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WEATHER: Tonight and Sunday rain or snow; fresh southerly, gusty winds. Maximum 41; minimum 27. Rain-fall tonight; wind southwest light; weather cloudy.

XMAS BUSINESS IS HEAVIEST IN HISTORY OF CITY

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SATURDAY BUYING BIG

Many Merchants Declare Last Day of Shopping Was the Greatest Single Day's Business in History of Stores.

Never has Santa Claus been so generous to Pendleton. Never has there been such a prosperous Christmas in this city. Every standard by which a judgment can be made indicates beyond any doubt at all that a new record in buying, giving and receiving has been established in this city.

Local merchants, department store proprietors, jewelers, keepers of toy-shops, book sellers, all are unanimous in declaring their business unprecedented. Indicating that not all of the people did their Christmas shopping early in the statement of a number of merchants that their business Saturday was the greatest single day business in the history of their stores.

The postal business is another clear index of the volume of the Christmas business. Never were so many packages sent out of Pendleton and never did so many come in. The postal receipts break all records for December, and the express companies brought in about as many packages as did the mails.

Today everything is quiet in the business section. Businesses of all kinds have suspended for the day and Christmas is being enjoyed at home by business men and employees. Many people celebrated their Christmas yesterday and today is but a continuation of the holidays. Special Christmas services were held at all of the churches yesterday and there were large attendances.

COAL DRIVERS WORK EXTRA LONG SHIFTS

Labor Increasingly 24 to 36 Hours in Order That Chicago Families May Have Blazing Hearths.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—So families could rather around blazing hearths today thousands of coal drivers worked ceaselessly from 24 to 36 hours delivering coal to the homes of the city. The movement came in just in time to avert a coal famine and serious suffering.

GERMANS FORCED BACK

PETROGRAD, Dec. 25.—It is announced the Russians forced the Germans back in Romania northwest and southwest of Kibinka. There is lively fighting. The Russians in the Carpathians surprise attacked and destroyed four cannons. They bayoneted a sleeping squadron. The Russians are excavating Dobruja.

ARTILLERY DUEL MARKS FIGHTING ON WEST FRONT

BRUSSELS, Dec. 25.—A temporarily strong artillery duel in the Wytshe sector was the only fighting reaching more than customary intensity on the western front last night, says today's official statement.

PEACE ANTICIPATED BEFORE NEXT XMAS

(ROBERT BENDER.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—That war will turn to peace before another Christmas is the belief of government heads today. The hope is strengthened by Switzerland's note approving President Wilson's peace move and offering the little country's aid in halting the world struggle.

AMMUNITION TRAINS GIVE WAY TO CHRISTMAS CHEER, FIGHTING MEN REMEMBERED

(William Phillip Simms.) BRITISH ARMY, Dec. 25.—For the third time Christmas has come in Armageddon. Supply trains bearing tons of man-killing explosives yielded right of way to hundreds of wagons carrying Christmas presents, proving that the milk of human kindness is stronger than war's red wine.

Santa has finished his job. Nobody was forgotten. Even Tommies without families received Christmas puddings, chocolates, cigars, cakes, and trinkets. The job was completed without a single hitch, despite the titanic undertaking. Parcels commenced arriving weeks ago. The Canadian mail was first. An average of twenty five thousand mail bags have arrived in France daily for the last fortnight. Every night army postmasters announced the day's business completed.

Gift distribution of the Anzac contingent was most difficult. The Anzacs are always shifting. The mail first went to London, was forwarded to France bases, then transferred to field distribution centers, orderlies carried the mail to the company quarters and thence directly to the trenches.

Fifty eight hours were usually required to transport rations from London to the trenches. Fourteen hundred clerks handled the soldiers' mail ordinarily, but the number was multiplied many times to insure quick Christmas delivery. Soldiers are sending over twenty five hundred letters homeward daily.

ECHO XMAS TREE IS BIG SUCCESS

ECHO, Dec. 25.—Echo's first municipal Christmas tree was held here Saturday night in the city hall and was a success in every way. The commercial club, school and four churches united their efforts in the undertaking. About 500 persons were present. There was a treat for every child present. A pleasing program was tendered.

BAD CHECK ARTIST IS ARRESTED HERE

Claude Little, who has been working on the construction gang at the elevator being built here, was arrested Saturday evening by Sheriff Taylor on a charge of passing bad checks. It is alleged that he passed bad checks on Bond Bros. and the Golden Rule Store, securing about \$80 in money and merchandise. He attempted to pass one on Sol Baum and was apprehended while trying to pass one at The Peoples Warehouse. The sheriff had notified the employees of that store to be on the lookout and they were able to detain him until they could call the officers. He had the money and merchandise with him.

WHITE WOMAN AND INDIAN SEPARATE

Member of Old Denver Family Ties of Youthful Chippewa Husband. DENVER, Dec. 25.—The romance which resulted in the marriage of Mrs. Ada Dexter Hawk to J. Francis Rankin, the Chippewa Indian, vanished like a bubble when Mrs. Rankin, packing her belongings, including many art treasures, left her home at the Pearl apartments last night, and her Indian brave as well.

The marriage of the charming daughter of the late James V. Dexter, pioneer art collector and financier, to the young Indian, who if fifteen years her junior, furnished the gossips with nine days of wonderment and set the tongues of the prophets wagging.

Rankin had made his plans to return to his home in Odanah, Wisconsin, where he owns a farm, but the abrupt exit of his bride from their home proved that she too was contemplating a separation.

Rankin said that a separation had been inevitable for some time and that his wife simply "beat him to it."

THE ENDURING

By L. C. Hodgson. Old Santa Claus dropped in on me 'And what do you want this year? I said "I am tired of gifts that And tarnish and wither and turn. I want some gift whose gleam In my dreaming heart at eventide: Some closely-creeping, memoried thing With which I can laugh and play and sing. Some gift which turns in the hour of care To an altar white for my mounting prayer.

Give me Love that will light my face Like a morning sun in a garden place; Give me Faith that will find a star Shining still where the storm-clouds are; Give me a Vision that sees the years Weaving rainbows of smiles and tears; Give me an open welcoming hand That all the Brothers may understand; Give me a heart grown wise to know, What once it knew in the hour ago. That the simple joys of the common day, The sunshine spread on the common way, The birds that sing and the flowers that shine And the hearts that love, are the things divine.

LITTLE CRIPPLES HANG UP XMAS STOCKINGS

Lots of Goodies and Toys Presented Children Made Invalids by New York Paralysis Plague. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ten little boys and girls made cripples by infantile paralysis since last Christmas, found lots of good things in their stockings today in the Dr. Lucy Wright temporary hospital for paralysis victims.

Last night they hung up the stockings they hadn't even seen for months and this morning they lay, some of them with boards strapped to their backs, others with their legs in splints, and looked at all the wonderful things Santa Claus left for them at midnight.

LONE ROBBER TAKES \$4000 FROM BANK

Cashier Is Locked Up Until Highwayman Escapes; Rode Into Town on Horseback; Posse in Pursuit. NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 25.—The Bank of Bickleton, 29 miles southwest of Mabton, Wash., was robbed of \$4000 late yesterday by a lone robber, who rode into town on horseback, held up the bank and escaped. The robber compelled E. A. Rossier, the cashier, to hand over the money, and after locking Rossier in a room, mounted his horse and rode away.

A posse was formed as soon as Mr. Rossier could free himself and give the alarm, and last night was reported searching the country south of Mabton.

NIGHTRIDERS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY JURY

Twelve Pacific County Men Freed of Charge of Conspiracy Against Mrs. Margaret Ross. TACOMA, Dec. 25.—The federal court jury gave a verdict of not guilty in the famous night riders case against twelve Pacific county men charged with a conspiracy to deprive Mrs. Margaret Ross of her homestead rights by forcibly ejecting her family from a timber claim in the North River country.

CHICAGO NEGRO PROBLEM IS BECOMING ACUTE

'Black Belt' Is Rapidly Widening and Colored Folk Have a City Within a City. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Rapid influx of negroes here has created a problem of importance to Chicago today. The colored population is estimated at between 40,000 and 75,000. The 'black belt' is rapidly widening. Negroes have a 'city within a city.' Considered of most importance in connection with the situation in the residence problem. The negro district has become a haven of vice, driven from other parts of the city by 'clean-up' orders. Negro boys and girls are brought up in the midst of immorality. Bawdy houses, gambling dens, saloons and other agents of destruction have become established in the negro district.

CHRISTMAS SCENE IN HEART OF BERLIN



Little evidence of war is shown in this picture, taken recently in one of the principal streets of the German capital during the holiday shopping season. Note the absence of men in uniform, an unusual sight in Berlin for this season of the year. In the foreground is shown a man, probably blinded in battle, being led along by a little girl.

THROGS OF CHILDREN AND GROWN-UPS TURN OUT TO ENJOY CITY'S XMAS TREE

WHAT IS IT? CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Do you know what a "Brachydiastrolol-hermummadigascarensis" is? You don't? Well, it's an embryo sphenofanalis skeletoford pellucid of the paleozoic age, the professor of geology at the University of Chicago told his open-mouth students. No one questioned his statement.

ATLANTIC FLEET AT BROOKLYN FOR XMAS

Every Ship Has Christmas Tree Tonight Although Boys Eat Dinner at Their Homes. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Thousands of Uncle Sam's sailor boys are ashore on leave from the battleships of the Atlantic fleet here for Christmas dinner at home today. The fleet will remain here until January 19. Admiral Henry T. Mayo spared as many of the boys as possible and those remaining aboard the dreadnoughts Pennsylvania, Arizona, New York and Wyoming and the submarine cutters, destroyers and tenders were well taken care of as to turkey, etc. There is to be a Christmas tree tonight in the main room of every ship.

CHRISTMAS MAIL IS BLOCKADING TRAINS

Thousands of Sacks Piled up in Chicago Most of it Destined to Points in Western States. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Thousands of sacks of mail are blockading all railroads. Packages and letters from all quarters of the United States are piled up here, most of it destined to other points. There will be a delay of two or three days in western mail.

BARON IS ORDERED TO ELLIS ISLAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Baron Robert Oppenheim of London and Paris was not permitted to land upon his arrival here in an expensive first class steamer of the Holland-American line Noordam.

Immigration inspectors boarded the steamer yesterday morning and, after questioning the Baron, ordered him to be taken to Ellis Island this morning. Two of the Noordam's crew were stationed in front of the Baron's cabin while he remained inside.

Considerable mystery surrounded the detention. Immigration Commissioner Howe said that he knew nothing about it. Immigration inspectors declined to say anything except that they were "acting under orders." These, it is understood, came from Washington.

"It must be a case of mistaken identity," suggested the Baron to a reporter, "anyhow its only a trifle. It will be quickly adjusted. I came over to travel in your country for two months and I expect to carry out my plans."

Baron Eugene Oppenheim of Syracuse, a brother was on the pier to meet Baron Robert. He refused to be interviewed. Baron Robert is known here as a financier, one of the organizers of a brimstone corner and as a French banker.

ACCUSED MURDERER GETS MANY GIFTS

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.—Harry S. Pannell who goes on trial next Monday for the murder of his wife and M. C. Butler of Alpine, received more Christmas gifts through the mail than any other person in San Angelo. Packages came from many parts of the country, mostly from persons he did not know.

NATIONAL HYMN MAY BE BARRED IN N. Y. CAFES

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The board of aldermen intends making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 to play "The Star Spangled Banner" indiscriminately at any cafe or in restaurants as a regular program.

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Festivities Begin at 6:30 O'clock When Caroling Youngsters are Borne Through Streets.

SAINT NICK MAKES HIT Merry Old Visitor Hands Out Bags of Candy, Nuts and Popcorn; Choristers Sing Anthems; Miss Olive Gwinn Gives Pleasant Reading.

Pendleton played Santa Claus Saturday evening to whole troops of happy-faced children, and her second annual municipal Christmas celebration goes down in the calendar of the year's events as a huge success.

Not only were the children of the city out in swarms to greet the arrival of merry Saint Nick but hundreds of grown-ups as well braved the lowering December temperatures to participate in the wholesome revelry at Yuletide.

The festivities began at 6:30 when a snowy float began to wend its way through the streets of the city bearing a bevy of caroling youngsters and continued until past 8:30 when the last of the eager children had received from the bushy-whiskered old visitor candy, nuts and popcorn.

Until a quarter past the seven o'clock hour, the electrically illuminated float occupied by the chorus of children traversed the principal business and residence streets of the city, and their fresh young voices lifted in happy song gave the Christmas celebration the flavor of a Dickens story.

While yet these youthful songsters were caroling their way about the town, the high school cadet corps, under the direction of Sergeant Young, came marching down Main street and maneuvered in the roped-off block between Alta and Court. Meanwhile a dense pack had gathered around the tall evergreen tree at the intersection of Main and Alta which shone brilliantly with the myriad of varicolored lights scattered among its branches.

The arrival of the children's float at the tree was the signal for a troop of school girls, airily clad, to appear in the street. Gracefully they danced the folk dances emblematic of the Yuletide.

On an elevated platform built beneath the branches of the Christmas tree, a chorus of forty well trained choristers took their place and filled in the program with anthems. A very pleasing feature of the program was a reading, reflecting the spirit of the occasion, by Miss Olive Gwinn. Pendleton's gifted young dramatic reader, and last and best of all to the expectant children came Santa Claus.

His approach from the north where is his home was heralded by the blast of trumpets blown by six red-coated trumpeters who strode in advance of the old toy-maker's float. Unfortunately the snowstorm which Santa Claus had directed to precede his coming was a day late in reaching Pendleton, and his reindeer found it hard work to drag his heavily-laden sleigh. To make it easier for them, the committee had provided a most appropriate float to convey reindeer. Santa Claus and all. It showed the two deer, hitched tandem to a large sleigh, just drawing up to a snow-covered cottage through the windows of which show lights to serve as a beacon for the traveler from the northlands. The wide-spreading antlers of the reindeer were tipped with tiny lights, proving that old Saint Nick keeps up with the times. From all sides of his sleigh, toys and other gifts for good little boys and girls tumbled and old Santa himself held a toy horn in his mouth.

His progress up the street to the tree was met with shrill cries of delight and the merry old gentleman, whose bearing and demeanor was not unlike that of Col. J. H. Bailey, acknowledged the welcome by tossing oranges and apples to the enthusiastic youngsters.

No wonder had he arrived at the tree than at his direction the children lined up and passed by in single file to receive their gifts, and others of through the northlands and others of Pendleton cooperating with Santa Claus. It was a happy scene as the children swarmed about the tree and the unbounded delight of the little folk was evidence plenty that the effort had been worth while.

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