

MARS TAKES WALLOP AT POSTAL BUSINESS IN PORTLAND OFFICE

War in Europe Prevents the Shipment of Parcel Post and Money Orders Abroad, RECEIPTS ARE NORMAL

Postmaster Says Records Would Have Been Broken If Conditions Had Been Normal Across Sea.

Now that the rush is over and the flow of parcel post packages has cleared away, employees at the Portland postoffice are making a study of parcels to see what month has yielded the most Santa Claus and his deputies were abroad in the land.

Postmaster Myers gave the office the one over this morning and found that while the volume of transactions had been about normal, business would have exceeded all former records by a very wide margin had not old Mars interfered with the travels of Saint Nicholas.

Mars Ranges Up Barrier. For instance, the giant Mars would not permit the kindly snowbound old man to carry into the countries of Germany, Austria and Hungary any parcel post packages for reasons that were explained when the parcel post service was interrupted between this country and those a couple of months ago, because of the inability to insure deliveries.

The German speaking people are strong believers in exchanging holiday gifts, the deputy postmaster explained this morning, and in years past the parcel post business at Christmas time has always been very heavy, both to and from those countries.

This year there was none, and as a result receipts from the sale of parcel post stamps to foreign countries was much reduced. The shortage in that branch had to be made up by an increase in domestic business.

Officers of National Guard to Meet Here

It is expected that when Adjutant General White calls the officers of the Oregon National Guard to order at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon in the Armory there will be between 20 and 30 present from the different commands in the state, including those from Portland.

The chief subjects for discussion will be the bill now before congress providing for increased pay to officers and enlisted men of the National Guard. The bill has a wide scope of measures proposed in regard to national preparedness and defense will come in for explanation and consideration.

After the conference is over, a buffet luncheon will be served at the Armory. At night the out of town officers will be guests at the Heilig theatre to witness the play "The War Cry of Peace."

Exports of U. S. for NOVEMBER BREAK ALL FORMER RECORDS

Gold Pours in From European Countries in Great Stream All the Year.

Washington, Dec. 27.—A total trade of a half billion dollars in the month and of five billion dollars in the year, with exports comprising two-thirds of the whole, is the unparalleled record of American commerce in November and the twelve months ending with November. Figures made public by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce, show that November imports were valued at \$364,219,169, as against \$126,467,062 in November, 1914, and that they exceeded by \$1,000,000 the former November record made in 1912. Twelve months' imports from November 30, 1915, aggregated \$1,730,443,229, as compared with \$1,454,545,927 in the preceding year.

November exports broke all prior records. Last month's total was \$331,143,517, as against \$223,302,241 in October, 1915, also a record. One year ago November exports aggregated \$205,878,322, and in 1912, the former record, \$174,441,216. Twelve months' exports rose to the new level of \$3,437,292,533, as against \$2,101,187,120 a year earlier, and \$2,501,138,471 two years ago.

CHURCHMEN TO JOIN STATEWIDE CAMPAIGN IN SPREADING GOSPEL

Celebration of "Dry" Oregon Begins in Portland Houses of Worship Friday.

Effort Will Be Made to Bring New Arrivals in West into Local Congregations, Say Leaders.

Under the chairmanship of Rev. W. O. Shank, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, a score of leading Portland ministers at many of the local churches, will meet at the Y. M. C. A. at 12:15 o'clock tomorrow noon to make final arrangements for a statewide evangelistic campaign on the part of the Protestant churches of Oregon.

The campaign has three objects: First—To celebrate Oregon "dry." Second—To bring hundreds of Christian people recently come from the east and other parts of the country into the local churches.

Third—To win men and women for Christ.

In Portland plans call for noon-day religious meetings to be held in the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Men's Rest and Salvation Army.

For the state-wide large outdoor meetings will be held in homes to win converts. Friday night, New Year's eve, big watch meetings are to be held at the Y. M. C. A. at many of the local churches, to usher in Oregon "dry."

Deserted Portland Woman Seeks Mate

Mrs. Peggy Barrett Asks Police Aid in Search for Husband Who Left Ten Days After Baby Was Born.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—A pitiful story of a husband and father who deserted his wife and 10-day-old baby was told today to the police by Mrs. Peggy Barrett of Portland. She asked them to help her find her husband, Harry Barrett, who she says left her for her child. She said the baby was born November 17, and that 10 days later Barrett, who has a book, left and was going to San Francisco, promising to send for her as soon as he got a job. A few weeks went by and his letters stopped. She has not seen him since. The police believe he is in Los Angeles.

BRITISH CABINET MAY BE SHAKEN UP AGAIN; ASQUITH OBJECTED TO

Lloyd-George, Sir Edward Carson and Lord Curzon Mentioned for Premier.

London, Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Important decisions affecting both the army and cabinet, possibly leading to the retirement of both Premier Asquith and Lord Kitchener, were expected to be made at today's meeting of the cabinet.

For months David Lloyd-George has been touted as Asquith's successor, although Asquith has not been mentioned in any of the reports of the cabinet.

Now a third, Lord Curzon, has forced to the front in connection with reports of a possible resignation of Asquith. Lord Kitchener, who is expected to be made at today's meeting of the cabinet, much enmity having developed between the two, and the result of Kitchener's opposition to Curzon when the latter was viceroy of India.

ATTEMPT TO EXTORT MONEY IS CHARGE AGAINST A COUPLE

Thomas Moffett and Gordon Smith to Face Trial in the Circuit Court.

MRS. SHARPE PLAINTIFF Demand for Payment of \$125 to Save Son from Prosecution Declared to Have Been Made.

Attempt to extort money will be the charge which Thomas S. Moffett and Gordon Smith will face in the district court at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Julia Sharpe of Amity is the complaining witness.

Some time ago Mrs. Moffett left her husband. Once he had her and Charles Landusky, son of Mrs. Sharpe, arrested at McMinville on a charge of unlawful cohabitation.

Last Friday Mrs. Moffett called the sheriff's office for protection against annoyance by Gordon Smith, who, she said, was representing himself to be an officer. Deputy Sheriff Christofferson went to the house, 254 Third street, Mrs. Sharpe was there in a shirt while Moffett and Smith arrived, and according to Christofferson, made demand for \$125 to save her son, Landusky, from prosecution for unlawful cohabitation with Mrs. Moffett.

Black Eyes Court Exhibits Judge Bell Hears Story of Fight at Burlington Dance.

Two pairs of thoroughly blackened eyes were exhibited in court this morning when Charles Monroe, Edgar Moore and C. H. Lynch pleaded guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct. The fight was in a dance at Burlington, Dec. 19, 1915. The two pairs of eyes were the result of a fight between the two pairs of eyes.

Bryan Cables Will Join the Ford Party

Former Secretary of State Makes Reservations for Self and Wife on Liner Rotterdam—Later Cancels Them.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—Former Secretary of State Bryan today cabled the Ford peace expedition that he will join it here, according to advice which local peace organizations received.

Meantime Governor Hanna of North Dakota, who quit the peace expedition in a "huff," is in St. Joseph's hospital here suffering from influenza.

Local peace advocates said that reports that the Ford party would make its headquarters here, instead of going to The Hague, were unfounded. In fact, they claimed that negotiations are now under way for a ship to take the expedition there.

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Reservations Are Cancelled. New York, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—Passage for former Secretary of State Bryan and his wife was reserved for tomorrow's sailing of the Holland-American liner Rotterdam, but was cancelled this afternoon, after Copen-

hagen cables said Bryan was going there to join the Ford peace party.

TEACHERS OF STATE IN ANNUAL SESSION TODAY AT MEDFORD

President Herdman Urges Higher Standard of Efficiency.

SOCIAL FEATURES TONIGHT Delegates Are Welcomed in Behalf of the City by City Attorney R. S. McCabe.

Medford, Or., Dec. 27.—Urging higher standards of efficiency, with particular emphasis upon the necessity of school instruction which deals with the practical affairs of every day, President H. H. Herdman of the Oregon State Teachers' association, which all the members of the organization at their fifteenth annual session which opened here today.

City Attorney R. R. McCabe welcomed the delegates in behalf of the organization will be translated and Thomas M. Baillet will give the only formal address of the day of the educational problems in the light of evolution.

The most important social feature of the convention will be given tonight when there will be a public reception at the Hotel Medford in which all clubs and civic organizations of the city will join, followed by a ball at the Seventh Company Armory.

An interesting musical program has been arranged and an address of welcome will be delivered by Attorney Geo. Newberry to which President Herdman will respond.

The Jackson and Josephine county teachers institutes are holding their sessions jointly with the state association.

Deputy Seeking To Hasten Cases Pending for Trial

To start the new year with a clean slate, Deputy District Attorney J. A. Collier is now endeavoring to get the cases of all the men being held in the county jail either set for trial or disposed of in some way.

A large number will be requested to enter their pleas in court. Those who plead guilty will be sentenced, and the others will be placed on the docket for trial. Other cases will be dismissed.

DOUBLE FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The double funeral of James F. Byers and his wife, Mrs. Lou Byers, who died in Denver on December 14, will be held tomorrow at J. P. Finley & Sons at 1 p. m. Interment will be in Rose City cemetery. Mrs. Byers was 61 and Mrs. Byers 59 years of age. Both formerly lived at Jennings Lodge, Or. The bodies are expected to arrive from Denver tonight.

AMUSEMENTS HEILIG THEATRE Today—Tonight—All This Week

THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE

BAKER THEATRE A TEMPERANCE TOWN