

Christmas Spirit in Athens Has Merry Military Keynote As Greeks Eye Big Carnival

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ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 23 (UP)—King George set the keynote for Greek holiday celebrations today when he sent a gift of 70,000 bottles of cognac from the royal vineyards at Tatoi and 2,000,000 cigarettes to the troops fighting in Albania.

Hundreds of private citizens followed the monarch's example and wheezing ancient taxicabs with the rear seats removed have been commandeered and sent toward the war zone carrying the gifts.

This season, which extends through Christmas and to the New Year celebration, will be

mingled time of national rejoicing for the success of the armies in Albania and of sadness for the men who have fallen in the war against Italian invasion. But in Athens the joyous note is predominant.

"Kronia polla (many years) is the traditional Greek greeting and this year the Greeks fairly shout it at each other.

Toys are military and the most popular is a tiny figure of the ballet-skirted Greek Evzone mountain soldier, hero of the war now in progress in the freezing, snow-covered ranges beyond the frontier.

Many greeting cards also carry pictures of an Evzone, sometimes showing him poling a huge "tsarouchi" (which is the Evzone's shoe with curled up toe) as a goddola in the grand canal at Italy's famed city of Venice.

The British toy soldier often is asked for in the stores but so far none has been available. For store owners had no idea when they produced the season's supply that a toy British soldier would be in demand.

The Greek holiday season begins December 26 and extends until New Year's day.

Boys and girls of the national youth organization are collecting and packing gifts for the troops and booths have been set up throughout the capital to accept donations for purchase of Christmas boxes that contain cigarettes, chocolates and warm socks.

After the celebrations begin on the 26th, Athens will be something like a carnival city, particularly if the war news continues favorable. The side streets are normally closed to traffic and jammed with booths like a county fair in America.

The booths do a roaring business selling presents for Saint Basil's day (New Year's).

This year there is a shortage of Christmas trees, which usually come from Germany.

There will be plenty to eat. Markets are filled with turkeys and the government has issued special stores of sugar and white flour for making fancy cakes over the holiday.

Greek housewives are studying English recipes published in the local newspapers in order to prepare Christmas dinners for the British forces and many Athens taverns have announced they will serve the British troops a Christmas dinner at a cost of about 15 cents.

Thes loth's only mode of travel is by swimming along, hand-over-hand, hanging upside down from the tree branches.

"... and Good Will to Kids"



In these days of little peace on earth, it sort of makes you feel better to know that there still is left some good will to men. The glow comes when you find out about a fellow like Patrolman Frank Williams of North Arlington, N. J. A cop on the beat, he knows about poor kids. That's how came his hobby of collecting broken toys, and devoting days and days of his scant time off to fixing them up for needy youngsters. He's pictured above, in his workshop, where he and his wife have repaired 1500 toys this year.

COQUILLE MAN'S VOW WINS POINT

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—Fred Bull, Coquille real estate man, resolved to give up hunting after his only son was killed in a deer hunting accident three years ago.

This week he changed his mind, started putting an old rifle in condition for a hunting trip, discharged it accidentally and shot away his left hand.

HUNTING TRAGEDY

CANNELTON, Ind., (AP)—If a man bites a dog, that news.

If a dog shoots a dog, that's like what happened on Charles Goering's hunting trip. He told the story this way:

Goering, with two dogs following, started down a hill, his shotgun at his side.

Both dogs dashed up from behind and slid down the gun muzzle. A paw of the second tripped the trigger. The gun went off and killed the first dog.

JAY-WALKING HIT IN GRAND JURY REPORT

Jay-walking by Klamath pedestrians was deplored and the purchase of a better boat for the sheriff's use was urged in a written report filed in circuit court by Klamath county grand jurors after their week of investigation.

The jury's report follows, in full:

County Infirmary

We find the new infirmary in excellent condition, and the patients we visited seemed to be happy and contented and apparently receiving the best of care. The infirmary is overcrowded at the present time, there being 47 inmates for 38 patients, and we find that there are several cases waiting to be admitted. We also find that there are four inmates whom we believe to be insane, and it is very difficult for the management to handle cases like this.

We recommend that if possible the infirmary be enlarged to adequately provide for the inmates, and that steps be taken at once to commit the insane patients, or otherwise properly care for them.

County Jail

We visited the Klamath county jail and find it in excellent condition.

County Shops

We find the county shops in good condition, and with the equipment they have keep the machinery in good shape.

City Jail

We again visited the city jail and find it in the same deplorable condition as it was a year ago, but believe that the city authorities are doing the very best they can under these conditions. We again recommend and strongly urge that a new

building be constructed on the lot adjoining the present city hall, and that this be done in the very near future.

We might again suggest that the citizens of Klamath Falls visit the city jail and acquaint themselves with the conditions there. We feel that for the city to have adequate police protection, proper facilities must be provided in some way.

It having come to our attention that the sheriff of Klamath county has been required on numerous occasions to search for lost persons on Upper Klamath lake and other waterways in Klamath county, and it appearing that adequate facilities are not available to the sheriff and law enforcement officers for such activities, and that the present facilities are dangerous to the life of the officers, we recommend to the county court and the budget committee that appropriate steps be taken to furnish the law enforcement of-

ficers of Klamath county a boat of sufficient size and power to navigate with safety the water ways of Klamath county under any conditions and in any weather.

We also recommend that the city police take active steps to curb the present practice of the citizens of Klamath Falls of jay walking or crossing streets at other than designated intersections.

MENTAL SLIP

PLAINVIEW, Tex., (AP)—Sitting in her automobile, Wanda Adams, Wayland college student, suddenly remembered a Christmas gift she had forgotten at a store.

She stepped out — and went to a hospital for treatment of bruises.

She also had forgotten the car was parked on a hydraulic hoist at a service station.

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INSURANCE RATE SHOWS FAITH IN BRITISH FLEET

LONDON, Dec. 23 — War risk insurance rates on shipments from Australia and Asia to Mediterranean points were quoted Saturday, effective today by the Institute of London underwriters.

(The British Broadcasting corporation declared the quotation was the first since Italy entered the war and speculated that this reflected an opinion in shipping circles that mercantile traffic to the Mediterranean now can be resumed.)

The rates are six per cent to Port Said, Alexandria, Suez and Port Sudan, and seven per cent to Palestine, Greece and Turkey.

Although blind, Ivar Jonsson, Stambaugh, Mich., is an expert wood cutter.

Our Home Town

Christmas

By EARL WHITLOCK

Humbly the Prince of Peace came to the world. Without pomp or pride he was born. Simply he lived, as he wandered about the countryside teaching his lessons of brotherly love to whomever would listen. And without fame he died. His coming and his passing alike were so inconspicuous as to be unnoticed by most historians of his times.

But from his glorious example and his deathless words has sprung the great and beautiful religion which has done more to uplift and inspire humanity than any other faith which ever burgeoned in man's soul.

It is good to celebrate the anniversary of His birth with songs and with feasting. It is good to make our holiday gifts to others as tokens of that embracing love which is Christianity. And it is good that on this day, all over this broad land of ours, we dedicate ourselves to joy and to generosity, to jollity and to good will, the virtues that the Christ meant us to have always.

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