

CHRISTMAS WILL FIND KLAMATH'S CHILDREN HAPPY

Santa Claus Finishing up Happy Task of Searching Out Drear Homes

HERALD FUND SUCCESS

Childish Faith to be Justified Throughout City Tomorrow Morning

Santa Claus, with a ruddy, cheerful smile, started out again today to finish up the job of sending toys and Christmas gifts into the homes where doubt has prevailed for many weeks. It has been a big task, but a pleasant one, to sort out the gifts for Klamath kiddies' and see that they reached their destination by tonight, but those on The Herald staff who have been privileged to assist in this work will feel better and happier for having been permitted to aid in this worthy cause.

All yesterday afternoon and again today employees of the Anderson Transfer company have been hard at work delivering the toys and gifts to the youngsters whose names were procured by the investigating committee of the Community Chest. Up until noon today 213 children had been supplied with toys, while others were being investigated, with the chance that Santa Claus will have a little emergency work to do after midnight tonight. The Anderson Transfer company is donating the use of its trucks and employees to aid The Herald and the warm-hearted people of Klamath to furnish the kiddies with the greatest Christmas they have ever had.

Give Generously

Not content with furnishing all the toys at absolute cost, Morford and Woolf, furniture dealers, wanted to make doubly sure that there would be no tear-dimmed eyes tomorrow morning, so they donated \$75 worth of additional toys to The Herald's fund.

Every part of the city and its suburbs has been or is being visited by The Evening Herald's Santa Claus. In some places the trucks have been unable to negotiate the muddy streets, and they have been compelled to wade and tramp their way through mud and water to reach some of the drear homes where wistful-eyed kiddies were peering through windowpanes looking for the coming of Santa Claus.

Fund Reaches \$300

A recapitulation shows that more than \$300 in cash and toys was donated to The Herald's fund. In every instance they were gifts which came from the heart; offerings on the altar of childish faith, that for once the kiddies of Klamath would have a Christmas they would never forget.

So successful was the fund and so generous was the response that The Herald announces here and now that it has become an annual institution. There will be some money remaining in the fund which will be placed in a savings account in readiness for next Christmas.

The Community Chest likewise has more than gone over the top, and every deserving family in the county will be well cared for tomorrow and during the winter months which follow.

Miners Want To Arbitrate

SCRANTON, 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 surgeons, that the miners are willing to meet the operators in conference to discuss any plan for peace it was learned today.

Christmas In West Will Be Peaceful Day

Calm Weather Predicted For This Section

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—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 coast country, where a bit of a storm is brewing. The disturbance appears to be a local one, however.

From the coast to beyond the plateaus, clear, cool weather is the order, with the temperature hovering around the freezing point in some regions. The advanced season finds the snow in the Sierra far below normal, only 14 inches being recorded today at the government measuring station at Summit, Placer county; so that there will be little of the white Christmas that is known so well to eastern points.

Mitchell Gets Offer To Head Aerial League

Deposed Air Officer Tended Another Job

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—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 organizations plans for air way development.

A letter addressed to the colonel by Henry Woodhouse, president of the league, said the colonel's services was sought in connection with plans for establishment of 34 trans-continental, trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific, and pan-American airways; build an air junction at Muscle Shoals for 18 trans-continental, 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 Marcell, Sonora, Mexico, and tracts being bought in Arizona.

Colonel Mitchell is expected to decline the offer.

Ex-Convict To Be Bridegroom

Fred Schulte to Stage Delayed Wedding

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fred Schulte, former constable at Reedsport, who was freed from the state penitentiary yesterday on commutation by the governor after serving three years of a seven year sentence for alleged acceptance of a bribe, will be married today at Van Couver, Wash. The bride will be Mrs. Winnie Drews. They were to be married in December, 1923, but the wedding was blocked by Schulte's sentence to the state prison. Leniency in his behalf was recommended to Governor Pierce by Judge J. W. Hamilton, who presided at the trial, and Guy Gordon, the district attorney who prosecuted Schulte.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fred C. Schulte, 37, of Reedsport, and Mrs. Winnie Drews of Portland, giving her age as legal, were married here last night about 8 o'clock by the Rev. Luther B. Deck. The witness was Mrs. A. Schulte, of San Diego, California, mother of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony here they left for Portland.

WARM AT EUGENE

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Skies were clear and a warm sun shone on Eugene today, with every indication that Christmas day would be as fine. Roses are to be found blooming out of doors here, and many buds are on the trees. Hikers report wild flowers in the hills.

GENERAL BUTLER TO EXPOSE VICE UNDER KENDRICK

Marine Officer, Fired as Philly Police Chief, Plans Exposure

WEALTHY PROTECTED

Says Officials Are Not Sincere in Efforts to Put Down Violations

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—General Smedley D. Butler, dismissed by Mayor Kendrick as head of the Philadelphia police, said today that publication of his diary would "raise a ruckus." He kept it during the two years he was director of public safety and recorded, among other things, conversations with the mayor and other city officials.

The general said that a bradsie in which he alleged the mayor was a protector of big violators of the prohibition law was only a preliminary blast.

"I'm going to keep right on with the attack until I get ready to stop," he added, "and I won't stop until I prove my case."

Not to Resign

General Butler let it be known that he would endeavor to recall his letter of resignation from the marine corps, which he submitted Monday in order to remain here. He plans to visit Washington early next week for a conference with Major General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the corps, who has indicated that he is anxious to have the general remain in the service.

In making public letters which passed between himself and Mr. Kendrick and Joseph L. Gaffney, city solicitor, the general attempted to show that it was because he would not go easy on the big hotels that he was "fired."

Padlocks Needed

Butler said that he wanted the Ritz-Carlton hotel padlocked for liquor violations and dance license of the Bellevue-Stratford and the Walton hotels revoked for the same reason, but the mayor disapproved. David P. Provan, manager of the Ritz-Carlton, is under \$1,000 bail for a hearing on charges of violating the prohibition laws as a result of a raid on two rooms of the hotel where a private party was being held.

The correspondence includes a letter from Butler to the Mayor last November which said in regard to one hotel:

"Drunken men and young girls were found upon the ball room floor."

In one memorandum, Butler quoted the mayor as saying: "You're going too strong on these \$7,000,000 investments," and "you have to lay off these big places," because "there is a difference between a \$7,000,000 and a cheap place that blackmails people."

Mayor Kendrick made no comment upon the correspondence but issued an appeal to the people to support him in enforcing the law.

Three Burn To Death In Fire

OKMULGEE, Okla., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Two children and a 19 year old girl were burned to death, the mother of the children was critically burned, three others were injured and 13 others escaped with their lives when a three story frame hotel burned to day.

Standard Oil Has Dividend

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Standard Oil Company of New York today gave its stockholders a Christmas present by declaring a stock dividend of 25 per cent.

This action follows the merger of the Magnolia Petroleum Company into the Standard Oil Company of New York by exchanging four shares of Standard Oil for one of Magnolia, or cash payment of \$181.23 a share for Magnolia.

Carriers Will Deliver Until Late Tonight

Christmas Packages Will Be Sent Out

Fourteen carriers from the local postoffice will deliver Christmas packages to the people of Klamath Falls between the hours of eight and ten tonight, this mail being the last delivery until Saturday. People throughout the city are asked to leave their porch lights on to aid the carriers in finding the proper addresses.

By five o'clock this afternoon all the incoming mail at the office will be cleared up and delivered, the force having the final rush well in hand.

Incoming mail still continues to be heavy and letters for city delivery will pass the 12,000 mark today besides those who receive their mail through boxes. The letter registration machine showed that over 12,000 letters had been sent out by the local office at a late hour this afternoon.

Saturday will be another heavy day and the extra force at the office, put on for the holiday rush, will be on duty the entire day. Monday is expected to be another heavy day but the normal post office force will handle this rush.

"We expect the office to be back to normalcy by Tuesday," Assistant Postmaster Griffith stated this afternoon.

Bandits Take Pay Roll Of Coal Concern

Total of \$47,900 Stolen By Robber Group

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Christmas pay roll 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.

LRoy Hutton, paymaster, Gump and another guard had alighted from a special Pittsburgh and West Virginia railroad pay car to go to mine number 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, another mining settlement, they fired a parting volley.

Former Solon Gets New Job

Howard Sutherland is Property 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 F. 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.

Bank Employees Receive Checks

Santa Claus arrived a few hours ahead of schedule at the American National bank today and deposited checks in the hands of every employee of the institution.

Following a precedent established three years ago, the bank gave all employees a check representing a half of one month's salary. Needless to say, the presentation this afternoon was a happy event.

COLE PREPARES TO DEFEND SELF AGAINST CHARGE

Accused Prohi Officer Demands Arrest of C. Schultz, Witness

WOULD OUST LEAVITT

Also Files Affidavit of Prejudice Against Local Circuit Judge

William Cole, indicted state prohibition agent, took definite steps today to strike back at his accusers. Held on an indictment charging him with assaulting Frank Pecholt with a dangerous weapon, Cole was at the office of District Attorney Elliott this afternoon to demand a warrant for the arrest of C. Schultz, of the Klamath Moulding company, charging him with reckless driving as a "hit and run" autolist.

Cole, throughout the Pecholt affair, has maintained that Pecholt was struck by an automobile when he was endeavoring to evade arrest on a liquor charge, and has insisted that he did not strike Pecholt in the head with a sap or gun, as was alleged.

As another move in his contemplated defense, Cole today filed an affidavit of prejudice against Circuit Judge Leavitt, in which he sets forth the belief that he cannot procure a fair and impartial trial before the Klamath jurist, and asks that another judge be called in to sit in the trial of his case.

Although he has not yet procured an attorney, Cole announced this afternoon that a Salem lawyer will defend him. It is generally understood that an assistant attorney general will represent him inasmuch as he was a state employe at the time of the Pecholt affair.

SHERIFFS TOLD NOT TO ISSUE AUTO LICENSES

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Secretary of State Korer yesterday sent a letter to Sheriffs and other peace officers of the state advising them not to issue temporary automobile licenses to owners whose cars have been previously licensed.

"When an applicant for a 1925 motor vehicle presents himself to the sheriff with an application for such license," says the letter, "he must exhibit to the sheriff either a certificate of title or the certificate and receipt of registration issued at the time and in conjunction with such certificate of title as evidence that such motor vehicle owner has complied with the law requiring him to secure certificate of title for his motor vehicle."

Kiddies' Theater Party to Be Held at Early Date

Closing of the city schools on account of the epidemic cheated the students out of their annual theatre party which is given every year by C. H. Underwood. However Mr. Underwood states that the party will be given at an early date at which time every student in the grammar schools will be his guest at the Pine Tree theatre.

Investigation of Rates Is Ordered

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The public service commission has ordered an investigation of first and second class express rates on meats, oleomargarine and other similar articles of merchandise from Portland and Spokane to eastern Oregon points east of Pendleton. The hearing will probably be held soon after the first of the year an investigation of express rates on paper from California and Oregon points is under consideration.

TAMPA.—There's going to be a lot of bull throwing here New Year's Day. The champion matador of Spain is coming from Spain and eight matadors and 27 bulls from Mexico. Spring swords that won't hurt the bulls will be used.

Fire Aid From Klamath Ought To Be Allowed

Malin Merchant Demands Present City Law

That there should be some change in the regulations now governing the Klamath Falls fire department is the belief of A. Kalina, Malin merchant, who was in town today. "When the Malin school was on fire we ran out of chemicals and when we phoned Klamath Falls for some chemical tanks we were informed that property of the city fire department could not be used outside of the city limits," Mr. Kalina said.

"This was not the fault of the fire chief, nor of his force, but is, I understand, a city ordinance. It seems to me that in a case like the Malin fire, when a school is burning and when the damage will fall on every taxpayer in the county, the rules should be modified to permit the Klamath Falls fire chief using his own judgment."

More than 15,000 gallons of water were poured on the fire through 850 feet of hose, Mr. Kalina said. The damage is now estimated at \$5,000, being confined principally to the flooring and joists.

Drive Started Against Clubs On 'White Way'

New York Official Plans Pre-Holiday Coup

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Federal Attorney Buckner has begun his third and largest "padlock crusade" by a holiday onslaught on "white way night haunts," some of them favorite socially and the theatrical resorts.

At midnight last night, Deputy U. S. Marshals, and policemen began a wholesale service of summons and complaints upon proprietors who are given twenty days in which to accept "consent decrees" or fight their cases.

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

The twenty day leeway, it is admitted will not prevent any holiday plans from being carried out, but it is hoped that the proceedings will have a "moral effect."

Mr. Buckner asserts some of the cabarets, restaurants and night clubs have sent out holiday invitation cards, which hint broadly that the thirty may have their thirst slaked by a visit to the resorts.

Some of the clubs against which summons were issued bear such descriptive names as Texas Tommy, Chummy Club, Cozy Step In, Hop Up Club, the Charleston and the Necka Club.

Druse Agree To Armistice

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.

Tidal Wave Hits Island of Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A report from the navy department today indicated that the tidal wave and storm which struck the island of Yap on December 15 broke two wireless antennae poles and damaged virtually every building along the coast. No casualties were reported. Both cable and wireless communication was suspended for a short time while repairs were being made. During the storm a wind of 150 miles velocity was reported, accompanied by waves 20 feet high.

BURGLARS LOOT LAMM LUMBER COMPANY STORE

Merchandise valued at more than \$300 Taken Some Time Last Night

NO CLUES UNCOVERED

Outdoor Clothing Taken—Automobile Believed Used by Outlaws

Outdoor clothing, guns and other articles of merchandise valued at more than \$300 were stolen from the Lamm Lumber company store at Modoc Point last night by a gang of robbers who carried their loot away in an automobile.

Deputy Sheriffs Kimsey and Forncrook were at Modoc Point this afternoon seeking some clues as to the identity of the bandits, but according to a report received here this afternoon no definite trace of the men had been found.

Jimmy Rear Door

Entrance to the store, which faces the Dalles-California highway, was gained by jimmying open a door to the lumber company office. From there the door into the store was forced open.

The guns were part of the prizes on two punchboards in the store. Report received here this afternoon was to the effect that more missing articles were taken than was first believed, and when a thorough check of the stock is completed it may show the amount of the loot greatly in excess of what was first reported.

Tire tracks indicated that a motor vehicle had been backed up to the store and that the robbers had carried their loot from the building and through it into the car.

Weeks Injured In Train Crash

Former War Secretary In Head-on Wreck

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 24.—(AP)—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, northbound, and number 85, 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.

The point where the collision occurred is a single track section. Unofficial reports said both engineers were killed.

Cosgrove Wants Bright New Year

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President William T. Cosgrove of the executive council of the Irish free state gave a Christmas message to the Associated Press today in which he expressed the strong conviction "that he wishes a happy Christmas and a bright new year for Irish people would be fulfilled."

NO CHRISTMAS ISSUE

In keeping with its usual custom, The Evening Herald will not publish tomorrow, Christmas day, in order that all employees may enjoy the holiday at home with their families.