



'Relief Work' An Inclusive Phrase For Whole Army

Poverty Emphasized at Holiday Season; Wretched Conditions Seen

The words "relief work" seem to cover such a multiplicity of functions when they are used to refer to the activities of the Salvation Army...

At the Christmas season, of course, a record of the Army work seems to be a continuous dreary tale of human misery, want and wretchedness.

"True, much of this suffering and misery is the direct result of ill-management, carelessness and ignorance," says Captain Earl Williams, Salvation Army corps commander here.

Captain Williams reports a wide variety of cases handled Monday by his organization. Twelve transient, homeless men were fed at the Army hall, one of them a married man with two children.

Many calls were made to homes of needy families and in many cases help was given, in the form of groceries, clothes, etc. Sitting at a desk and listening to and relieving the wants and suffering as they are brought before them is not the only function of the Army workers.

One family where food was sent Monday contained a baby just a few days old. There were several other children. The only food left in the house when the supplies arrived from the Army was a little flour.

Every case is thoroughly investigated as far as it is possible. Robert Cole, of the Elks welfare committee, so that duplication does not occur.

Checks are coming in daily but much more is needed. Write yours out NOW and mail it to the Statesman, 215 S. Commercial street, or to the Salvation Army, box 423.

'Question Mark' to Make Ten Day Flight as Test Of Airplane's Endurance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A test of the limit of endurance of both the present-day airplane and of fliers will be made by a quiet of army aviators who will take off at dawn New Year's day upon a continuous flight as long as their plane, named "The Question Mark," will stay in the air.

Air corps officers believe the plane, if the test is successful, will be able to stay in the air for 10 days. The course over which the flight will be made probably will be between Santa Monica and San Diego, California, 110 miles apart. Not only the stability of the plane and its motors will be tested but also the limit which the

WEATHER Fair and cold today; Gentle north to east winds; Max. temperature Monday 46; Min. 26; River 1.0; No rain; Light north wind.

Good Will Fund

Only seven days remain, including next Sunday, before the fund for the relief of the poor in Salem will be looking anxiously for the Christmas cheer promised by the Salvation Army.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Anna W. Cross (5.00), Carl Abrams (5.00), Chas. K. Spaulding (20.00), Laundry (20.00), A Friend (5.00), Dr. L. O. Clement (5.00), A Friend (3.00), Total to Date (\$707.64).

ANOTHER WARRANT HERE FOR STEVENS

"Professor" S. Stevens, self-styled clairvoyant who can untangle any problem no matter how difficult, was given another warrant to work on when a second warrant was received from Pocatello, Idaho, late Monday night. The second warrant, like the first that was forwarded from that city, charges him with obtaining money under false pretenses. The private prosecutor, who accuses him of cheating her out of an unnamed sum, is Mrs. Agness Scott. The other person named in the warrant is Anna I. Stevens, who says she is his wife, are still pending.

No warrant has yet been received from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where it was reported he was wanted to answer to a similar charge. At Eau Claire the "Professor" was reported to have gone by the name Jules Hazelle. At Pocatello he gave the name A. B. Meyer.

Meanwhile the man rests comfortably in the city jail here. He has a sick wife in San Francisco, according to his story, and was trying to get to her. A short session on the wood-pile, a good warm meal and on they go.

Bean Improving; Operation Pends

L. E. Bean, member of the state public service commission, has been seriously ill at his home here for several weeks. Physicians said his condition is improving slowly, and that he probably will undergo an operation. Whether the operation will be performed in Salem or in Portland has not yet been determined. The nature of Mr. Bean's affliction was not announced.

Willamette Grad Seriously Hurt; May Not Survive

Beach Patton, graduate of Willamette university last spring, is not expected to live following injuries which an automobile driven by a drunken man, traveling at a high rate of speed on the wrong side of the street, struck him while he was riding a bicycle at Fifth and Gilliam streets in Portland.

The "joy ride" party picked him up, drove to the east side and dumped him down beside a service station and went on. The service station man found him there some time later. He has not regained consciousness. Patton is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Patton of Dundee.

BUILDING CODE IS ADOPTED AT FINAL SESSION

Council Winds up Two Years Work With Bang; Salary Item Disputed

Protracted Battle Over Engineers' Salaries is Finally Terminated

Salem's city council wound up its two years' work Monday night with a bang, passing all four ordinances relating to the new building code which has been hanging fire for months. The office of building, plumbing and wiring inspector was created with a salary ranging from \$2000 to \$3000, depending on receipts from building and plumbing contractors and electricians' licenses, but of this salary the inspector must pay his own expenses.

The building code adopted is the standard Pacific code so far without any amendments although 16 amendments were up for consideration. It was agreed that these could be made later. The council went into committee of the whole and amended the other ordinances as recommended by the building code committee, of which Alderman Armpriest was chairman.

Discussion Lengthy On Inspector's Salary

The question of the inspector's salary was not decided until after lengthy discussion. Alderman Patton was opposed to paying any salary which might involve a payment out of funds raised by taxation; Alderman Dancy took the same view, on the ground that the inspection department should not be created in such way as to embarrass the council. In line with these suggestions, the motion which was finally adopted, was framed by Alderman Hawkins and approved unanimously.

It was reported that many local contractors had been opposed to a flat \$3000 salary for this position, claiming that few of them made that much in a year and that a competent man could be employed at a smaller figure.

Engineers' Mileage Bills Are Allowed

The council finally passed the bills for automobile mileage for R. A. Furrow, bridge engineer, and D. P. Thayer, his assistant, which had been turned down several times before. Alderman Patton said that what this was up before, several of the council members had not understood that the bridge committee alone was charged with approving or rejecting bills contracted in connection with the bridge fund. Aldermen Purvine, Herrick and Rosebraugh voted against allowing them.

Alderman Johnson then moved that the bills be honored after January 1; but his motion was not seconded. Chairman Townsend of the bridge committee said he would agree to that proposal if the same policy were adopted with respect to the police department.

Charities Asked To Submit Report

Much discussion of the merits of the Associated Charities was precipitated early in the meeting by a suggestion from Dr. B. F. Pound that the appropriation of \$2000 to the "Salem board of charities" contained in the budget was not understood by the budget committee as being a donation to the Associated Charities. He pointed out that a civic survey conducted several years ago resulted in a report that the Associated Charities was duplicating the work of other charitable organizations.

Several of the council members and also Recorder Mark Poulsen, spoke in defense of the Associated Charities, and the total result was that the organization was asked to submit a report of its work to the council. Previously, the council had voted to authorize the boxing commission to turn over to the Associated Charities about \$150, a charity fund consisting of ten per cent receipts from recent boxing programs.

No citizens apparently came with intention to discuss the 1929 budget and it was certified without debate. The total amount was \$378,483.88. Two other ordinances were passed under suspension of the rules; one authorizing a call for bids on \$54,925.50 of improvement bonds, and the other calling for bids on \$100,000 worth of bridge bonds.

Two army airplanes flew with about a score of feet separating them and both at a speed of 80 miles an hour, while 50 gallons of gasoline was transferred in less than a minute through a hose from one machine to the other.

After this test Secretary Davis authorized the endurance flight, which will be dependent upon this method of obtaining fuel. The Question Mark will start on its transcontinental flight to the Pacific coast from here tomorrow, accompanied by two refueling planes.

For the endurance experiment five of the army's best airmen have been selected.

Banquet Is Given President-Elect Of United States

Mr. Hoover Replies to Greetings With Warm Praise for Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The desire of the United States for intellectual and spiritual cooperation with other republics of America was emphasized by Herbert Hoover in a speech at a banquet in his honor tonight. President Campsteiguy had welcomed the president-elect to Uruguay on his good-will mission.

Mr. Hoover said that Uruguay demonstrated that the moral weight of nations is not based on size or numbers but on the spirit and character of a people. Uruguay, he said is thus the exemplar of the profound political truth that national greatness springs from the heights and depths of national soul. "I wish to thank you for the eloquent expression you have given of your sentiment toward myself and the friendship of the people of Uruguay toward my country," he began. "I know that these expressions, this hospitality and this reception will meet with response in the hearts of the people of the United States. 'Sometimes I think relations between nations bear humble comparison to relations between neighbors in our busy private lives.'"

TABLOID INTERVIEWS

Brief Expressions of the Personal Opinions of the Readers of the New Statesman

GREAT men of the future in America may come from the west, as Roy Hewitt is quoted as saying, but one of them seemingly is not the man who "pulled up stakes" in Salem, moving or selling his goods, to hasten to a job in California paying 10 cents an hour more than he earned here. These are thoughts left with the reader of Tabloid Interviews today.

DEAN R. R. HEWITT of the Willamette university law school said: "The west, which means anything west of Chicago, is the only place where we find true democracy. Out of the west can be expected to come the future great men of America."

M. F. SWIFT, manager of the Alfred-Billingale agency, said: "If the number of people who are around looking at automobiles is any indication of the general condition of business, Salem is far from being on the rocks. Of course, the fact that practically all dealers have new models brings out a Yaw, but the great number that have been out in the last week or two."

H. B. ROBINSON, vice-president of the Portland Ad club and director of contact with other clubs of the state, said: "The Salem Ad club is one of the most active groups with which we have come in contact. The fact that there are approximately 100 entrants in the Christmas illumination contest, which it is now sponsoring, indicates a wide interest in the work of the organization. General activities and the recent safety campaign have been very commendable."

R. W. MACY, local attorney, said: "I thought perhaps I was the only one in Salem who did not like the kind of vegetable soup found in the city water mains. During the past two days, however, a number have informed me that their taste is very similar to mine in this respect."

H. STEINBOCK, general merchandise dealer, said as he paid the minimum fine of \$25 after pleading guilty to dealing in furs without a license: "By all the ten commandments, I swear I didn't know I had to have a license. It's not justice to fine me for that; you should let me go. That's not a fair law; it's a provocative law. You haven't heard the last of Steinbock."

F. H. ZINSER, who resides in the Salem Heights district, said: "I like this practice of the school children drawing names to exchange gifts at Christmas time. It seems to me it creates a spirit of giving among the children. The youngsters certainly get interested in it."

S. F. ANDERSON, proprietor of the Bellevue grocery, said: "The other day a man came into my store to say he had been offered what would amount to 10 cents more an hour to work with a California man. He sold off most of his goods here, undoubtedly at a loss; freighted some and took his family south. What I'm wondering is, how many hours will he have to work to make up the cost of moving. Did he gain anything?"

NEW PLAN FOR TAX CUT TOLD BY COMMITTEE

Reduction by \$3,500,000 Involves Adoption of Levy on Tobacco

One Mill Assessment for Market Roads Would be Done Away With

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A plan which would make possible reduction by at least \$3,500,000 of the property tax burden in Oregon was advanced here today by the "third committee," of the state property tax relief commission, acting under authorization of the last legislature. To eliminate at least part of the property tax, three things must be done, the committee said. First, the market road tax of one mill, representing \$1,200,000, must be abolished.

Second, the 25 per cent share of automobile license funds, reverting to the counties, must be used exclusively to meet interest and principal on county road bonds, representing about \$1,250,000 yearly.

Tobacco Tax to Take Place of Present School Levy

Third, one mill of the elementary school tax, amounting to one million dollars a year, must be abolished, and in its place, a millage tax be levied on tobacco. The "third committee," which has been making a study of bond issues, tax limitation and millages, has completed drafting its report and recommendations to the main commission which will meet Thursday, Friday and Saturday. At these sessions the suggestions of the four subcommittees will be sifted until a dozen of the most vital are winnowed out and recommended to the January legislature for consideration.

Before the report Thursday, however, a conference with the Governor, state treasurer and the state highway commission as to the proposal will be held. Repeal of this state millage would prevent counties from making their own levies, as at present, for market roads.

Discussion Anticipated On School Tax Proposed

The committee found that the millage plan has grown to such an extent that 82 per cent of the state taxes of 1928 has gone to nine institutions, while eighteen per cent has to maintain 102 state institutions and activities. The legislature is responsible for a millage amounting to .87 mill, while the people have voted 4.70 mills.

Not only should millage be controlled, the committee believes, but there should be a control of bonds.

Monday in Washington

By The Associated Press

Paraguay accepted mediation by the Pan-American conference of its dispute with Bolivia.

The senate foreign relations committee again deferred action on the Kellogg peace treaty.

The house passed a bill to authorize \$8,150,000 for Porto Rican hurricane relief.

The army air corps plans transcontinental flight to establish new airplane endurance records.

The house irrigation committee asked that the Boulder Dam bill be brought before the house tomorrow.

The District of Columbia supreme court issued a contempt citation against Harry M. Blackmer, oil witness missing in France.

President Coolidge asked congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 to the care for the 1929 post office air mail deficit.

By a 38 to 35 vote for the senate approved the treasury appropriation conference report eliminating the Bruce amendment to increase to \$370,000,000 the prohibition enforcement fund.

House Entered; Occupants Away

Burglars some time in the past week entered a house at 1344 Court street, the occupants of which are out of town, according to a report made to the police. The name of the family was not reported. Relatives living nearby found the house had been ransacked but could not tell whether anything had been taken.

KING IMPROVES BUT DANGER IS STILL PRESENT

Royal Head of British Empire Has Slight Relapse After Good Day

Optimistic Spirit Pervades Public Attitude as Bulletins Given Out

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A check in the improvement which King George has been experiencing for two days, was reported in the official bulletin tonight from the physicians who have been attending the royal patient in Buckingham palace. The doctors' report said that his majesty was somewhat restless during the afternoon and that the progress "recently noted" has not been continued during the last few hours.

While the words of the bulletin as usual were distinguished by reserve, the disappointment over their intent was not sufficient to dispel the strong optimistic spirit which has prevailed at the palace since Saturday, when the sick monarch began to show improvement.

Three Physicians Sign Bulletin

Tonight's bulletin was issued at 8:15 p. m. It was signed by Sir Stanley Hewitt, Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Hugh Rigby. It said: "The King had this afternoon been somewhat restless and the progress recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours."

For terseness this announcing bulletin fairly matched the morning bulletin which, however, was of a more encouraging nature. The earlier statement was signed by the same three physicians and said: "The King has had a fair night with some natural sleep toward morning. The slight improvement in his majesty's condition noted yesterday, continues."

Conservative optimism grew substantially during today, which saw the third consecutive bulletin bringing good news of improvement in the condition of the monarch. The beautiful mild sunny weather after a long wintry period has a decided uplifting effect on the popular mind.

The Prince of Wales, through the Lord Mayor, broadcast a cheerful message and expressed pleasure in the betterment of his father and in his enjoyment of natural sleep. The queen displayed her more hopeful attitude by taking an afternoon ride.

The general feeling prevailed here Saturday afternoon and no further action on the demonstration court problem has been taken, pending word from the New York headquarters. Dr. Warner expects to receive her reply this morning.

CIGARETTE THIEVES BELIEVED ARRESTED

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Four men today were charged with burglary two women were charged with vagrancy, and two cigar store proprietors were charged with receiving stolen goods when police rounded up a gang that they declare is a gang of cigarette thieves.

The men charged with burglary gave the names of Earl Kiper, Frank E. Webber, Eddie Dale and Harry Tew. They were said by investigating officers to have confessed to the theft of 47 cases containing 470,000 cigarettes valued at \$3,525 at retail prices. Arrested with the men were Bernice Campbell and Lela Atkins, the cigar store proprietors were C. C. Shaw, pool hall operator, and Irving I. Hassen, proprietor of two stores. Both were charged with receiving stolen goods and were ordered held under \$500 bond.

COLLEGIATE STYLE SHOW BIG SUCCESS

One cute little fellow, the master of ceremonies, in the Kampus Kapers and style show presented by some of the W. U. talent Monday night at the Elsinore theatre, made a bright remark to the effect that, "If we're kinda dumb, please forgive us. We're just college students, and we can't help that."

Even the orchestra (Willamette musicians) was all dressed up for the occasion with "cute" red sweaters and Alpha Psi hats, but for all that they didn't seem to be hitting any "off keys."

"Chuck" Kaufman did not believe his reputation for bringing in a few choice words that couldn't have been less than 15 letters in length and presented Clark Wood, the not-at-all amateurish magician, and the cunning Kampus Kut-ups, Schamp and James, whose act made up in tagging what it lacked in speed, Colias Marsters, a good looking man about town with a cane who could sing "King for a Day" and the Varsity Quartet. Then "Pat" Taylor up and featured "Chiquita" for the orchestra, followed by Josephine Albert who almost had to give the audience an encore with her singing of "My Alice Blue" (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

Shop Girl



Lady Doria Hope, charming daughter of the Duke of Devon, castle of England, has been discovered working as a saleswoman in a New York department store. She has been visiting in this county since October.

REPLY AWAITED ON COURT'S PROPOSAL

Commonwealth Fund Expected to Answer Wire Sometime Today

Up to a late hour Monday night, Dr. Estella Ford Warner, director of the Marion county child health demonstration, had received no response to her wire to the Commonwealth Fund headquarters advising of the county court's assertion that it would be willing to meet the demonstration's proposed budget of \$6,050 for 1929 in full in the event there is no special election next May.

This proposition came from the court at the mass meeting held here Saturday afternoon and no further action on the demonstration court problem has been taken, pending word from the New York headquarters. Dr. Warner expects to receive her reply this morning.

Statesman Staff Growing Rapidly Curtis is Father

Here's a story that literally belongs to Ralph Curtis, of the Statesman editorial department, Phyllis Jean, a seven-pound baby girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis late Monday afternoon at the Salem General hospital. This is the first child. Both Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are well known on the Willamette university campus, where they were former students.

This is the second event of its kind to occur on the Statesman staff within a month. Ralph Kletzing, advertising manager, became the father of a girl some three weeks ago.

OAKLAND MADE PORT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—President Coolidge today signed an executive order making Oakland, Calif., a port of entry.

More Entries Needed to Assure Success of Club's Outdoor Lighting Contest

More entries—at least 40 of them—should be placed in the list of Salem families displaying outdoor Christmas illumination. That is the opinion of William Paulus, president of the Salem Ad club and each loyal member of the organization, which is sponsoring the affair.

"We're pleased with the number of entries to date," says Paulus, "but we want more. Portland has several hundred homes entered and Salem must compare well with the Rose City."

Under the rules of the Christmas outdoor illumination contest, the home displaying the most artistic expression of Christmas spirit will receive 50 points, while illumination will count for 40 points.

The grand prize for the city consists of \$50 in cash, while merchandise prizes valued at \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded in the four districts into which the city has been divided.

The following entry blank has been provided by the club. Prospective decorators are urged to fill this out at once and send to postoffice box F!

Individual Entry Blank

Advertising Club of Salem P. O. Box F, Salem, Ore.

MOBILIZATION BEING RUSHED BY PARAGUAY

30,000 Volunteers Accepted for Service During Past 24 Hours

Meanwhile Bolivia Orders Cessation of Hostilities on Border

LA PAZ, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The commander of the Bolivian frontier forces has been ordered to halt their advance and to cease attacks on Paraguayan troops. This information was contained in the reply of the Bolivian government to the president of the council of the League of Nations, announced tonight but under date of yesterday.

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Paraguayans have rushed to arms by the thousands during the last 24 hours, and many of them already have left the capital for the north. It was announced officially that of 50,000 volunteers who presented themselves yesterday at military headquarters, 30,000 were accepted and incorporated into the army as officers and soldiers.

Whole Army Taken On Three Steamers

Three steamers carrying numerous forces combining both units of the regular army, many civilian volunteers, and officers belonging to the military reserves, left during the night for an unnamed destination in the north. Many of those who sailed had listed at the empories only the preceding day. Despite the lateness of the sailing hour, the marching troops were accompanied to the ships by an enormous crowd, cheering enthusiastically.

The city today presented an unusual sight with war preparations in evidence everywhere, automobiles and trucks rolled rapidly along the streets carrying volunteers to the concentrating quarters. Great crowds stood in line in front of the war office and the military academy, taking their turn to be enrolled.

Most of the men in line were accompanied by their mothers, wives or sweethearts universally maintaining a brave calm. Several military officers who were called after a revolt some time ago, returned to the capital today ready to serve against Bolivia.

Arms Turned Over By All Civilians

The minister of war today ordered that all arms in possession of civilians be immediately turned over to the government. A sanitary service was organized during the day and Dr. Gubetch, one of the foremost physicians of the country, volunteered his services to direct a medical corps.

Congress has been convoked for extraordinary sessions to take measures made necessary by the international crisis. President Guggiarri remained at the government palace until late at night discussing the situation with members of the cabinet.

Paraguay today accepted the offer of the Pan-American conference for mediation of its dispute with Bolivia. Foreign minister Zubizarreta in transmitting this reply said that mobilization had been ordered "simply for defensive purposes."

Youthful Bandits Get \$50,000 Sum

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Two youths armed with pistols walked into the Unger jewelry store here tonight and after threatening five persons took diamonds worth \$50,000 and escaped in an automobile. Two women clerks fainted.