

FAIR WEATHER
tonight and Friday. Moderate temper-
ature, light southeasterly winds.
Local: Max. 64; min. 43; rain. 1;
river, 19.3; atmos. cloudy; wind, south
east.

CIRCULATION
Daily average net paid circulation for
month ending November 30, 1925
7317
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Capital Journal



FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 306 SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

SCOTT'S MILLS BANK ROBBED

XMAS CHEER MOVEMENT IS BIG SUCCESS

Drive To Insure Merry Christmas Goes Over Top In Generous Response Of Last Days.

GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC

By Stoddard King

HOW TO SUCCEED
Two busy business men I know,
And both have lots to do—
One goes to lunch at 12 o'clock
And stays away till 2;
The other is a quarter hour
With his repast is through.
One hastens to a restaurant
And joins a certain crowd
Where gusty speeches are enjoyed
And singing is allowed.
The other at a daily lunch
Is adequately chewed.

To one it seems both meet and right
A man should take his food
Where he may handsomely be served
And sociably be chewed;
The other votes for frugal fare
Consumed in solitude.

MRS. WEEKS HURT, 4 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

Former War Secretary Escapes Injury—Both Engineers Perish In Head-on Collision.

CHRISTMAS TRADE HERE SETS RECORD

Check Reveals Large Growth In Outside Trade From Distant Valley Towns.

Merry Christmas!

There Will Be No Issue of the Capital Journal CHRISTMAS DAY Friday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Capital Journal.....	\$ 25.00
Salem Ad Club.....	10.00
Deputy Santa Claus.....	5.00
Madison-Tolk County.....	5.00
Realty Association.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Unknown.....	3.00
Contributor.....	1.00
Henry Jaquet.....	5.00
A Friend.....	10.00
Stenographer.....	5.00
Henry Lee.....	5.00
A Friend.....	5.00
A Friend.....	2.00
A Friend.....	2.50
A Friend.....	1.00
Mrs. Fauny Tracy.....	3.00
Bonus Commission.....	5.75
Employees.....	5.00
Pleasant Point.....	5.00
Sunday School.....	5.00
Otto Klett.....	5.00
Salesman.....	5.00
A Business Firm.....	5.00
A Father.....	5.00
Help.....	7.00
A Friend.....	2.00
Another Friend.....	2.00
Friend.....	3.00
Friend.....	2.50
M. C. Peterson.....	1.00
Tracy, Ernest.....	2.00
Andrew Klett.....	5.00
M. Poulson.....	1.00
Kiwanis Club.....	50.00
A Friend.....	5.00
J. W. Scriber.....	5.00
A Friend.....	2.00
Shell Oil Employees.....	6.50
W. J. Pace.....	5.00
Mrs. C. I. Lewis.....	1.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Plumbers Union.....	5.00
Ed Tripp.....	1.00
A Friend.....	2.25
A Friend.....	2.00
Cash.....	5.00
M. Pohle.....	10.00
A Friend.....	2.00
Robert E. Leigh.....	3.00
H. J. Bean.....	5.00
A Hop Man.....	20.00
J. G. Goelcke.....	1.05
A Friend.....	2.00
Shell Oil Co.....	2.00
K. P. P.....	5.00
Plumbers Union.....	25.00
Phillip Gilie.....	1.00
Dr. Bancroft.....	5.00
William.....	5.00
Dr. W. B. Morse.....	20.00
A Friend.....	15.00
Carrier Boy.....	1.00
G. Smith.....	5.00
A. S. Freeman.....	5.00
Cosmopolitan Stores.....	10.00
Associated Oil Employees.....	23.50
Blact Car.....	1.00
F. G. Deekenbaugh.....	5.00
A Friend.....	1.00
W. A. Roth.....	2.25
Christmas Cheer Box.....	40.93
Total.....	\$173.85

BANDITS GET ONLY \$30 LOOT IN HOLD-UP

Three Youths Stage Attempted Bank Robbery At Scotts Mills But Only Get Xmas Fund.

WAS ANYONE MISSED?

Do you know of any needy child who was missed in the distribution of the Christmas Cheer packages?

The man who takes two hours for lunch,
His goods by carloads sell;
The one who hurries back to work
Is doing just as well—
What is the secret of success?
Will some bright pupil tell?

A pedestrians' protective association has been formed in Paris with the object of destroying the "tyranny of 40,000 taxi drivers." The first thing it will do is to get behind a taxi-reduction program.

A different situation exists here. The tendency is for motorists to organize against the few remaining pedestrians who stubbornly insist on cluttering up the right way.

FROM THE NEW MOTHER

By Orpheus Nutt.

The north wind will blow,
And we shall have snow,
And what will the filver do then,
It will wrap a few chains
Round its mangled remains
And freeze up its poor little radiator.

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Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, escaped injury in the wreck of two Atlantic coast line passenger trains early today near Moncks Corner, S. C., but Mrs. Weeks was hurt. It was stated this afternoon at the general offices of the road here. Officials have not been able to ascertain the extent of Mrs. Weeks' injuries. Information indicates no serious injury to other passengers.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, was slightly injured and four trainmen are believed to have been killed in a head-on collision between two Atlantic coast line trains today near Moncks Corner.

The two trains, number 76, southbound, both late, were filled with Christmas travelers and were said to have been going at a fair rate of speed to make up for lost time.

Unofficial reports said both engineers were killed.

The engineers of both trains and the fireman of the southbound were found dead in the wreckage. Fireman Williams of the northbound could not be located.

No details were given as to extent of the injuries of Mr. Weeks. It is believed that due to the blocking of the northbound track by a freight train, derailed last night, the two passenger trains were running on the southbound track at the time.

MILD WEATHER IS PREDICTION

With the weather man recording an average temperature of 50.2 degrees for the past seven days, as compared with 44.7 degrees, the highest average ever recorded for the entire month of December, every indication is that Christmas day this year not only will not be white, but may easily be the warmest Christmas Salem has ever seen. The present record for high average in December is held by the year 1896. The average for nearly every December ranges close to 40 degrees, or 10 degrees less than the average for the past week.

The official weather prediction issued today is for continued fair weather for Christmas.

The maximum temperature reached here Wednesday was 64 degrees. Indications late this morning were that the same mark would be reached or passed today. The minimum temperature reached last night was 43.

Comparisons Made

Making the comparison between Christmas season this year and a year ago, attention has been called to the fact that in 1924 the mercury dropped to five degrees above zero on Christmas night. Five degrees was the coldest recorded during the entire year. On the night of last year corresponding to yesterday evening of the present year the mercury was down to 12 degrees. On Christmas eve the minimum was 14. The maximum on December 24, the day before Christmas, was 33, or about half today's high mark.

Average temperatures for December of the four previous years are recorded as follows: 1922, 41.8; 1923, 39.6; 1924, 38.2; 1920, 42.6. In 1921 the coldest day of the year was on December 24, the day before Christmas. Early on the morning of that day the mercury went down to 19 degrees above zero.

For Pacific Coast

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—Christmas in the west is expected to be in keeping with the spirit of the day, calm, peaceful and bright. The United States weather bureau said today that the sun is expected to shine all over the western land with the exception of the northernmost.

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FRENCH SIGN ARMISTICE WITH DRUSE TRIBES

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druse tribesmen and the new French high commissioner in Syria, Henry De Jouvenel.

All prisoners held by the French authorities in Syria on political charges are to be liberated, the report added.

London, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cableing from Damascus Wednesday, Reuters special correspondent in Syria said the French were endeavoring to speed their peace negotiations with the Druses. They were moved by disquieting rumors regarding the situation on the northern frontier, where Turkish bands were reported to be menacing. The Turks, it was said, had even occupied some of the French posts.

The French peace delegation which conferred with the leaders of the Druse tribesmen had returned to Damascus. The correspondent said. They regarded the prospects of peace as hopeful.

BANDITS SEIZE \$47,900 PAYROLL

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Christmas payroll of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal company, \$47,900, was taken from the pay car by six armed men at Mollenauer, a mining settlement near Pittsburgh today. The robbers escaped in an automobile.

The bandits shot I. L. Gump, a guard in the abdomen. His condition is critical.

LeRoy Hutton, paymaster, Gump and another guard had alighted from an apical Pittsburgh and West Virginia railroad pay car to go to mine No. 3, nearby, when the robbers drove up. The bandits opened fire immediately. The first volley brought down Gump. Hutton drew a pistol, but was forced to drop it. One robber jumped from the machine, took the bag containing the payroll and then returned to the car. As the robbers drove away towards Liberty, other mining settlements, they fired a parting volley.

WHITE WAY TO BE PADLOCKED

New York, Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—Federal Attorney Buckner has begun his third and largest "padlock crusade" by a holiday onslaught on White Way night havens, some of them favorite haunts of the theatrical troupe.

At midnight last night, deputy United States marshals, prohibition agents and police began a wholesale service of summons and complaints upon proprietors who are given 20 days in which to accept "consent decrees" or fight their cases.

The padlocking proceedings are the result of evidence previously gathered by the attorney. Several of the places proceeded against were involved in two previous drives by Mr. Buckner's office.

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POPE PIUS CLOSES HOLY DOOR OF THE BASILICA

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, picturesquely clad in pontifical robes of rich medieval design and surrounded by ecclesiastical dignitaries today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of the Basilica of St. Peter, the mammoth mother church of catholicism. The ceremony officially brought to a close the year of penitence and pardon specifically marked on the Catholic calendar once every quarter of a century.

The holy door had remained open since a year ago today, when the pope was the central figure in a similar opening ceremony. Since that time more than 3,000,000 Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the world had crossed the sill and kissed the door posts of that sacred aperture as a sign of devotion and humility. Most of them likewise kissed the celebrated fisherman's ring on the right hand of the supreme spiritual leader and received medals commemorating the holy year from the pontiff's own hands.

Cardinal Hayes of New York was a prominent figure among the cardinals at the ceremony, while the group of bishops in the procession included Bishop Lillis of Kansas City, Bishop Hohann of Scranton, Bishop Drumm of Des Moines, and Bishop Lawler of Lead, S. D.

ASK MITCHELL TO HEAD LEAGUE

Washington, Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—Colonel William Mitchell, sentenced by court martial to five years' suspension from the army, has been asked by the Aerial League of America, with offices in New York, to become its general director and supervise the organization's plans for air way development.

A letter addressed to the colonel by Henry Woodhouse, president of the league, said the colonel's services were sought in connection with plans for establishment of 34 transcontinental, trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific and Pan-American airways; build an air junction at Muscle Shoals for 18 transcontinental trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific airways and to build the first two "air cities" in the world on land already purchased for the purpose at San Marcial, Sonora, Mexico, and tracts being bought in Arizona.

Colonel Mitchell is expected to decline the offer.

COOLIDGE PLANS QUIET CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The spirit of Christmas engulfed Washington today, submerging even important affairs of state, as Santa Claus, aided by grown-ups and children, made last minute preparations to be king for a day.

With congress already in adjournment until after New Year's, the whet of government began slowing down today for an almost complete holiday stop three days. Although the shutdown does not become effective until the close of the day's work, several cabinet members slipped out of town to spend Christmas with their families, and hundreds of employes also left their posts.

President Coolidge, busy at his desk, left the White House preparations for tomorrow to Mrs. Coolidge and their son, John, who is home from college. Nothing is elaborate planned, as they expect to spend the day in the seclusion of the executive mansion and to have no house guests. There will be a White House Christmas tree, however—one shipped from Wisconsin and decorated today—and tonight the president and Mrs. Coolidge expect to take part in a Christmas eve ceremony at a community tree placed south of the treasury.

MINERS WILLING TO ARBITRATE

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Non-English speaking priests of Lackawanna and Luzern counties favor arbitration only when all other plans failed, Rev. Michael Bernat, pastor of All Saints church, Dunmore, Pa., said today, with reference to the latter of sixteen non-English speaking clergymen to the miners and operators, asking them to end the coal strike.

Father Bernat, one of the sixteen signatories, declared that the priests believe the miners are entitled to higher wages, and in fact asked as much as they are getting.

"The main object of the priests is to settle the strike as quickly as possible because of the suffering that is in our midst," he said.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—(AP)—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers has notified Mayor John Durkan, chairman of the anthracite committee of mayors and burgesses that the miners are willing to meet the operators in conference to discuss any plan for peace, it was learned today.

McMahan Promises Suit To Test Validity Justice Court Fees

The opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle, holding that certain claims for fees filed with the county court by Justices of the Peace Small are legal, notwithstanding a public statement by Judge L. H. McMahan several weeks ago to the effect that they were not legal, will result in a few days in a suit to enjoin their collection. This was promised today by Judge McMahan.

McMahan's statement challenging the legality of the fees claimed by Small was made not as an official but as a private citizen and taxpayer. The attorney general's opinion, requested by District Attorney Carson, was made public yesterday.

"Of bills aggregating \$214," said

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SOLD FOR \$15,000,000

Chicago, Dec. 24.—(A.P.)—The Chicago Daily News was sold today to Walter A. Strong, for several years its business manager, for approximately \$15,000,000. The transfer marks the end of the fifty year ownership of the late Victor P. Lawson and the beginning of a new management in which members of the present departmental organization and editorial staff will share.

MIDNIGHT MASS and Other Services Will Usher In Christmas

A general observance of the Christmas season is being made this week in nearly all churches in Salem. Young people of some of the churches have made plans to go about the city stopping at certain places to sing Christmas carols. Young people of the Baptist church will travel about this evening. A group of young Methodists will do the same thing early Friday morning.

Christmas will be ushered in at St. Joseph's Catholic church with a solemn high mass at 11:30, half an hour after midnight, with the pastor, Rev. J. R. Buck as celebrant, Rev. Basil O. S. B. deacon and Rev. Grant sub-deacon. A short sermon will be preached by the pastor, who has issued an invitation to everyone, both Catholic and non-Catholic, to attend. The program will include: "Silent Night," by male quartette, J. Rife, P. F. Killian, J. Killian and Dr. I. A. Frana; Concone's Mass in F; by the choir; offertory, Adesste F. by the choir. There will be two masses in St. Joseph's academy at 7 and 7:30 o'clock, and three masses following in the church at 8, 8:30 and 9 o'clock. At the 8:30 mass a group of small children will sing and the 9 o'clock mass will be a high mass sung by the young ladies of the academy. It will be the St. Aloysius mass and it will be the St. Aloysius mass, at the offertory a violin selection will be given by the Misses Gerth and Schottle Birch. An invitation has been extended to the public.

Special Christmas Eve services will be held tonight at St. Paul's Episcopal church, beginning at 11:45. The program will include

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HOWARD SUTHERLAND TO BE ALIEN CUSTODIAN

Washington, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Howard Sutherland, former senator from West Virginia was appointed today to be alien property custodian.

Mr. Sutherland, who is a republican succeeds P. C. Hicks of New York who died several days ago. The new custodian served two terms in the house of representatives and one term in the senate, retiring from the latter body in 1923. He was engaged in the coal and timber land business before entering congress. He was born at Kirkwood, Mo., and is 60 years old.

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