

Life of Christ

A page of remarkable photographs depicting scenes from the life of Christ as modeled by the Italian artist, D. Mac-troiani, will be found on Page 9 of Section Two today.

**TONS OF MAIL
"FROM HOME"
REACH FRONT**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—More than 2,000,000 pounds of American Christmas cheer rumbled to the American front from the French front, the post-office department announced tonight.

And it's Christmas cheer, straight from the folks, they left behind. It took five transports and one naval vessel to get it all over there—a grand total of 2,555,000 pounds! Immediate personal cheer included. The folks at home headed the warning and mailed everything November 15, the department said, thus assuring that the men will get all their gifts by Christmas morning.

"From home" packages numbered 874,731; filled 21,341 mail sacks and weighed 1,810,055 pounds. Eighty-five French baggage cars were assigned to scatter the bundles to their destinations at the front. Not a single bomb, nor a solitary stick of poison, nor a pro-German article of any kind was found in any of the packages. Every article in every package was carefully examined by women searchers.

**BOLSHEVIKI
LOSE GRIP
AS REVOLT
SMOLDERS**

**Dissolution of Lenine-Trotsky
Regime Near at Hand, Is Deduction From Reports That
Seep Through From Russia.**

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Fighting in the streets of Petrograd followed attempts by the Bolsheviki government to withdraw four army corps, suddenly turned anti-Bolsheviki, according to word received here tonight.

Every report seeping through the Maximalist controlled censorship from Petrograd tonight indicated dissolution of the Lenine-Trotsky regime is at hand.

Proclamations were posted in the Russian barracks at Haparanda today that the German troops would soon arrive at Petrograd "in order to establish order."

The newspaper Djelnonaroda said there is growing agitation in Petrograd for restoration of the monarchy.

Proclamations will be posted Sunday, it was stated, urging that the Grand Duke Alexiweif be made regent and the Grand Duke Alexandrovitch and Prince Leopold of Bavaria, his regents.

Letish troops, heretofore the main reliance of the pacifist government, were now reported becoming shaky.

All Caucasian troops adopted joint resolutions demanding that the Bolsheviki surrender their power to the constituent assembly, which they have prevented from meeting.

Uspensky Due for Fall

The Rabochaya Gazette, once supporting the Maximalists, in its issue today declared:

"The days of the Bolsheviki are numbered. They are unable to give the people either peace or bread or land. They have given them only civil war. The workers and the soldiers are beginning to awaken. They will soon show their might in behalf of the fatherland."

A manifesto recently issued by the original soviet of all-Russian delegates and received here, backed with the people to "arise and defend parliament against the usurpers who are seeking a shameful separate and imperialist peace."

**Convicted Kidnap
Admits Guilt, Claim**

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Claude Piersol, 20 years old, convicted kidnaper of Baby Lloyd Keet, is said tonight to have confessed to the kidnapping.

A signed confession is said to have been given by Piersol telling of the plot, the abduction and the accidental death of the victim.

The baby is said to have died of laudanum poisoning which the alleged conspirators gave him to make him sleep and keep quiet.

The alleged confession is expected to clear up all of the mystery which surrounded the kidnapping.

Twelve persons, including those already under arrest, are implicated in the abduction in the alleged confession. Warrants have been issued and arrests of a number of men are expected to follow at once.

Maxie Adams, 17 years old, charged with the attempt to kidnap C. A. Clemens, a congressional aide, was the first person to be arrested as a result of Piersol's alleged confession, according to the authorities. No announcement of a confession from Adams has been made. Taylor Adams, held at Marshfield and charged with the kidnapping, is also said to have expressed a desire to confess to the crime.

Lloyd Keet was the son of wealthy parents and was found dead in a well on a deserted estate last summer after the sinking of the motor launch in which he was scoured for his abductors.

**Conscription Voted
Down in Australia**

Melbourne, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Premier Hughes was expected today to offer his resignation in view of the apparent defeat of conscription in Australia.

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Portland	38,538
State, outside of Portland	98,849
Oregon	137,387

The foregoing figures showing progress in Oregon's Red Cross Christmas membership drive were announced at 8 o'clock Saturday evening and encourage reports were pouring in steadily from the city and the state. Every effort to strengthen the campaign in Oregon will be made today, Monday and Christmas day, the campaign closing that day.

A worker in the Lents and Mount Scott districts called attention to the fact that, in these particular localities, she found 100 per cent membership.

"A black leather handbag with \$14 of Red Cross funds was dropped by Mrs. E. W. Hill, 1125 Williams avenue. The bag contained a pair of gold spectacles, a glove, \$5 in gold, \$6 in currency and \$3 in silver. Red Cross campaign headquarters asks that this purse be returned to 250 Morgan building.

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"We started in," reports Louis J. Simpson, "to make every factory and mill in Bandon 100 per cent Red Cross. It is too early to make returns, but the

**AVALANCHE OF XMAS
MAIL POURING INTO
POST OFFICE HERE**

A veritable avalanche of Christmas mail slid into the postoffice Saturday and last night and the force was nearly snowed under.

"But we will handle it in a satisfactory manner," said an official. "We've handled our end all along, but it is said that there has been some delay at the depot."

"The Christmas mail this year has been unprecedentedly heavy, due principally to so many presents being sent to the soldiers.

Saturday's mail was the heaviest so far. The incoming mail hasn't begun to travel to the depot yet, but there is no idea how heavy it will be. Post-office employees are confident, however, it will be handled without delay.

The postoffice force has been greatly added to and many of the "extras" are old hands. This is one of the reasons the handling of the mails is being facilitated.

A big portion of the force has been working each evening and a few in some cases have been kept on all night to keep up with the work. At least one stamp window has been kept open every night until midnight. Saturday night two of the windows were kept open until nearly midnight, and there was a steady stream of present senders.

In fact, so steady was the march that pools of water, tracked in from the wet streets, stood in the corridors.

Dispatches from Washington over the United Press wire say that the country were dumped into the mails Saturday night, giving the postoffice department the most tremendous task in its history.

From all big terminal points came

reports of mail sacks piled to the ceiling of stations and offices preliminary to shipment or delivery. In this last avalanche of bundles was seen the hand of the late shopper. And it means disappointment to thousands of homes.

Christmas mails are two days behind schedule already, the postoffice department admitted Saturday. Only those who shopped and mailed early will have their remembrances in the home of relatives and friends on Christmas day.

But in thousands of cases there will be a greater joy than presents. For one of the causes for delay in the final rush is the divergence of trains for transporting soldiers and sailors on Christmas leave to their homes.

The Christmas mailing tonnage has exceeded all records. Shortage of cars, interrupted transportation, war economies and natural congestion, resulting from world conditions, has made the postal task one of unprecedented proportions.

In the far Northwest floods and ensuing congestion caused delayed mails. In the East, storms have had their effect. In the South the train service is poor and in the Southwest, tremendous extra traffic in troops on furlough has necessitated even officials joining in the task of clearing mail from platforms and getting it on its way.

Among the early matters was the government, sending out millions of copies of the questionnaire, calling upon the homes of the country to stand ready for sacrifices in the interests of the nation.

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Investigators Wood Vessels
Are Practical and Necessary.**

**Southern Contracts, He Said,
May Be Transferred to Pacific
Coast; Building of Small
Ships to Be Encouraged.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—After many ups and downs, the shipping board now considers wooden shipbuilding feasible, practical and necessary, was the testimony of Charles A. Pies, head of the government fleet corporation, before the senate investigating committee today.

Pies said that at first he was opposed to wooden ships, but that he has been converted and, answering questions by Senator Johnson of California, he said wooden vessels are essential to the government's program.

Delays are caused, he said, by doubt concerning the design which Admiral Capps approved, experts believing the numbers are not heavy enough. The Southern Pine association has failed to keep its promises to deliver timber as required, making it necessary to ship fir from the Pacific coast, he said.

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**NIGHT RAIDS
ON ENGLAND
COST PLANE**

**LONDON, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—A
German airplane was brought
down and its crew of three
captured in one of two German
raids tonight, it was announced by
Lord French, commander in chief
of the home defense forces.**

**The first attempted raid was over
the Kentish coast, the enemy fir-
ing being slighted at a 4 o'clock
tonight. Of this party of aerial
bomb-dressers one machine, a
Gotha, was downed.**

**The second raid occurred at 9:30
p. m. A few bombs were dropped
over the Isle of Thanet.**

**"No casualties and no damage
was reported," Lord French re-
ported.**

**Spy Is Shot Trying
To Cross to Mexico**

**El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—
Charles Feige of New York city, believed
to be a German spy, was shot and killed
tonight 10 miles east of El Paso, by a
Seventh cavalry border patrol, while at-
tempting to ford the Rio Grande river
and cross into Mexico.**

**The body of Feige was recovered and
buried in a secret place, and other
military information were found in his
pockets, with a bank book showing
heavy deposits in a New York bank.**

**Names and addresses of persons in
France, Spain and Chile were also found
in his notebook.**

**Feige had been in the vicinity of El
Paso for some time, and had excited
suspect by making sketches and photo-
graphs here.**

**Starting disclosures were expected
when the full military investigation was
completed. The nature of the papers
found was not revealed, although the
plans of many American manufacturing
plants were included.**

**Feige was about 30 years old and was
well dressed.**

**Portland's Station
Beats All Others**

Portland's navy recruiting station again beat the rest of the United States in the latest enlistment drive, but the strain sent Commander E. F. Eckhardt to bed with a near breakdown from exhaustion.

Detailed figures are not available, but reports from the navy department show Portland to have distanced every other district in the country in recruiting German-born apprentice seamen. Kansas City is second, but even it is far behind.

Commander Eckhardt's condition is by no means serious, and he expects to be ready for the next rush after he rests a few days.

**Court-martial Has
Reached Decision**

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The court-martial trying the 15 negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth United States infantry, charged with participation in the Houston riot on the night of August 19, reached a decision early tonight. It was stated officially by members of the court were immediately executed.

The findings will not be presented to General Beckwith, southern department commander, until Monday, or possibly Wednesday. They first will go to Colonel George Dunn, department judge advocate, and later to the department commander for approval.

**Secret Agent Flynn
Gives Up His Work**

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—William J. Flynn, veteran chief of the United States secret service, has resigned, it became officially known here tonight.

New York reports that Flynn resigned to accept the police commissionership of New York under Mayor Hylan, could not be confirmed. Flynn was reported in New York tonight.

The resignation was handed the secretary of the treasury "within the past day or so," it was said. It will be accepted.

**Hunt Is Legally
Arizona's Governor**

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Eddie a bitter political fight of more than a year, the supreme court of Arizona today handed down a decision holding George W. P. Hunt is legally governor of Arizona.

The "action" was taken by Justice Thomas H. Campbell, who has been acting governor since January 23, 1917.

**Officer in Charge
Of Military Guards**

Washington, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—General Carter, chief of the military bureau, was today put in charge of arranging for guards for munitions plants, arsenals, manufacturing plants and public utilities, by order of the president.

**Lieutenant Calvin
Will Serve 5 Years**

Washington, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today reduced to five years the sentence of 10 years at hard labor imposed by court-martial on First Lieutenant Carl H. Calvin, coast artillery reserve corps. Calvin was tried for conduct unbecoming an officer.

**ITALIAN ADVANCE
MAKES PROGRESS,
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**Violent Counter Blows Struck by
Enemy Meet Deadly Rifle Fire;
Battle Still Raging Despite
Bitter Cold Weather in Alps.**

Rome, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Italy's offensive is making progress despite the enemy's utmost efforts. Rome was jubilating today over the second day's successes, reported by the war office as achieved despite "bitterly unfavorable weather conditions, in driving back the invader in the mountains last week.

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mittee Pays No Heed to Re-
quest From President Wilson.**

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Food Administrator Herbert Hoover and Chairman Reed of the senate sugar probe committee, bitter personal enemies, openly clashed today. Reed's refusal to accept Hoover's statement on the sugar shortage, a key issue in developments which embroiled President Wilson, the food administration and a majority of the senate investigating committee in a heated series of negotiations.

Reed, according to the food administration, had been clearly shown in the unfair light of attacking Hoover and rejecting the information he had specifically requested of the food dictator at the beginning of the probe.

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