

Merry Christmas
Your Statesman carrier
and The Statesman, from
publishers to devil, wish
you all a very Merry Christ-
mas and a Happy New Year.

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Cloudy with scattered
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Violence Marks Texas Waterfront Strike

None to Go Hungry Here Today; Minto Invites All in Need

Christmas Dinner Baskets Sent Out by Charitable Organizations to Hundreds of Families

Thousands of Children Given Cheer; Elks, Veterans, Salvationists Assist; State Wards Dine

NO man, woman or child need go hungry in Salem this Christmas day.

Chief "Santa Claus" Frank Minto of the city police department announced last night that any person not having other means of obtaining a Christmas dinner should come to the city hall around 4 p. m.

"Please announce that anyone—men, women or children—needing a Christmas dinner can get it here tomorrow," Minto said.

A bountiful dinner with chicken as the main course will be served to transients and local needy people alike at Hotel de Minto, which is located on the third floor of the city hall.

Charitable Salem organizations mobilized their forces yesterday in generous fashion to distribute dinner baskets, clothing and toys to hundreds of families and thousands of children.

More than 2000 children attended the Elks lodge Christmas party during the day, Lou Thomas, who with Robert Cole, chairman, was in charge, estimated. They received clothing, toys, repaired and painted by members of the Salem fire department, more than 900 pounds of candy and a large quantity of nuts and oranges.

Associated Veterans Send 155 Baskets

The Associated Veterans yesterday afternoon distributed 135 heavily-laden provision baskets, each also containing toys for children, to as many families of ex-servicemen who were in need.

Salvation Army workers estimated they had supplied 625 persons with Christmas dinners in delivering 125 baskets. Toys and clothing also were given out and last night more than 100 children enjoyed the Army's annual Christmas tree party at which they received candy, nuts, oranges and apples.

Christmas tree and special programs were held at virtually all of the state institutions on Christmas eve.

There will be other programs today including turkey and chicken dinners with all the trimmings. At the Oregon State hospital more than 1500 persons, including patients and attendants, will sit down to dinner at noon. Warden Lewis said a special dinner also had been arranged for the 1000 inmates of the state penitentiary.

Extensive Supply Candy Bought

Approximately 4000 pounds of candy was required to supply the several state institutions. There also was a liberal supply of nuts and oranges.

Although turkey will not be on the bill of fare, prisoners in the Marion county jail will deliberate today with extras in the way of food. Swiss steak flanked by mashed potatoes and gravy and string beans will be served, followed by pie and cake. Apples, oranges, candy and nuts will be supplied for after-dinner munching.

City jail prisoners will have turkey or chicken dinners, Chief Minto said.

Santa Gets Wet Visiting Oregon

(By the Associated Press)
It was probably a mighty wet Santa Claus who returned to his familiar haunts this morning after an all-night trip over rain-soaked Oregon.

Snow-flakes, too, probably clung to his whiskers.

But the general fall of snow previously indicated as a possibility failed to materialize. The weather forecast for today called for "occasional rain."

Snow fell in the mountains, however, and recipients of sleds, skis and snowshoes were advised by the state motor association to spend the day at Mount Hood and other winter resorts to obtain the full benefit of such gifts.

Blowout Indirect Cause Of Log Trucker's Death

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—H. L. Everett, 41, Myrtle Point, died today as a result of injuries incurred when a tire blew out on his logging truck. He was crushed by a log. The cab of the truck was caved in.

Peace Seeking In Many Lands On Christmas

Good Will Message Goes Forth From Officials of Church, Nation

America Rejoices, New Prosperity; Orient Spain Face Cloud

(By the Associated Press)
Christendom recalled the savior's birth today in an atmosphere of mingled joy and misery.

"Peace" was the keyword in messages from leaders of church and nation to a world divided between prosperity and war.

The spirit of Christmas was a soothing influence to the third of the earth's population which professes Christ. Millions ceased toil to turn their thoughts to others.

The bells of Bethlehem pealed their annual message to a guarded city, where soldiers joined the crowds which watched traditional rites.

In Rome, center of Catholicism, Pope Pius XI rallied his strength for a plea for peace in a message heard yesterday over most of the globe. The pain-ridden pontiff, in a voice weakened by illness and quivering with emotion, offered his suffering for God's glory and the "peace and good of the entire church—and, in particular, for Spain."

Roosevelt Strikes Keynote in America

President Roosevelt led his nation's observance. Speaking to a people riding the swell of mounting business, he said yesterday in his his traditional message the western hemisphere had "rendered special tribute to the spirit of Christmas."

By all indices the nation was enjoying the best days since the "boom" era. Pockets bulged with bonuses and pay increases.

The yuletide spirit brought relief to the needy and lonely the world over. Workday cares were lifted.

The Christmas picture was a patchwork in lands beyond the seas, with millions tense as war threats hovered over holiday tables.

Shell-torn and blood-spattered Spain was a focal point for political leaders of Europe. The population, divided in civil war, hoped for a yuletide truce.

Tin Soldiers Are Gifts of Goering

Germany set sparse tables under war-time restrictions. Reichsfuehrer Hitler, holding what leadership key to a nation watched by three continents, took cognizance of the season. Like his chief aide, General Goering, he entertained children of the poor, and orphans. Goering's gifts were tin soldiers.

Reed, Different Only in name from America's Santa Claus, brightened the day for French children, whose fathers looked anxiously across conference tables toward the Rhine.

"Urgent talk" punctuated holiday observances by Great Britain. Led by the new King George VI, Englishmen rejoiced in the Christmas spirit. Sandringham house was aglow over resumption of the practices of his late majesty, George V.

On the other side of the earth, peoples of the orient watched events fearfully. China faced civil war. Japan awaited events which might decide between fascism and parliamentary government.

climbing into his lap or running gayly about the room. He minded not at all, calling for her first of all the grandchildren when he awoke this morning.

Two automobiles of Roosevelts, among them the president's mother and the first lady, were present as the president broadcast the pledge of old Scrooge and went on to tell of another present day pledge.

"We of the western hemisphere," he said, "have this year rendered special tribute to the spirit of Christmas, for we have pledged anew our faith in the abridgment of reason and the practice of friendship."

After the president's party, Mrs. Roosevelt spoke at another Christmas tree in an alley of the capital's negro section. In other alleys where poor families live, hundreds gathered about radio-equipped cars to hear her greeting.

Earlier in the day, President and Mrs. Roosevelt distributed gifts to members of the White House office force, to the household staff and police.

Like millions of other families, the president's will get up early tomorrow to explore its Christmas stockings.

Glory to God in the Highest; and On Earth Peace, Good Will to Men



Miller's "White Shepherds Watched"

The event that inspired these masterpieces of art still leaves its impress upon the world today.



Correggio's "Mother and Child"

Bandon Discovers Place of Nativity Celebrates Again

Truck-Loads of Toys and Other Gifts Received by Stricken Town

BANDON, ORE., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fire-stricken Bandon laid down its tools of reconstruction tonight cheered by the knowledge Oregon had opened its heart to destitute families and hundreds of children a yuletide long to be remembered.

Truck-load after truck-load of toys, books, all manner of gifts, and much-needed merchandise arrived from all parts of the state. Christmas baskets went to families all through the area ravaged by the conflagration Sept. 26 when at least 10 persons lost their lives in forest fires along the southern Oregon coast.

Santa Is on Hand

In Bandon, wiped out by the blaze, scores of children saw a free movie and received sacks of candy today, and a live Santa Claus appeared as a messenger of good will and gifts this afternoon.

Three entertainments will be held Christmas day.

The women's club committee said it was possible enough clothing and non-perishable staples would be left over to continue the Christmas message well into the winter.

Rebuilding of the city is well under way.

Second of Motor Strikes Settled

By the Associated Press
The second strike settlement in two days in the automobile industry topped yesterday's developments in the nation's far-flung labor disputes.

Two thousand members of the united automobile workers, on strike for several weeks, decided to accept the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel company's proposal for a settlement. Operations in the Detroit plants are to be resumed Monday.

Previously, striking employees at the Aluminum Company of America's auto parts branch at Detroit accepted a settlement.

Wines Recovers, Leaves Hospital

Apparently recovered from effects of poison tablets he swallowed Wednesday afternoon, Albert Wines, 51, 1073 Oak street, was discharged from Salem Deaconess hospital yesterday morning. Dr. E. E. Berg, city health officer, who handled the case, said Wines appeared in good condition but the danger of reaction from the bichloride of mercury tablets the man took before walking into police headquarters Wednesday still existed.

Efforts were being made to obtain admittance for Wines to the veterans hospital at Portland.

Another "Meanest"

THE DALLES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fourteen-year-old Eulie Johnson, given \$15 for Christmas shopping by her blind and invalid father, laid her purse on a counter to examine merchandise. The purse disappeared.

Hitler Holding Key to Future Is Paris View

French Threaten Aid for Defenders If Reich Helps Fascists

Italy Withdraws; Break in Solid Front Now Hope of Britain

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The key to war or peace in Europe was Chancellor Hitler's decision whether to send 60,000 German soldiers to Spain, foreign office officials indicated tonight.

Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos awaited Hitler's word on the request of Gen. Francisco Franco to send troops to aid the Spanish fascists.

Delbos conveyed to Count Johann von Welzbeck, German ambassador, the French government's concern, and hinted a French army might go to the aid of Madrid-Vallencia socialist government, reliable advices said.

Foreign office circles said they had reports that five German army divisions were fully equipped and ready for immediate service in Spain, if the reichsfuehrer should command.

Only Experts Sent So Far, Indicated

Officials who charged Germany thus far had sent only technical experts or aviators to aid the Spanish insurgents, admitted the decision would be difficult one for Hitler because "if men are not sent, Franco will probably lose the war."

"With loss of the war," one official said, "will go Germany's hopes for political influence and economic difficulties lessened. Only Spain can give her a head start."

"On the other hand, if men are sent there will be the risk of European war which Germany in her present economic condition, can hardly stand."

The foreign office spokesman added that Italy, which with Germany recognized the fascist Junta of Burgos, "had almost completely" withdrawn from Spain following a favorable turn in her negotiations with Britain for a Mediterranean agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Britain, striving in cooperation with France to keep the peace in Europe, tonight studied chances of breaching the solid front of the fascist nations as a means to that end.

Authoritative quarters indicated that also Germany might see the danger of the Reich intervening in the Spanish civil war, while prospects of lessening Italy's attachment to the fascist bloc through the pending British-Italian Mediterranean accord were said to be good.

British observers took the view that France was "over excited" by reports Germany was considering sending 60,000 troops to Spain, but that such a step would mean "a nasty war in Spain."

Pedestrian Killed

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Alex. Mohr, 57, became the second holiday season traffic accident victim in Portland today. Driver of a truck which struck and fatally injured him was not held.

Corn is Unloaded; Flareup Over Worsted Strike Occurs

PORTLAND, D. C. 24.—(AP)—The peaceful conclusion to current worries of Oregon poultry producers, and a flare-up of bitter feeling occasioned by the re-opening of the Oregon Worsted mill culminated pre-Christmas labor controversies in Portland today.

Union longshoremen began the unloading of 4700 tons of Argentine corn from the ship Primero, under special arrangement between union officials and owners of the corn which representatives of cooperatives, said, was badly needed by chicken raisers.

The outbreak at the Oregon Worsted mill, which reopened with a skeleton crew yesterday, came when 25 employees went through picket lines to work. William Meier, 22, who gave his occupation as an artist, was arrested.

Inciting Crowd to Break Lines, Charge

Captain W. C. Epps, head of a detail of Portland police, said the arrest quieted the sullen attitude of 50 or 60 strikers. He said Meier had been inciting the crowd to break police lines, and that the lines could not have been held without use of force.

Co-incident with the unloading of the Primero was an announcement today that grain exporting firms and grain handlers, associated with the International Longshoremen's association, reached

Seamen Are Beaten And Dispersed for Defying Picket Ban

Threat to Attack Police Station Is Reported; Chief Gives Permit For Peaceful Patrolling

Coast Union Heads, Shipowners Hand Each Other Blame in Answers to Labor Secretary's Peace Plea

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Police, using tear gas clubs and firing guns into the air, routed striking rank and file seamen on the waterfront tonight after the sailors had defied orders from Lieut. J. E. Murray to cease picketing.

Some 15 seamen were beaten as police broke through picket lines three times and later visited cafes and beer parlors in the vicinity, evicting seamen wherever they were found.

Shotguns and revolvers were fired skyward and the waterfront was thrown into a near panic as the strikers' picket lines were broken and reformed.

Police first reported that the seamen had attacked the police station. Later, Lieutenant Murray, who had been in charge of the waterfront detail since the strike started 55 days ago, said he had ordered the pickets to disperse but that the seamen refused to leave and threatened to storm police headquarters.

Then, Murray said, police charged the picket line. The pickets fled. Officers chased several seamen into alleys, firing at them with tear gas guns.

Acting Chief of Police R. T. Honea rushed to the waterfront and tried to quiet the situation. He gave strikers permission to resume picketing as long as they were peaceful. He relieved Murray of duty on the waterfront and sent him back to his regular assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Strike leaders and shipowners cut loose at each other with a jolting Christmas eve barrage of charges tonight in assuring Secretary of Labor Perkins they were eager to make speedy peace on the waterfront.

The union leaders told Miss Perkins the employers were plotting to "split their 'solid front' and to mislead the public."

Employers reported to the labor secretary that "subversive" union leadership and a personal feud between maritime strike spokesmen were delaying peace.

Each asked Miss Perkins to hurry the other in the peace-making.

The labor secretary had urgently requested both elements to hasten peace, asserting "public interest requires that these negotiations be completed promptly, now."

Indications of a possible break in the "solid front" disappeared from the surface at least when Harry Lundeberg, sailors union spokesman, repudiated a subordinate's published attack on Harry Bridges, powerful leader of the longshorement.

However, Bridges was attacked from another union quarter when Paul Scharrenberg of the International seamen's union denounced him as "an alien blabbermouth" and "a blustering knave" in an address before the San Francisco commonwealth club.

Peace negotiations, precariously near a breakdown for several days, came to a full stop for the holiday as the shipowners turned to social activities and the strikers prepared for restricted celebrations under strike conditions.

Both sides indicated to Miss Perkins, however, their desire to get back to the peace table as soon as possible, and meetings were tentatively arranged for Saturday.

Harry Lundeberg In Salem Briefly

Harry Lundeberg, secretary-treasurer of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, was a visitor in Salem briefly last night but not for a long-enough period to be interviewed.

It was reported that Lundeberg, union spokesman in the strike negotiations, on his way to Portland to present details of the proposed settlement, was notified en route that provisions of the 1936 maritime act would go into effect tomorrow and decided to return immediately to San Francisco to attend to matters in that connection. The union is opposed to certain features, but had understood the act's effective date would be postponed until February 1.

Lundeberg disembarked from a train here, returned to Eugene by auto and took a plane to San Francisco.

John O'Neill, labor representative on the board, said today, Roy Bishop, president of the plant, "gave this board the run-around by opening so soon. . . . The union feels it got a raw deal and that a public hearing should have been held."

The board's plan called for rehiring without discrimination, but not union recognition. Negotiations were to be continued.

The worsted company normally employs about 400 persons. It was closed November 5.