

CHRISTMAS RITES FOR HOLY LAND

Jerusalem Is Crowded for Praise to God On Eve of Christendom's Festival—Spot Where Christ Born Center of Observance—Modern Customs Now General.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Bright sunshine and blue sky today gave Christmas eve in Jerusalem a spring-like air. The streets were crowded with people after the early closing of offices, and most of the passers-by carried parcels of Christmas presents. The shops were decorated in honor of "Father Christmas."

All the western churches, representing nearly all the peoples of the western hemisphere, were thronged with people praising God in many languages early this evening.

The religious celebrations culminated with the Catholic and the Anglican night services at Bethlehem, where the ancient monasteries surrounding the spot where Christ was born were the centers of a lavish pontifical mass and resounded with Christmas songs.

Three hundred American and Canadian tourists, who arrived at Haifa aboard the liner Empress of Australia, attended the services at Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Church fathers today solemnly made preparations for the celebration of Christmas day, thankful that disorders which a few weeks ago left a bloody stain over the Holy Land had ceased.

The Latin patriarch, accompanied by his clergy and escorted by mounted police came to Bethlehem.

The trip was made by motor, a great change from the olden days when the patriarch preceded his prelates mounted on a charger. In medieval days the patriarch's retinue was an imposing affair with knights, pilgrims and religious and lay dignitaries.

Tonight the patriarch with his suite and congregation will proceed to the old Franciscan convent, just north of the Church of the Nativity, for the midnight pontifical mass. The Anglicans will intone their Christmas hymns just opposite in the Greek convent adjoining the church on the southern side.

No Service at Sanctuary
No services were held today in the aged-old sanctuary above the grotto where Christ was born. Both Catholic and Anglicans are barred from worshipping there on Christmas Eve. This is the privilege reserved to members of the Greek-Orthodox church who have granted the Anglican bishop the use of the convent, but not of the church itself.

Only the grotto of the birth may be visited by the Catholics during the midnight mass, and at the given moment the patriarch, with the congregation following him, will descend to the grotto where he will read the Christmas message.

The entry of the Greek patriarch with his bishops and archimandrites for their Christmas celebration, which, according to the old Julian calendar, takes place a fortnight after Christmas, is a much more impressive one than the ceremony attended that of the Latin or Anglican officials.

The old eastern churches still count more followers among the 80,000 Christians in the Holy Land than do the western churches.

Gains Importance
The importance attached to Christmas is of comparatively recent date in the Holy Land. Under the influence of the eastern churches, Easter was always celebrated as Christendom's highest festival. At that time great masses of pilgrims came to participate in the ceremony of the Holy Fire and to visit the sacred sites.

Christmas used to be considered the least important of the three great church festivals. In fact, only 30 years ago did the custom of giving Christmas gifts become generally accepted. Until then the youngsters of Judea had to be content with looking for eggs at Easter time, instead of full stockings on Christmas.

Since the middle of the last century, the German Christmas tree has been adopted by the Anglicans, a custom that dates back to the time when the Anglican bishop in Jerusalem was jointly administered by Prussia and England.

However, with the growing influence of western civilization in Palestine, that of the western churches is growing, and the significance of Christmas as a religious festival is increasing year by year.

TODAY IS LAST FOR ENTRANCE IN LIGHT TEST

Today is the final date for entering the Christmas outdoor lighting contest and all entries should be placed in the Medford Chamber of Commerce at 9:30 this evening or placed in the mail before midnight tonight. Those entering are again reminded to specify which division their displays are to be entered in. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in the following classes:

1. Best outdoor residence display.
2. Best decorated outdoor tree.
3. Best decorated residence entrance.
4. Best decorated residence window.
5. Best apartment house, court or group display.

Scores of beautifully illuminated displays have been installed by local citizens during the past few days, their gleaming lights flashing a cheery "Merry Christmas" to all who pass their way. Honors seem to be about even between the west side and east side, although the former district may have a few more Yuletide exhibits than the latter. Some of the outstanding displays on the west side are those installed by the residents on Ross court, Summit avenue and South Oatdale. Among the progressive west sideers who have arranged attractive Christmas lighting displays are the following: C. M. Kidd, Floyd Hart, C. M. Brewer, Gilbert Stuart, J. O. Thompson, Ted Gebauer, Mrs. George Parucker, A. B. Cunningham, C. M. English, O. O. Amdeter, Larry Schade, Horace Bromley and numerous others.

A popular new holiday pastime is that of motoring about the city to view the results of Medford's outdoor Christmas lighting, and each night finds a larger number of local residents and out-of-town visitors enjoying this beautiful custom which is rapidly sweeping the nation.

Judging of the Yuletide displays will be carried on during the holiday season which ends January 2, and the winners of the prizes announced as soon as the judges have made their decisions.

19 HOSPITALS FOR VETS AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Hoover Monday signed a bill authorizing the construction of new veterans' hospital facilities throughout the country at a cost of \$15,950,000.

In doing so, Mr. Hoover announced that the whole subject of further increases in hospitalization necessary in the future will be studied by the federal council of the veterans' bureau for early report.

The American Legion has implored the president to support further authorizations totalling \$19,000,000.

The measure signed by Mr. Hoover today provides for 4391 additional beds and covers 19 separate building projects.

FIVE OF FAMILY DIE AT CROSSING

MAISTOWN, Wis., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Five members of one family were killed and a sixth was injured seriously yesterday when their automobile was struck by a Milwaukee road express train. They were returning to their farm home near Kendall, Wis., after visiting another member of the family. All have been in hospital.

The dead are William Pennywell, 54; his twin daughters, 12; Joseph Hartwell, 49, his brother-in-law, and Tom Van Skook, 39, his cousin. Frank Pennywell, 27, a son of William, received a fractured skull.

PASSENGER TRAIN CRASHES FREIGHT

GOTHAM, Kan., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three trainmen and a woman passenger were severely injured and several other trainmen were injured Monday when Union Pacific passenger train 24, westbound from Kansas City, sidetracked the locomotive of passenger train No. 125, eastbound from Los Angeles, at a siding here.

The westbound train, traveling at a high rate of speed, barreled the engine of the eastbound train 30 feet and it came to rest in a short field. W. C. Neal, Salina, Kan., the engineer and Ed Henry, Junction City, Kansas, the fireman, jumped to safety before the crash.

CENTRAL POINT CLUB WANTS BOY MEMBERS
CENTRAL POINT, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—Owing to much sickness, bad weather, etc., the Pioneer club has omitted a few regular meetings. Boys from 10 years up are wanted in the club, so says A. W. Ayres, leader.

Movie Murder Mystery Re-opened



Slaying of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, in 1922, is being probed by District Attorney Pitts of Los Angeles, after former Governor Richardson announced he knew the name of the killer. Above, left to right: Marjory Norland, former screen comedienne; the slain director; and Mary Miles Minter, former actress. The two women figured prominently in the investigation seven years ago.

ITALIAN BELIEVED LEADER OF PLOT AGAINST ROYALTY

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 24.—(AP)—With the arrest of a young Italian in connection with an alleged murderous plot against the Belgian royal family, police today expressed belief they had caught the leader of an extensive group of extremists whose activities have been under surveillance for some time.

Gianni is alleged to have headed a plot to bomb the Belgian royal train and thus to prevent the forthcoming marriage of Princess Marie Jose of Belgium and Crown Prince Humbert of Italy.

The authorities said that an extensive roundup of anarchists and other extremists probably would result from the evidence discovered with the arrests.

MEXICAN BEAUTIES QUICK ON TRIGGER

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Closely following the acquittal of Marie Teresa de Landia, "Miss Mexico" at the Galveston beauty pageant in 1928, on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of her husband, another beauty queen, Sara Yeharle, has been accused of a similar crime.

Miss Yeharle, selected last year as the most beautiful girl in San Luis Potosi, was taken into custody following discovery of the body of Timoteo E. Guerrero, state deputy, in a hotel room in the state capital.

LAKE CREEK GRANGE THANKS CONTRIBUTORS

LAKE CREEK, Ore., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The Lake Creek Grange extends its most sincere thanks to all who contributed to "the little apron fund" for its new Grange hall. This fund has grown to surprising proportions through the liberal amounts received, and members of the Grange are truly appreciative of the generosity and spirit of cooperation shown.

Following is a list of those who have recently sent donations: Delbert Mongold, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stowell, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Beatty, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Haak, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dutton, Adolph Wattenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Beansley, Gold Seal Creamery.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Invest in Health Buy Christmas Seals

SNOW SHOVELERS CHEATED BY NEW CHEMICAL SPRAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—New York's army of snow-shovelers, mobilized as the first white flakes of the winter began to fall, looked on with great concern today as a new wrinkle in the snow removing business was tried out on Fifth avenue.

Two sprinkling wagons, containing calcium chloride dissolved in a chemical compound, the secret of which inventor, Professor Barnes of McGill university, Montreal, sprayed the avenue from 25th street to Washington Square. The falling snow turned to slush and in a few hours it was all removed, partly through the chemicals and partly through sweepers and shovels.

The sprayed areas remained clear despite the unflattering fall of snow and sleet, the chemical solution on the pavement continuing its dissolving process.

City officials who witnessed the test said it appeared to be a satisfactory removal plan.

COLLEGE CAMPUS IS SADDENED BY DEATHS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Two deaths today on the staff of the Oregon State College saddened the campus community on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Jeanne May Brewer, 53, proprietress of Waldo Hall, died as the result of an operation performed a week ago.

Mrs. Adda Cyrus Bart, 31, wife of E. S. Bart, specialist in visual instruction in the extension service, died after an extended illness.

YOUNG PLAN WINS IN GERMAN VOTE

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—German nationalist parties realized today they had suffered a crushing defeat in yesterday's referendum. The German people by a majority of 8 to 1 clearly showed entire disbelief in the nationalists' scheme of freeing Germany from the Young reparations plan and the government delegates can go to the Hague with the knowledge they have the country's support in the foreign policy which the government at present is pursuing.

Altogether a referendum totalling 6,293,109 voting, 5,825,082 electors registered with a yes while 337,320 voted no. The vote was extremely tight throughout the country, but 12.5 per cent of the electorate voting, indicating the general apathy to the poll.

NORRIS PLAY TONIGHT HAS CHRISTMAS THEME

Christmas Eve parties throughout the city are planning to listen in on the Yuletide radio drama, "The First Christmas" over 61.1 on KMED tonight. This new Norris drama will be presented by the Copco Players during the regular Copco hour, from 8 to 10 p. m.

PENDLETON GROWERS FORM WHEAT CO-OP
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Wheat growers of the Pendleton district Saturday formed the Pendleton Grain Growers' corporation and signed up more than half a million bushels of wheat.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN DIES FROM INJURIES
EUENE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Orin Lee Nibbles, 69, for 20 years a resident of Cottage Grove, died in a marshfield hospital Sunday night from injuries received when his car plowed over a 50-foot embankment on the highway near Redwood on Saturday.

BEAR COVERING BOOSTS PRICES IN SHARE MART

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The stock market provided a little heated Christmas cheer for the bull traders today when a long list of active stocks were marked up 1 to 7 points. Curiously, however, it was the covering operations of the bears that provided the chief stimulus to the advance. The rubbers were the only important issues that failed to participate in the rally, losses of a point or two being quite common in this group.

The day's business news was mixed in character. One of the most important developments of the day was the announcement that the Van Swerigen roads proposed to spend \$100,000,000 for new equipment next year.

Call money opened at 5 per cent, the highest renewal rate since November 18, with a more plentiful supply of funds available.

United States Steel, common, which touched 157 1/2 in yesterday's decline, crossed 164 today. International Combustion preferred jumped 7 points, Atchison 6 1/2 and General Electric, Auburn Auto, Allied Chemical, National Biscuit (old stock), Simmons and Otis Elevator sold 5 or more points above yesterday's final quotations.

Fluctuations in the last hour were insignificant either way, many traders leaving the street early for the holiday. Trading dwindled steadily and amounted to only about 2,000,000 shares for the day.

NO TRACE FOUND OF ST. HELENS MISSING

ST. HELENS, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Although a dozen men have continued the search for R. H. Dehn and C. S. Scarberg, St. Helens business men, lost since December 8 in the Tum-Tum mountain section, no trace had been found of them today.

The men became lost in the district while they were en route to examine a mining claim.

SUIT FILED AGAINST GIANTS' TREASURER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The National Exhibition Co., managing company of the New York Giants' baseball team, today filed suit in supreme court against its former treasurer, Magistrate Francis X. McQuade, for \$250,000 damages, charging that he attempted to destroy the assets and property of the corporation and gave away company secrets and even assaulted officers and directors of the company.

CAREY HYMN HEARD IN RADIO CHURCH SERVICE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(Special)—The hymn, "Way of Faith," by Mary O. Carey, was rendered Sunday as part of the Valley Radio church program from Mail Tribune Virgin station KMED.

Mrs. Lula Sausberry gave two musical readings and Rev. Bill Ray sang a solo. Miss Virginia Fleck was accompanist.

NO INCREASE SEEN IN PIG CROP OF COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The fall pig crop of 1929, as shown by the tabulation of reports of 65,000 farmers, was practically the same as in 1928 for the United States as a whole, the total as reported being 5.4 per cent smaller for 1929 than in 1928.

CONDOLENCE OF PRESIDENT FOR BEREAVED WIFE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Messages of condolence from President and Mrs. Hoover and from Representative and Mrs. W. C. Hawley were among the scores of telegrams and letters that continued to reach Mrs. Isaac Lee Patterson today. Most of the messages, though addressed to Mrs. Patterson, were received at the executive office.

President Hoover's message said: "Mrs. Hoover joins me in extending deepest sympathy to you in your great sorrow. The people of Oregon have lost a great public servant in the passing of Governor Patterson."

"HERBERT HOOVER."
Representative Hawley sent the following message: "Profoundly regret death of governor Patterson. Mrs. Hawley and I wish to express our sincere sympathy."
"W. C. HAWLEY."

Porto Rico Buys Trees
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hundreds of Christmas trees have been imported into Porto Rico from New England.

NOTICE!

The party who stole the Blue Cleveland Bicycle from in front of the Armory last week is known! Unless the bicycle is returned to 504 Palm St., not later than Thursday, the Sheriff's office will be notified

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

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We Wish You All a Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY Wednesday, December 25 This Bank will not be open all day

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Broadcast of Heavy Snores Brings Reproof From Court

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—For snoring two fellows by the names of David Kaasen and Walter Lindquist were fined \$5 each and costs yesterday, strange though it may seem.

There is no law against snoring, but Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May felt there should be. Night after night, said they, their snorers were arrested by such snoring as is seldom heard. At last something had to be done, so they had Kaasen and Lindquist called before Judge Max Luster.

Another thing the Mays said, was that the men took so much time in the bathroom that no one else got a chance.

"There is," said Kaasen and Lindquist, "no law against keeping clean; and there is no law against snoring."
"Your acquaintance with the statutes is excellent," said Judge Luster. "But there is law against disturbing the peace, and the price will be \$5 and costs. Furthermore, I appoint each of you guardian for the other. When one hears the other snoring, he shall pinch him in such a manner as to cause said snoring to come to a sudden termination. And don't take so long to bathe, either."

PORTUGUESE MUTINY QUELLED BY CANNON

MACAO, Portuguese China, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Loyal Portuguese troops bombarded the fort here with artillery and machine guns at dawn today and within a half hour forced capitulation of mutineers who held the works.



MANN'S The Christmas STORE

wishes you all a very, very happy Christmas

A Christmas Message of Cheer and Good Will

is our greeting to you at this Happy Season

May you experience a new joy in bringing sunshine and happiness into the lives of others—

May the presents that you will receive truly surprise you and bring genuine happiness.

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