

U.S. Will Receive Enough in Taxes on Xmas Gifts to Run Government a Month, Is Belief

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Washington, Dec. 8.—Christmas shoppers are spending \$165,000,000 a day in luxuries, according to government reports. With 15 full shopping days this month, the array of gift seekers is expected to pay out approximately three and one-half billion dollars before Christmas eve. Of this, the estimated will receive approximately \$350,000,000 in taxes, or nearly enough to operate it for an entire month.

Most Extravagant Xmas.

It appears likely this will be the most extravagant Christmas in history. Retail stores in every section of the country report unprecedented sales. Far foods costing hundreds of dollars are being selected by thousands. Jewelry stores are finding it difficult to supply the demand for diamonds, watches and women's ornaments set with precious stones. Music establishments are packed with purchasers of talking machines, mechanical pianos and the festive ukulele.

Salemen of all big cities are booking orders in advance for automobiles and accessories.

Taxes Run High.

The taxes on luxuries range from 2 to 20 per cent. The average is 10 per cent. Sales of taxed articles represent only a minute part of the total cost of objects bought for gifts.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the postoffice department to manage the Christmas rush. Officials plan to handle approximately 250,000,000 packages through the parcel post in the ten days preceding Christmas.

Hall New Assistant Adjutant-General

Captain Henry O. Miller of McMinnville, an ex-service man, will succeed Major Allan A. Hall of Salem, resigned, as assistant adjutant general, according to announcement made by Adjutant General Conrad Stafrin today. The change will be made January 1 when Hall's resignation becomes effective.

Captain Miller is a veteran of the Spanish-American war as well as the recent World war. In the former he saw service with the regular army in landing forces at Foo Chow has been received at the foreign office.

The foreign office stated today this protest would not be answered until a personal investigation of the situation there is made by Yosuke Matsuno, secretary of the bureau of commercial affairs of the foreign office. Secretary Matsuno will sail for Foo Chow December 12.

Serious international complications are feared as a result of the Foo Chow incident. Trouble started November 15 between Chinese students and Formosans of Japanese allegiance. According to dispatches from Peking, many Chinese and one American Y. M. C. A. secretary were injured when the Formosans attacked students who were urging a boycott of Japanese merchandise. The boycott resulted from Chinese anger over the Shantung award.

The first protest from China arrived late in November. Destroyers already have been dispatched to Foo Chow and it was learned in official quarters that "serious" international conflict might result. The first Chinese protest was answered with the statement that a Japanese community had been endangered.

Thomas A. Bird, Placer, Josephine county, from State creek for irrigation purposes.

W. C. Hildebrand, Kerby, Josephine county, from a tributary of Illinois river for irrigation purposes.

Roy Schaeffer and W. H. Byrd, Jr., Wallowa, from Wallowa river for irrigation purposes.

Portland Bank Deposits Total Over \$169,000,000

Deposits in the 25 banks and trust companies in the city of Portland totalled \$169,221,314.94 at the time of the call for reports on November 17, according to an abstract prepared by Will H. Bennett, superintendent of banks, today.

This is an increase of \$43,552,917.59 over the deposits of November 1, 1918 and an increase of \$3,896,626.33 over the deposits of September 12, 1919. Savings deposits at the time of the November report amounted to \$36,018,950.58, an increase of \$11,142,394.60 over the condition of September 12.

Umatilla county is asking of congress \$170,000 for the Umatilla reclamation project and \$30,000 for the support of the Umatilla Indian agency.

STOMACH O. K.

Indigestion, Acidity, Sourness and Gases ended with "Pape's Diapepsin"

Millions of people know that it is needless to be bothered with indigestion, dyspepsia or a disordered stomach. A few tablets of Pape's Diapepsin neutralize acidity and give relief at once.

When your meals don't fit and you feel uncomfortable, when you have gases, acids or raise sour, undigested food. When you feel lumps of indigestion plus heartburn or headache from acidity, just eat a tablet of Pape's Diapepsin and the stomach distress is gone.

The cost is so little. The benefits great. You, too, will be a Diapepsin enthusiast afterwards.

STAYTON EXCELSIOR MILL IS PURCHASED BY OUTSIDE CAPITAL

\$6,277,741 SPENT ON STATE ROADS IN YEAR ENDING DEC. 1

A total of \$6,277,741.04 was expended on highway construction work in Oregon under the supervision of the state highway commission during the year ending November 30, last, according to a report just prepared by the state highway department. Of this amount \$5,651,551.52 represents state funds, \$325,050.01 county funds and \$81,139.51 federal government funds. This expenditure, it is explained, does not represent the cost of all road work completed by the highway department during the year, an approximately \$1,000,000, payable to contractors for work done, is being retained in accordance with the state law limiting payment on contracts to 8% per cent of the amount due until all of the work under the contract is completed.

The year's expenditures is segregated into various projects improved as follows:

On federal aid post roads	\$89,783.30
On federal aid forest roads	\$221,942.46
On all other state highway construction	4,915,229.13
On maintenance work	15,494.92
On interest on bonds	146,630.3
On equipment	214,045.84
On surveys and engineering county construction	254,950.61
On administration and general supervision	146,753.33

LANDING OF TROOPS AT FOO CHOW AGAIN PROTESTED, REPORT

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' association shipped 32 cars of apples this season, the season having just closed.

LIBERTY NOW SHOWING

AUCTION

It Is a Picture That Dares To Tell The Truth

SOULS

Grip, Influenza Hamlin's Wizard Oil a Reliable Antiseptic Preventive

Major William White of Eugene succeeds Col. W. C. North of Portland as a member of the general staff of the Oregon National Guard. North having been commissioned a major in the national guard, according to an announcement by Adjutant General Stafrin today. Major White has been engaged in military work for the past thirty years. He served with the Oregon troops in the Spanish-American war and has been a member of the organization continuously since that time.

MUCH CLOTHING SOUGHT

New York, Dec. 8.—Clothing for sixteen million children in European countries made destitute by the war is the winter program of the European Children's Fund, the American Red Cross organization announced at New York headquarters Saturday. United States shipping board vessels are scheduled to sail in the near future with cargoes of material to be used.

COLD GOT YOU? FEELING GRIPPY?

King's New Discovery starts you on the road to recovery

N.C. tried, always used. That's a trite expression, but one never more applicable than to Dr. King's New Discovery. You will like the prompt, business-like way it loosens the plegm-congested chest soothes the tortured throat, relieves an old, a new cold, grippe, cough, croup.

The kiddies can take it in perfect safety, too. No bad after effects. Standard half a century, 60¢ and \$1.20 a bottle. At your druggist.

It has been common talk for some time that the mill was going to change hands, but it remained for something more than rumor to make the citizens of Stayton believe that the deal would be guilt edge.

The enterprise has been a paying source for its owners and has been a source of employment for a number of the townspersons who followed the vocations of day labor.

It has also been a good advertisement for the town as it has been widely known that Stayton had a mill that manufactured excelsior that was second to none on the market. The owners have had the pleasure of shipping to eastern markets and has the distinction of receiving high praise for their product.

The capacity of the mill has been varied from time to time and they have, at times been behind with orders, and it is learned that with the scarcity of timber adapted to the manufacture of the product and the difficulties the owners have had in getting the timber to the mill—without railroad facilities, is one of the reasons that they have decided to dispose of the business.

It is understood that the mill will

be kept in operation till about the first of April or until the present supply of wood is exhausted, when it will be closed and the mill be a thing of the past.—Mail.

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MONTRAL TO BE SITE FOR NEXT LABOR MEET

COP BATTLES WITH TWO THUGS WHO ROB HOTEL

Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor met in Montreal within a short time, is expected to recommend that city as the site of the association's next annual convention. It was learned Saturday.

Frank Morrison, secretary and John A. Pitt, Canadian general organizer, have been in Montreal investigating facilities for the convention and will, it is said, favorably report to the executive committee.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—Police

A. R. Johnson battled with two thugs in a hallway of the Roslyn hotel at 2 o'clock Sunday morning and after being overpowered fired several shots at the fleeing men, who are said to have ransacked most of the rooms in the hotel, taking a large amount of loot.

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