.00. "Balloons Night," \$25.90. Hazelwood Creamery, \$25.00. Cash for Christmas tree, \$23.50. Cash for Christmas tree, \$5.00.

Total, \$3719.93. The Muts are receiving and distributing many donations from the families in the city which are without the supplies and fuel necessary to any degree of comfort.

MUTS MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT

Thousands of Baskets to be Filled for Children.

"Bring candy or patronize the merchants who are observing Mut Days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week," appealed the Santa Claus committee of the Muts this morning. "Thousands of baskets are to be filled for little children for whom we have determined to make Christmas a joyous occasion. The families of candy, nuts, fruit, at Santa Claus headquarters, 701 Pittcock block. The merchants who observe Mut days divide the proceeds of those days with us. A formal dinner may be had by calling Frank Coffinberry, chairman of the committee at A-3010 or Marshall 2374."

Following is the merchants' Mut day directory for today and tomorrow: Ellers Music House, pianos. Ellers Bros., Knickerbocker, H. Mayer, grocer, 148 Third street; Max Smith, florist, 210 Commercial; Morgan building Barber Shop, Morgan building; Geneva Realty, Beauty Parlor, 514 Abingdon building; The McMinn, cigar, Yeon building; Coffman Candy Shop, Broadway and Morrison; F. P. Young & Co., 519 Wilcox building; Morrison; Ray Barkhurst, tailor, Sixth and Stark; G. Heitkemper company, Yeon building; Hunsley Drug company, Fourth and Washington; C. C. Bradley, men's haberdashery, 352 Washington; C. H. Harts, men's, Metier Frank corner; City Taxi Co., taxis, telephone Main 3; Thomas J. Sewal, insurance, 519 Wilcox building; The Juvenile Store, children's clothing, Selling building; Sig. Sichel, cigars, 25 Third and Sixth and Washington.

WAR FILMS AT THE HEILIG

Scenes From Belgium Show the Actual Battles. Films showing the actual scenes of war at the Belgian battle front which have been shown at the Heilig under special arrangement with the Chicago Tribune in the line of the Red Cross relief work, will be displayed for another week. These pictures are said to be the first authentic views showing the European fighting organization, scenes in the trenches and the siege guns in operation. The theatre opens at noon and the run continues until 11 p. m.

MORE MONEY FOR BELGIANS

Cash and Other Donations Now Total \$18,969.46.

The Belgian relief commission has received cash and contributions representing a total value of \$18,969.46. Among the contributions this morning was \$5 from J. C. Harts, a cash man at Maryhill, Wash.; \$25 from the Weston Belgian relief committee; \$100 that had been received by the Oregon Development League committee. The Portland Seed company sent word that it was ready to contribute

TYPICAL SCENE AT MUT HEADQUARTERS



Typical scene at Mut headquarters.

From the Moro Rod and Gun club Associated Charities received this morning 2500 pounds of rabbits which were distributed through the Salvation Army, the Pisgah Mother Home and by the charities direct. The fund of Associated Charities this morning, reported by V. R. Manning, general secretary, is \$3261.84.

Rotary Luncheon Tomorrow. The Rotary club will assess every member who attends the luncheon in the Benson hotel tomorrow a toy, doll, book, or package of nuts, fruit or candy. The plan has been adopted as a means of obtaining presents for the

little wards of the Fraser Detention Home. Wives and sisters of the Rotarians have been invited to attend the luncheon. Wednesday at the Ad club luncheon in the Hotel Portland a similar admission "ticket" will be required, the presents will be used in connection with the Muts' Christmas tree at the Armory next Thursday afternoon.

The commission had asked that pastors yesterday take a collection for Belgian relief. It was reported from the White Temple that \$250 had been given.

Response in Behalf of Destitute Is Prompt. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company observed "Bundle Day" today among its 3000 employees. The first intention was to have the contributions, made for the purpose of relieving families in need, distributed through the Muts. The response was, however, so generous and the need of help so apparent to those in charge that the organization of a permanent relief bureau among the employees of the company was made this morning. Families and individuals needing help and worthy of it will be aided. The Hawthorne building of the company at East Water street and Hawthorne avenue will be used as headquarters. Charles Osborn, superintendent of power, is chairman of the relief bureau; Fred Cooper, superintendent of transportation, secretary; B. F. Boynton, claim agent, treasurer; F. D. Hunt, traffic manager, investigator; George Jett, property man in charge of contributions and distribution.

Church Volunteers Help. Rev. Frank W. Gorman Arranges for Handling Contributions. "White gifts" mean those that involve sacrifice. There will be an observance of a White Gift Christmas at the Atkinson Memorial Congregational church tomorrow evening. Among the contributions that will be brought by the men, women and children of the congregation will be donations of food and supplies for the destitute families of the city.

These contributions will be turned over to the Winter Relief Bureau at 184 Broadway for distribution. Rev. Frank W. Gorman, pastor of the church, said this morning that many in the neighborhood, whether members of the church or not, who wished to give, might bring their bundles to the church, assured that the gifts will go to those most needy.

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