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## HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS TAKE HEAVY TOLL

### CHRISTMAS DAY IS HAPPY ONE IN DECATUR HOMES

Needy Families Made Happy By Charitable Organizations; No Accidents

### FAMILY DINNERS FEATURE OF DAY

Decatur's white Christmas was greatly enjoyed by everybody, according to reports flooding the Daily Democrat office. Christmas day dawned white and cold and a flurrying snow made the day ideal. Two local organizations, Delta Theta Tau sorority and the R. P. O. Elks, made it possible for many of the needy families to celebrate the day.

About a hundred kiddies were taken care of through the kindness of the Delta Theta Taus, and the Elks gave out more than 60 chicken dinner baskets to persons in this city. The Tri Kappas made their annual visit to the county infirmary. Churches to many children. No deaths were reported by local undertakers and no serious accidents occurred.

The day was quiet in business way. All local stores were closed at noon until evening and many remained closed during the entire day. Family dinners held sway and many Christmas reunions were observed.

#### Church Services Held

Churches held services either Thursday evening or Friday morning. Homes were beautifully decorated for the happy occasions and the real Christmas spirit ruled.

Yesterday afternoon, a dance was held by the college students at the Elks home, and several couples enjoyed the afternoon at that function. Shows were crowded. Other people chose to stay at home and enjoy the reunions.

No robberies were reported and the day was quiet for the local police force, no arrests of any sort being made. Cold weather set in late yesterday and last night the thermometer registered zero and lower.

Business was light in most stores today, after the holiday, and Decatur was recovering from one of the most joyous Christmas days ever had.

The joyful feast of Christmas was celebrated with appropriate services at the St. Marys-Catholic church yesterday. Nine masses were said during the morning, the first Christmas high mass being held at 5 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Seimetz, pastor, acted as celebrant of the mass, assisted by the Rev. Otto A. Peters, and the Rev. James Tekath, of Carthagena, Ohio. The last high mass was held at 9:45 a.m. During the early morning masses, members of the congregation received Holy Communion, it being an annual custom for the entire congregation to partake of Communion on Christmas day. The altars in the church were beautifully decorated with vigil lights and candles and at the south altar a manger containing an image of the Infant Jesus was erected.

**ZERO WEATHER STRIKES COUNTY**

Weather Ideal On Christmas Day But Mercury Takes Plunge In Evening

Contrary to pre-Christmas reports, northern Indiana had a white Christmas. Snow fell yesterday morning and added a freshness to that already on the ground. The entire county was covered yesterday with several inches of snow and the temperature until late yesterday afternoon was ideal.

Zero weather set in last night and today dawned the coldest day of the present winter. The weather, however, was about 16 degrees warmer than a year ago, when the temperature fell to 17 degrees below zero. The coldest weather recorded in Decatur was 10 degrees below zero.

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16-Months-Old Lad Is A "Charleston Dancing Master"

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 26.—(United Press)—Columbus boasts of the youngest "Charleston dancing master" in the state and possibly in the entire country.

The youngster is Donald, (Buddy) Stillabower, 16-month-old son of Mrs. Ruth Stillabower.

People who have seen the youngster dance the intricate steps of the newest fad declare he is a master of the dance. A "school" of youngsters, all older, gather at Buddy's home everyday to pick up the fine points of the dance from the youngster.

### ADVANTAGES OF MEETINGS CITED

Benefits to be Derived From Simultaneous Evangelistic Meetings Stated

The ministers and churches of Decatur, through the Decatur Ministerial Association, have arranged for a simultaneous evangelistic campaign. Seven churches will hold services each night, except Saturday, for a period of at least two weeks, commencing January 10. The churches co-operating are: Baptist, Christian, Evangelical, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed and United Brethren. Several churches will hold special services for the young people during the preceding week. Each pastor will conduct his own services or secure other pastoral assistance. Some will engage special song leaders. It is hoped and believed every member of the churches, including all the young people, will co-operate with their own church program not only by regular attendance at each service but by personally "talking up" the services among neighbors and friends and by such other personal help as they are fitted to perform and may be asked to do. To help achieve this end, the Ministerial Association has requested the schools, clubs, lodges, and other social organizations, so far as possible, to recognize the hours of the church services and so avoid conflicts.

It is pointed out that the following advantages will be secured from

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### 200 U. S. MARINES ARE ORDERED TO SAIL FOR CHINA

DETACHMENT AT MANILLA, P. I., RECEIVES ORDERS TO SAIL THIS EVENING

### DESTINATION LIKELY WILL BE TIEN TSIEN

Manilla, P. I., Dec. 26—Two hundred American marines received orders here today to call on the transport Chaumont at midnight for China.

It was believed here that the destination of the marines is Tien Tsin.

Radio reports received here today indicate increasing chaos in conditions there.

The Chaumont sailing date originally was Sunday, but the time was advanced presumably on receipt of urgent messages from China.

Peking, China, Dec. 26—Communication with Peking has been restored following General Feng Cuh Siang's decision occupation of the Tien Tsin area and his defeat of the forces of Li Ching Lin after a fortnight of varying fortune.

Warfare in northern China is also apparently ended unless Feng decides to reinforce the Kuo Sung Lin troops against Chang Tso Lin.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 26—Foreign guards and volunteers have been withdrawn from the city following the battle for its possession between Feng Yuh Siang and Lin Ching Lin. National (Feng) troops are now in full possession and Feng has captured great quantities of munitions and several thousand persons.

London, Dec. 26—A Central News Tien Tsin message Christmas Eve

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### RUM FLEET TO BE INSPECTED

ASSISTANT SECRETARY ANDREWS TO MAKE 8-DAY CRUISE OF SOUTHERN FRONT

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26.—(United Press)—Assistant Secretary of the treasury Andrews arrived here from Washington today and will embark this afternoon on the United States coast guard cutter Modoc for an eight day inspection cruise of the Southern rum front which will take him as far as Havana.

The cruise, which will also combine the features of a diplomatic mission, will proceed by leisurely stages down the coast and back with stops at Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., and Keywest, Fla., on the outgoing trip and Miami and Jacksonville, Fla., on the return trip which is due to end at Savannah on January 4.

The dry czar will spend about 48 hours in Havana over New Year's Day, and with William R. Vallence, assistant solicitor of the state department who accompanied him, will discuss with American and Cuban officials, the proposed smuggling treaty with the island republic.

Andrews will inspect customs and prohibition activities and get a real close up on the liquor problem along the southern shores. This has assumed large proportions with the advent of the winter season and the movement of rum smuggling to warmer climates and smoother waters.

Kansas City, Dec. 26—A new top price for the wheat crop was established on the board of trade here today when December wheat reached \$1.78 1/2, five cents higher than Thursday's close.

BUSINESS IS DULL TODAY FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS RUSH

One of the quietest Saturdays of the year marked the day after Christmas in Decatur. Stores were practically deserted after ten days of heavy business. Only a few persons who got the wrong size shirt or gloves came to the stores today. Most local stores reported the heaviest pre-Christmas trading in recent years.

### Favors Spanking



MRS. MARY HAMILTON

### REPORTS FROM STRIKE REGION ARE OPTIMISTIC

HOPE FOR END OF ANTHRACITE STRIKE EARLY IN NEW YEAR INCREASES

### WARING FACTION MEET NEXT WEEK

New York, Dec. 26.—(United Press)—Reports from the anthracite coal mining districts today told of increased hope that the coal mine strike which has been in progress since September 1, would end early in the new year as a result of plans for renewal of the wage conferences between the miners and mine owners.

The committees representing the two sides of the controversy will meet in New York Tuesday, probably at the Union League club. Plans for the meeting have been completed and the negotiators are expected here sometime Monday.

It was understood that the mine owners would advance the plan originally proposed by the members of the Decatur high school and the event promises to be one of the most enjoyable ever held here. More than three hundred acceptances have come in and a number of others have signified intentions of attending.

Christmas in the coal fields was described in reports from various mining centers. Charitable organizations were active in distributing food and clothing to the families of miners who are on strike and who have been unable to secure other employment and whose savings have run low. In many instances suffering was reported.

### TO HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION

MASON AND EASTERN STARS TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Public installation exercises of Decatur Masonic and Eastern Star organizations will be held at the Masonic hall next Tuesday night, December 30, it was announced today. The Blue Lodge, Chapter and Eastern Star officers for 1926 will be installed at that time.

All Masons Eastern Stars, members of the local Chapter and their families are cordially invited to attend the installation. Following the installation, a general social will be held, during which time dancing, cards and refreshments will be enjoyed.

The three organizations have been holding joint installations the last several years and they are always largely attended. The installation will start promptly at 7:30 o'clock and the social will follow immediately.

Three hunters were killed when their auto was hit by an interurban car near Scottsburg. Two persons died in traffic accidents in Indianapolis and a motorist was killed at Bloomington when his auto skidded and overturned.

The victims of the accident at Scottsburg were John McWilliams, 21, Edward Burch, 20, and Earl Burch, 12.

McWilliams was killed outright and the two Burch brothers died a short time later.

A Christmas visit with relatives in

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GRAIN PRICES ADVANCE AGAIN

WHEAT LEADS OTHER GRAINS IN RISE; NEW TOP FOR WHEAT AT KANSAS CITY

Chicago, Dec. 26—Grain prices registered advances of from 3/4 to 7 1/4 cents a bushel on the Chicago board of trade today with wheat leading the advance.

Reports of unfavorable crop conditions in the Argentine were the principal factors in the rise.

December wheat closed at \$1.84 1/4 compared with Thursday's close of \$1.77.

Corn and oats registered gains of

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### Weather

Generally fair tonight and Sunday except somewhat unsettled in south portion. Colder tonight. Continued cold Sunday.

### SCREEN VERSION OF MRS. PORTER'S LAST BOOK TO BE SHOWN IN THIS CITY

Van Grant, manager of the Adams theater of this city, announced today that he had contracted with the Film Booking offices to present the screen version of Gene Stratton Porter's last book, "The Keeper of the Bees," at his theater next Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Mrs. Porter's book, bearing the same name, was completed just before she met with accidental death a year ago. The moving picture comes to this city highly recommended.

### D. H. S. ALUMNI ARE RETURNING

OLD GRADS FROM MANY STATES COMING BACK FOR REUNION NEXT MONDAY

From many states, east and west, north and south, they are coming home Monday to attend the first big reunion of alumni members of the Decatur high school and the event promises to be one of the most enjoyable ever held here. More than three hundred acceptances have come in and a number of others have signified intentions of attending.

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