



# DIPLOMATS AT CAPITAL GIVE UP ALL GIFTS

### Money Ordinarily Spent for Presents to Each Other Goes to War Fund This Christmas; Capital Quiet.

# WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS SCENE OF CELEBRATION

### President Gives Turkeys to Each Employee of the White House.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson today personally presented 12 pound turkeys to all the White House employees. He also remembered his associates in the executive offices with handsome gifts.

As far as was possible, President Wilson refrained from all active work today, devoting most of his time preparing for a family reunion tomorrow at the White House.

The European war was responsible for changes in Christmas observance in the diplomatic set. Christmas gifts heretofore have been exchanged among the diplomats, but this practice will be abandoned this year, and the money ordinarily spent for gifts will be used to aid war sufferers.

Special Christmas exercises were held today in the various government departments. All departments closed at one o'clock.

A municipal celebration will be held tonight. A 60 foot pine tree has been set up on the capitol grounds and the exercises there will start at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The United States Marine band will furnish the music and a chorus of 1000 trained voices will sing Christmas carols.

# FIGHTING TO SLACKEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY IN WESTERN WAR ZONE

### Day Will Be Forgotten in the East, However; England Without News 31 Hours.

London, Dec. 24.—For a period of 31 hours, beginning at 2 p. m. today, England will turn its attention entirely to Christmas celebrating, receiving no war news whatever.

The official military information bureau closed promptly at the stroke of 2 this afternoon, announcing that it would have nothing more to give out until 9 p. m. Friday.

The censor's office stayed open, however, permitting the transmission of such unofficial information as it sees fit to approve, together with official statements from other belligerent countries. But England will remain absolutely silent.

No English newspapers will appear on Christmas day. Every possible effort has been made to make the anniversary a happy one for the troops at the front.

As a result of the Princess Mary's efforts, more than \$500,000 was raised to send gifts to the men. Every soldier and sailor, wounded or unwounded, will also receive a personal Christmas card from the king and queen.

Military men said they thought possibly a partial cessation of hostilities could be arranged Friday in the western war zone, but it was added that sentiment would not be allowed to interfere with operations if strategic reasons rendered them necessary.

The Russians, celebrating Christmas on a different day from the Germans, showed no inclination to defer to Teutonic wishes by relaxing their exertions, so it was expected the fighting in the eastern theatre of the conflict would continue throughout the holiday uninterrupted.

# Al Jennings' Word Gains Man Freedom

### Former Train Robber of Oklahoma Testifies for Accused Friend in San Francisco, Secures His Release.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Through the testimony of Al Jennings, former train and bank robber of Oklahoma, who reformed, ran for governor of that state and at present is a district attorney there the charge against Dr. J. W. G. Martin, accused of violation of the Mann whitening act, was dismissed here today, by United States Commissioner Krull.

Jennings, who is in San Francisco in the interest of a book on his train robbing experiences, which he expects to publish soon, testified that he had known Dr. Martin in Oklahoma for a long time, and that the physician was a man of good character. Commissioner Krull was impressed with Jennings' testimony and dismissed the charge against Martin.

Mrs. Dixie Fay Martin, alleged contract wife of the physician, died about a month ago from the effects of poison. Martin was arrested in connection with her death but later was released. Then the white slavery charge was lodged against him.

# Holiday Gifts For Soldiers Reach France

### Every Soldier of Allies to Receive Present and Special Dinner; Children Get Military Toys.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The British transport laden with holiday gifts for the troops in the field in Belgium and France reached this side of the channel today.

Despite the approach of Christmas brisk fighting was in progress at the front. The cannonading was especially heavy.

There were whole trainloads of gifts. Every man was to receive a present and a special holiday dinner, even if it had to be delivered to him in one of the trenches.

Paris has made its plans for a soldier but not a sad celebration. There were no torches and no bonfires. The authorities' ban had been placed on Christmas eve celebrations in the restaurants. All were notified that they must close at 10 p. m.

Everywhere, however, the boulevards were an air of cheerfulness. The streets were gay with holiday decorations.

For the children martial toys were in the windows to the exclusion of almost everything else.

There were make-believe British soldiers who marched mechanically, Turkish charging with fixed bayonets and German infantrymen who collapsed at shots from toy guns. Children's soldier suits and kits were displayed conspicuously.

Most windows were dressed to represent battlefields.

Dolls, supposedly of the masculine persuasion, certainly had come into their own. The youngsters did not care for the fine daintiness this year. They wanted sturdy looking soldier dolls. The most popular were dressed, whiskered and armed like fierce Russians and Turks.

# Submarine Sunk by Austrian Battery

### German Newspapers Claim Loss of One of Allies' Divers in Unmentioned Place at Unmentioned Time.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Austrian batteries have sunk one of the allies' submarines, according to claims made by German newspapers today. Where the incident occurred was not stated.

# Lawson Gifts Honor Oregon Children Get Stock Ranches

### Thomas W. Lawson is giving his children a Christmas present that is in reality a present to Oregon and the entire northwest.

After traveling all over the world many times, he picked out Oregon as the ideal location for a home. He is giving his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McCall, as a Christmas present this year a foundation herd of 100 of the choicest white faced two year old Hereford heifers to calve in the spring.

They have been bred to the best bulls in the world. He also gives them two choice bulls to head the herd.

To his youngest daughter, Miss Bunny Lawson, he is giving a Crook county ranch, for which he has just paid \$50,000.

To his youngest son, Douglas, for whom he recently purchased a ranch in Crook county, he is giving 20 of the finest young Fenchon brood mares bred to noted stallions. The mares cost from \$750 to \$1000 each. He is also giving his son Douglas 20 registered jennets, which he paid \$250 each for a champion jack, "King Boy," for which he paid \$2000. In addition to this he is giving Douglas his famous trotting stallion, "Dreamwood Dugald," which was bred by Mr. Lawson at Dreamwood, Mass., and which is a son of his famous stallion "Proem," which was also bred by Mr. Lawson and which he sold in Austria for \$12,500. "Proem" is the son of "Prodigal" raised by Marcus Daly, and whose mother, "Emily," was a champion on the track with a record of 2:11. "Emily" heads Mr. Lawson's brood mare band at Dreamwood. "Proem's"

dam is the famous daughter of "King," also at Dreamwood, and whose sire, "Mambrino King," was said to be the best trotting stallion in the world in his prime. "Proem," who is only five years old, is expected by those in the know of the racing world to get close to the world's record. Ed Geers, the well known developer of famous racers, drove him as a 3 year old in 2:14, the last half in 1:04 and the last quarter in 31 seconds. Those who have seen "Proem" consider him one of the most beautiful stallions on the track today. The animals, upon arrival in Redmond, are the finest specimens of livestock to be obtained, and he is sending the cream of his Dreamwood stud and herds and flocks to the ranches owned by his children in central Oregon.

Stockmen of the United States are beginning to turn to Oregon for the finest specimens of livestock and undoubtedly these latest importations will form the basis of the best strains of livestock in Oregon in the near future.

# XMAS VIOLETS AND A FARM

### The name of the classification in which it appears is preceded each of these Journal Want Ads:

**FOR SALE—FARMS 17**  
"CALIFORNIA, Sacramento valley, 150 acres for sale or exchange. Fine orchards, lemon, almond, walnut, grape, olive and berry land; near three lines of transportation, fine deep level soil, ready for the plow, fine roads, school, churches, etc.; free water for irrigation. Will accept clear title in or near Portland up to \$7500 as part payment, some cash, balance 1, 2, 3 years, 8%; also will take in clear stock of mds. as part payment."

**SWAP COLUMN 25**  
"FORD car, in good condition, to exchange for clear residence lot in Portland."

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES 20**  
"EXCEPTIONAL bona fide opportunity. Have an established hauling business which will yield fine profit; want responsible party to put on one motor truck now and two more later; will finance two thirds of proposition; \$150 required for first truck; none but responsible party considered; city business."

**FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS 19**  
"XMAS box of violets, a tasteful gift. The Xmas presents are very moderate cost. Each box artistically arranged with maiden-hair fern. Boxes 50c and \$1 each."

# ARMORY SCENE OF CHRISTMAS JOYS FOR TOTS

### Event Staged in Big Building Today Largest Holiday Demonstration of the Kind Ever Attempted in City.

### HUNDREDS OF GIFTS GIVEN BY SANTA CLAUS

### Monster Trees Delight Eyes of Happy Boys and Girls Assembled.

Do you believe in Santa Claus? Do you believe in fairyland? Do you believe that Santa Claus drives his reindeer right into fairyland, that he pulls up with a great hearty laugh and a fine music of bells and loads thousands of presents from his sleigh on magic Christmas trees with different colored lights sparkling on every twig? Of course you do. And, what's more, all the kids in Portland, and the girls, too, know.

The little fellow who lives over near Columbia slough didn't know yesterday, but he knows today, because he saw it all at the Armory this afternoon. Yesterday the kind woman who came to the house said, "Is Santa coming to see you this Christmas?" and he answered, "What's Santa, and what's Christmas?"

If it hadn't been for the Muts and the Armory, which, like good fairies, they turned into a place of enchantment, the boy might have grown up to be a man before he knew. Wouldn't that have been terrible?

Santa Claus, of course, is coming tonight to lots of homes that were not represented by the four thousand or more boys and girls at the Armory this afternoon. The Muts, you see, (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

# Spot Wheat Is \$1.26 Today in Local Market

### Highest Price Known Is Paid for 5000 Bushels of January Club at Exchange.

With the sale of 5000 bushels of January club today on the Portland Merchants' exchange at \$1.26 a bushel, the price was 2c above yesterday. Sale of 5000 bushels January red fls was made at \$1.23 and 5000 bushels February red Russian at \$1.23.

Today's price is the highest ever known here. So strong have been values and so scant are the available stocks of wheat that even the extreme record prices today in effect are bringing practically no offers to sell by the interior.

The fact that some of the winter wheat acreage must be reseeded owing to the cold weather has caused farmers retaining supplies to take them entirely out of the market.

Europe is bidding for stocks of wheat, oats and barley here, but is unable to secure the former. The United States, Canada and Argentina are today the only places on earth where Europe can secure any wheat and this, therefore has created a very desperate situation.

Tom Smith, of the firm of Stevens-Smith Grain company, of San Francisco, with offices at various points in the Pacific northwest, was a business visitor here today. Mr. Smith is extremely bullish regarding the price of wheat for the immediate future. "If the Dardanelles continue closed and Russia cannot market its grain, look for extreme values to continue," he says.

# Prominent Engineer Is Seriously Sick

### Operation Performed on W. A. Grandahl Revealed That Malady Progressed Too Far for Relief.

W. A. Grandahl, for many years chief engineer of the Southern Pacific railway, is seriously ill at Emanuel hospital, where he has been for more than a month. An operation was performed recently, but it was found that the ailment had progressed too far for much relief. Mr. Grandahl's home is at East Sixty-fifth and Division streets, where he has lived many years.

Mr. Grandahl came to Portland from Minneapolis about 1880, with Charles A. F. Morris, who was made chief engineer of the old Oregon & California railroad. The first work he undertook was the construction of this road through Roseburg to Ashland. He remained as Mr. Morris' assistant until about 1884, when he became resident engineer, holding the position until he resigned in 1897, when he went into business as an architect, general engineer and contractor.

Mr. Grandahl was connected with the Great Northern before coming west and was an intimate friend of James J. Hill.

Among Mr. Grandahl's accomplishments was the construction of the old Madison street bridge, the long bridge over the Willamette at Salem and a bridge over the McKenzie river which at the time was the longest span of the kind in the world.

# Frank's Appeal Is Presented to Lamar

### Washington, Dec. 24.—United States supreme court Justice Lamar this afternoon took under advisement the appeal of Attorney Louis Marshall for a writ of certification to the supreme court of the case of Leo Frank, under sentence of death for the murder of Mary Phagan. Marshall spent two hours at Justice Lamar's house presenting arguments. Justice Lamar was expected to render his decision before night.

# X-RAY OF LITTLE WILLIE'S MIND TONIGHT

### OF STRIKING BEAUTY IS WINTER SCENE ON COLUMBIA HIGHWAY

### Entire Road Presents View That No Artist Can Paint or Words Describe.

One of the most beautiful sights within easy reach of Portland is the winter scene along the Columbia highway. The witchery of winter is manifested in varying and attractive form. It is a scene that will probably not be reproduced for years to come and the present opportunity should be seized by all who can go either by automobile or by train. Not only will the eye be gratified but there will be obtained some conception of the work that has been done on the highway the past season and what it means to the future development of Portland and the entire northwest.

The automobilist will find a fairly good dry road, which will take him over the new grade as far as Warren-dale, going by way of the Sandy road and Troutdale. At Crown Point, from an elevation of hundreds of feet, one can look up and down the river gorge for a distance of 10 miles or more, the view embracing ice filled river, snow capped mountains, frozen waterfalls and cascades. Along the roadway are frozen pools of lac design and from the bluffs huge ice pendants hang.

Probably the most interesting view is at Multnomah Falls, with its long statelike and its miniature ice mountain, which rises up from the center of the main pool at the foot of the upper fall. The ice takes up the sunlight and gives it back in all the colors of the rainbow.

Along the entire route are views that no artist can paint.

Roadmaster Teon announces that the highway will be kept open to travel until the rains come again.

# Dover Bombarded From German Aeroplane, Causing Small Damage; Russian Line Approaches Warsaw

### WHERE GERMAN AIRSHIP ATTACKED THE COAST OF ENGLAND THIS MORNING



Dover is the English city nearest to the French coast and consequently nearest the German battle front.

# Gifts Shower von Hindenberg Given 5000 Bottles of Beer Kaiser Is Sawing Wood Again

### Field Marshal Becomes National Hero of Germany; Gives Men Credit.

By Karl H. von Wiegand. Grand General Headquarters of the Eastern German Army, December 18, (via London, Dec. 24).—Field Marshal von Hindenberg gives his men credit for the victories he has won over the Russians.

"With troops of the courage and endurance of my army," he said today, "I must succeed. It would be untimely to say that the Russians are completely beaten or broken. They are fighting bravely and well."

Marshal von Hindenberg and General Hindendorff, his chief of staff, have no illusions concerning what is before the German army in Poland. Both declared there would be much hard fighting in the campaign against Warsaw, but they were confident of final success.

Throughout the Kaiser's troops' advance in Poland Marshal von Hindenberg's forces have been opposed by vastly superior numbers of Russians. In telling of the fighting which resulted in the Slavs' retirement before Warsaw, the marshal said:

"The railroads which make quick movement possible to the Germans have been a factor in my army's success against the Russians' numerical superiority, but my troops have shown

By Karl H. von Wiegand. I saw him today. He looked fresh and in good health, but he was graver, more earnest looking than the Kaiser I have seen in Berlin. His face is much thinner. He walks as erectly as ever, but when I saw him today he was looking downward, apparently in deep thought.

It is forbidden to give the name of the town in which his majesty has his headquarters, but the place is less than 75 miles from the headquarters of the crown prince, where I spent three days this week.

The Kaiser is living temporarily in a beautiful little town and a half story private house, facing a small park. If it were actually intended to let

# Christmas Warning Against Fire Issued

### Care in Conduct of Celebrations Urged by Fire Marshal; Don't Use Candles on Trees.

Be careful. Carelessness means danger. This is the warning given by Fire Marshal Jay W. Stevens to those who are to have their Christmas tree celebrations tonight or tomorrow. It is given to prevent fires and danger resulting from the use of Christmas tree decorations.

"Don't let the children play around the tree so that they will brush any of the lighting arrangements. Do not use candles, for the flames will easily set the tree on fire. Be careful in the arrangement of the tinsel and decorations.

Carelessness is primarily the cause of all fires, and the way to avoid them and the resulting danger is to be careful. Under no circumstances take a chance."

# Japan Turns Down Big Army Increase

### Okuma Cabinet Defeated in Effort to Pass Increased Military Appropriation; May Dissolve Parliament.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—The Okuma cabinet was defeated in parliament today in its effort to pass bills increasing the appropriation for military purposes, as a necessary preliminary to its program for additions to the army.

As a consequence of this reverse, it was expected the administration would dissolve parliament, trusting to carry its point at a popular election.

There has been vigorous opposition among the lawmakers to the proposed army increases on the ground that the country could not endure the added financial burden, and especially in view of the fact that the cabinet planned to send troops to Europe.

# BOMB IS FLUNG ON COAST CITY FROM THE SKY

### It Lights in Garden, Tearing Great Hole and Breaking Windows but Doing No Important Damage.

London, Dec. 24.—Dover was bombarded from a German aeroplane today.

The Dover forts replied to the aerial fire and a British aeroplane, ascending at once, pursued the enemy for some distance. Latest reports indicated, however, that the latter escaped.

A dense fog hung over the English port at the time, helping the hostile visitor to get away.

There have been previous stories of aerial attacks on Dover but this was the first one which has been officially verified.

"One of the enemy's aeroplanes," the official statement reported, "was seen over Dover at 10:35 this morning. It dropped a bomb, which exploded in a garden, but did no damage.

"The aeroplane then set out to sea, pursued by a British aircraft, but the pursuit was unsuccessful.

"The weather was very foggy." The unofficial account was that the missile did no damage, however, tearing tremendous holes in the garden where it landed and smashing windows in the vicinity.

It was said that the aeroplane was aimed at Dover castle and actually struck within 400 yards of it.

# JOHN MUIR, FAMOUS NATURALIST, DIES IN LOS ANGELES TODAY

### Taken Down With Pneumonia While on Visiting at Home of His Daughter.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—John Muir, famous California naturalist and author, died here today of pneumonia. The aged naturalist went to Inglewood, San Bernardino county, from his home at Martinez several days ago for a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Buell Funk. Four days ago he became ill of pneumonia. He was brought to Los Angeles quietly last night and taken to the California hospital, where he died about noon today.

John Muir's claim to fame will be sustained by many monuments, among not the least being the famous Muir glacier in Alaska, which he discovered and which was named after him. Muir was born in Scotland in 1838, received his early education in Scotland and removed to the woods of northern Wisconsin as a boy. Here he learned habits of hardihood and austerity and likewise developed that love of nature which determined his life's course. In later years he received the honorary degree of doctor of science from the University of Wisconsin and the University of California. He married Louise Strentzel in 1880.

He visited the Alaskan coast and discovered the remarkable series of glaciers he has described in his books, searched for the De Long expedition in northern Wisconsin as a boy. Curwin, climbed the mountains of the Pacific coast and spent much time and effort in the cause of preserving the forests and establishment of national parks and reserves. His home was at Martinez, Cal.

Among the best known of Muir's books is the shortest—"Stickeen, the Story of a Dog," which recounts the adventures of a little companion on the Alaskan ice. Others are, "The Mountains of California," "My First Summer in the Sierras," "The Yosemite" and "Our National Parks." He was a wide traveler and was a member of many scientific societies.

# Portuguese Driven Out by Germans

### London, Dec. 24.—The latest German invasion of Angola, a Portuguese possession in Africa adjoining the Kaiser's territory, has been acknowledged officially. It was stated in a Lisbon dispatch received here today.

"The German expedition was said to be 1000 strong and to have been provided with artillery.