



# SOCIETY, CHURCH AND LOCAL NEWS

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## Mrs. J. H. Hankins Entertains Sunday School Class

Mrs. J. H. Hankins very delightfully entertained her Sunday School class at her pretty home on Broadway.

The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. Several ladies assisted Mrs. Hankins each lady bringing with her a nicely wrapped Christmas package, remaining us that Christmas was near.

In a large decorated basket these gifts were placed, each lady being blindfolded and led in from the line and told to cut her refreshments, but few received refreshments. In that way many contests suitable for the occasion was filled with laughter. Then came the drawing of a number, each one receiving a lovely little gift.

Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Those enjoying the occasion were: Mrs. J. T. Gregory, O. T. England, C. A. Paulger, I. W. Grice, A. E. Herring, L. G. Weatherford, Pat Wolfarth, D. J. Wilhelm, L. E. Nooy, W. T. Raybon, W. C. Barnett, A. H. Travis, George Duval, Pearl Carlisle, W. A. Bowen, R. W. Heim, Bob Good, W. E. Twitty, F. B. Barclay, F. K. Mitchell, G. A. Gunn, W. A. Childress, T. G. Shaw, Raymond Estey, W. E. Fickus, J. B. Biffert, M. S. Gunn, W. C. Bryan, N. S. McBride, A. A. Walker, J. H. Jenkins, J. H. Hankins.

Reporter.

## PERSONALS

Mrs. Percy Spencer and children went to Brownfield Wednesday afternoon, and spent Christmas with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Randell. She will return home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Dow are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Dow's parents at Farwell. They will return home today.

J. E. Henderson and family and Claude Burras and family spent yesterday at the home of Mr. Henderson's mother in the south part of the county, where they enjoyed a real Christmas turkey dinner with all of the trimmings.

## REVIEW OF THE HOME MAKER

By Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Dorothy Canfield Fisher is only occasionally her accomplished self in the Home Maker. Fortunately, on the other hand it is due to her very accomplishments, there are many, that she is unable to write as thoroughly bad book, even when as in this instance, she merely exploded a carless bet. She seems to have exploded prematurely on a significant problem, and is herself most hurt by the explosion.

To the book's credit are the initial passages depicting Eva Knapp, her children, home and husband. The finest pages have to do with the children, and the best of these is the characterization of the five-year-old Stephen.

Stephen is a real person, uniquely so, for almost without exception the rest of the characters dance too dutifully to the solving of Mrs. Fisher's problem. The problem itself, as a situation is nothing less than the study of a woman unsuited to home making. Instead, however, of permitting this really considerable situation to develop naturally to insinuate itself into the novel the author juggs it in as a sack of potatoes, flings it down, and dances her puppets about it to the tune of a righteous corn pipe.

The opening chapters, splendid in their sureness of touch, give place to the pleasant little unconvincing solution. The section dealing with the small store is interesting chiefly because it is informative.

Near the end of the book when the problem of misplaced Eva and misplaced Lester is about solved a few wise pages of observation concerning the town's attitude, the doctor, and the re-arranged domestic life, but there are even more pages of flighty emotionalism and downright sentimentality.

Then the matter with the children. At the outset, in spite of the meticulous care they receive, the older brother and sister are sickly, nervous, and overstrained, while Stephen, lovable and temperamental scamp, seems to have been born naughty, all problems you see. And then, at the end of the book the sickly boy and girl are well, and Stephen is a good, manly little fellow. Doubtless the domestic re-arrangement was effective, but one feels rather questioningly toward the absoluteness of the perfection attained.

Eva and Lester Knapp, a brief synopsis seems essential, have been married thirteen years. They are a perfect example of how badly collegiate romances can result. Specially, they are perfect companions, perfect parents, perfect social organism; but they are misplaced. Eva, despite her perfection in home making, detests domesticity, and Lester, however earnestly he tries to uphold the myth of the man being the money maker is incompetent, a failure, miserably and admittedly unhappy in the monotony of office work. A not unpleasant series of incidents brings about a reversal of positions; Lester is discharged, meets with an accident that condemns him to a wheel chair, and as soon as he is sufficiently recovered, resumes the household work while Eva, released from her duties becomes the supporter. Each, as

above noted, finds happiness in the re-arrangement, finds new happiness in the new home, and finds the children worthy, healthy and good. The small town, faced with so unconventional a situation as a money making woman and a home making man is sympathetic toward the pair and lauds their courage and adaptability. Eva is earning more money than Lester ever could, a new house is a realm of possibility, and a college education for the youngsters. Even the chance of Lester's complete recovery, and the family's reversion to the more conventional, but less pleasant former type of living is taken care of. If only everything weren't so well taken care of. There are divergent, non-domestic women just as there are divergent, non-business men. Their problems are almost inseparably contemporary. Perhaps Mrs. Fisher is trying to prepare society for such divergencies.

## NEAR RIOT OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS FOLLOWS ALARM

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Corpses which lay in white sheeted rows.

Women braved the gruesome sight in hopes of identifying missing relatives and nauseated, had to be led to the outside to fresh air. Two women, overcome by grief, collapsed.

One of the tragic outstanding heroes of the disaster is Andrew Jackson, a farmer living near the school, who was sitting near the three foot door, the only exit, who after escaping from the building tried frantically to remove the wire screens from the windows and failing to do this reentered the inferno and rescued several terrified school children.

## Bemoans His Efforts

Suffering from a nervous collapse, he sobbingly bemoans his inability to have rescued more from the flaming structure.

As pathetically heroic is the story of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coffey who huddled three small children between them to shield them from the flames, and perished. They were locked in a last embrace when their bodies were found.

Although innocent directly in the tragedy, F. C. Foley feels the disaster keenly. It was he who was empowered by the school board to place the heavy wire screens over the windows. Had it not been for this, he agreed, all of the 250 who were trapped in the building, would have escaped.

"It was the biggest mistake ever made in the state since it resulted in the greatest tragedy the state has ever known," he declared.

## Santa First Victim

Santa Claus was the first martyr in the school house disaster. Dow Holding, 17, was playing the part of Kris Kringle and had just started to distribute the presents when the blaze started. The tinsel on his suit ignited rapidly from the blazing tree and he was enveloped in flames almost before the smiles had died from the faces of his audience.

Another heroine was Mrs. Florence Hill, the school teacher, who was in a position to escape but remained in the burning building pleading with older persons to assist her in rescuing members of her little flock. She was last seen trying to quiet a screaming child and the two are believed to have perished together. As dusk settled over the saddened countryside surrounding Hobbs Switch, wagons, automobiles, buggies and small trucks that were used in rushing the injured to hospitals and private homes here, were crowding the roads enroute back from Hobart and to desolation of empty homes.

Many were returning with one or two surviving members of a family who needed warmer clothing while others whose relatives were rescued

## TOO MANY DRUG STORES, SAYS LEADING EXPERT

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The country has too many drug stores, it is asserted by Dean Wortley F. Rudd, of the Department of Pharmacy, Medical College of Virginia, in an analysis of conditions made public by the American Pharmaceutical Association.

## ABERNATHY BOY DIES IN AUTO WRECK

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The condition of Walker's body indicated that death had been almost instantaneous. The remains were brought here, and are being prepared for burial by the Simmons Undertaking company.

Seeking identification of the victim, the doctor found in the pockets of his clothes, two letters, one from his parents, and the other from the parents of Miss Sanford, granting permission to the county clerk here for the issuance of a marriage certificate. It is presumed that the couple planned to marry before they returned home Thursday night. However, the certificate was not issued from the office of Herbert Stubbs, county clerk, but the office had been closed for the Christmas holiday, leading to the belief that the three were riding around, and had hopes of finding the clerk upon their return.

Walker's body will be sent to Abernathy this morning at 7:30, where it will be held until tonight, when it will be shipped to Stephenville for interment.

## BORAH SOON TO GET TEST IN SENATE

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them before another crisis occurs. "We have had the reports of the coal committee before us for months. They have been set aside, and nothing has been done. They contain many excellent suggestions, which should be carried out in appropriate legislation."

Further tax reduction legislation, farm measures, reclamation relief, and other pressing matters should be taken up also at an extra session, in Borah's opinion. He regards an extra session as absolutely necessary, and believes that it will be proved inevitable as the short session gets further along.

## Red Star Stage Line

LUBBOCK - TAHOKA - LAMESA

MORNING CAR

Lv. Lubbock—Merrill Hotel at 8 a. m.

Lv. Tahoka—Thomas Drug Store, 9:25.

Lv. O'Donnell at 10:15

Ar. Lamesa—First State Bank, 11:10.

EVENING CAR

Lv. Lubbock—Merrill Hotel 5:00 p. m.

Ar. Tahoka—Thomas Drug Store, 5:35.

Ar. O'Donnell—Fritz Drug Store, 4:15.

Ar. Lamesa—First State Bank, 5:00.

Leaves Lamesa for Big Springs, 1:00 p. m. and 5:00 p. m.

MORNING CAR

Lv. Lamesa—First State Bank, 8:00.

Lv. O'Donnell—Fritz Drug Store, 8:45.

Lv. Tahoka—Thomas Drug Store, 9:35.

Ar. Lubbock—Merrill Hotel, 10:45

EVENING CAR

Lv. Lamesa—First State Bank, 2:00.

Lv. O'Donnell—Fritz Drug Store, 2:50.

Lv. Tahoka—Thomas Drug Store, 3:25.

Ar. Lubbock—Merrill Hotel, 5:00.

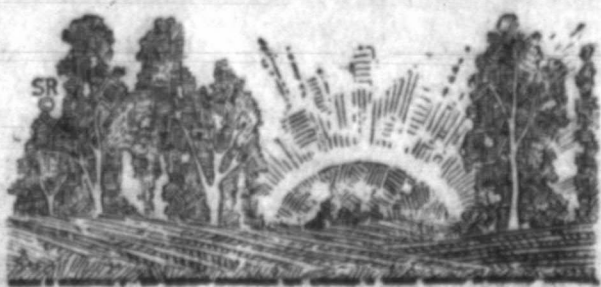
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## about reform is to make just as few potential proprietors as possible.

"Taking the country as a whole," says Rudd, "it is found that the average number of people served by each drug store is 2,236. The average area served by each drug store is about 64 square miles. Twenty-eight states serve a smaller number of people than this general average, and 21 a larger number.

"Twenty-six states serve a smaller area than the average 64 square miles, 22 a larger area than 64, and one just 64.

The organizations which can grad-

## ually effect this change are the State Examining Boards, the Colleges of Pharmacy, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Wholesale Druggists Association, and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

"When these five groups realize that fewer and better trained potential proprietors, fewer but better retail pharmacies are the way out of our present condition, I believe we will be headed toward better things."

When we write the truth it isn't so necessary to keep a carbon copy.

## 47 "POISON LIQUOR" CASES TREATED AT BOSTON

By United News.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 25.—Nearly fifty persons who celebrated Christmas alcoholically rather went through or are going through the sobering up process at the city's public hospitals.

Up to an early hour Thursday, 47 "poison liquor" cases had been treated at the City Hospital and the two chief relief stations since morning.

Police officials said the holiday rush hadn't been as great as expected.

# To The People of The Great South Plains

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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DEMOCRATS, AFTER TWO SUCCESSIVE DEFEATS, SEEK FRESH ISSUES AND NEW FACTS FOR REVIVAL OF PARTY PRESTIGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Democratic leaders are groping for new facts and fresh issues which will give their party a change of pace. This is the first thing that must be done to revitalize the party after its two successive presidential defeats...

Senator Ralston, of Indiana, also has had something to say, advising the party to begin at once to seek out new leaders. A national party in power finds it easy to maintain its morale...

Normal Development Required. Unfortunately, this process of development cannot be forced entirely. It can be encouraged but it must have some intrinsic basis before any process of grooming and exploitation...

FLU WAR ON AS WINTER RAGES (Continued from Page One) that might enable them to thumb their noses at prohibition enforcement officers...

Most important among preventive measures, according to Surgeon General Hugh S. Cummings, head of the Department, is happiness—but not the kind that comes in bottles...

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prepared ten rules for health, which, if followed, will help to ward off the disease. The rules are as follows: 1. Avoid needless crowding. Walking to work if you have time is better than riding in a crowded car...

PROBE OF DEATH GETS UNDER WAY (Continued from Page 1) had been a lifelong sweetheart, Miss Isabelle Pope. He died a few minutes before the ceremony was to have been performed...

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Labor Winning It's Fight for Protection Of World Workers

GENEVA, Dec. 25.—Labor is steadily winning a world-wide fight in favor of adequate legislation protecting the worker, according to the latest statistics compiled by the International Labor Bureau. Since the organization of the International Labor Conference under the Versailles treaty, the latter has launched over fifty international conventions and recommendations on behalf of labor...

BUT THE EARL HAD CHANGED HIS MIND! LONDON, Dec. 25.—The sixth Earl of Langford, who is twenty-one years old, and whose mother is a daughter of the seventh Earl of Jersey, was married the other day to Miss Christine Trev of Oxford...

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COULD NOT JOIN THE ARMY FOR LACK OF TEETH

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 25.—A certain veteran artillery sergeant in San Antonio wants to re-enlist in the army. But he can't find his teeth, and Uncle Samuel won't take men who don't have a full set of grinders. So the sergeant told police officials after he had been booked for being intoxicated, when he came in to report the loss of his teeth...

"It Doesn't Pay," Says Koretz, As Prison Gates Close JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 25.—Leo Koretz, blue-sky wizard—the man who robbed trusted friends and blood kin of \$2,000,000, disgraced and deserted his wife and boy in pursuit of precarious fortune...

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Weather a Fickle Thing, Forecaster Sighs In Regret

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Give a kind thought at Christmas time to the poor Weather Man. He does the best he can. If some times pedestrians come home drenched after having read in the paper that it would be fair, it isn't because of cussedness in the Weather Man. "Weather prognosticating is not an easy task," Forecaster Mitchell, of the Weather Bureau, sighed after having had his troubles with weather that refused to obey orders...

Weather is mighty fickle. A forecaster wouldn't live long if he grieved too much about the way the fates have played him at times. He just has to go along doing his best to foretell what will happen and trust to the ordinary processes of fortune to bear him out. He is just as disappointed when it doesn't turn out exactly as he had figured it out as the public may be...

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ERNESTINE HERRING IS RECOVERING AFTER AN OPERATION

Ernestine, the eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Herring underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lubbock Sanitarium Tuesday.

The little girl is reported to be improving as rapidly as possible and was not disappointed at Christmas time as Santa Claus was thoughtful enough to visit her room in the hospital where he left nice gifts.

SUSPENSION OF COPS FOR RULE INFRACTION LIFTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Seven naughty cops had their suspensions lifted Wednesday as Christmas presents from the police commissioner. They will patrol their former beats again Thursday.

All the policemen are awaiting trial for breaking rules. Commissioner Leach, in allowing a bit of sentiment to slip into the department, said he thought his action would make Christmas a little happier for the men and their families.

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RELIEF FROM FREEZING WEATHER IN EAST PROMISED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Relief from the freezing weather in the east the last few days is promised by Saturday by the Weather Bureau, except strangely, in Florida. The thermometer will begin to climb slowly Friday in the Ohio Valley, the Lower Lake region and Tennessee, and generally east of the Mississippi, except Florida. On Saturday, it will be fair elsewhere.

Bolshevik officials now wear evening dress, but probably don't have to wrestle with the bow tie.

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CHIEF FIGURES IN NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Below: HOWARD CARTER & PAULINE FREDERICK. Below: JACK DEMPSEY & ESTELLE TAYLOR.

Howard Carter, co-discoverer with the Earl of Carnarvon of the tomb of King Tut-Ankh-Amen in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt, is planning to re-open the tomb and take out the remainder of its treasures. Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, so often reported engaged to Jack Dempsey, will soon receive a Philadelphia divorce from Kenneth M. Veaocock, and her marriage to Dempsey is expected to follow shortly. Pauline Frederick, celebrated actress, has filed suit in Los Angeles against her third husband, Dr. Charles Rutherford, of New York, formerly of Seattle, Wash., charging desertion. She divorced both her previous husbands, Frank M. Andrews, architect, and Willard Mack, playwright.

LAY PLANS FOR A LARGE AVIATION PROGRAM

By LUDWELL DENNY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Military aviation engineers here are laying plans for the big airplane building program, which congress is expected to authorize. With gloom in other army and navy circles over the \$29,000,000 cut in the President's budget for general defense, the air services were jubilant over prospects of getting the \$18,000,000 recommended by the president for new planes and accessories.

The administration is committed to building up an adequate air force for the country, despite the president's feeling that other branches of the military establishment should take their share of the general reduction in governmental expense outlined by the Administration's economic policy.

Over \$65,000,000 is expected, will be spent next year by the government in its various air units. This figure, includes the expenditures on personnel, experimentation and utilization of supplies on hand.

About \$39,000,000, including over \$18,000,000 for new equipment, will be distributed to the navy, war and postoffice departments for direct expenditure on aviation.

The war department's share of this will enable the army to replace some of its antiquated machines and place the air fleet in a less disadvantageous position as compared with the British and French fleets, flying officers point out. Only 100 army planes are now fit for immediate war service, as contrasted with Great Britain's 600 and France's 1,200, according to these officers. France is replacing her machines at the rate of 200 to 300 a year.

Including all planes, regardless of condition, the United States army has 1,364 but only 754 are in commission. Almost two-thirds of these are observation planes, leaving a dearth of bombing, pursuit and attack machines. Only a few of the 350 training planes are in adequate condition.

To meet this situation the president and director of the budget agreed to increase the army aviation building appropriation from \$2,646,000 to \$4,400,000. This was the only significant increase in the entire army budget. The only cut in the air expenditures will be the elimination of the \$145,000 item spent this year on aviation seacoast defenses in the Panama Canal Zone. The building program is intended to make up for glaring deficiencies in equipment, rather than to place the United States ahead of other nations in the number of machines, it is said.

Will Aim for Quality. Quality rather than quantity will remain the policy of the army air service, which entails spending of more on experimentation than on aircraft construction. Even with next year's enlarged building program, only about one-fourth of the direct expenditure will be on construction.

This policy of spending the bulk of the air appropriation on experiment and training is dictated by the consideration that: 1—Unlike European nations this country is not liable to sudden at-

tack, and would have some time in which to build planes after the declaration of war.

2—Advance in aeronautical science rapidly antiquates planes; hence the desirability of improving quality with an eye to quantity production after hostilities begin. It is pointed out that the United States already leads in quality, holding speed, altitude and endurance records.

3—The plane of the future will be of all-metal construction, which will outclass planes built today. Despite the general rejoicing here over the increased appropriation in sight for the army, navy and postoffice air services, there is widespread feeling here that the basic problem in air defense has not yet been solved or even adequately understood.

Air defense, it is said, depends upon a large number of commercial planes and commercial aircraft plants which can be quickly converted to war use when the need arises. This has induced the large European nations to subsidize commercial aviation. A considerable group in Washington believe that this government sooner or later will have to adopt the same policy in order to save the industry in this country from extinction.

The present American aircraft industry is but a shadow of that which existed at the time of the armistice, according to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in its annual report to Congress. "It is a matter of grave government concern lest the productive capacity of the industry may become so far diminished that there may not remain a satisfactory nucleus. Civil aviation has not progressed very far, because it has not reached the stage of development that justifies its use generally from an economic point of view, unless an inordinately value is to be placed upon speed."

To strengthen the commercial aviation industry, upon which adequate air preparedness depends, this committee of experts suggest the following as a partial solution:

- 1—Reorganization of plants on more efficient and economical lines and specialization of each plant on small number of types and parts. 2—Government orders to be announced a year in advance for guidance of the factories and distributed among competent manufacturers, according to their special facilities and in a way to secure as near continuous production as possible.

ENRAGED WIFE SHOTS HUSBAND OVER MUSIC

By United News. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Paul Meissen gave her husband a slight hint Wednesday that she was tired of his nonsense and that when she wanted to play the phonograph she intended to do that very thing.

Mildly irritated by his refusal to allow music in their home, she picked up a revolver and shot him merely as a slight reminder that wives have their rights.

Meissen is in a hospital now, and his gentle wife is held on \$1,500 bond, charged with felonious assault.

LONDON SURGEONS TO MAKE OVER WAR VICTIM'S FACES

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Britain has repaired almost all the broken faces brought back to "blighty" by Tommies wounded at the world-war fronts.

Only a few more than a hundred veterans will look out on another New Year's Day from faces so sadly disfigured more than six years ago that complete restoration has not been possible. They are, however, progressing favorably. Plastic surgery has already been successfully applied in reconstruction the maimed heads of 221 officers and 3,228 of other ranks. The Ministry of Pensions has been treating such cases at the Queen's hospital, Sidcup, Kent, since March 1920. Many a man has been admitted with half his face blown away, or a mere scar where his nose used to be, or minus his lower jaw as a result of high-explosive destruction.

Repairing a broken face involves a series of operations. The face is literally built up afresh. The victim leaves the hospital in a complete and presentable set of features not wax work or the like, but flesh and blood, bone and muscle, all functioning properly.

To supply what is missing from an injured face, the surgeons take a piece of flesh or bone from some other part of the body. The transfer of flesh has to be effected by stages because it must at no time be completely detached.

At one stage a 'pedicle' as the surgeons call it, is still attached at one end to the place where it originally belonged—the abdomen or the hip for instance—while the other end is growing on to the patients arm. In due course the lower end is cut, and the 'pedicle' is switched round to another intermediate site, or to the face itself.

A considerable interval for healing and growth must elapse between each operation and the next. After the transfer is completely finished minor "touching up" operations follow.

Realistic plaster casts are kept in the hospital museum, to indicate the ghastly ruin presented by some of the faces before treatment.

Some of the veterans have been in the plastic surgeon's hands for seven years. The ministry of Pensions bears the expenses and the dependents of the pensioners receive a regular allowance. The patients themselves are allowed about a dollar a week as pocket money.

DOG HAS LONG LINE OF ALLEGED ANCESTORS

MARYSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 25.—Nero may have burned Rome but the pedigree German police dog belonging to Bernard Dougan, chief of police here, will wear 1925 dog license No. 1 here. The dog Nero traces his ancestry back to Flan-

SANITARIUM SCENE OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas tree program at the Lubbock Sanitarium Wednesday evening was enjoyed by the instructors and teachers in the sanitarium school of nurses, as well as all others having positions with the sanitarium and the physicians belonging to the sanitarium staff.

The Christmas tree program was conducted along the same plans as has been the case since the school of nurses was established, and the management of the sanitarium remembered each of them with valuable gifts.

The program was greatly enjoyed by all.

FORD ORDERS WORLD'S STRONGEST LOCOMOTIVE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 25.—The most powerful electric locomotive in the world is being built for Henry Ford for use on the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad.

The giant will weigh 340 tons, will be 117 feet long and 15 feet high. It will be 250-horse power motors connected to 16 pairs of driving wheels.

Built more for hauling power than speed, the locomotive will be capable of pulling a train of 150 or more loaded box cars. It running speed will be 17 miles an hour with maximum of 35 miles.

The electrical equipment is being built by the Westinghouse company at East Pittsburgh.

LUNCH WAGON PASSED; BUT NOT VERY FAR

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 25.—Once sending forth their savory crods from practically every corner of the cities in the middle west and tempting the hurrying pedestrians to linger a moment, the corner lunch wagon, like the horse, and buggy, has disappeared. But it is not dead. It has merely blossomed out as the "Alley lunch".

From the ramshackle, oft times dirty, wagon in which a sputtering "banjo" lamp furnished the light for the substantial citizen, who liked his with a "slice of onion" to the down and outer and profes-

sional hobo, who had scraped together the wherewithal to dine, perched side by side on the stools, the lunch wagon has passed to the spotless "alley lunch" crowded with well dressed customers.

Utilizing empty store rooms or any nook or cranny back from the high rent places on the street these lunch rooms get top prices for their food, well cooked and well served. All stations of life are represented among the diners and in that respect they are like their predecessors, the lunch wagon.

FARM LABOR CONVENTION IN OKLAHOMA IN JANUARY

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 25.—The future of the Farmer-Labor party in Oklahoma will be determined at a state convention here January 10, J. W. Houchin, party chairman today, in issuing a call for the meeting.

Delegates to the national convention of the Conference for Progressive political action in Chicago, Feb. 20, will be selected at the January convention here.

A mass meeting of Texas progressives will be held in Dallas, December 27.

"Progressives should be encour-

aged by the fact that they polled in the November election more than five million votes," declared Houchin today. "This showing was made in the short space of three months. What progressive can afford to be a slacker now?"

Mayor Hylan recently welcomed to New York the first Siamese theatrical troupe to visit America, which includes eight dancing girls, one of whom is a princess.

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### DESPITE POLITICS ITALY HAD A VERY PROSPEROUS YEAR IN 1924 WITH MANY AFFAIRS OF INTEREST TRANSPILING

BY THOMAS B. MORGAN  
ROME, Dec. 25.—Italy through 1924 was replete with marked political vicissitudes, favored with unusual diplomatic success and blessed with a large measure of industrial and commercial prosperity.

At the beginning of the year, Premier Mussolini's government enjoyed a popularity no other Italian government had enjoyed for decades. Toward the end, that popularity changed to an undigested antipathy.

The old parliament against which much had been said for its weakness, still held over, but in February by the King's decree that parliament was dissolved and new elections ordered for April 6. The elections were held under a new law, according to the provisions of which, the party amongst the numerous Italian parties securing the largest number of votes would be allotted automatically 356 seats out of the 535 in the Italian Chamber of Deputies. The remaining 179 seats were to be divided amongst the whole of the remaining parties in proportion to the number of votes polled. The elections resulted in a Fascist victory, 356 Fascist deputies taking their places in parliament.

The new parliament met for the first time on May 23, opened in full ceremonial by King Victor. To do to the strict form, deputies were ordered to wear full dress suits, according to an old Italian usage. Mussolini and his ministers donned full ministerial uniforms. The King's message was devoted mainly to an appeal to the spiritual unity of the country and internal tranquility.

Despite the two-thirds majority which the Fascists held, the sessions of the parliament were turbulent. The Socialists were the most numerous of the minority parties with a representation of 65. Their chief spokesman was a young deputy representing the city of Rome, Giacomo Matteotti. He vehemently attacked the government for their repressive measures and was scheduled to make sensational exposures before the Chamber on June 10. On June 10 Deputy Matteotti was mysteriously kidnapped near his home and whirled into the Roman countryside. His disappearance remained a puzzle but it was generally concluded that he had been assassinated. Late in August his body was found in a "casket" 18 miles from Rome. Several Fascist chiefs were arrested and charged with complicity and several lesser chiefs with having perpetrated the bloody affair.

**Fascist Party Weakened**  
From that incident the prestige of the Fascist party began to decline. There was a complete turn in the popular mind. Succeeding events served to accentuate the repugnance and a strict press decree was passed and the right of freedom of assembly and speech curtailed. The local administrations in the provinces were in many cases dissolved and commissioners sent from Rome to administer the local affairs. On September 12, an irresponsible shot and killed Signor Armando Casale, a Fascist deputy. In late November several exposures were made charging Deputy Italo Balbo, generalissimo of the Fascist militia, with ordering the clubbing of opposing voters.

Through the recurrence of these adverse circumstances, Mussolini was able to retain his post as premier due to the large majority which the peculiar election law had given him. There was, however, a strong nucleus of former supporters arrayed against him. These included former premiers Giolitti and Orlando and ex-servicemen.

In the diplomatic field Mussolini's success was phenomenal. His negotiations with Yougo-Slavia brought a prize for which all other Italian governments had been angling since the war, namely, the annexation of Fiume to Italy. This treaty was signed on January 27. The King personally performed the formal ceremony of annexing Fiume to Italy on March 16, amidst the indescribable enthusiasm of the Italian inhabitants of the town and thousands who had journeyed from the rest of the kingdom.

A treaty very favorable to Italy was signed with the Russian Soviets who were formally recognized by Italy on February 7. Numerous commercial and consular treaties followed. On July 18, another treaty of commerce and navigation was signed with Yougo-Slavia. On July 15, the treaty formally annexing African Jubaland to Italy was signed with Austria on July 16. Switzerland signed an arbitration and commercial treaty with Italy on September 20, while Finland followed with a general treaty on October 22.

The position of Italy in international affairs has been regarded as greatly enhanced by the numerous treaties. In December the council of the League of Nations met in Rome.

by 2,300 millions during 1924, while unemployment decreased from 280,765 on January 1, to 115,591 on September 1.

The firmness of Italian state bonds continues almost at par. This has been extremely encouraging, inasmuch as Italian state bonds were quoted at twelve points below par at the beginning of 1924.

The future depends so much on the political situation. The present unpopularity of the Mussolini government may be overcome, but it still remains to make the situation uncertain. Despite the desertion of a large mass of the people from the Fascist idea, there has been a very steady tendency to invest so that new companies in all branches of industry are steadily organizing.

The year 1925 will be the Jubilee year of the Catholic church. This event is expected to bring between two million and four million visitors to Rome from all parts of the world. This influx is calculated to benefit greatly the general wealth of the country and to serve to reduce the high rate of exchange from which Italy suffers.

### PRESIDENT WINS AND THE TAX FIGHT GOES OVER

By PAUL R. MALLON  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Taxes are going down, but not until next fall.

This is the general impression of members of the government who are planning to have President Coolidge call an extra session of congress for enactment of a new tax plan somewhat along the lines of the recent Mellon proposal, next September.

Somewhat reluctantly, all the Republican leaders of congress have come to the view that any effort to tamper with the tax law at this session of congress could only result disastrously. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon himself was at first in favor of immediate action, because of what he interpreted as a change of public opinion in the November election.

But the desires of Mr. Coolidge have prevailed and not only Mellon, but Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee; Chairman Green of the House finance committee and other republican leaders in congress have come to his views.

Here is how Smoot lines up on the tax situation:  
"I thought at first that we might do something about the publicity

clause repeal and perhaps adopt a resolution for a 25 per cent flat reduction on income returns to be made in March. But the difficult lines of the present congress and developments within the last few weeks have led me to change my mind.

"I think that if Mr. Coolidge will call the new congress into an extra session in the fall, perhaps around September, it will in the end save time. I believe with our increased majorities in the new congress we can get down to real work and accomplish something. To tamper with the situation now would only result in improvident delays.

"Then again we must wait until we hear the exact condition of the treasury June 30th, next, at the conclusion of this fiscal year. We know now generally that there should be a surplus. Experts who can figure for months in advance how we are going to stand, say we will have a sizeable amount to put into reduction of taxes. But we should know better exactly how we stand before we begin the work."

While Smoot represents the position of the administration, and probably expresses the views of the White House, there are many discordant voices in congress. To present the varied opinions of the varying factions, the United Press put the tax reduction question to each with the following results:

**Will Help The Rich**  
Senator Simmons, who wrote the rates of the present tax as leader of the Democratic minority in matters of finance:  
"I believe there is little chance of any action at this session, as the situation stands at present. But if there is an attempt made to substitute the Mellon rates for our rates at the next session or in a special session, there will be a fight. Adoption of the Mellon rates would mean that the rates of thousands whose incomes are less than \$70,000 would have to be increased, while those of the fewer number whose incomes are more than \$70,000 would come down. I don't believe any attempt will be made to do that. It seems incredible that such a move would be undertaken."

Senator Norris, leader of the mid-western farm group who frequently expresses the opinion of the bloc of senators who have come to be known as "the La Follette bloc."  
"There is no excuse for repeal of the publicity provision of the income tax law, but there is every reason to provide for even more complete publicity of income tax returns than is now provided. I know of no instance where such publicity has proven an injury either to the public or to the person who pays the tax. I think that more publicity will increase rather than decrease revenue, and I believe all tax authorities will sanction this statement."

"It is only the dishonest taxpayer who has to be watched. The honest man or woman has nothing to fear from publicity. I am one of those who believes that all gov-

ernment business should be conducted in public. Nothing is more necessary, for in the end secrecy means just one thing, and that is corruption. I have fought for tax publicity for a long time now and the law is to be amended in this respect, well and good, provided the amendments call for even more publicity than is provided for in existing laws."

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR OLD JOHN BULL

By CLIFFORD L. DAY  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
LONDON, Dec. 25.—John Bull celebrated Christmas today in every corner of the world.

Neither the Sun nor the Moon ever sets on the British Santa Claus. A fine chance, this white-whiskered old gentleman has of sneaking down all the chimneys in his vast realm after all the millions of kiddies have gone to bed. In one brief night, he is expected to drop at every house at every one of the far-flung lands within the British Empire.

And somehow, he does it. Whenever the Union Jack is flying today, Christmas trees are glowing with gifts from the Isles over there which are known to Britons all over the world as "home" Christmas ships have, for more than a month, been radiating out from London across the seven seas to the offspring dominions and colonies, to isolated islands, to mandated territories and to occupied areas.

Plum-puddings have been going forward by the ton to the far-off prairies of Canada, Australia, India and Africa. Books have been billed in library proportions to the "bush" of Africa, New Zealand, India, and other parts. Cakes have been coasting along the high seas to China to Palestine to lonely coral islands and to points in between. Post offices all over the earth have handled hundreds and thousands of parcels of tinkling toys outward bound from London.

The shipments began unusually early this year. A month before Christmas Day, postal officials here reported that early parcels were fifty to sixty per cent above the normal Christmas average. More than 10,800 packets left for India alone in one week's consignments. Besides these, there were 5,400 to Australia, 8,200 to South Africa to New Zealand 3,100 to Straits Settlements and thousands of others not only to British possessions but to foreign countries as well. And still they kept pouring into the London post offices by the thousand, right up to the very last week when there were scrambles to catch the last mails to the

United States, Gibraltar and the Continent.  
At "home" today, John Bull sat smoking before his traditional Yuletide fire, took part in the century-wide custom of domestic charades, theatricals and games in which grand-daddy always capers about with youngsters, or watched 22 in the familiar old pantomime restaged at theatres in cities and towns throughout the British Isles. Hotels and restaurants in London had their usual batch of lonely far-away homes, to which they catered with especial favors and efforts to help fill the gap of loneliness.

Churches held the usual special services and in the early hours of the day, itinerant groups of Christmas carolers could be heard along many a country road and city street. The royal family spent the day at Sandringham, as had been customary each Yuletide.

John Bull is happy in the conviction that his prospects are on the mend, that the year which begins a week from today promises to be the first British banner year since the war.

Citizens of the United States the South American republics and other countries, resident or visiting in London, participated in British home celebrations or celebrated the day in social functions within their respective colonies.

### MAN WRAPPED IN FLAG FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.— Wrapped in the silken folds of an American flag with a picture of his beautiful young wife pinned to his breast, the body of a man known here as Major Don Thompson, was found asphyxiated in his room at a fashionable apartment house Wednesday.

Thompson's body was discovered late Wednesday when the manager of the apartment house smelled, gas, which apparently took his life. Two letters, one addressed to his wife and the other to Dr. L. R. Wallace, a prominent Mason, were found in the room. All gas jets in the room had been turned on.

In the letter to his wife Thompson expressed his love for her and urged her to forget his act. The letter was filled with declarations of his unworthiness and asked her to "return to your home and one day a better man will find his way into your heart."

Mirrors placed in the rear end of street cars in such a manner as to force passengers to face toward in order to see themselves, consequently placing themselves in a position to alight correctly, is

the clever device of a German student of psychology. Women are especially inclined to alight with faces to the rear and the mirrors are said to correct this dangerous practice. We suspect that most men take a sly glance at the silvered glass also.

At a recent series of wrestling matches in Okmulgee, Okla., many women were present, a preacher, acted as referee and a portion of the proceeds was given to the Salvation Army's Christmas fund. How is that as an example of clean sport?

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