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THE GLAD HAND WAS EXTENDED

Joe Thomas Writes a Description of His Trip to New Republic of Mexico

A WONDERFUL TIME

The Flowing Bowl, Feats That Rivalled Those of Old and Endless Receptions

Hotel Regis, Mexico, D. F., December 7, 1920.
Daily Democrat, Decatur, Ind.,

Dear John and Friends:—

You no doubt will be surprised to learn that your old friend, Joe, was commissioned by the governor of Arkansas, to represent him at the inauguration of General Alvaro Obregon as president of the new republic of Mexico. A train was made up at San Antonio, Texas, by a representative of the Mexican government, the train consisting of eleven Pullmans, baggage and diner. These cars were occupied by the governors of states and their representatives, Indiana being represented by Mr. and Mrs. Leiber and Mr. and Mrs. Higan of the governor's staff.

From the time we embarked, 12:15 p. m., November 27th, at San Antonio, we were the guests of the Mexican government and did not have occasion to open our pocket-books. We crossed the border at Laredo, arriving at 11 p. m., and a rousing reception was held in that city. After crossing the border some of the boys discovered that the eighteenth amendment was not in effect here, and the commissary car was loaded with something which resembled Budweiser.

The next stop was at Monterey, arriving there at 8 a. m., Sunday. Hundreds of Ford's were waiting to transport us over this historic city and to the capitol building where we were received by the governor of New Laredo.

The next stop was Saltillo where another auto ride and reception by the governor of the state of Coahuila was enjoyed. Left there at 11 p. m., and some of the boys were dreaming the dreams of by-gone days. Quite a demonstration had been planned at Laredo, but the train being ten hours off time, only a few board members greeted the crowd at 5:30 a. m. There were more profuse decorations at this place than any along the line. Next stop was at 2 p. m. at the old Aztec city of Guanajuato, capitol of that state and four hours were spent, visiting places of interest, including one of the wonderful churches of Mexico, with an altar of beaten gold. Left there at four, climbing mountains with four engines, reached altitude of 10,000 feet, then began ascent into valley of Mexico where we landed at 2 a. m., the 30th. At 8 o'clock the delegation was received by General Obregon and wife at the Colonial station and we were then assigned to various hotels where as guests of the government the best of the land affords has been ours.

It has been a continuous round of entertainment from the hour we arrived until 11 p. m. last night. The inaugural banquet was said to be the most brilliant affair ever staged on the American continent and equalled in splendor the Belshazzar feast of fame in old Babylon. The regal splendor of raiment of ambassadors, mingled with beautiful sonoras and somaritos, whose attire consisted in a large part of what dame nature had provided for them. Diamond earrings, bracelets and strings of pearls only added to the brilliancy of their attire. Your humble servant in swal low-tail, (the first in ten years) felt like a republican at a democratic love feast. This over, we proceeded to the national palace where General Obregon was sworn in as president at 1 a. m., December 1st, amid a midnight blaze of glory, stupendous in effects. Then began a continuous round of receptions and banquets, excursions, bull-fights and visits to Chapultepec, the Aztec, volcano of Popocatepetl, the smoke plainly visible though it is

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**ONLY 9
MORE
DAYS TO
CHRISTMAS**

WATCH THE ADS

ANNUAL ELECTION TONIGHT

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year of the Young Peoples Alliance of the Evangelical church will be held this evening at the home Mrs. Fred Linn on Mercer avenue. The annual reports of the treasurer of the society and the missionary treasurer will also be given making this a very important meeting and one that every member of the society should attend.

WILL ORGANIZE A KIWANIS CLUB

Preliminary Plans Made Last Night—National Organizer Millard Here

WANT FIFTY MEMBERS

Mr. Hensley is Temporary President—Will Meet Next Monday Night

Plans for the organization of a Kiwanis club in Decatur are now under way with excellent prospects of success.

Mr. Millard, national organizer, and Mr. Charles Nolan and twelve members of the Port Wayne club were here last night and met a number of local business men in a session held at the Elks club rooms.

Mr. H. L. Conter presided at last night's meeting and after the purpose and plan of the Kiwanis was fully explained, it was decided to make an earnest effort to organize here. Accordingly, the following temporary officers were chosen: D. M. Hensley, president; H. J. Yager, secretary and E. X. Ehinger, treasurer. A committee to solicit members was named, including Dr. E. G. Coverdale, H. J. Yager, E. F. Gass, E. X. Ehinger, D. M. Hensley and H. L. Conter.

Fifty members are required to secure a charter and as not more than two men from the same line of business can join, the canvass will have to be thorough and careful. The next meeting will be held Monday night at the Elks club by which time it is hoped the fifty names can be reported.

The membership committee will meet Thursday night to plan for the Monday night meeting. The Kiwanis club is one of the good ones and in hundreds of cities have done a splendid work. The local club's work under state and national jurisdiction and many instances of real help and assistance to the communities have been reported. As soon as the roster is complete the local club will elect permanent officers and complete plans for their meetings.

MUNCIE MEN BEFORE JURY

Federal Grand Jury Hopes to Clean Up Existing Conditions There

THE LAW VIOLATIONS In Logansport Will Also be Investigated—Special Agent in Charge

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Forty persons from Muncie were to come here today to testify before the federal grand jury as to conditions alleged to exist there in violation of federal laws.

Charles P. Tighe, special agent of the department of justice, said that this investigation probably would continue through the week and would clean up Muncie once and for all time.

"I expect never to return to Muncie after this session of the grand jury," Tighe said. "If one-half the reports we have heard are true and we can obtain a sufficient number of witnesses to corroborate them, the investigation certainly will reveal a filthy mess."

"Probably the greater part of any investigations in Muncie have dealt with violations of the prohibition law, despite the fact that there has been created a special department to supervise enforcement of the Volstead act."

"By special permission from Washington we were assigned to investigate alleged liquor law violations at

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POLITICIANS ARE HIS GUESTS TODAY

President-elect Harding Receiving Political Callers at His Marion Home

HARVEY PROPOSAL

Relative to Referendum On Declaring War is Now Under Consideration

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Practical politics crowded the league of nations into the background today as president-elect Harding turned his attention to a list of political callers.

Harding was also considering seriously the proposal of Col. George Harvey for an association of nations in which members would be pledged to abstain from offensive warfare without a referendum of their peoples.

The suggestion aroused instant speculation here. Although Harding himself refused to discuss the proposal, it was noted that an official statement describing Col. Harvey's plan was issued through Harding headquarters.

This statement described the idea as one "which dwells all previous propositions designated to perpetuate peace and to democratize the world."

The fact that the Harvey plan was sprung immediately after Elihu Root, a league friend, had talked to Harding, led some to view it as a step to counteract the effect of the visit of Hughes, Hoover and Root, three league advocates.

The suggestion includes the idea of an association of nations which Harding put forth during the campaign but the plan for popular referendum on war is an entirely new feature.

Ex-president Taft will be the next chief justice of the supreme court, in

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BIRTH OF CHRIST

Will be Told in Pantomime Story at the Decatur Evangelical Church

ON SUNDAY EVENING

Sabbath School Will Have Charge—Offering Will be Taken for Orphans

The Sunday school of the Evangelical church will give its Christmas entertainment Sunday evening, December 19, at the church on Winchester street, and plans are being made for one of the best entertainments the church has ever given.

A pantomime of the story, "The Birth of Christ," will be presented. Twenty-five characters will have part, and there will be nine most interesting scenes. The committee composed of Mrs. C. L. Haney, Mrs. Henry Adler and Mrs. Joe Linn, has been spending much time the past several days perfecting the program, and are much pleased with the progress they have made.

There will be musical numbers in addition to the pantomime, and the program will start promptly at 7:30. A silver offering will be taken, and this will be sent to the orphanage maintained by the denomination at Flatrock, Ohio.

This is the first Christmas entertainment announced, but it is probable every church in the city will give an entertainment.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair and colder tonight and Wednesday, except probably snow flurries in extreme north portion.

YOU'LL BE THERE

If you're a Rotarian you will be at the Library at 6:45 this evening, then march to the "Eats" restaurant where a luncheon will be served. After that you march back to the lower room in the Library and hear Pompey Coppin, noted sculptor of Chicago, Rotarians "Tony" Heit and "Charlie" Dickmeyer will address the club on Rotary. Now boys be there. You'll enjoy the evening and it will be worth while.

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A REAL WESTERN "SANTA" COMES TO TOWN



William S. Hart, a stage-coach "Santa" brings Christmas joy to tiny Richard Headrick, his three year old co-worker on the movies. The boy has appeared in more than fifty photo plays.

TRUSTEES WILL BE IN CHARGE

Board of Four Will Have Complete Supervision of the Building

OF COUNTY HOSPITAL

Physicians Cannot Serve—Meet December 27th—Honorary Positions

Before any steps are taken towards the building of the county hospital in this city, a board of four trustees will have to be appointed by the county commissioners. This board of four members will have complete control and supervision of the building of the hospital, and the positions are honorary.

The law regulating the building of a county hospital provides, that not more than two persons shall be of the same political faith, that physicians cannot serve, and that not more than two of the trustees shall be appointed from the city or town in which the hospital is built.

The board will select the house physician and will have complete charge in the management of the hospital. Political lines will not cut much of a figure in the appointments, the commissioners looking at the qualifications of a person more than politics. Since suffrage has been granted to the women, they are also eligible to appointment, but as far as known no woman has applied for the honor.

If the trustees are appointed at the

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STORM DAMAGE

Wind Does Some Damage to Property in This City—Also South and East

A SMOKESTACK DOWN

Thirty-five Feet is Taken From the Big Smoke Chimney at City Plant

Considerable damage is reported from the severe windstorm which swept this section during Monday night and this morning. Most of the losses are small, however, and besides a temporary inconvenience caused by partly unroofing a few houses and the blowing over of a few outbuildings the damage will not be very great. Trees were broken off or limbs blown from many trees, and a few fences were also down as a result of the storm.

In this city about thirty-five feet of the big smoke stack at the city water and light plant was blown to the ground, but the plant was not inconvenienced in the least. There were no cars on the interurban until 9:15 this morning, the power being shut off until employees had reset a few poles that had been blown down.

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ON CALIFORNIA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Kirsch left this morning over the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad on their trip to California. They went from here to Fort Wayne, and thence to Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Kirsch will spend two months in California and will visit Mr. and Mrs. August Sellemeyer, and other relatives and friends at Los Angeles and other places in that state.

BUILD CHURCH DURING 1922

The Reformed Congregation Made a Successful Drive On Sunday Afternoon

SEVEN TEAMS OUT

Every Member of Church in the City and Country Promises Support

The Reformed congregation of this city will build a handsome new church during the year 1922, unless conditions arise that will make building prohibitive during that year. This is the announcement from members of the committee today.

During last Sunday afternoon seven teams of two members each called on the members of the congregation, and asked each what support would be given, if the church was erected during 1922. The result was most encouraging, and the members of the congregation make the announcement today the work will be carried out as planned. Several of the members make the statement that they will do their share when the new building is completed and dedicated, and it is probable that a fine new \$50,000 edifice will grace the lot on North Third street on the site of the old frame church.

However, the committee desires us to state that the subscription lists are still open, and subscriptions will be received at any time and in any amount.

The Reformed church is one of the oldest in the city, and a new church would probably have been erected by this time had not the world war come on, which restricted all public building, until conditions become somewhat settled.

CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wheat: Dec. \$1.70 1/2; Mar. \$1.65 1/2. Corn: Dec. 71 1/2; May, 72 1/2; July 73 1/2. Oats: Dec. 47 1/2; May 50 1/2; July 49 1/2.

WOULD RESTRICT TRADE IN ARMS

The League Will Appeal to Every Nation to Stop Trade in Munitions

THE U. S. SHOULD ACT

Impossible for Other Nations to Comply When America Refuses

(United Press Service)
Geneva, Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The league of nations will endeavor to restrict trade in arms and munitions, it was decided today.

The disarmament commission declared it was impossible for the powers to live up to the arms restrictions provision of the St. Germain treaty when the United States was free to manufacture and sell munitions.

Delegates declared it would be an unwarranted hardship on manufacturers in other countries to prohibit their manufacture while American makers extended their commerce.

The assembly authorized the league council to make every effort to have all nations including the United States, to ratify the arms trade restriction convention.

The council was asked to do everything possible to bring about disarmament and to obtain a complete and practical plan for international disarmament.

Naomi Minnick of this city was taken to the Hendricks hospital at Monroe late yesterday evening and had her appendix removed. She is getting along good at this time.

GEORGE GIPP LOSES FIGHT

Idol of Notre Dame and One of the Greatest Football Players of the Age

DIED THIS MORNING

Sick Three Weeks With Pneumonia—Made a Wonderful Fight

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—George Gipp, Notre Dame's greatest football player, and hailed by coaches and experts as one of the best half backs in the country, lost a game three weeks fight against losing odds when he died here at 3:23 a. m. today.

Gipp was 24 years old and in addition to being a star half back was credited with being the most clever baseball player in the history of Notre Dame. He was sought by major league managers and was expected to sign with the Chicago Cubs for an outfield position on next year's team.

The Notre Dame star succumbed only after a desperate struggle. Relatives were summoned to the bedside to be sent away as Gipp, with the aid of physicians fought his way through crisis after crisis.

"He won't quit," the doctors said. "His grit is remarkable. You would think he was on the football field again."

In addition to his mother, sister and brother who came here from Laurium, Mich., two weeks ago, Coach Rockne and members of the Catholic eleven were at his bedside when the star died.

Gipp died from pneumonia. The official cause given was declared to have been streptococcal throat trouble following an attack of tonsillitis. Gipp was first attacked by tonsillitis following the Notre Dame-Northwestern game at Evanston, Ill., Nov. 20, after he had gone into the game during the last quarter against the doctor's orders while suffering from a broken shoulder received in the game with Indiana a week before.

It was Gipp's last appearance with Notre Dame and it was at his own request that he was allowed to play.

Returning to South Bend he attended a banquet given the Notre Dame team by the University club but was forced to leave because of a sudden attack of throat trouble. He went to the hospital November 24. Gipp never had played football until he came to Notre Dame. He had been a baseball player and was ambitious to make the college nine. During football practice one day Gipp appeared on the gridiron and when an oval rolled his way he picked it up and dropped kicked from the 60-yard line for a perfect goal.

He was asked to try again and repeated.

He had little difficulty making the eleven. His ability at the forward pass was one of the football sensations of the middle west. Gipp hurled the football with the accuracy and ease with which he threw a baseball.

Arrangements for the funeral, which probably will be held at Laurium, will be made today.

New York, Dec. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—George Gipp's career ended just when his name and fame began.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of his death came the announcement of Walter Camp, America's football authority, that the Notre Dame man was the greatest fullback of the year.

Adrian Lenhart returned home from the Hendricks hospital yesterday.

Portia Wood of near Convoys who recently underwent two operations at Monroe, has been taken home. She is getting along fine.

