SANTA CLAUS' PACK **BIGGEST IN HISTORY**

Yuletide Saint Staggers Under Weight of Heavy Load of Presents

NOT FORGOTTEN

Buying In Chicago Estimated at Over \$90,000,000; Vice President Dawes Among Late Shoppers

CHICAGO, Dc. 24,- (By Assoclated Press.) - Santa Claus came to Chicago tonight staggering MCMAHAN SUIT WILL 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 downtouwn department stores closed their doors at the end of the final rush with the ana Christmas business between \$59,000,000 and \$55,000,000. It was estimated that the smaller stores throughout the city have duplicated the amount.

to thousands of poor children.

lam with ten thousand other last minute shoppers at State and paid. Madison streets, the "world's busiest corner."

gotten 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.

rants were crowded also. Great ing these illegal claims. crowds swarmed the boulevards

the Christmas eve luncheon of the deads designed will be able to sleeping at all. Near them stand after the world famine was pass American club said:

might wish he would get some- but I did not forfeit my rights as answer to your summons. For they should get back to normal. thing in his stocking as a Christ- a citizen by being elected to of- them, too, it is Christmas morn as Such overproduction proved true would let him do what Hamilton bearable and, as luck will have it, the midst of your celebration. in the words of Daniel Webster was able to do 'he smote the rock of national resources and the abundant streams of revenues gushed forth."

winds shook the trees around the former emporor's chateau tonight but Christmas cheer radiated from snug inside, William Hohenzollern tails 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 fre- Daily Statesman will say Friday quently by old comrades and ap- morning that it had been informed parently is thriving on his forced through unquestionable sources sojourn abroad. Tomorrow the of the \$100,000,000 silver and

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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 Coahama county and three of his deputies were indicted today by the grand jury investigating the lynching here Saturday night of Lindsley

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, RE-

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, post master, 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 toymakers 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

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

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

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

Out in the night, walking

you may sleep, free from

care, they plod on and, perchance,

arrival come hurrying past, the

cheery call "Merry Christmas"

would break the silence, and fade

hour of one.

House breakers

outline against the wall.

Christmas morn.

reach for the phone.

Hands of the clock reach the

At their desks in the exchange,

Belle O'Rielly and Nina Minton

in the morn. Gifts for them lie

wrapped, waiting for their com-

ing. One of them answers your

At his desk in headquarters,

Sergeant George Edwards sits. It

the ends of the earth.

Two indistinct strokes of the

court house clock mark the hour

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people everywhere.

hold upon the ideal.

tion of the ideal.

give than to receive."

opens to the sun.

relationships among his fellows.

until they came to the manger where in the Child lay.

marks the black hours before dawn. Does not this vast city lie e open prey for the theif and the TEST FEES OF COURT

TO ENION COLLECTION OF MONEY: FROM COUNTY

nouncemnet that they have done Validity of Sums Paid Justice Court to Be Target of Trial Case

Declaring that he would insti- into indistinctness. In the midst of the city's hun- tute a suit within the next few dred million dollar Christmas, the days to test the validity of the poor have not been forgotten and laws authorizing payment by the hundreds of welfare societies to- county of cerain fees claimed by night made arrangements to feed the justice court, Circuit Judge L. thousands of hungry and homeless H. McMahan, acting as a private tomorrow while other organiza- citizen, yesterday announced that tions expected to distribute gifts he would take this action to enjoin the collection of the money Among the last minute shop- from the county. An opinion pers in the downtown business handed down Wednesday by Attorney General Van Winkle held district Vice President Dawes was torney General van Winkie neu Belle O'Rielly and Nina Minton found by a newspaper reporter in that the claims for the fees in sit. They too have homes, have question were legal and should be families, eager for their presence

The opinion was asked of the attorney general following a state-Dawes informed the reporter ment by Judge McMahan that the call of alarm. Because you might that he was hunting a "thingama- Salem justice court was asking need her, she sits waiting, waitilg" for his son that he had forgally be expected to pay. The Santa Claus goes. questioned claims were for filing docket entries and transcripts.

"Of bills aggregating \$214, the justice of the peace is demanding Yet under his deft handling the \$114 to which he is no entitled." Judge McMahan said yesterday in All the big theaters were sold commenting on the case. "The alarm. And should your message opinion of the attorney general has be not too urgent, you would probout and the caberets and restau- not changed my opinion concern- ably hear that happy phrase "Mer-

"I will see to it that a suit to er was placed. decide definitely who is right.

taxes may not become utterly unthe responsibility of seeing this through falls on me.

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

Judge McMahan reiterated his DORN, Holand, Dec. 24 .- (By declarations to a Statesman repre-Associated Press.) - Howling sentative last night and said that he would take action on the case early next week.

lighted windows, and safe and RICH STRIKE IS REPORTED himself directed the minutest de- MAMMOTH DEPOSITS OF SIL-VER AND LEAD FOUND

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 24,4-(By Associated Press.) - The Idaho lead strike in the miing regions 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 vailey. 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, advices 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. teet whith a steel tape, and a general sample under nre tested a0 ounces of silver to the ton and 53 per cent lead.

BANDITS GET PAY ROLL

\$47,900 TAKEN, GUARD SLAIN;

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.) — The Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company tonight posted a reward of \$5,000 tor the return of its \$47,900 Christmas payroll taken today in a raid n toe company's pay car by six bandits wno 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 Mollenauer, a small mining town near here, and the bandits escaped

in an autmobile.

BRITISH ASSERTION

Post Is Made While Defends ing Charges of English Rubber Combine Thieves prowl on Christmas eve. Tragedy's keenest stab oft times

> WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .-- (By Associated Press | Secretary Hoover contradicted today an as sertion by the London Morning dreary streets, the watchman plod | Post which said while defending faithfully down their beats. At the British monopoly of rubber, home, they, too, have families, that the United States government families egger for the thrill of a had itself sought to restrict wheat daddy present in the last hours production at a time of world of preparation for Santa's coming. | need.

seems to be misinformed when it should some belated Christmas 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 Ameri-A tapping can 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.

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.

never passed any legislation rery Christmas," before your receiv- stricting production. This story probably originates from the fact The American ambassador Myis filed within a few days and men sleeping lightly, some not a year after the armistice and As far away as your phone lie that the department of agriculture fire trucks and equipment, ready cd, did warn the American farmer "I know it is unusual for an of- to flash into screaching streaks, that there was an overproduction "I think if we were to make a "I know it is unusual for an ormas present, that some one would fice. Somebody has to fight this they sit, boots and helmits with- and under it the American farmer put a wand in his stocking which way occasionally to the end that in reach should Santa Claus for at least two years sold his stumble and flames spring from wheat to Europe for less than the cost of production.

> ated Press.)-Both the senate and chamber adjourned this morning until Monday with the financial problem still far from settled.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas is the day we keep in commemoration of the birth of our Savior. All mankind

To me it means, also, a time for the refurbishing of ideals. Ideals are what we live by.

The ideal is above price. It means the difference between success and failure; the difference

The Curistmas season supplies a perfect illustration of the ideal. The wise men, looking up

The ideal is like the star of Bethlehem. It has value for us in proportion as it is high enough

may find in Him both temporal well-being and eternal valration. Christmas means that to all

There is danger that as a man meets the disillusionments of life he may permit his ideals to be-

come tarnished, or he may lose them altogether. Christmas affords opportunity to take fresh

between a noble life and an ignoble career; and sometimes it means the difference between life and

death. The ideal is of supreme importance because once acquired nothing but a moral revolution

in a man can change it. The ideal dominates a man's life, determines his character, and fixes his

ward and pressing onward, were led by the star out of the descrt into Jerusalem. Then they fol-

lowed the star again until it brought them to Bethlehem. Then they followed it in Bethlehem

above us to keep us looking upward all the time and far enough before us to keep us struggling

fortune for one ever completely to realize his ideal. For, when he does, his progress stops. I like

to think of life as a continuous unfolding, a daily progress towards higher levels. The Christmas

season emphasizes the saying of the wise man in the Book of Proverbs, "The path of the just is

as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Not only is there this general exhoration at Christmas time to cultivate the ideal, but every

ndividual has opportunity to make the particular applications which his life needs. For me

'not to be ministered unto but to minister." He said, "Whoso would be greatest among you, let

him be servant of all." It was true in times past, is true now, and ever will be true, that he is

greatest who does the most good. The human measure of a life is its income; the Divine measure

f a life is its outgo. Not what we accumulate and keep, like a stagnant pool, but what we add to

Another is the law of sacrifice, the means by wnich the spirit of service expresses itself.

the sum-total of human happiness, like a flowing spring, makes us great. "It is more blessed to

The Babe in the manger grew to manhood, and "gave his life a ransom for many." He hesitated not to give "the last full measure of devotion." Not our convenience but the world's need is the

standard of service. Men will serve while it is pleasant to do so, but Christmas says that we must

go beyond that. "What do ye more than others?" is the challenge. He who was born 1925 years

ago in Bethlehem, and who may be born again in our hearts at this itme, said, "He that seeketh

his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life shall find it." Wendell Phillips has a fine passage

in confirmation of this. He says that the multitudes by taking thought of themselves sink into

nameless graves, while the few "forget themselves into immortality."

The third application is the law of love, which is the law of life. The Babe of Bethlehem

brought a new conception of love into the world. The love known to the world before his birth

was limited to the relationships between husband and wife, parent and children, and friend and

friend. In Christ, however, the world experienced a love as boundless as the sea -a love so

limitless that no one can travel beyond its reach. This new love is giving mankind a new heart.

It is not blind, but penetrates the dark places with light. It vists the sick-chamber with cheer;

it penetrates the prison cell with hope; it points out the weak places in the armor of boasting strength. This kind of love begets love. Heart answereth unto heart. "We love him because ne

first loved as," has been written of everyone whom the world has ever loved. Love is a growing

force in the world because it is the only weapon against which there is no shield. In the closing chapters of his work on the French Revolution Carlyle calls attention to an important truth. He

says that thought is stronger than artillery parks, and at the last moulds the world like soft clay.

Then he adds that back of thought is love. Carlyle is right. Thought is mightier than force, but only because it is nurished and supported by love. Thought looks up to love as the flower

let him express that ideal in forms of service, inspired by love, and measured by sacrifice.

These, then, are thoughts for Christmas. Let every man have a worthy ideal of life; and

One is the law of service, as the measure of greatness. The One born on Christmas came

there are three principles, or laws of living, flowing again from this general Christmas illumina-

onward to the end of life. It is a very poor ideal that we can ever overtake, and it is a great mis-

POOR CHILDREN S GLEE RINGS THROUGH ARMORY THROUGHOUT TERRITORY

Silent night! Holy night!

Round you virgin, mother and child,

Holy infant, so tender and mild,

All is calm, all is bright,

at Elks-Salvation Army-Bligh Party

Salem Armory gave way last night to a grand Christmas tree party FINANCE PROBLEM SHELVED for the city's children. Salem

NORMAN K. TULLY.

HOLIDAY CHEER SPREAD

TELEPHONES BUSY

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Toys and Candy Enough for All If Families Have Been Overlooked Alarm Broadcast in Search for Officials Ask That They

Be Informed

Statesman phones rang until late last night with renewed offers of food and money for the use of the Associated Charities in guaranteeing a cheery Christmas

For three hours one member So jolly grew the party as the of the staff was kept busy con- ephone operator at Marquam later play, "Garlands and Flowers, program drew to a close that necting last minute calls with the territory has proved adequate to meet all known demands, and

> 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 worthy work.

those who have in this way shared their bounty with others who teller at the bank, returned. As would have had a dismal day in- he opened the front door he was deed were it not for these gracions offerings.

EIGHT MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED YESTERDAY

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

Those applying for licenses

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: Arrold C. White, farmer, and Viola Kendell, both of Route 4, Salem; Dr. Carl W. Emmons, Engle apartments, and Alice C. Lindle, 712 with freckles, one light and the Hoyt street, Portland; Chester H. other dark. All wore brown hats 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, Yambill lumberman, and Mary Bloom, Salem, Route 4.

Lane county built 25 miles macadam road this year, having 360 is believed to have died of exposmiles in all.

FOILED BANK BANDITS FLEE WITH CHEER FUND

THAN 300 SHOUT LATE CALLS FOR HELP KEEP YOUTHS HOLD SCOTTS MILLS CASHIER AT BAY

> Three Gunmen Surprised During Holdup

bandits escaped in an automobile after getting only \$30 and after source of supply. Generous as- ing north through that town. No dance, pantomime, song, and a sistance of persons in the Salem other reports indicating what di- play, "The Dixies." rection the bandits may have taken has been received by the seriiff's office here. The money tak-

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 every article of food and toys time lock on the vault had been have been turned over to the As- set and that it would not open sociated Charities by this paper, until 1 o'clock. After testing the which has been happy to serve as door the three men decided to the medium of publicity in this wait until that time, and held Dixon covered, preventing the

spread of an alarm. At about 12:45, H. C. Dixon. 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 riffe, a .32 revolver and a .38 re-

volver.

The sheriff's office here was notified of the robbery at once and Deputy Sheriffs Bert Smith and Roy Bremmer 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

SEARCHERS COMB FOREST

HOLLISTER, Cal., Dec. 24,-The search for Harry Masoney, 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 ure and be buried under snow.

Salem Jail Breaks Record by Serving Special Dinner to Prisoners

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 joility 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 rev erence of the Birth at Bethlehem one thousand, hine 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 apreading of happi-

Frank Minto, chief of Salem po lice, is planning a Christmas dinner for the nine men lodged in the city bastile. This is the first time in history that the city pris oners have been served a Christ mas dinner, according to officer who, have been long in the city' service.

Menu for the city prisoners wil consist of roast beef, mashed po-tatoes and gravy, baked sweet potatoes, bread, butter, tea and coffee, fruits, nuts, candy, trimmings Inmates of the state penitenti-

ary will also dine royally. Their dinner will include green tomate relish, fricasee of chicken, tea biccults, candied sweet potatoes, celery, cranberry sauce, stewed to matoes in bread, potato and celeri salad, coffee, and hot home-made

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 erved: 2560 pounds of chicken, 500 pounds of dressing, 130 gallons of giblet gravy, 135 gallous of mashed potatoes, 140 gallons of cabbage saiad, 400 mince pies, 200 gallons of milk, 500 pounds of raisin cake, 360 bunches of celery, four barrels of cranberries, In an unsuccessful attempt to four barrels of coffee, five barrels rob the Scotts Mills State bank at of cider, 100 boxes apples and noon Thursday, three youthful 1400 pounds of nut and popcorn. A pleasing program was held last night at the feeble minded holding J. O. Dixon, cashier, a school, consisting of a sleigh prisoner for 45 minutes. A tel- dance song, snow man dance, a saw the three men in a car speed- lacks, goblins, a piano solo, clock

Menu for today's dinner at the school will consist of reast goose, cranberry sauce, baked sweet poen was collected in the bank as tatoes, cheese and carrost, mince a community Christmas fund for pie, fruit, nuts, coffee, celery, olives, pickles, candy and fruit cake. Gifts will be distributed. Christmas festivitles commenc

ed Wednesday night at the boys' training school. Mr. Gilbert, superintendent of the schol, 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 bag of popcorn, a bag of nuts and

(Continued on page 7.) 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, anx-

ious 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, Gesner, Savage, McCauley, Olson, John-

son, Edwards and White, Telephone Exchang (Until 10 o'clock)

Lena Victor, Theima Jory, Hilda Berkey, Margaret Rush, Louise Gossman, Helen Jones, Helen Wesley. Hardy, Chrissic Matte (Until 10:30 o'clock). Johanna Holland, Alvina

Schurman. (All night) Belle O'Rielly, Nina Min-

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

Morning News Men of the nation, news, editorial, mechanical and

circulation departments.

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CEIVES MANY LETTERS

REWARD OFFERED

I. L. Gump, 50, 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 blackjack but is expected to recover.

DRAWS HOOVER FIRE

Charges Made That United States Sought to Restrict Wheat Production

Statement by London Morning

"The London Morning Post

"The British government after

"The surpluses were disposed of to starving countries in Europe, a large proportion of them in actual charity and the remainder were is Christmas morning for him too. sold on credit which under subsequent debt settlements proved strength of the city's police force to have been about 50 per cent of what the wheat cost the American government. "The American government has

And the telegraph wires are open, ready to carry, if need be, your message of joy or sorrow, to

PARIS, Dec. 24 .- (By Assci-

MORE GREETINGS TO SANTA

Fights and sports held at the Elks, Salvation Army and the to all worthy families.

Bligh Theatre played hosts.

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this final request is made;

Christmas is doubly happy for

CUPID IS BUSY TODAY

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

place today.