

MANY OFFER TO AID POOR FAMILIES ON XMAS OF THIS YEAR

Sunday school classes, lodges and many other organizations in Richmond are combining to see the poor will not want for an appropriate Christmas this year, according to Miss Ethel Clark, head of the Wayne County Social Service bureau, which is given the task of investigating numerous cases of destitution in the city.

According to Miss Clark, who has charge of the offices of the bureau, actual destitution in this city is not as apparent at the present time as it has been in times past.

Although there is considerable unemployment at the present time, many of the workmen have saved enough money ahead so that the pinch of poverty has not been actually felt.

May Develop Later

Officials of the bureau expressed the belief that if there is any actual increase in the amount of destitution from this cause, it will be seen later in the winter, when savings already accumulated have been used up. A significant factor in this respect is that the savings accounts kept by the bureau for a number of families have not yet been drawn upon.

Many organizations have signified their willingness to care for a family on Christmas day and see that its members get a good Christmas dinner and other comforts to make the day welcome. Not only at the social service bureau, but at the office of the township trustees as well, individuals and societies have called, asking for the names of deserving poor.

Will Help Poor

Although it is somewhat early for requests of this kind, officials have already complied with several, and indications are that the poor of the city will be amply provided for through this means. The Social Service Bureau is investigating cases of needy families each day, and names of these people are referred to when requests of this nature come in.

The early requests of persons willing to help indicates that a child will be overlooked by Santa Claus on Christmas day.

CABLE LEGISLATION SOUGHT BY INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—General legislation to provide regulations for landing of ocean cables in the United States was the object of an inquiry begun today by a senate interstate commerce sub-committee headed by Senator Kellogg, Republican, Minn.

Besides the general question of cable landings the sub-committee expected to go into the controversy between the state department and the Western Union Telegraph company, regarding the latter's connection at Key West with the British cable from Barbados.

The hearings begun today were requested by the state department and cable companies. Among witnesses invited were Norman H. Davis, acting secretary of state; Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union, and representatives of other cable concerns. Under specific consideration was a bill by Senator Kellogg proposing to give authority to the state department to regulate all cable landings.

NOYRAC GIRLS RAISE FUNDS FOR EUROPE

Candy was on sale at the high school Wednesday afternoon, the proceeds from which will go to the relief of the starving children of central Europe, Armenia and China. Starting Monday next week the Noyrac girls will conduct a money-raising campaign among the high school students in behalf of the thousands of orphan and destitute children in the countries abroad.

The students are conducting the campaign on their own initiative as they also did the Christmas seal sale, which had such a successful close Tuesday. The amount which it is hoped can be raised is \$250. Shortridge high school in Indianapolis, which has a little over twice as many students as the Richmond high school, raised \$500 last week for the children of central Europe and China.

To open the drive each Noyrac girl will give a short talk to her advisory group, explaining the necessity of the campaign and telling briefly of the conditions which exist in the countries for which the relief is sought. Miss Alice Lanning, dean of women, who so efficiently directed the seal sale, is also in charge of the one to open next week.

Resignation of Lefèvre French Minister, Expected

PARIS, Dec. 15.—André Lefèvre, minister of war, was expected to make public his resignation from the League cabinet today as a result of a disagreement with his colleagues relative to the provisions of the military service bill introduced into the chamber of deputies yesterday. While the measure was being discussed by the cabinet, M. Lefèvre insisted the men he called for a term of two years while the premier and other ministers held that a shorter time would suffice.

Head of Dye Firm Held on Grand Larceny Charge

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Edward D. Rice, head of the firm of Edward D. Rice and Company, dye stuff commission merchants, was arrested today on an indictment charging larceny of \$200,000. It is alleged that the sum was obtained from the New England Trust Co. and the National Shawmut bank on notes based on fraudulent statements.

FRENCH BILL WOULD REDUCE COMPULSORY SERVICE TIME

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The new military service bill, providing for eighteen months of compulsory military service instead of three years, as at present in force, was deposited in the Chamber of Deputies Tuesday. If the measure is adopted, the new terms of service will begin with the class of 1922. The cabinet has already approved the bill principle.

Better Schools For Richmond

It is poor economy to increase teachers' salaries and thereby secure better and more teachers if the teachers are compelled to teach in conditions where they are only partially efficient. A \$100 teacher, who is so cramped for room and who has such large classes or such inadequate equipment that she can use only 50 per cent of her efficiency, is not much better than a \$50 teacher. And it is a teacher who has written this.

Short News of City

School Board Meeting—The school board will meet Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

Roberts to Connerville—Chief H. F. Roberts, of the local navy recruiting office, has gone to Connerville to spend the remainder of the week in recruiting service.

Navy Recruiting Big—One hundred and three men were accepted for the navy department in the Indianapolis district last week, according to reports received at the local recruiting office. There were 3,840 recruited in the United States during the same length of time.

Navy School Advertising—Men desiring to enter trade schools in the United States navy are requested to call at the local office and secure pamphlets telling of the work.

Explain Fire Rules—John Pinnick, building inspector, has been busy the past few days reminding merchants of the city ordinance against the use of cotton or candles in decorating windows. Fire Chief Miller also has called attention to the fact that the decorating of Christmas trees should be done carefully and cotton and candles should not be used.

Traffic Tied Up—Street car and interurban traffic on the National road west was tied up for about two hours Wednesday morning when an axle on a city car broke. The car jumped the track and swung half way around. The accident occurred in front of Earlham cemetery. Workmen were called from the barns, but had great difficulty in getting the car back on the tracks and into the repair shop.

Railway Clerk Examination—Examination for railway mail clerks will be held at the local postoffice Saturday, Jan. 15, 1921. Charles Foreman, superintendent of mails, announced Wednesday. The examination is open to men and women, but according to requirements men are preferred.

Urges Purchase of Stamps—Postmaster C. B. Beck has received letters from the treasury department asking him to impress on his constituents the advisability of buying War Savings stamps for Christmas presents.

Mrs. Scott Recovers—Mrs. T. L. Scott, 1224 Main street, who underwent a serious operation at Reid Memorial hospital recently, has recovered to such an extent that she is able to return to her home.

Notables to Visit—Miss Yuri Watanabi will arrive from New York Thursday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Johnson of North Eleventh street before she returns to Japan. Miss Watanabi, who is a graduate of Earlham college, has a large circle of friends in Richmond. Miss Michi Kawai, head of the Y. W. C. A. in Japan will come Saturday to join Miss Watanabi. They will return to Japan together. Michi Kawai is a graduate of Bryn Mawr college. She has been attending conferences here and abroad. Her headquarters are in Tokio.

Granted Marriage License—Richard R. Gehron of Germantown, O., and Mildred L. Balkon of Richmond were given a marriage license Wednesday.

War Veterans Examined—The regular weekly examination of Spanish-American war veterans was conducted by Dr. Richard Schillinger in his office Wednesday. Many veterans are making application for pensions at present in order to take advantage of the act providing for pensions, passed June 5. Five soldiers were examined Wednesday.

Kiwani Will Elect—Election of officers of the Kiwanis club will be held at the meeting in the K. of P. building Thursday noon. Two tickets are in the field and ballots will be distributed at the luncheon. A secret vote will be taken.

CONSTANTINE ARRIVES IN VENICE WEDNESDAY

(By Associated Press) VENICE, Dec. 15.—Former King Constantine and Queen Sophie, of Greece with their children, arrived here early this morning from Lucerne.

In the harbor the Greek cruiser Averoff and a squadron of smaller warships awaited the hour when the King would go on board and depart for Phaleron, the port of Athens, where he is expected to arrive on Sunday.

The trip from Lucerne to this city was made without incident. Constantine and his family remaining in the seclusion of their private car during the entire journey. When the train reached Chiasso, on the Italo-Swiss frontier, last evening, the special car in which the Royal party was riding was detached from the regular train and coupled to another train coming direct to this city. The car on which a number of newspaper correspondents were travelling, was left on the original train and went through to Milan. A number of prominent Greeks, among them Lambros A. Coromilas, Greek minister to Italy, were there to greet Constantine upon his arrival.

World War Veterans To Urge Amnesty

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A committee from the World War Veterans' headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., arrived here today to call at the White House and on Attorney General Palmer to present resolutions adopted by the organization last summer urging an amnesty proclamation for all prisoners still in custody for violation of the espionage act. Carl Calvin, national chairman of the Veterans, headed the committee.

KRASSIN TO PRESENT NEW RUSS-BRITAIN TRADE PACT

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A newly amended proposal for a trade agreement between Great Britain and Soviet Russia has been completed by Leonid Krassin, Bolshevik minister of trade and commerce, and will be submitted to the board of trade here. Further communication with the Moscow government on the amendments is likely.

GROWTH OF SCHOOLS SHOWN BY FIGURES

Over 900 students will attend the three periods of classes that will be held at the high school Thursday evening in order that citizens may see a school in action. No changes will be made in the method of conducting the classes but they will be run in the regular way so that visitors will carry away an accurate idea of the methods.

Following the three periods chapel exercises will be held in the auditorium to which all the visitors will be invited. Dr. Henry Lester Smith, dean of the Department of Education at Indiana University, will speak on "Better Schools for Indiana." He will tell what is necessary to raise Indiana schools out of seventeenth place.

Interesting figures have been compiled which show the large enrollment increases in Richmond schools since 1910. The largest occurs in the senior high school, which is now accommodating about 250 more students than originally intended. Since 1910 the total increase in enrollments in public schools totals 1,597 pupils, or 50 per cent.

In the high school the students numbered 475 in 1910 and in 1920, 951, an increase of 12 per cent. Garfield Junior high school increased its 1910 enrollment of 423 to 699 in 1920, an increase of 65 per cent. In the elementary schools the number of pupils in 1910 were 2,295, compared with 3,261 in 1920, an increase of 42 per cent.

TAX LAW CHANGES DETRIMENTAL, CLAIM

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Any changes that the legislature may

make in the state tax law should strengthen rather than weaken it, says a report completed today by the state board of tax commissioners for submission to the legislature when it meets next month.

The only change suggested by the report was that the state be given the authority of a county board of review so that assessments might be equalized within a county.

"It is manifestly unjust," said the report, "to compel the state board to apply a horizontal raise on an entire county in cases when only one or two townships may be out of line or to apply the same rate over the whole county when such application will only make more evident any inequality existing within the county."

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Inject Religious Issue Into Ireland Problem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A religious issue was "artificially worked up" in the province of Ulster, Mrs. Ruth Russell, who investigated conditions in Ireland last year for the Chicago Daily News, declared today at the resumption of the hearings of the committee appointed by the committee of 100, inquiring into the Irish question.

Ulster mill owners, Mrs. Russell said, had encouraged religious differences as a means to defeat efforts of their workers to organize. Necessity for increased pay, due to the war, she added produced labor organizations despite the efforts to block them, and the people of Ulster were united on the question of Irish independence.

Report Internal Trouble in Czechoslovakia Zone

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A military dictatorship has been imposed in some of the industrial districts of Czechoslovakia, but a "proletariat dictatorship" has been established in several others, according to a Central News dispatch from Vienna today. Many casualties have occurred in conflicts at some points, it is declared.

FRIENDS GIVE FOOD TO GERMAN STUDENTS

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The American Friends vice committee announced today that 30,000 hungry German students in 30 universities will be furnished a hot midday meal beginning in January immediately after the Christmas vacation.

The committee disclosed that in a majority of cases this hot meal will be the only one available to the poor students. The work of the committee is dependent on voluntary contributions and costs approximately 12,000 a month. Funds on hand insure continuation of the feeding up to the middle of next March.

DEVELOP NEW FUEL TO TAKE PLACE OF GAS

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—The gas conservation and smoke reduction campaign of the Pittsburgh station of the United States bureau of mines, and civic organization, has developed a new fuel composed of coke dust and particles of soft coal, officials of the bureau announced here today. The new fuel has been tested, and the bureau of mines officials urge that residents of Pittsburgh use it, not only as a gas conservation and smoke reduction measure, but as a more efficient heat producer.

DORAN BRIDGE WORK ALMOST COMPLETED

Work by the city street car company in raising their track to the level of the new floor on the Doran bridge will be started Thursday, according to an announcement from the city engineer's office. The car company will put in new flooring to match the blocks that the city has placed on the structure.

The city's work on the bridge virtually has been completed. All the flooring has been laid. The approaches are being made and with their completion the structure will be opened to traffic. This probably will be the first of next week.

EXPLAINS ATTITUDE.

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Spain freely admits the right of professional unions, but cannot tolerate "the tyranny and crimes of a revolutionary minority," said a statement issued at the Spanish embassy here today. The statement was designed to contradict allegations contained in an appeal made by a recent radical meeting at Barcelona, which were characterized as "inaccurate and calumnious."

Dick Harley Engaged to Coach College Ball

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—Dick Harley, former major league baseball player, has again been engaged to coach the University of Pittsburgh varsity nine next season according to a statement made public today by Pittsburgh athletic officials.

The Pitt baseball schedule for 1921

is being drafted at the present time it was announced. On an eastern invasion, Pitt will meet Yale, Brown, Holy Cross, and Rhode Island state.

Gerald Brady of Yonkers, N. Y., is captain of the 1921 team, and G. W.

Brown of Erie, Pa., manager.

To top the whole affair will be the

concert by the American Legion band

which will furnish "jazz" throughout the evening.

The members of the legion are expecting their team to start the season in great fashion.

The football season, which was their first,

was not overly successful.

It put the legion on a firm athletic basis,

however. According to Dr. Hunt, commander of the post, the local organization

soon will be one of the strongest in the state.

The Richmond lineup probably will

be Porter and O'Neil, forwards; Simons, center, McBride and Bertsch guards.

The Muncie lineup will be

Sheppard and Ulrey, forwards; Ripley, center; Morrison and Warren, guards.

LEGION PUTS HAT IN RING OF BASKETBALL

A new era in independent basketball history is expected to be ushered into Richmond when the American Legion team and the Muncie Y. M. C. A. five lock horns on the coliseum floor at 8 p. m. Wednesday. Both teams are said to be classy organizations and a battle royal is expected.