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TWO CENTS

TIMES READERS MAKE CHRISTMAS REAL FOR 118 NEEDY FAMILIES

Peace in the Holy Land?

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Unconfirmed press dispatches today said the foreign office had signed an armistice with rebel Druse tribesmen in Syria, bringing peace to the Holy Land. The foreign office partially confirmed the dispatches. It was said negotiations for an armistice had been in progress. French officials are anxious to effect peace in the mandated region because of the growing unpopularity in France toward the hostilities.

FIRE ALARMS FAKED

Police on Lookout for Youth in Stolen Auto.

Police and fire officials today were searching for the youth driving a stolen auto who sent in five false fire alarms on the north side late Thursday and early today. Reports at fire headquarters show that alarm boxes at Forty-Sixth St. and Park Ave.; Thirty-Sixth and Pennsylvania St.; Forty-Second St. and College Ave.; Twenty-Eighth and Meridian Sts.; and Twentieth and Illinois Sts. were pulled by the youth who was seen by persons in the vicinity of the alarm boxes.

Santa Claus Editor Feels His Stocking Is Full Because of the Joy Folks Had Carrying Gifts and Food to Old, Young, Sick and Discouraged.

By Eloise Walton.

SUPPOSE you'd hung up your stocking even though you felt pretty sure Santa Claus would pass you by, the way he did last year, and the year before, and the years before that.

And then—suppose when you awakened this morning, you found a train of cars that you'd been wishing and wishing for! A doll for your small sister and stockings for all, and—gee! a chicken for mom to cook, with all the trimmings for a Christmas dinner that nobody was expecting, not even mom and pop.

Well, wouldn't you be just about the happiest kid on earth?

That's just the way the boys and girls, the old folks and the young folks of 118 needy families whom The Times readers provided for feel about their Christmas this year.

And you whose generosity has made their Christmas possible, who have made at least one bright red letter day in their drab calendar.

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And the Times Santa Claus Editor—her Christmas stocking was overflowing with happiness this morning in the thought that she had so many new friends working to keep the wolf from the door of needy families.

The Community Fund folks who helped her, the Christmas Clearing House staff and the various social organizations that recommended these worthy families are celebrating Christmas in their triumph.

What a nice feeling must be around the hearts of the girls who (Turn to Page 17)

A Year Ago Today Brrrr! Brrrr!

A YEAR ago, Indianapolis and the State shivered on the coldest Christmas on record.

Temperatures went as low as 4 degrees below for an average during the day of 3 above. Heavy snow was on the ground.

Today, Indianapolis is enjoying a more moderate white Christmas although temperatures were dropping rapidly.

At 6 a. m. the mercury showed 29 degrees, dropping to 25 at 8 a. m. Snow flurries were the order of the day.

DAWES DROPS DIGNITY

Vice President Plays Santa Claus For Children.

By United Press

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—Vice President Charles G. Dawes forgot the dignities of his office long enough to play Santa Claus for neighborhood children here today. The palatial Dawes mansion was thrown open to friends and playmates of the Vice President's two adopted children. Gifts were distributed followed by a special movie picture and a dinner with every yuletide fixing.



Miss Betty White

ARE you sorry Christmas is here—and the best part of it all—the getting ready, over?

Perhaps it depends on how many people you made happy?

Clerks and store workers have been busy these last

few weeks, but Miss Betty White, 2147 Central Ave., a clerk at L. S. Ayres & Co., today was sorry it was ended.

"I'm sorry Christmas is here because the fun will soon be over," she said.

"The holiday season is awfully tiresome for sales

folks, but we enjoy being of service to the public. "I know I was able to make a lot of people happy by selling them something."

And this week has been a busy one for postal employees, but Austin Black, 1331 Parker Ave., mail carrier, enjoying a Christmas at home for the first time since he



Austin Black

has been a postal employee, missed making his usual rounds.

"For twenty-nine years I have been working Christmas day, and it seemed queer this morning not to be carrying presents to folks and saying 'Merry Christmas.'"

"You don't mind working so much when you know you are making others happy."

DUVALL DOUBTS IF COP'S PAY CAN BE AIDED

Believes 1926 Budget Will Not Permit Increase for 'Guardians.'

The proposed dollar a day salary increase for police and firemen was in doubt today.

Five of the nine city councilmen-elect favored the increase while Mayor-Elect John L. Duvall said he had not given it consideration, but did not believe the 1926 budget would permit the increase.

Duvall said that he will appoint a committee of five men to look over next year's budget and see if some appropriations might be further reduced.

Councilmen-elect Walter R. Dorsett, Boynton J. Moore, who has been nominated as president of the council, A. H. Todd, Otis E. Bartholomew and Millard W. Ferguson, said they favored the increase in police and firemen's salary.

Should Duvall veto the salary increase ordinance if passed by the council votes of six council members would be necessary to pass it.

Councilmen-elect Claude E. Negley, Robert E. Springsteen and E. B. Raub, said they had not seriously considered the increase.

Police and firemen serving their first year now receive \$4.75 a day. Their salaries were increased 50 cents a day by the Shank administration.

Moore announced the council will meet immediately after noon Jan. 4 and the regular meeting of the council for organization purposes will be held that night.

Duvall today said that "certain changes in the political situation" caused him to believe the new administration "will be harmonious."

CLUB IS HOST

Ohio and Michigan to Assemble at Y. M. C. A.

The Intercollegiate Cosmopolitan club of Indianapolis will be host to the members of the Cosmopolitan clubs of Illinois, Ohio and Michigan at a district conference at the Y. M. C. A. building, Illinois and New York Sts., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Banquets and an open forum will be held in rooms E, and F, and registration headquarters will be in room A, of the Y. M. C. A.

Howard W. Adams, a member of the foreign service during the war, J. H. Shea and James A. Collins, judge of the Marion Criminal Court, will be the speakers in the three-day session.

HEIRS TO HEAR REPORT

On Conference at New York Concerning Caluable Estate.

About 250 Edwards heirs, living in Indianapolis and vicinity will hear Mrs. G. S. Walters, recently returned from a six weeks conference in New York, at a luncheon at the Lincoln Saturday.

The Edwards heirs claim to own a very valuable portion of lower Manhattan. They are making a decided fight to receive compensation for the tract.

CRAVENS MAY SEEK TOGA

Democratic State Senator Asked by Friends to Enter Race.

Joseph H. Cravens of Madison, Ind., Democratic State Senator, is being induced by friends to make the race for United States Senator for the long term, it was learned today.

Cravens has been a member of the Indiana Legislature for twenty years and at odd times has been a candidate for nomination as Governor. After several conferences next week with party leaders Cravens is expected to announce his candidacy. It is understood Cravens has enlisted the support of Lincoln Dixon, North Vernon, who for a while considered making the race.

MITCHELL GETS OFFER OF JOB

Colonel Asked to Boss World Air Lines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Establishment of thirty-four air lines which will span the world may become the occupation of Col. William Mitchell during his five-year suspension from the Army for criticizing the national defense administration.

Mitchell has been invited to become general director of the Aerial League of America which has expansive plans for aviation development, including a giant system to connect Europe with the United States and a great airport for New York and two cities in the South and West.

If Mitchell gets War Department consent, he may be put in charge of these projects, Henry Woodhouse, aerial league president has announced. Woodhouse said Mitchell was considering the offer.

SUNNYSIDE IS SUPPORTED

Medical and Dental Societies Indorse Improvements.

Recent request of the managerial board of Sunnyside Sanatorium for county appropriation to enlarge the hospital has been indorsed in resolutions adopted by the Indianapolis Medical Society, the Indianapolis Dental Society and several parent-teacher associations.

In each of the resolutions Marion County commissioners are urged to appropriate sufficient funds to allow construction of a new thirty-bed tuberculosis unit in the sanatorium, as well as other additions. Parent-Teacher Associations of Perry Township, School No. 9, and of Ben Davis already have passed resolutions.

FIRE AT MOOSE HALL

Flames Do \$2,000 Damage in Stock Room of Building.

Fire starting in the stock room on the second floor did \$2,000 damage at the Moose Bldg., 135 N. Delaware St., today. Spontaneous combustion or mice chewing matches caused the blaze, Fire Chief John J. O'Brien said.

A second alarm was sounded when the flames shot up a shaft to the roof, but the damage was limited to the one room.

COAL STRIKE PEACE HOPES STRENGTHENED

Miners and Operators Will Confer, Amicably, Tuesday.

By United Press

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 25.—Christmas day brought hope of peace in the anthracite coal region.

Operators and miners will meet in conference in New York next Tuesday and the new spirit of compromise to confer moved observers here to hope that the end of the strike might be in sight.

Efforts of Mayor Durkan, Scranton, chairman of the committee of mayors and burgesses of the coal region, to arrange a conference approached success late yesterday when John L. Lewis, president of the workers union wired from Springfield, Ill., that the miners would attend such a conference.

Lewis previously had declined unless the peace proposals made by Governor Pinchot were to be the basis of negotiations and the operators had refused this point.

As the next step toward peace Alvan Markle, chairman of the joint sub-committee of operators and miners, announced the conference would be held in New York City at 3 p. m. Tuesday and that "any basis for settlement" might be considered.

RIFF FORCES CRUMBLING

Rebels Said to Be Unwilling to Resume Fighting.

By United Press

PARIS, Dec. 25.—Riffian forces under Abd El Krim are crumbling rapidly and numerous tribes are unwilling to resume operations against the French, according to reports reaching here today.

Guzzan reports today said the Dikalis tribes revolted and imprisoned several chiefs named by Abd El Krim.

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FAME FICKLE? REMEMBER THESE?

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NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In the fullness of the Christmas spirit give a thought to the headline heroes and heroines of 1925.

Flashing across the horizon of the news, some for a day, and others for months, most of them have dropped back into comparative obscurity.

David C. Stephenson, who killed Major Oberholzer, enjoyed a chicken dinner, a movie and a "home talent show" at Michigan City.

EXPECT 1,000 AT PARTY

Shank Farewell to Be Given at Athenaeum Tuesday.

More than 1,000 persons, including all city officials and their guests, are expected to attend the fourth annual city administration dinner and farewell party which will be given Tuesday night at the Athenaeum by Mayor Shank and his administration.

Number of persons who have made reservations for the dinner will be announced by City Controller Joseph L. Hogue, Monday morning.

Reports of the department heads of the administration will be made at the banquet. Charles E. Coffin, president of the board of works, is in charge of ticket distribution.

DEMOCRATS GET NEW CLERK JOBS

Appointments for Four City Courts Are Made.

Four Democratic workers have been awarded positions as clerks in the four Municipal Courts which open Jan. 1, by Albert H. Losche, county clerk.

They are Badger Williamson, Robert G. Cunningham, Miss Ruby Hendleman and Henry Goett. Cunningham and Hendleman will serve under Judges Edward Felt and Fred McCallister, who will preside over courts at the courthouse. Williamson and Goett will serve in the two courts of Judges Dan Van White and Paul Wetter at police headquarters.

Williamson has long been associated in Democratic politics and has been chairman of the Third ward. Cunningham was assistant secretary to the city Democratic committee in the last campaign.

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FIRE VICTIMS RECOVER

Only Two Out of Eighty Children Hurt in School Fire.

By Times Special

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 25.—Two children recovering from burns about the face when they fled from a burning school house Saturday. More than eighty other children in the building escaped unhurt.

John T. Scopes, vortex of the great evolution battle at Dayton, Tenn., went home to Paducah, Ky., from his Chicago University classes.

Judge Raulston, who found Scopes guilty, having since made money speaking hither and yon on the alleged evils of evolution, shivered in Florida's "cool wave."

Clarence Darrow visited his son in Greeley, Colo.

Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne and her two children had a tree at the home of her uncle in Washington.

Colonel and Mrs. Billy Mitchell had a tree at their Washington home for Baby Lucy Mitchell, his Army arrest prohibiting Mitchell from leaving the district until his court-martial sentence is acted upon.

Col. John Coolidge, the President's father, who had several sick spells, observed Christmas at his home, without a tree.

Jack Dempsey and his wife, Estelle Taylor, gathered around their tree, opened packages and cracked nuts. They had turkey for dinner, and Jack flagged his road work for the first time in six months.

Gerald Chapman's Christmas was spent behind the Connecticut prison walls.

1927 WILL SEE CHILDREN OUT OF PORTABLES

Judge Dissolves Restraining Order Against Board Building Program.

Twelve hundred public school children will abandon poorly heated and ventilated portables and take their places in six new elementary school buildings about Jan. 1, 1927.

This was evident today after Judge Clinton H. Givan of Superior Court Four dissolved the temporary restraining order preventing the board from executing contracts with architects for the new buildings.

The restraining order was granted Monday by Judge Givan on petition of Kay K. Warik, building contractor, who in a complaint alleged that contracts were illegally let by the board.

Members of the present school board announced that four of the five contracts have been executed with architects since the ruling, late Thursday.

They said that the new school board could not prevent the buildings from being erected now unless they rescinded the contracts let by the present board.

It was predicted that construction on the new buildings will start about March 1 and be completed between September and the last of 1926.

Contracts have been executed with the following architects: McGuire & Shook; Bass, Knowlton & Co.; Robert Frost Daggett; Osler & Burns and Herbert Foltz. It is expected that the contract with D. A. Bohlen (Turn to Page 17)

CHURCH PURCHASE URGED

Purchase of the two churches on the Indiana World War Memorial site has been urged in resolutions adopted by the Indianapolis Medical Society and forwarded to Marion County commissioners.

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Other Unanimous Choices for Offices Made.

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JAIL INMATES FEAST

County Prisoners, Numbering 203, Enjoy Program.

In sharp contrast to the emptiness of the Hamilton County jail on Christmas day, the Marion County jail will furnish special entertainment for 203 prisoners detained there.

The Wheeler Rescue Mission will conduct services, which will be followed by a radio concert. Only two meals will be served, breakfast at 7 a. m. and dinner at 1 p. m.

The afternoon meal will consist of roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, coffee and celery. The 203 inmates will be obliged to share three bushels of apples as dessert.

GILLIOM SENDS DENTON LETTER

Takes Sharp Exception to Senate Announcement.

In a letter sent today to George K. Denton, Evansville attorney, by Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom, sharp exception is taken to a statement made by Denton in announcing his candidacy for the long term United States senatorship.

In announcing his candidacy, Denton alluded to his protracted fight to obtain a seat on the State Supreme Court, to replace Benjamin M. Willoughby, who was declared elected in 1924 by one vote. Denton charged Gilliom with recommending that the case be referred to the 1925 Legislature and the denying that the General Assembly had jurisdiction.

Gilliom branded the alleged statement utterly false and said he hoped Denton had been misquoted in the statement. "No competent lawyer would ever have thought that you had such a remedy there," Gilliom declared.

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SPIRIT OF SEASON BRINGS HAPPINESS TO CITY'S NEEDY

Unprecedented Holiday Generosity Cares for Needs of

All Known Destitute, Say Social Workers—

Churches, Clubs and Organizations.

When Santa Claus finished with grimy chimneys and galloped his reindeers away from Indianapolis at dawn today, he looked back on a sleeping city prepared to enjoy a happy Christmas.

For although 203 men and women watched the sun rise through barred windows at the county jail, and sixteen men were arrested since 6 p. m. Thursday and spent all or part of the night in city prison, and several thousand were suffering in hospitals, social workers said unprecedented Christmas generosity had cared for all known destitute families.

"There is no reason to believe any family was neglected with the Christmas giving so much greater than in former years," said Homer W. Borst, Community Fund executive secretary.

"The Christmas spirit was carried so far this year," he said, "that those who did the giving received more benefit than the receivers."

Several thousand baskets of food, clothing and toys were distributed to needy families Thursday night and this morning by lodges, churches, social organizations and individuals.

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DOWNTOWN DESERTED

Thousands of Residents "At Home" With Folks.

Downtown Indianapolis, usually full of workers hurrying to the office, was empty this morning. Thousands of residents were "at home" with the folks, the great majority in the country or small towns within a radius of 125 miles of the city.

Thursday alone, 7,000 persons left by train, according to Union station officials. Interurbans enjoyed a 40 per cent increase in ticket sales Tuesday, also, standing room only being the rule as the 5 and 6 p. m. cars headed for the rural sections. Buses were also crowded.

Policemen, street car men and newspaper men were about the only unfortunates who went to work through the falling Christmas snow.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 29 8 a. m. 25

7 a. m. 27 9 p. m. 24