

CITIES PULLING FOR BANKS

Reserve Board to Have Difficult Task Selecting Them.

ALL SECTIONS START FIGHT

Seattle Regras Determined Campaign and Will Have Many Rivals on the Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Active campaigning for federal reserve banks to be established under the new banking and currency system has been begun by a half dozen big cities in different parts of the United States, and among the scores of telegrams received today at the Treasury Department more than half were devoted to laying bare the reasons for executive approval of their claims.

Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, the "organization committee" authorized by the law to choose the reserve cities, today considered tentative plans for making up the list of not less than eight and not more than twelve cities to be given federal banks.

One plan that has been suggested to the secretaries is that they make a personal investigation of the claims of cities which are regarded as possible locations, and another is that they hold hearings in Washington.

Officials who favor the first plan believe that it can be carried out more quickly and to greater advantage than the second, because of the number of persons who could be reached.

The campaign for a reserve bank has been pressed most vigorously by Seattle, Wash., Kansas City, Mo., is making a similar fight, with the support of many nearby cities. Minneapolis, Minn., and business houses took up the cudgels today in behalf of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and bankers in the south are speaking in favor of Atlanta, New Orleans and Dallas.

Philadelphia and Baltimore are at odds over one bank. Altogether it promises to be lively for the organization committee before its work is done.

Among the following cities applied for membership in the reserve system today: Beaumont, Tex.; Union, S. C.; St. Albans, Vt.; Portland, Me.; San Diego, Cal.; Adams, Minn.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Rochester, N. Y.; Little Rock, Ark.; Austin, Tex.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Mobile, Ala.; Carbondale, Col.; Tacoma, Wash., and Lewiston, Mont.

ROOT IS TO BE BURIED HERE

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with Woodmen honors. If agreeable to the members of the family, the body will lie in state here several hours before the funeral. The body will be placed in the beautiful tomb constructed by Mr. Root in Forest Lawn cemetery, and which contains the body of Mrs. Root.

At the general offices of the Woodmen of the World, hundreds of telegrams of sympathy and condolence poured in upon Colonel Jewell and Secretary Biles who remain on duty as they yesterday well into the evening. The messages came from every state where the Woodmen of the World has a jurisdiction and from men in all walks of life.

A meeting of the executive council has been called for tomorrow morning, at which time affairs of the order will be talked over. There will be present W. A. Fraser, the present sovereign adviser, who will succeed to the position of sovereign commander until such time as the sovereign camp elects a successor to Mr. Root. Sovereign Adviser Fraser is a resident of Dallas, Tex., but is well known in Omaha, having attended all the sovereign camp meetings for years.

COUNTERFEITING CHARGED AGAINST THREE INDIANS

AMBEREEN, Wash., Dec. 25.—Frank Walton, Cleveland Jackson and Frank Fowler, Quinault Indians, all young men, were arrested last night at Taholah, where they were charged with counterfeiting. They were brought here today and bound over to a United States commissioner, bail being fixed at \$500 for each.

Culls from the Wire

Police Judge Thomas P. White played Santa Claus yesterday at Los Angeles and freed eighteen prisoners in the city jail.

An organized band of 175 unemployed men, who have been at Fresno, Cal., for the last three days, continued their march south.

Released on their own recognizance, forty-five boys and young men serving terms at the Utah state industrial school, were set free yesterday by Superintendent E. G. Gowans.

Two thousand destitute men at Portland, Ore., were guests yesterday of the Oregon Washington Railroad & Navigation company at dinner on board the river steamer Hassalo.

William W. Astick, newspaper man and magazine writer, died at his home in the theatrical circles as a representative of one of the big producing companies, died at Fresno, Long Island.

PRESIDENT'S PARTY SETTLES QUIETLY IN THE WINTER CAPITAL

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that came by telegraph and mail and sat down tonight to a Christmas dinner, a happy family party.

For a complete change from the city of Washington, where he has been overwhelmed with official tasks, the president could not have chosen a more out-of-the-way place.

Give Executive Rest. The natives are heeding the president's desire for rest and isolation by keeping letterers and idlers from the vicinity of his house.

The cottage is only one of the number that dot the shore of the Mississippi sound, the entrance to which named Pass Christian, after its Spanish discoverer, Christiano, lies a few miles due south from the president's house.

The president's home is a raised cottage with colonial columns and two balconies that reach to the upper story from a well kept lawn. It is in humble contrast to the many handsome homes which border the gulf coast, but is picturesquely set, overlooking the still waters of the Mississippi sound and somewhat hidden by a cluster of live oaks, ferns, palms and pines.

To Live Quietly. The president's plans for his vacation are much the same as on his trips to Cornish, N. H., the summer capital-gulf in the morning, a motor ride in the afternoon and a quiet evening at home, with absolutely no social diversions or political callers.

The golf course is thirteen miles away, a distance in keeping with the president's fondness for the number thirteen. A Presbyterian church is not quite a half mile away.

The president expects to have a restful vacation and town authorities are anxious that he shall have it. The cracking of torpedoes and the shooting of fireworks by which Christmas is celebrated in the village authorities could not very well control, but the president said he enjoyed it all and the youngsters were proud of themselves.

Arrive at Daybreak. Although the president's special train reached here before sun-up, the party remained on board until 8 o'clock. Mayor Sauter boarded the train and welcomed the president into his "winter capital."

"I see you have had a storm here," said the president, looking at the wet ground.

"Yes, that's true," replied the mayor, "but it was merely to get things nicely washed up for your arrival."

The president laughed. As the president left the special train for the waiting White House automobiles shipped here there was a hearty cheer from a group of villagers who had waited in the chill since dawn to greet the visitor.

"Merry Christmas, Mr. President!" they shouted, and doffing his hat the president smilingly said: "Thank you, I wish you the same."

The morning was cold and gray and the damp air penetrating. The party was warmly dressed for the short motor ride. President Wilson wearing a heavy gray coat. At the Herndon cottage the party was given welcome by Mrs. Herndon and her daughter, Miss Alice Herndon.

In addition to President Wilson the party includes Mrs. Wilson, Misses Eleanor and Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, the president's cousin; Dr. Carry T. Grayson, United States Navy, the president's physician; Charles Swan, Mr. Wilson's personal stenographer, and four secret service men.

Singing of Carols Differs from What Newsie Expected. One of the most amusing things which happened at the court house during the municipal celebration Wednesday night was the result of the curiosity and insatiable desire for amusement of a little slip of a newsboy about 7 years of age.

He had come to the celebration with several newsies, all anxious to take in the festivities, but they had come with the idea that it was to be a big show, free of admission charge.

The newsie came early in the evening and gamely stuck through the early part of the program, although it was somewhat different from what they expected and hoped for. But after the program had proceeded for an hour the streeturchin grew restless. They were anxious for the "show" to start and there were no indications of it starting very soon.

BOSTICK ADMITS MURDER

Train Robber Confesses Killing Man on Sunset Limited.

READY TO HANG FOR CRIME

Amateur Bandit Also Confesses to Los Angeles Sheriff that He Held Up Train Near Richmond, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—"I have no friends. I will plead guilty, and am ready to hang."

John Bostick, confessed train robber and slayer of Horace Montague, a Southern Pacific traveling passenger agent, made this statement today, shortly after he arrived from San Francisco in custody of Sheriff Hammel. Bostick held up the Sunset at El Monte December 1, and killed Montague, who was a passenger.

Sheriff Hammel said that on the way from San Francisco where the prisoner was captured Tuesday, through the instrumentality of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cole, passengers whom he robbed, Bostick had made a complete confession, not only of the El Monte murder and robbery, but of another holdup, November 24, near Richmond, Cal.

Bostick said he was prompted to commit the El Monte robbery because he had been successful in the previous affair.

Carols of Nativity Sung at All Saints

Holy communion was held at All Saints' Episcopal church, Twenty-sixth street and Dewey avenue at 10:30 yesterday morning with appropriate music by the choir and a short sermon by Rev. T. J. Mackay. In addition to the music of the communion office, several Christmas carols and hymns were sung.

Dr. Mackay told of the first Christmas day, nineteen hundred years ago, when the child king, Christ, came into the world to spread the teachings of Christianity to the people and thereby made Christmas day the greatest holiday of every year. He told the story of Bethlehem, of the wise men, the manger and the humbleness of Christ's birth and by so doing he spoke of the spirit of giving and that it was "More cheerful to give than to receive."

The music in addition to the communion office included the following: "Sleep, Holy Babe".....Corner An Old Sacred Lullaby.....Dykes An Old Bohemian Carol.....The organ music played during the communion was from Otto Mallin's "Cristus," with Mr. Simms at the organ.

Santa Visits Prairie Park Club on Xmas

With an attendance which fairly taxed the spacious capacity of the Prairie Park club house to its utmost, Santa Claus visited there Christmas evening, much to the delight of an assembly of young folks, and to the infinite enjoyment of the "old" children.

A program conducted by the Ladies of the Needlecraft, and enacted by the youngsters comprised the evening's entertainment.

Following is the order in which it was given: Song—The Christmas Tree.....All Children Recitation.....Viola Rheam Piano solo.....Mary Ellen Locke Recitation.....Lemist Nelson Monologue and piano.....Travis Sisters Recitation.....Frances Walker Violin and piano.....Misses Emily and Eleanor Lear Recitation.....Helen Brannaman Christmas carol.....Marie Park Quartet Recitation.....Roy Lucas Dialogue.....Viola Rheam and Donald Pillsbury Recitation.....Kathryn Smith Recitation.....Richard Elster July Old St. Nicholas.....All Children

Christmas Quiet Day at Local Hotels

Christmas was an unusually quiet day at the hotels, not only because all transients who could have come home for the holiday, but also because the open weather cut down the usual local crowds frequenting the lobbies and bars.

The regular Christmas table d'hote dinners were served at all the hostesses. At the big hotels the employees were treated to special turkey dinners by the proprietors and a mutual exchange of gifts took place at some of them. In all cases the day's work was made as light as possible for the employees.

REV. MR. SAVIDGE MARRIES FOUR COUPLES ON XMAS

Rev. Charles W. Savidge was a busy man Christmas and when the day was over he counted up four wedding ceremonies as the result of his efforts. Those who were united are: Minnie Billings of Des Moines, Ia., and Charles Rees of Dunsmuir, Cal.; Miss Maude Murray, daughter of Bert Murray, and Roy Sterling; Miss Adelaide Metelchik, daughter of Carl Metelchik of Sedro, Neb., and Lawrence A. Moats of Council Bluffs; and Miss Thelma Cole, daughter of M. H. Cole, and C. Ray Lowder of Humboldt, Ia.

CHILDREN AT ORPHANAGE MADE HAPPY BY KNIGHTS

The annual Christmas exercises were held at the St. James orphanage under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus last night. A program of songs, dances and recitations was given and the children of the orphanage were presented with toys and dolls and other Christmas gifts and all were given candies, nuts and fruits.

The program included the following: Duet.....Kath Hunscker Clog dance.....Adelaide Fogel Comic sketch.....Margaret O'Grady Selection.....Mrs. Leo Hinman Fancy dance.....Marie Moran Children's dance.....Children of Orphanage

The committee in charge of the program included: T. H. Hansen, chairman; T. P. Redmond, W. W. Fyfe, Leo Hoffman, T. J. Quinlan, Dr. T. J. Dwyer, Robert Bushman, James Fitzgerald and John H. Schall.

NEWSIES FULL OF TURKEY

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hear Mr. Miller tell them that he started life as a newsboy, selling papers on the streets of St. Louis. He gave the boys some good advice and swelled them all up with pride by declaring to them that during his lifetime, he had never seen a real newsboy who was dishonest. He had seen some boys selling papers who would cheat and do mean things, but they were not the real newsboys. Closing, he added, "Now you boys are hungry, so turn to it," and they did the way the newsies do, by eating of all kinds of fish, cheese, pie and fruit disappeared, was a caution.

The tables fairly groaned under their loads of provisions. The various and many articles of food came onto the tables in large dishes, and the boys were given as many helpings as they could put out

of slight and then to top off with each boy carried away two big red apples, two oranges and a pound box of choice candy.

Besides being one of the best hotel dinners recently served, it had some class, for there were many interested spectators present to take observations on the behavior of the boys and they went away with the fixed conviction that the boys who sell papers in Omaha are gentlemen.

Among those who looked in on the boys were a number of the business men of the city, Mrs. C. W. Hayes, president of the Women's club, Mrs. Draper Smith, Miss Rieder, Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Rose Miller, Miss McKnight, Dr. and Mrs. Wagoner and several others.

Volunteers Give Out Many Baskets For Hungry Poor

More than 200 baskets of food, each containing a chicken and large quantities of toys and picture books, were distributed to needy families at the hall of the Volunteers of America yesterday.

There were many whose only Christmas celebration consisted of a visit to the hall, which, nicely warmed and prettily decorated, offered a pleasant welcome, and the eating of an excellent dinner later. A tree on which hung presents for the children, gave pleasure to all the visitors.

Baskets were distributed to those who had tickets previously issued in co-operation with the Salvation Army. Only one element of sadness marred the pleasure of the Volunteers' officers.

A middle aged man, whose appearance suggested that he had walked a long distance in the cold, entered the room and looked at a sign which gave information that supplies were exhausted. "Have you a ticket," he was asked. "No," he replied, after reading the sign. "I just came in to look."

The undertaking was a fine success, however. Major J. A. McCormick expressed much gratitude to the Omaha business men and others, who made it possible.

Three Hundred and Fifty Families Fed By Salvation Army

Three hundred families and fifty men were given a big Christmas dinner by the Salvation Army. The men were fed at the Salvation Army Industrial home, the baskets, prepared under the direction of Adjutant James, were sent to the homes. These baskets contained chicken, sugar, coffee, corn, tomatoes, half a pound of butter, cookies, macaroni, bread, milk, potatoes and in some of them a fine rabbit, received from a Nebraskan.

The Salvation Army will have a big Christmas tree at the Young Men's Christian association building tonight.

Mission Gives Out Many Baskets to Poor

Baskets of food for Christmas dinners were distributed to many poor families yesterday morning by workers of the United Gospel mission, 1616 Chicago street, under the direction of Superintendent Henry L. Siger. The provisions were donated by St. Mark's Lutheran, Dundee Presbyterian, Immanuel Baptist and North Presbyterian churches.

COUNTY HOSPITAL FOLKS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Under the auspices of Mrs. E. M. Robinson and Mrs. G. W. Ahlquist, inmates at the county hospital were given a delightful entertainment Christmas evening in the form of a musical program. Later in the evening oranges and nuts and candies were distributed and everyone was made happy. Among those who participated were Mrs. Wilma Bruce, pianist; Miss Lola Bruce, soprano; Loraine Dickerson, violinist; Mr. Linehan, known as the blind poet, some recitations and a speech of thanks for the thoughtfulness of those who provided an evening of good cheer for the unfortunate.

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PITY WOMAN AND SECURE HER RELEASE FOR XMAS

Mrs. Martha Sledzinowski, 116 Miller street, held at the county jail for concealing stolen property which her boy had taken from railroad cars, was released Wednesday evening on \$500 bonds furnished by Nick Dargazewski, mayor of Szeley. Judge Julius S. Cooley pitying the woman, who is a widow with six children, persuaded Dargazewski to put up the money.

TWO HIGH MASSES SUNG ON XMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

Two high masses were celebrated at St. John's Catholic church yesterday morning. The first was at 8 o'clock and the other at 11 o'clock. Both services were crowded with parishioners and special music was sung by the choir, including the "Adeste Fideles." Paul Harrington sang a baritone solo, "O, Holy Night." He was accompanied by Raymond Traynor upon the violin.

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Quiet Day at Capital. WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas day in the national capital passed quietly and without any public celebration. The absence of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and some of the cabinet, with the holiday recess of congress, depleted official circles. Those cabinet officials and members of the diplomatic corps who remained in town spent the day in the usual holiday observances.

Practical Christmas gifts from the White House brightened many a poor home. Two automobile truck loads of food and toys were delivered late yesterday and early today at the direction of the president and Mrs. Wilson to a carefully selected list of deserving cases which had been investigated by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters.

Secretary McAdoo, the ranking cabinet officer left in town and therefore acting president, spent much of the day working on the details of organization of the new currency system.

Detective's Sacrifice for Prisoner. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—So that a gray haired father, who is confined in the county jail, might celebrate Christmas at home with his eight children, Captain Thomas J. Porter of the United States secret service, today gave up the joys of a Christmas at home.

Early today he went to the county jail and gave his personal word to Jailer Davies for the safe return of Edward Wescott, who was arrested yesterday while making counterfeit bills. The secret service agent accompanied the prisoner to his home and spent the day with the family. This evening he will return Wescott to his cell.

The eight of a Christmas tree and numerous presents when he was searching the Wescott home yesterday for hidden counterfeit money led Captain Porter to determine to forego his Christmas. Wescott, who was a member of the notorious Weed-Wescott-Brown band of counterfeiters, which flooded the country with spurious \$5 bank notes in 1908, was arrested in company with Otto Allen, who has served a penitentiary term for the same offense.

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