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MOTORS MUST DIM IN CITY

SANTA CLAUS AND REINDEER VISIT SALEM

Kiddies Delighted By Be- ing Given Chance to See And Talk With Their Legendary Hero.

Today is a day which will stand out in the lives of hundreds and hundreds of Salem boys and girls for this morning Santa Claus, the childhood hero of each generation, arrived in a sleigh drawn by Dancer and Prancer, two of his reindeer, and has been spending the afternoon personally interviewing little tots and grownups of the capital city.

Shortly before noon Santa with Dancer and Prancer drawing his sleigh started his triumphal march from the Polk county bridge down Commercial street to The Capital Journal office, where they stopped for a few minutes while several stacks of letters that had come to The Journal office for Santa were given him. It was here also that Mrs. C. S. Jackson of Portland, who really persuaded Santa to pay a day time visit to Salem, boarded the sleigh with Santa and rode to the Marion hotel with him. Mrs. Jackson told the Rotarians at a luncheon at the Marion this noon, all about her recent trip to Iceland where Santa makes his home part of the year.

Little tots and big tots and mothers crying small youngsters whose legs couldn't get fast enough to keep up with the eager crowd, followed Santa and fairly surrounded him from the time that he first arrived at the end of town and until he entered the Marion hotel. He also was a guest of the Rotarians for lunch while two of his herdsmen took the reindeer to the court house grounds where all the children of the city are having a chance to see them and to talk with Santa this afternoon.

The wonderful part of the whole thing is that Santa is just what everyone has always imagined he would be—fat, jovial and good natured, with a long white beard and a deep chuckly voice. And how he loves little children. Every time he stopped for a minute to talk to any of them this morning he patted them and shook hands and some of the very little ones he even held on his lap.

A near tragedy happened just when the reindeer started across the bridge. Because the weather is so much warmer down here than up at the north pole the herdsmen have been telling Santa that his deer will lose their horns long before February when that is supposed to happen. Yesterday Dancer lost one of his long beautiful horns and this morning the second one fell on the bridge. Prancer still has both of his however, so the

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GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC By Stoddard King

The Critic and the Clown
There was a funny fellow once
Whose antics on the stage
Had won him fame where'er his
name
Adorned the printed page.
The comic faces that he made,
His acrobatic falls,
Aroused delight by day and night
In all the music halls.

A critic saw him do his stuff,
A critic quite de luxe,
Whose brow is high, whose works
we buy
In large, expensive books:
And when he saw the mad buff-
oon,
He cried: "A genius rare!"
And then sat down and praised
the clown
In wretches everywhere.

The funny fellow read the things
The highbrow critic wrote
(Which I would print, not merely
blat)
If I had space to quote)
And finding that he had been called
A genius rich in art,
To win applause by loud guffaws
Began to break his heart.

He labored to evoke the tear
That lurks behind the laugh,
And, having fired his gag man,
died
A successful staff.
Now his performance has become
As funny as a crutch,
And no one goes to see his shows—
They don't amount to much.

A severe room shortage is re-
ported from Florida, which is only
natural when you consider that
everybody who goes to Florida in-
cludes on getting in on the ground
floor.

There was something crooked
about the beauty contest at Atlan-
tic City last summer is the allega-
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UNCLE SAM ASKS PIERCE ABOUT JAPS

State Department Wants To Know What Govern- nor Is Doing About To- ledo Deportation.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Renewed inquiry has been made by the state department of Governor Pierce of Oregon as to the progress being made in the settlement of a case arising out of deportation of a group of Japanese some months ago from Toledo, Or.

The matter was taken up at the time with the state department by the Japanese embassy and Governor Pierce, in response to a state department inquiry, transmitted information showing the courts in Oregon were dealing with the matter. As nothing further was heard from the governor after his first communication was received here and in view of a further request from the Japanese embassy for information, another letter to the Oregon executive was forwarded a few days ago but the state department has not made public either its communication or the reply previously made by Governor Pierce.

Additional information in the deportation incident has been received by the state department which probably bases its stand on the old saw that beauty is only a skin game.

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BRIAND WINS VICTORY OVER OPPONENTS

Chamber Votes 415 To 154 To Consider Increase In Francs Before Hearing Objections.

Paris, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Premier Briand, although coolly received when he read the declaration of policy of his new ministry before the chamber of deputies today, won a partial victory by inducing the chamber to change its methods of procedure and consider the proposed increase of 7,500,000 francs in the monetary circulation before discussing interpellations.

The bill, framed by Finance Minister Loucheur, raising the limit of the issue of paper money from 51,000,000,000 to 58,500,000,000 francs was introduced at once and referred to the finance committee, which demanded a suspension of the session until 9 p. m.

Upon the required vote between this hour and postponement to tomorrow, the finance committee's demand was carried by 415 to 154.

The declaration says that realizing that the restoration of French finances cannot be accomplished without loyal agreement with the great nations which are France's creditors, "the government will continue earnestly and promptly the negotiations with the allies concerning debts."

The government expresses the hope that France's allies and friends will take into consideration in the forthcoming settlement of France's precarious financial situation the necessity for them to collaborate in the revaluation of the French franc thus rendering possible the fulfillment of the undertakings entered into by France.

Convicts Are Exploited By Fellows for Clothing and Other Articles at Prison

(Editor's Note—This is the 3rd of a series of articles on conditions existing in the Oregon state penitentiary at the time of, and subsequent and prior to the prison break of August 12 written by George Curtis, convict No. 8161 in that institution from January 15, 1925, until November 16, 1925.)

By George Curtis.
(Former Convict No. 9161.)

Prisoners, it is generally believed, are dangerous men and rules, therefore, have been established to govern their conduct while incarcerated.

The Oregon penitentiary has some nineteen such rules, and under them money is a dangerous possession. Knives, tomahawks and the like do not fall under the ban of dangerous weapons officially, but the possession of money by a convict is taboo. To offset this loss of prison democracy tobacco (weed) has been substituted as legal tender among the prisoners.

Must Buy Supplies.

If one convict wishes to get clothes, supposedly furnished by the state, he must be exploited by another convict. The price of a pair of overalls is 10 cans of weed; one prison shirt, five cans of weed, and so on down the line.

The convict tailor is permitted to charge the convict leaving the institution \$10 for a suit of clothes made from prison stock. If the prisoner wishes something better he must pay the merchant's price for the goods. This system of finance and barter is manipulated from the front office by means of transfers, and it has been the primary basis for most of the election among the convicts.

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AUTOS MUST DIM LIGHTS HERE, EDICT

Arrests And \$5 Fines In Store For Drivers Who Fail to Dim When Pavements Are Wet.

Salem is to be one city in the state where the dimming feature of the automobile light law is to be enforced, Chief of Police Frank Minto announced this morning in instructing his traffic force to hereafter arrest all automobile drivers who fail to dim their lights on wet pavements as required by law.

Coupled with the chief's announcement came the declaration of Police Judge Poulson that he would co-operate to the fullest extent with the police in their drive against the bright lites, and that first offenders brought before him on this charge would be fined \$5.

"And that goes for all of them," said Judge Poulson.

No More Warnings.

"Commencing tonight, or the first night when the streets of the city are wet the traffic men will arrest every motorist who fails to dim his lights," said Chief Minto. "There will be no further warning than this announcement. Drivers have been warned and warned of traffic law violations, and the only effect it has seemed to have had is to give violators the impression that the laws are not going to be enforced."

"The new auto light law has been in effect now for over four months and every person driving a car should be familiar with its provisions. While it allows cars with adjusted lights to be driven without dimmers during dry weather, it very specifically states that the dimmers must be used when the pavements are wet, and so far as Salem is concerned it is going to mean just that."

Succeeders Also Targeted.

"Wet pavements are the cause of two-thirds of the accidents on the city streets. Every time we have a spell of wet weather the accident reports soar. Glaring lights and fast driving are the cause of these accidents principally, and if it is possible to do so we are going to remove these causes."

"When the pavements are wet motorists can make up their minds that 20 miles per hour is the speed limit in Salem, and that does not mean 25 miles."

"Likewise, when the pavements are wet drivers can take their choice of dimming their lights or explaining why they don't to the judge."

LA FOLLETTE TO BE INVITED TO JOIN PARTY

Washington, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Peace in the republican ranks is the obvious objective of organization leaders in dealing with the insurgent question in the organization of the senate and house in the forthcoming session of congress.

Senate republican leaders intend that there shall be no fight over the republicanism of Robert M. La Follette and an invitation was forthcoming today to the Wisconsin senator-elect to attend the republican senate conference to be held Saturday. At the same time they have taken steps to assure a senate seat to Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota, an avowed La Follette supporter.

While republican leaders in the senate were shaping these decisions in conference begun yesterday, on the house side the olive branch was in evidence in the plan to let the insurgents decide for themselves if they wish to be considered as returning to the party fold by their votes on organization of the house, before dealing with them in making committee assignments. Another test of "regularity" will be the vote on a return to the old rules of procedure. The insurgents forced amendment to the rules two years ago.

SHIP DRIFTING HELPLESS AT SEA IN MID-PACIFIC

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Fate of the United States shipping board freighter West O'Rwa, reported rudderless and helpless in Federal Telegraph company wireless dispatches received here in doubt today. The craft was more than 2000 miles off shore, bound from Portland to Japan. The West O'Rwa lost a rudder post and part of her stern in heavy seas, her wireless operator said in radio cast messages last night. At 4 a. m. the usual hour of communication with the vessel, the federal operator here was unable to obtain a wireless flicker from the disabled vessel.

The latest message from the ship said:

"We are helpless. Drifting for about eight hours and unable to steer."

The most hopeful indication to date was contained in weather reports that the sea was calm in the area where the West O'Rwa was drifting.

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DAMASCUS TO BE BOMBARDED AGAIN BY FRENCH

Damascus, Syria, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The American consul today warned the American residents of Damascus to keep off the streets after 6 p. m.

The fanatical feeling here is running higher than before the sanguinary rising late in October.

In a warning to the consular corps of a possible resumption of the bombardment, the French military have indicated which parts of Damascus will be safe.

They declare the shelling will be resumed as a last resort to repel the rebels who are infiltrating into the city and attempting to stir up further risings against the French authorities.

London, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The Evening News Cairo correspondent says an unconfirmed report is published there stating that the rebel Druze tribesmen in Syria are advancing to attack Damascus and that a big battle is imminent.

Damascus, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The members of the consular corps here notified the nationals of their respective countries yesterday that it might be necessary for the French army to bombard certain quarters of the city as they did in suppressing the recent rising here.

MRS. JACKSON SAYS ICELAND FREE OF CRIME

No crimes have been committed for more than 50 years in Iceland the Salem Rotary club was today told by Mrs. C. S. Jackson, who recently made a trip to that country. Mrs. Jackson was in Salem today in connection with the expedition made by Santa Claus to this city. "There have been absolutely no arrests in the entire country," she said today, "on criminal charges of any kind, for more than half a century." When asked for an explanation of the phenomenon she stated that she did not know definitely. "It may be because they are all so well educated," she said. Also, she said, the Icelanders are a very religious people.

Other points of interest mentioned by Mrs. Jackson were "the fact that Iceland is not an island, but averages only 6 degrees lower in temperature than Oregon," the fact that the inhabit-

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MARINE AIRMEN DIE IN COLLISION AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Captain Harry B. Shepherd and Lieutenant John D. Christian, airmen attached to United States marine aviation squadron No. 1, were killed shortly before 11 o'clock this morning when the planes they were flying collided at a height of 3000 feet over San Diego bay.

Both airmen were flying Vought single seater planes and were engaged in combat flying when their planes collided. Captain Shepherd, it was reported by officers watching the fliers, endeavored to cross over the plane in which Lieutenant Christian was flying in an effort to gain an advantageous combat position and apparently misjudged the distance.

The two planes were flying at a speed of about 120 miles an hour and collided with a terrific crash. Tumbling end over end, the two planes fell into the bay near the Coronado stand. Rescue boats were immediately sent out from shore and within a few minutes the body of Lieutenant Christian had been recovered by divers. The body of Captain Shepherd has not yet been located.

Find Skeleton of Legendary Goddess Buried In Sahara

New York, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The Franco-American expedition in the Sahara headed by Count Byron Kuba de Prorok has discovered the skeleton of a personage buried in the tomb of Tim Hinan, the legendary goddess and ancestress of the Tuaregs, says a dispatch today to the New York Times from Abalema Hogan in the Sahara.

The bones from a well built person about six feet in height whose fine features resemble those of present day Tuareg nobles were

found resting on an elaborate couch sunk in solid rock, the dispatch stated. This was surrounded by bags of grain, grapes and dates, food for the journey into the other world.

The scientists were unable to determine whether the bones were those of a man or woman, but the natives were convinced they were those of Tim Hinan herself.

The skull had feminine characteristics but the body bones were apparently of a masculine

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SPAIN PROMISED NEW CABINET

Madrid, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Captain General Primo de Rivera, leaving the royal palace at 1 o'clock this afternoon, is quoted by the Hava Agency as having confirmed the report that the military directorate would be replaced by a new cabinet in the near future.

Primo de Rivera said the situation had been sufficiently cleared since the installation of the military dictatorship to permit the formation of a new government.

"We have the country with us and with the sovereign's approval we can do nothing better for Spain," he said.

"The new government is likely to consist of the high functionaries of the various ministries as a sort of civil directorate, with Primo de Rivera as president."

MONITOR STORE ROBBED; LOOT IS PLACED AT \$500

Monitor, Ore., Dec. 2.—The general store belonging to L. D. Lennon was robbed here last night. Tentative estimate this morning placed the total value of articles taken at something over \$500. A large number of pairs of shoes, men's underwear, shirts, socks, hats and some groceries were taken.

Entrance was gained to the store by jumping open a window. Two doors, found open this morning, had apparently been opened from the inside, either by one person who gained access through the window and let one or more accomplices in through the doors, or by the burglars as they made their escape.

The same store was robbed here about a year ago, goods valued at between \$700 and \$1000 being taken at that time. The goods stolen then consisted of a large quantity of sugar and other groceries. Officers held the theory at that time that the robbery was perpetrated by some moonshiner who stole the whiskey to use in connection with the manufacture of whiskey.

County Sheriff Power of Salem was this morning notified of last night's burglary.

Rudyard Kipling Ill.

London, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—Lord Lawson of Penn, the king's physician, has been called to Burwash to attend Rudyard Kipling, whose condition is giving rise to anxiety. The famous writer is reported to be suffering from bronchitis complicated with pneumonia.

INHERITANCE TAXES REMAIN

Washington, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The house ways and means committee today rescinded its proposal to allow a retroactive reduction in the inheritance taxes.

The provision was taken from the tax reduction bill after the treasury had estimated it would mean a loss of \$70,000,000 in revenue, rather than \$29,000,000 as originally estimated.

The committee's decision for lower inheritance rates in future years remains unchanged.

NEW WILSON STAMP READY

Washington, Dec. 2.—(A. P.)—The die proof of the new Woodrow Wilson 17-cent stamp was completed today by the bureau of engraving and printing and Postmaster General New announced that work would be rushed to have the first issue placed on sale December 25, the birth date of the war president.

They will be sold on that day only at Staunton, Va., Mr. Wilson's birthplace; Princeton, N. J., his last home before coming to the White House; New York city, headquarters of the Woodrow Wilson foundation, and at Washington.

CHILI APPEALS TO LEAGUE ON ARICA ISSUE

Geneva, Dec. 2.—The years old controversy between Chile and Peru over the sovereignty of Tacna and Arica has been brought to the attention of the league of nations by the Chilean minister at Bern, who has deposited with Sir Eric Drummond, the league's secretary-general, a memorandum regarding the delay in holding the plebiscite, provided for in the award of President Coolidge as an arbitrator to end the dispute.

The memorandum is regarded by some as a protest against General John J. Pershing, president of the plebiscitary commission, retarding the voting on the question at issue.

"The commission," says the memorandum, "has been sitting at Arica for months and Chile has fulfilled all the conditions laid down by General Pershing, including a guarantee for impartiality of voting and withdrawal of troops. Nevertheless, General Pershing has convoked new meetings of the commission without putting on the agenda the questions of fixing a plebiscite date or voting conditions."

"If General Pershing persists in not hastening the plebiscite," the memorandum adds, "he is playing the game of the Peruvians and becoming involuntarily the best collaborator of Peruvian obstruction."

One member of the school board has gone so far as to interview the principal of a Portland high school where dancing is allowed. "We find that it works very successfully," this principal is quoted as saying. "Poorbody who wants to, rich or poor, comes to our dances. Whenever any of them overstep the bounds of propriety they are simply put out, and not permitted to come back."

Another member of the board this morning expressed the fear that "everything might go all right for a while, but after a few months

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Hi School Students Seek Use of Schools For Their Dances

With agitation over student dances in the Salem senior high school building, started last week, continually growing more active, local school officials have begun to take sides on the issue. This morning it became known that part of the school board is in favor of allowing the school building to be used for a place in which to dance. Other members are opposed, largely due to the belief that a large amount of opposition would be stirred up among parents.

Such student sentiment as has been expressed is hopeful that dancing may be permitted