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SANTA CLAUS' PACK BIGGEST IN HISTORY

Yuletide Saint Staggers Under Weight of Heavy Load of Presents

POOR NOT FORGOTTEN

Buying in Chicago Estimated at Over \$500,000,000; Vice President Daves Among Late Shoppers

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Santa Claus came to Chicago tonight staggering under the weight of a pack valued at between \$90,000,000 and \$100,000,000 the most costly Christmas in the city's history. The great downtown department stores closed their doors at the end of the final rush with the announcement that they have done a Christmas business between \$50,000,000 and \$55,000,000. It was estimated that the smaller stores throughout the city have duplicated the amount.

In the midst of the city's hundred million dollar Christmas, the poor have not been forgotten and hundreds of welfare societies tonight made arrangements to feed thousands of hungry and homeless people while other organizations expected to distribute gifts to thousands of poor children.

Among the last minute shoppers in the downtown business district Vice President Daves was found by a newspaper reporter in a jam with ten thousand other last minute shoppers at State and Madison streets, the "world's busiest corner."

Daves informed the reporter that he was hunting a "thingamajig" for his son that he had forgotten to get.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Santa Claus slipped into Paris tonight on what promised to be one of the gayest Christmas eve's pre-war days.

All the big theaters were sold out and the cabarets and restaurants were crowded also. Great crowds swarmed the boulevards from late afternoon.

The American ambassador Myron T. Herrick, speaking before the Christmas eve luncheon of the American club said:

"I think if we were to make a wish for Premier Briand, we might wish he would get something in his stocking as a Christmas present, that some one would put a wand in his stocking which would let him do what Hamilton in the words of Daniel Webster was able to do—the smote the rock of national resources and the abundant streams of revenues gushed forth."

DORN, Holland, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Howling winds shook the trees around the former emperor's chateau tonight but Christmas cheer radiated from lighted windows, and safe and snug inside, William Hohenzollern himself directed the minutest details of preparations for tomorrow's festivities. This is the eighth Christmas which the former war lord has spent away from Germany in exile, but visited frequently by old comrades and apparently is thriving on his forced sojourn abroad. Tomorrow the

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SHERIFF IS INDICTED

CHARGES BROUGHT FORTH BY LYNCHING OF NEGRO

CLARKSDALE, Miss., Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Sheriff A. W. Glass of Coahoma county and three of his deputies were indicted today by the grand jury investigating the lynching here Saturday night of Lindsey Coleman, negro.

Four men are in jail under murder charges in connection with the slaying of the negro who was shot to death a few minutes after a jury declared him not guilty of murdering Grover C. Nichols, plantation store manager.

SANTA LOSES MISSIVES

SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA, RECEIVES MANY LETTERS

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The Christmas hopes of scores of young believers in Santa Claus, from Maine to Mexico, lay buried tonight in the post-office of this little hamlet.

Next week S. O. Martin, postmaster, will ship to the dead letter office the missives which found their way to the only village in the United States which bears the name of the Yuletide saint. Despite efforts of the postal workers to intercept Santa Claus letters, several hundred of them invariably land here.

The village, named by German toy-makers who settled here 75 years ago, is in Spencer county, a few miles from Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home. It has no railroad, no sidewalks, electric lights, movies, or soda fountains.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS SAY WE WHO LABORED LAST NIGHT

That You Might Sleep in Safety While Santa Claus Came and Went We Sat at Desks, Waiting

Christmas morning. Hands of the clock have just passed midnight, as we sit here at the copy desk, playing traffic officer with the news people write with their lives.

Children of the city sleep. Here and there, devoted parents touch, in a final caress of affection, the presents that are to make glad eyes shine.

Santa Claus, so the good folks say, is now at the climax of his joy, carrying down chimneys throughout this land, his great bag of presents, important, because they are tokens of unbounded affection. Streets are deserted, save for late late revelers. In confidence of joy on the morn, the country sleeps as the hands of the clock creep on.

Why can the world sleep tonight without fear? How can the multitudinous, petty worries of the year be so completely cast to one side?

Thieves prowl on Christmas eve. Tragedy's keenest stab oft times marks the black hours before dawn. Does not this vast city lie open prey for the thief and the gunman?

McMAHAN SUIT WILL TEST FEES OF COURT

TO ENJOIN COLLECTION OF MONEY FROM COUNTY

Validity of Sums Paid Justice Court to Be Target of Trial Case

Declaring that he would institute a suit within the next few days to test the validity of the laws authorizing payment by the county of certain fees claimed by the justice court, Circuit Judge L. H. McMahon, acting as a private citizen, yesterday announced that he would take this action to enjoin the collection of the money from the county. An opinion handed down Wednesday by Attorney General Van Winkle held that the claims for the fees in question were legal and should be paid.

The opinion was asked of the attorney general following a statement by Judge McMahon that the Salem justice court was asking fees that the county could not legally be expected to pay. The questioned claims were for filing docket entries and transcripts.

"Of bills aggregating \$214, the justice of the peace is demanding \$114 to which he is not entitled," Judge McMahon said yesterday in commenting on the case. "The opinion of the attorney general has not changed my opinion concerning these illegal claims."

"I will see to it that a suit to enjoin the payment of these bills is filed within a few days and then the county will be able to decide definitely who is right."

"I know it is unusual for an official to make this kind of a fight but I did not forfeit my rights as a citizen by being elected to office. Somebody has to fight this way occasionally to the end that taxes may not become utterly unbearable and as luck will have it, the responsibility of seeing this through falls on me."

"Besides, I have had vast experience in these things."

Judge McMahon reiterated his declaration to a Statesman representative last night and said that he would take action on the case early next week.

RICH STRIKE IS REPORTED

MAIMOTH DEPOSITS OF SILVER AND LEAD FOUND

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The Idaho Daily Statesman will say Friday morning that it had been informed through unquestionable sources of the \$100,000,000 silver and lead strike in the mining region near Clayton, 65 miles north of Mackay, Idaho.

Mackay is at the end of a branch line extending westward from Blackfoot across the desert and into the Lost River valley.

Strike at the Livingston mine was made December 16 and announcement has been withheld from publication since that date, the Statesman is informed.

Twenty-two hundred feet below the apex, between the point of tunnel contact with the apex, the Statesman has learned, the vein was located through a number of shafts and prospect tunnels. The tunnel was driven in 100 feet, advees state, and was turned during the last 50 or 75 feet in order to strike the vein.

Upon striking the vein a crosscut was made which measured 38 feet width, a steel tape, and a general sample under net tested 50 ounces of silver to the ton and 55 per cent lead.

BANDITS GET PAY ROLL

\$47,900 TAKEN, GUARD SLAIN; REWARD OFFERED

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company tonight posted a reward of \$5,000 for the return of its \$47,900 Christmas payroll taken today in a raid a tea company's pay car by six bandits who killed one guard and wounded another. An additional reward of \$1,000 each for the capture of the robbers, dead or alive, was offered by the concern. The holdup occurred at Mollenbauer, a small mining town near here, and the bandits escaped in an automobile.

I. L. Gump, 59, guard, died two hours after the holdup with a rifle bullet in his abdomen. The second guard, Francis Mahoney, was rendered unconscious when struck on the head with a black-jack but is expected to recover.

BRITISH ASSERTION DRAWS HOOVER FIRE

Charges Made That United States Sought to Restrict Wheat Production

RUBBER MONOPOLY AIRED

Statement by London Morning Post Is Made While Defending Charges of English Rubber Combine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Secretary Hoover contradicted today an assertion by the London Morning Post which said while defending the British monopoly of rubber, that the United States government had itself sought to restrict wheat production at a time of world need.

"The London Morning Post seems to be misinformed when it states that the United States government endeavored to restrict wheat production in the face of a starving world," said Mr. Hoover. "The facts are that in 1917 congress, in order to supply the allies and the starving world guaranteed the price of wheat to the American farmers. Under the guarantee the normal yield of 52,000,000 acres was expanded in the 1918 crop to 64,000,000 acres, and in the 1919 crop to 76,000,000 acres. An enormous surplus resulted."

"The British government after the armistice in 1918, however, very naturally turned to the large accumulation of cheaper wheat which had been held back in Australia and the Argentine. In consequence the American government was compelled to buy large amounts of wheat in order to make good its guarantee."

"The surpluses were disposed of to starving countries in Europe, a large proportion of them in actual charity and the remainder were sold on credit which under subsequent debt settlements proved to have been about 50 per cent of what the wheat cost the American government."

"The American government has never passed any legislation restricting production. This story probably originates from the fact that the department of agriculture a year after the armistice and after the world famine was passed, did warn the American farmer that there was an overproduction of wheat in the world and that they should get back to normal. Such overproduction proved true and under the American farmer for at least two years sold his wheat to Europe for less than the cost of production."

FINANCE PROBLEM SHELVED

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Both the senate and chamber adjourned this morning until Monday with the financial problem still far from settled.



POOR CHILDREN S GLEE RINGS THROUGH ARMORY

MORE THAN 300 SHOUT GREETINGS TO SANTA

Toys and Candy Enough for All at Elks-Salvation Army-Bligh Party

Fights and sports held at the Salem Armory gave way last night to a grand Christmas tree party for the city's children. Salem Elks, Salvation Army and the Bligh Theatre played hosts.

So jolly grew the party as the program drew to a close that

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HOLIDAY CHEER SPREAD THROUGHOUT TERRITORY

LATE CALLS FOR HELP KEEP TELEPHONES BUSY

If Families Have Been Overlooked Officials Ask That They Be Informed

Statesman phones rang until late last night with requests of food and money for the use of the Associated Charities in guaranteeing a cheery Christmas to all worthy families.

For three hours one member of the staff was kept busy connecting late minute calls with the source of supply. Generous assistance of persons in the Salem territory has proved adequate to meet all known demands, and this final request is made:

If anyone knows of a worthy family whose needs have been overlooked, a phone call will bring a good supply of food, calls should be directed to Mrs. John A. Carson of the Associated Charities, who last night authorized this paper to make this announcement.

Generosity of two people in this section is amply attested in gifts volunteered for this work, coming as they have without direct solicitation. Every dollar and every article of food and toys have been turned over to the Associated Charities by this paper, which has been happy to serve as the medium of publicity in this worthy work.

Christmas is doubly happy for those who have in this way shared their bounty with others who would have had a dismal day indeed were it not for these gracious offerings.

CUPID IS BUSY TODAY

EIGHT MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED YESTERDAY

At least 16 people are happy today and celebrating a Merry Christmas.

Eight marriage licenses were issued yesterday by U. G. Boyer, Marion county clerk, in an unprecedented run on Cupid's secretary. The marriages are to take place today.

Those applying for licenses were: Robert White Kelly, Salem salesman and Ada E. Vest, 191 South Commercial street; Cecil E. Kernes, engineer, 633 Ferry street and Josephine Cook of Salem; Arnold C. White, farmer, and Viola Kendall, both of Route 4, Salem; Dr. Carl W. Emmons, Engle apartments, and Alice C. Lindle, 712 Hoyt street, Portland; Chester H. Hayes, Port Angeles, Wash., and Lena Mae Stover, 331 North Liberty street; Lourey D. McLane, logger of Portland, and Lillian V. Solie of Silverton; Roy E. Marchant, mechanic, Salem, Route 6; and Bertha Krehbiel of Pratum; Lowell M. Gardner, Yamhill lumberman, and Mary Bloom, Salem, Route 4.

Lane county built 25 miles macadam road this year, having 360 miles in all.

FOILED BANK BANDITS FLEE WITH CHEER FUND

YOUTHS HOLD SCOTTS MILLS CASHIER AT BAY

Alarm Broadcast in Search for Three Gunmen Surprised During Holdup

In an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Scotts Mills State bank at noon Thursday, three youthful bandits escaped in an automobile after getting only \$30 and after holding J. O. Dixon, cashier, a prisoner for 45 minutes. A telephone operator at Marquam later saw the three men in a car speeding north through that town. No other reports indicating what direction the bandits may have taken have been received by the sheriff's office here. The money taken was collected in the bank as a community Christmas fund for poor children of the district.

The three robbers, all between 20 and 25 years old, entered the bank shortly after it had been closed at 12 o'clock. They were all said to have been heavily armed. Surprising Dixon, the cashier, as he was working on books in the rear of the bank, the men demanded that he open the vault giving them access to the cash. Dixon explained that the time lock on the vault had been set and that it would not open until 1 o'clock. After testing the door the three men decided to wait until that time, and held Dixon covered, preventing the spread of an alarm.

At about 12:45, H. C. Dixon, teller at the bank, returned. As he opened the front door he was met by one of the bandits. "Stick up your hands. Come in here," Dixon was commanded. Instead of complying with the order the teller turned and ran down the street. The highwaymen, knowing that an alarm would be given, fled from the bank and sped away in a Chevrolet touring car. They are said to have taken the bank arsenal with them. The guns taken include a double-barrel sawed-off shotgun, one .25-35 rifle, a .32 revolver and a .38 revolver.

The sheriff's office here was notified of the robbery at once and Deputy Sheriffs Bert Smith and Roy Bremner left for Scotts Mills at once. The 22-mile run was made in less than 30 minutes. News of the holdup was spread to all valley points and officers in all towns are on the watch for the men.

Two of the bandits wore light suits and one was dressed in overalls. One of them is sandy haired with freckles, one light and the other dark. All wore brown hats.

SEARCHERS COME FOREST

HOLLISTER, Cal., Dec. 24.—The search for Harry Mason, 21 Hollister high school pupil who became lost in a blizzard while hunting bear in the high Sierras near Groveland last Friday, was abandoned tonight by forest rangers and volunteer searchers. He is believed to have died of exposure and be buried under snow.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SWELLS TO CLIMAX

Salem Jail Breaks Record by Serving Special Dinner to Prisoners

CITY RESTS IN PEACE

In Reverence, Birth at Bethlehem Is Marked by Lighted Trees and Family Reunions Santa Claus' Wake

An atmosphere of good will, of friendliness, and of jollity will pervade state and city institutions today. At each one a special Christmas dinner has been arranged. Programs have been held or will be held today in reverence of the Birth at Bethlehem one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five years ago this day.

At the one time of the year when enmity is forgotten and amity reigns throughout Christendom, those held behind steel bars for violations of the law will not be regarded as representatives of crime, but as fellow human beings, having a right to share in the general spreading of happiness.

Frank Minto, chief of Salem police, is planning a Christmas dinner for the nine men lodged in the city bastille. This is the first time in history that the city prisoners have been served a Christmas dinner, according to officers who have been long in the city's service.

Menu for the city prisoners will consist of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, baked sweet potatoes, bread, butter, tea and coffee, fruits, nuts, candy, trimmings and mince pie.

Inmates of the state penitentiary will also dine royally. Their dinner will include green tomato relish, fried chicken, ten biscuits, candied sweet potatoes, celery, cranberry sauce, stewed tomatoes in bread, potato and celery salad, coffee, and hot home-made mince pie.

Last night at the state hospital a dance was held for the patients. The hall was beautifully decorated in fitting Christmas colors. Following is the dinner for today, at which 2200 people will be served: 2500 pounds of chicken, 500 pounds of dressing, 130 gallons of giblet gravy, 135 gallons of mashed potatoes, 140 gallons of cabbage salad, 400 mince pies, 200 gallons of milk, 500 pounds of raisin cake, 360 bunches of celery, four barrels of cranberries, four barrels of coffee, five barrels of cider, 100 boxes apples and 1400 pounds of nut and popcorn.

A pleasing program was held last night at the Leeb's mission school, consisting of a sleigh dance song, snow man dance, a play, "Garlands and Flowers," jacks, goblins, a piano solo, clock dance, pantomime, song, and a play, "The Dixies."

Menu for today's dinner at the school will consist of roast goose, cranberry sauce, baked sweet potatoes, cheese and carrots, mince pie, fruit, nuts, coffee, celery, olives, pickles, candy and fancy cake. Gifts will be distributed.

Christmas festivities commenced Wednesday night at the boys' training school. Mr. Gilbert, superintendent of the school, reports that the morale of the boys was finer than he has seen it before.

The Wednesday night program consisted of songs, dances, drills, and a play by Miss Mary Gilbert, daughter of the superintendent.

On Christmas eve two Christmas tree parties were held. One was for the older boys and one for the younger. The latter was held in Tower hall. Santa Claus found time to visit both parties. A "state treat," consisting of a bag of popcorn, a bag of nuts and

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WHEN ST. NICK CAME

THESE PERSONS REMAINED ON DUTY, WAITING

Here is the list of those who remained on duty last night, guarding your interests, anxious to make your Christmas morn gay:

Police Headquarters
Sergeant George Edwards, Officers Edwards, James, Davis, Smart, Thomason, Putnam, Winterstein, Victor and Wright.

Fire Department
Firemen Iwan, Trapp, Faught, Savage, Geeser, Savage, McCauley, Olson, Johnson, Edwards and White.

Telephone Exchange
(Until 10 o'clock)
Lena Victor, Thelma Jory, Hilda Berkey, Margaret Rush, Louise Gosman, Helen Jones, Helen Wesley, Opal Hardy, Christie Matteson and Billie Zysat.

(Until 10:30 o'clock)
Johanna Holland, Alvina Schurman.

(All night)
Belle O'Reilly, Nina Minton.

Western Union
Eric Butler, W. A. Carr and Edna Schomaker.

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