-Suicide Averts **Bootleg Career** for Aged Man

Down and Outer Ends Own Life With Bullet in Temple Rather Than Pursue Life of Crime.

lil of health and broken in spirit, William E. Hart, 51, Paxton hotel, faced the prospect of making Christmas the beginning of a career as bootlegger, but he didn't.

Joseph Nieman, patrolman, slip-ping from door of business houses in the dark of 6 Sunday morning, stumbled over the body of a man who had died from a bullet wound in the right temple and still clutched the weapon in his hand. It was Hart, who had chosen the doorway of 1214 Farnam street for his death scene, preferrinfg not to create a muss in his room at the hotel.

"I could be worth \$200,000 to \$300. 000," Hart stated in a letter he left addressed to Butch Marchick, David City, Neb., "if I had my health, but it's too late now. For 30 years I have feared, and I know I am taking the worst of it. I could go to doublecrossing, bootlegging, but I would rather end it all than do that kind

Could Have Borrowed Money.

I know a few hundred people I ould borrow money of. You have a banker in David City who said if 1 was short he would lend me money been called that for 30 years, but not since I lost my health."

Police said they found a pawn machine. Police said ticket indicating Hart had pawned following the tragedy. clothing and jewelry recently. He had been a guest at the Paxton hotel about five weeks and prior to that had been in a hospital in David City. In his letter he asked that the hos pital staff be thanked for its kind-

He also pleaded that Marchick Hart, Girard, Ill., stating that her son had suffered an attack of illness and that the next day another letter be sent, informing her he had suddenly and unexpecdly died.

To Send Body Home.

Whatever pain attaches to the suicide will not be spared his mother, victims into his office for first aid however. The body was delivered to treatment. the Crane Mortuary company, which will send the body to Girard for a comb, a billfold, two coins and the thrown to the floor. revolved with which he slew himself.

Fascisti Movement

Mexico City, Dec. 24.-(By A. P.)saception in Japala several months bound car. ago, was ridiculed as of no imporreckoned with in the near future.

President Obregon said recently for her removal to a hospital. there could be no fascism in Mexico because it was a movement against bolshevism and bolshevism did not exist in Mexico.

Scientists Will Discuss

Secrets of Man and Nature

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Secrets of nature and of man divulged by the most recent scientific investigations, will be discussed at a gathering of answer. 2,000 scientists from all parts of the of the American Association for the Marcella, Martha and Benjamin, Advancement of Science at its annual meeting opening on Tuesday evening. Crash Victims Engaged Men eminent as specialists in many fields will deliver addresses and the delegates will give their views on a wide range of subjects at the general metings of the association and before the 15 sections into which the 42 affiliated societies have been divided.

Obregon Would Release All Rebel Prisoners

Mexico City, Dec. 24 .- (By A. P.)-A request that amnesty be granted all ready sentenced and those awaiting cussed. trial, was contained in a bill sent to the chamber of deputies by President Obregon. The president urged immediate passage of the measure so that it might become effective January 1.

The president assured the chamber of deputies that its introduction is prompted by the knowledge that all Mexico is at peace and that the release of the rebel prisoners will not disrupt national order.

Engineer Is Killed When

gineer of a Denver & Salt Lake rail. in an effort to get him to reveal his road freight train, was killed when secret. Laughingly he insisted that the airbrakes on his locomotive became frozen and the train was wreck- learn what he would give in return. ed after running wild for more than a mile near the top of the continental Primate of Ireland Drops divide, according to officials of the road here.

Waiters Form Soup Bowl Brigade to Battle Fire . That Razes Toy Village

New York, Dec. 24.-Sparks from a toy electric train laid waste the church at the curfew hour, which a whole toy village and caused the would prevent the congregation from temporary blocking of Broadway, leaving until 6 in the morning. which surged with Christmas shop-

The fire occurred in the window of a restaurant at Broadway and Firtyseventh street where the toy village and railway had been laid out to attract Christmas patronage.

Waiters organized a soup bowl fire Italian hospital endangered 63 pa-brigade and battled with the flames tients today. The fire department's until the fire department arrived, rescue squad, equipped with gas Police reserves were called out to masks, arrived quickly and succeeded

In accordance with custom, no edition of The Evening Bee will be published today, Christmas Day.
Subscribers to The Evening Bee will be served with The Morning Bee.

Advertisements, including want ads, will be received at the Farnam street office or by telephone from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m. today.

1 Dead; 3 Hurt as Joyriders

Wild Ride Ends in Accident -Youth Killed Instantly-Two Girls in Critical

Condition.

I wenty-fifth street. killed; Ruby Bigbey, 2036 Douglas street, who probably fatally injured, and Ida Shellhart, 5220 South Twentieth street, was seriously hurt when to the form of legislation that should an automobile in which they were racing south on Twenty-fourth street crashed headlong into a street car at Twenty-fourth and G streets shortly after midnight Saturday.

According to police reports at the South Side station, Stanley Redelski, and take my note. That is what I 19, 2526 South Twenty-fifth street, call a good fellow. A good fellow is was an occupant of the car and left a damn fool. I ought to know. I have the scene immediately after the accident. The car was driven by Billy Blank, 2517 Arbor, who owned the machine. Police said he disappeared

Five Persons in Car.

The five persons were packed into the single seat of a small car that had been rebuilt with a racing body. Witnesses say they were driving south the middle of the street at a high rate of speed and crashed headon write a letter to his mother, Jane into a northbound car. The two girl occupants of the car were unable to tell how the accident happened.

Redkelski suffered fracture of several ribs.

The accident occurred directly in front of the office of Dr. A. Smith, 4225 South Twenty-fourth street. Occupants of the street car carried the

George Bonner, 2013 South Seventh street, who extracted Miss Bigby burial. Hart's letter willed his per- from the wreckage, stated that the sonal effects to Marchick, but about cars collided with a terrific crash and all detectives could find was a knife, that passengers in the street car were

Three Cars Racing.

According to Dave Katzman, emand G streets, an eye witness of the in Mexico Growing accident, three cars of joy riders with the death car on racing abreast with the death car on the left. He says the car turned to the left to go around a southbound committee will report will be passed The fascisti movement which at its street car and crashed into the north-

nizing it as a political factor to be critical. She was unconscious when approval but will preserve many of taken to the hospital.

Reports from various cities of Miss Shellhart suffered a broken credit measure and will be free of clashes in which the fascisti have arm and lacerations of the head and purchasing and storing features intaken part against the radicals, Indi- body. She was taken to her home, cluded in the Norris and Norbeck cate that the movement is gaining where she later lapsed into a semi measures. conscious state and plans were made | The more conservative republicans Rib of Youth Broken.

The body of Bogatz lay for some getting his bill substituted for the time in the mortuary of Heafey & subsidy measure, but this encourage-Heafey before it was identified. Rela- ment does not go to the extent of tives at first denied that he'was a insuring clear sailing. The progresmember of the party, but the body sive group is already forming plans was later identified by relatives.

Redelski went to his home. He will cluster around either the Norris was suffering with a broken rib and or Norbeck proposals. minor injuries. Questioned as to why he ran from the scene he refused to

Bogatz is survived by his father, J. United States and Canada here this P. Bogatz is survived by an administration effort O'Neill celebrated their golden wedding money for the hard-run bank. He briskie was organist, "The Birth of was two stories and contained 20 week. The Massachusetts Institute of lived and seven brothers and sisters: Technology and Harvard university Robert, Mrs. C. Hamilton, Twentywill act as joint hosts to the members fourth and M streets, Joseph, John R.,

hart, 19, victims of the South Side be married a few days after Christbeen set. The young couple and their relatives had been making extensive ative Strong, republican, Kansas. preparations for the event and just rebel prisoners, including those al- car as the other principals was dis- tion the right of way. House leaders western states. They recently re- eenth and Douglas streets. Smith said

first met at the home of the young question. man's sister, Mrs, Clara Hamilton, 2418 M street.

The injured girl may never learn of the Christmas gift her flance had commerce, repealing section 15-A, the purchased for her. For several days so-called guarantee clause, and restorin a teasing way the girl and rela- ing the powers of state utilities comtives have been trying to pry the secret from him. He refused to give

any hint of what his purchase was. With the fun at white heat just before tht party left last night, Miss Brakes on Train Freeze Shellhart confessed that she had pur-Denver, Dec. 24.-Roy Watkins, en. chased white gold cuff links for him

Plans for Midnight Mass

Belfast, Dec. 24.-(By A. P.)-Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland, today announced that he had abandoned his previously announced purpose of holding his usual midnight mass to usher in Christmas. His action was taken on learning that the government intended to throw a cordon about

Ammonia Fumes Endanger 63 Patients in Hospital

New York, Dec. 24.-Ammonia fumes escaping from a large tank that exploded in the basement of an Italian hospital endangered 63 pain stopping the leaks in the tank.

Rural Credits to Claim Time of U. S. Senate

Banking and Currency Committee to Inject New Recommendation Into Tangle Some Time This Week. .

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER, * Crash With Train week, by the senate banking and currency committee, precipitating a ne contention in the upper body, rendering passage of subsidy more difficult and making avoidance of an extra ses sion unlikely.

The committee plans to reject prac tically all of the bills before it and present a new plan, based upon enlargement of the Federal Reserve sys tem to meet the situation. This deci Leonard Bogatz, 21, 2524 South sion has been reached as a result of was instantly the hearings that have been in prog ress and because of the inability of the farm bloc senators to arrive at an agreement among themselves as be sponsored.

The variety of rural credit meas bitter fight Tertain over the queson, giving additional support to the move to force the president to call the able time. new congress together shortly after

Opposes Radical Measures.

The bill which will emanate from farmer while opposing radical meas- could save her. ures that have been presented. They consumer and producer, to minor measures for farm aid, including a farmers

The latest along this line has been introduced by Representative quivering lips. "Madame was prog-Halvor Steenerson (republican), Min- ressing favorably," he added, "until nesota, who proposes insurance of wheat crops. Under the provisions of this measure, the secretary of agriculture would determine the insurable value of the crop, based upon the avergrades for the last three years, with a reasonable profit. If the price obtaining when the markets should be below the amount fixed, the farmer could collect the difference. To prevent price manipulation, he would authorize the government, through the bureau of wheat price insurance. ployed in a garage at Twenty-fourth to buy and store wheat until suitable marketing conditions prevailed.

To Pass on Bill.

The bill which the senate banking the war finance corporation who is same fortitude as she has met many Miss Bigby was taken to St. Joseph liaison officer between the committee other crises in her 78 years of life. tance, has made such rapid strides during the past few weeks that high government officials now are recogits features. It will be wholly a

are encouraged by the failure Senator Norris of Nebraska has experienced in

Concentrate on Subsidy

The report of a measure by the senate banking committee will not be Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carter of holder was a stockholder trying to get assisted; Mrs. Louise Shadduck Za- ly covered by insurance. The structure to legislate for the farmer. Final ef- anniversary at their home here Tuesforts will be made to pass the subsidy. day, December 12. The ceremony of amount went into the bank, and there Lester, was offered at Dundee Pres. field fire department was called, but while the farm measure will await a 50 years ago was repeated at noon fore, into the guaranty fund, and byterian church at 4 p. m. The min- arrived too late to save the hotel. The more opportune time.

before they went on the ill-fated ride of all appropriation measures by the emigrated to Kansas. Since then, they the possibility of having a double wed- middle of January, atter which it is have been identified with the develop- jured. ding with the other occupants of the proposed to give rural credits legisla- ment of Kansas, Nebraska and other are planning, also, to force consider moved from Burchard, Neb., to be made a sharp turn to avoid a col-The romance between the couple ation of railroad legislation, unless the O'Neill. started about two years ago. They senate shows signs of activity on this

Representative Sweet, republican, Iowa, already has a bill before the committee on interstate and foreign



Lostand Found -Surely!

During the rush of Christmas shopping many articles were

Purses, bags, furs, packages seemed to have a way of slipping away from their rightful owners, whose attention was being given to some display of holiday goods.

If YOU lost anything, remember that the finder is, no doubt, looking in the "Lost and Found" column in the "Want" Ad section of The Omaha Bee to see if you have advertised your loss.

Dial AT lantic 1000 and ask for a "Want" Ad taker.

Three Lines-Three Times
Ten Dimes

Senator Curtis Declares War Free Christmas on Bootleg gers in U.S. Capital Feeds to Feature

Washington, Dec. 24 .- Senator Cur- waiters resulted in the evidence betis, republican, Kansas, chairman of ing mopped up almost before those e senate rules committee and re. present knew what happene publican whip, issued orders to the published reports recently that a bootsergeant - at arms of the senate legger was soliciting orders for variarrest any person soliciting orders for liquor in the sevate wing of the senate chamber, while on the floor in the senate office building.

his ultimatum against botleggers ment of prohibition. diners in the senate restaurant were Senator Curtis said that no influstartled by a resounding crash and a ence, however strong, would protect kin over his arm, had dropped a bot- end of the capitol or the senate office tle of whisky. A concerted rush to- building but up to a late hour there ward the wet spot on the part of the had been no arrests.

Senator Curtis' declaration follows

ous kinds of intoxicants just outside a senator was pleading for an in While Senator Curtis was issuing creased appropriation for the enforce-

tinkle of glass. One of the waiters, a bootlegger hereafter from arrest and rushing across the floor with a nap- prosecution if he invades the senate

ed by Bandits, Dies at

Immanuel Hospital

Death Aids Slayer.

can hold forth no promise to arrest

Stone was shot the night of Decem-

ber 19 when he attempted to protect

money in his care at a filling station

of the Shaefer Oil company at Six-

Lived With Brother.

street. Elmer Stone and a second

brother, Harry, 2115 Emmet street,

were at the bedside when he died.

They said their brother had not been

Funeral services will be held at 2

question of whether the holder of a

bank, who had done no wrong him-

for Raymond J. Bischoff, a bankrupt

when it overturned, but were not in-

lision with a careless driver.

The accident happened at Eight-

Infant Dies of Pneumonia

Gives Christmas Party

Chicag financier.

The dead men resided with a broth-

the gunman.

afternoon.

Sarah Bernhardt Holdup Victim Loses Four-Day Suffers Relapse; **Condition Grave**

Physicians Hope for Partial Oil Station Manager, Wound-Recovery, but Declare Stage Career Ended—Slowly Growing Weaker.

Paris, Dec. 24.-(By A. P.)-Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, suffered a relapse during the early hours this morning, when she had another filibusters who are directing every fainting spell which lasted consider-

Courage alone is said to taining the actress. Her physical strength is declared to be fast ebbing. The doctors who constantly are the banking committee will signalize in attendance expressed the opinion the administration's effort to aid the this evening that only a miracle

Christmas eve in Bernhardt's little range all the way from the Norris mansion in the Boulevard Periere was bill, which aims to make the govern- a silent one. The servants and othment the giant middleman between ers of the household moved noiselessly through the semi-darkness of the halls, which usually at the Christ proposal to have the federal govern- mas tide glowed with brilliance. Bern ment insure the yearly crops of the hardt's 70-year-old butler, Arthur, was sad of eye and disconsolate.

> this relapse. Professor Obissier, chief of the medical staff attending Bernhardt, The Associated Press this said to

"Madame is very low," he said with

"While we still hold hope for her recovery, it is certain that Madame Bernhardt never again will face the

Madame Bernhardt is being kept alive with consomme with the white of an egg beaten into it. She is being given no solid food whatsoever. She is gradually growing weaker. "Her last Italian trip greatly fatigued her," declared Arthur, the

butler, who added somewhat bitterly, "and there was no need for it." Madame Bernhardt is said to real ize the hopelessness of the situation.

Bankrupt Financier Wedding Anniversary Lincoln, Dec. 24 .- (Special.) - The



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Carter.

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 24 - (Special.)of the anniversary, and after receiv- that he should get back that much at ister's theme at the afternoon service fire is believed to have originated Disturbed by the delay of the sen- ing congratulations from the guests, least. ate to act, house farm members are the wedding party went to the home beginning to make plans to take up of Dr. L. A. Carter ,a son, for din- Two Escape Injury to Wed Christmas Week rural credits in that body. The Len- ner. During the absence of the "new-Leonard Bogatz and Miss Ida Shell. root-Anderson bill, the joint creation lyweds" fro mtheir own home, elecof Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin and tricians installed golden finished accident Saturday were engaged to Representative Anderson of Minne- chandeliers, the gift of children. sota, both republicans, is before both Chysanthemums, sent by the grandmas, although a definite date had not bodies. Another popular credit mea- children, were features of the decora-

They were married at Glenwood. The house leaders expect to dispose Ia., December 12, 1872, and in 1873 were caught beneath their motor car,

Alleged Bad Check Man

Held for Investigation George B. Henderson, 21, Asbury George B. Henderson, 21, Asbury 2835 Camden avenue, died Sunday Park, N. J., was taken in custody at 3 a. m., of pneumonia. Mr. Stewart yesterday afternoon at Hotel Castle has been connected with the Omaha by Detectives Franks and Haze and Casket company for the past 25 years.

is being held for investigation. Henderson was arrested last August police here, but escaped trial when his father, former army officer and war veteran, made good several will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment will spurious checks and pleaded that his be in West Lawn cemetery. his own war record be considered.

First Carload of Chickens Mrs. Mary E. Van Gieson, 4826 Dav-Are Shipped From Alliance enport street, who has just returned

Alliance-The first carload of chick. from a two months' visit in Kenens ever shipped from Alliance was tucky, yesterday gave her annual consigned by W. E. Cutts, agent of Christmas party at her home for all the Fairmont Creamery company, to the Omaha Cold Storage company, to pounds and contained nearly 6,000 chickens. Mr. Cutts, as buyer for the Omaha Colds of the Charles of the Omaha firm, purchased the fowls Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hartzell, who live 80,000 warrants for distraint, which from farmers.

Federal Judge Dies New York, Dec. 24.-Federal Judge tendance. Thomas I. Chatfield of Brooklyn died suddenly in his home today, while decorating a Christmas tree.

Slide in Panama Canal Panama, Dec. 24.-A slide in the Panama canal occurred Friday morn- Monday. ing. Meanwhile traffic through the waterway will not be hampered. The British government announces that an order has been issued in legislatery in former German East 11 12

Special Observances Planned by Omaha's Religious and Fraternal Or-

ganizations.

Merry Christmas! Even the weather man seems to be a merry mood at this season when the hand grasp is firm and the heartbeat is strong. Santa Claus disregarded the eight-hour day yesterday, working well into the night

Many Yuletide activities are scheduled for today. Ernie Holmes will has been a personal service for the keep open house from 11 a. m. un- good of your country, which is deeply til midnight at his Farnam street appreciated. recreation rendezvous, where he is Gen. Harbord's greeting was in the prepared to feed 2,000 who are in nature of a formal farewell to the Christmas day he fed 1,500, The 30 years.

Douglas County post of the American Fight for Life Douglas County post of the American Legion will entertain unmarried exservice men at a dinner at Hotel Hays Advocates

Templars Plan Program. Mount Calvary commandery, Knights Templar, will have a Christmas program at the temple this morning at 11. The music will be in charge

of Walter B. Graham. Refreshments will be served after the program. Christmas festivities with a tree will Rite cathedral. Special dinners will Thirty-fourth be served at the Creche and the Masonic Home for Children. The Christmas program last night

at St. James' Orphanage was in charge of the Knights of Columbus. Members of St. Paul de Vincent society and the Creighton Union disillness no one except his two brothers tributed 250 Christmas baskets to was permitted to visit him, He lookneedy families. ed at one man arrested by detectives

The Salavation Army will serve as a suspect but said only that the free dinners to 200 or more men toprisoner looked "something like the day at their industrial home. This afternoon at 4 dinner will be served to 125 girls at the Salvation Army "As in the Siefkin case," declared Rescue home. The Lohachee club of van. Ind., for Christmas. Fritz Franks, detective, "death is the Young Women's Christian associaproving an ally to the criminal, There tion distributed Christmas cheer at still a chance to apprehend the the City Mission. Midnight service the "submersion" of the first balance slayer, but conviction would be douwas held at St. John Episcopal sheet and operating expense report bly difficult. We hope for results but

> Entertainments for Children. Among the important events of the week will be the Christmas entertainments to be given for children on Wednesday and Thursday mornings by The Omaha Bee and the World

teenth and Pinkney streets, of which theater at the World theater. Before he leaves his post Sheriff Mike Clark will give the prisoners in the county jail a chicken dinner. Hoer, Elmer, at 3902 North Seventeenth tels and restaurants have special Christmas menus for their guests.

Church services yesterday morning able to give information of any defitheme was the "Birth of Christ." The nite assistance to detectives. He had choir of First Methodist church at the been unconscious since 5:30 Saturday morning service sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," by Mendelssohn, Atthe evening service the choir, under Tuesday afternoon from the John the direction of James Edward Carnal, rendered Dudley Buck's cantata, in Forest Lawn cemetery. The body "The Coming of the King." The choir was assisted by E. F. Williams, bass, accompanist. The sololoists were Mrs. W. Dale Clark. Margaret Sturges. Sues State on Deposit

Howard E. Steberg. Special Musical Program.

A special musical program was given at the evening service of First Baptist church, directed by Henry W. deal of money and the rates will have Thornton, organist and choirmaster, to be increased. The parcel post is certificate of deposit in a falled state Miss Lillian Wirt and Mrs. Edward F. entirely a commercial matter and self and did not know the law had Williams led special music at the should carry its own load." morning service of United Presbyterbeen violated in the issuance of the certificate, has a valid claim against lan church. Christmas music featured Flames Destroy Hotel the state deposit guaranty fund, is morning and evening services at Calraised in the appeal filed in supreme vary Baptist church. Five carels were rendered during the evening program. court by the trustee in bankruptcy "The First Christmas" was rendered by quartet and choir. Mary Elizabeth Bischoff bought for \$28,5000 cer- Fulton was musical director. A pro- Fire destroyed the hotel at Barnestificates for \$30,000 in the Brown gram of Christmas carols was sung ton Saturday morning, at an early County bank at Long Pine, from a at vesper services in First Presbyter hour, causing a complete loss. The broker, who assured him they repre- ian church yeterday afternoon at 4. building was owned by Mrs. L. C. sented acoutal deposits and that the A double quartet and string quintet Vogel and was valued at \$6,000, partsays that at least \$24,000 of the Love," Christmas cantata by William rooms, all occupied. The Summerwas "Joyful Tidings."

The Christmas pageant "Bethlehem," was presented at Dietz Memorial church Sunday evening by the as Car Overturns by the church, assisted by the choir. The choir of Trinity. Baptist church sung a cantata at the Homeward-bound yesterday after- evening service. "The Christmas Story Minnesota, whose impeachment noon with a Christmas present, a in Scripture and Song," was a feature piece of furniture, Mr. and Mrs. Lee of the evening service at Grace Bap-

W. Smith, 2613 1-2 Capitol avenue, tise church.

Christmas Pageant. of a Christmas pageant, rendered Sunday evening at Westminster Presbyterian church. Special music and a nativity pageant were features of the Christmas celebration at All Saints church in the evening.

Billy Lee Stewart, 16-months-old evening service Walter B. Graham, automatic stoker of his engine while son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stewart, music director, presented a Christmas out on his run and badly hurt. The pageant, "Prophecy to Hunger," com- accident happened at Amazon. Mr. posed by Mr. Graham. The principal Mehuron was taken to Falls City for roles were sung by Mrs. Louis Hunt, medical treatment, later being relieved Dr. N. C. Christensen, Fletcher Slater, of his run. The remains will be at the family Harry A. Hansen, Leslie Van Nosresidence until Tuesday, when same trand, Vernon Osborne, Peter Fisher. will be removed to the Crosby-Moore Hart Jenks, Gertrude Smith, Elbert funeral home, where burial services Blanchard, Gould Brown, Bess Watson, Marion Hain, Frederick Graham has been called to be held in the and Nathan Levinson. Cecile Smith

> Federal Tax Campaign Nets \$1.500,000 in New York Area New York, Dec. 24 .-- A drive started

on a farm west of Arnold, celebrated are being distributed to more than 100 their golden wedding anniversary yes- field deputies, he said, at the rate of terday. Four generations were in at-1,000 a week. Uncollected taxes and penalties amounted to \$300,000,000 when Collector Bowers began his

The Weather Forecast.

Nebraska-Fair and continued mild Hourly Temperatures.

U. S. Army Officials Send Christmas Greetings to Soldiers of Nation

City's Festival Washington, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to the rank and file of the army have been sent by Secretary Weeks, Gen. Pershing and by Maj. Gen. Harbord, deputy of staff, who signalized his approaching retirement to private life by sending best wishes to his comrades.

> ers of the peace and good will which we reverence at this season." ictary Weeks said. "None deserve to a greater degree, the benefits of the peace we now enjoy, the security of which you guarantee by your per sonal service to the nation. Gen. Pershing, in his message, said: "You have materially contributed to

the welafre of the American people during the year just ending; yours thing possible for them.

need of a Christmas dinner. Last service he had been in for more than

Increase in U.S. **Parcel Post Rates**

Former Postmaster General Says Service Losing Proposition-Praises Efforts to Improve Conditions.

Chicago, Dec. 24 .- Postoffice re-Hays, former postmaster general and "premier" of Hollywood, stepped tion." deftly from cinema to government back again while he stopped here a few hours on his way to Sulli

Commenting upon Brig. Gen. Charle G. Dawes' recent charges concerning of the Postoffice departmen-which set forth that the department is operating at a loss of more than \$60, 000,000 a year-Mr. Hays declared that "there must be an increase in the parcel post rate.' "There has been made and there

effort to improve conditions by Postmaster General Work, Gen. Dawes, Gen. Lord, Comptroller McCarl, Mr. Furlow, president of the Otis Elevator company and others. Every one, of course, is interested in the success ed, must be a reformation.

There is now and long has been deficit in the operation of the post-

office department. "First-class mail is carried at a never can be carried without a loss. within a few minutes. The newspapers and magazines are the means of promulgating thought, and Miss Marguerite Carnal, pland ideals, and it always has been the from convulsions, physicians said. Poeducation and national ideas and ened with blindness and suffering theory of the postal service that the lice have the jug from which the men circulations of the newspapers and drank and say it contained wood alcoperiodicals should be encouraged by hol, a small quantity remaining. postal rates which would make the

maximum circulation. "The parcel post is losing a great

at Wymore, Neb.

Wymore, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)from the steel range in the kitchen.

Representative Keller

Near Nervous Breakdown Washington, Dec. 24 .-- Threatened with a nervous breakdown, Reprecharges against Attorney General Daugherty recently were heard by a congressional committee, is at his home here, under doctor's orders to "The Birth of Christ," was the title stay away from work for a couple of weeks. His physician said that his condition was not serious.

Engineer Is Injured Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)-J. C. Mehuron, engineer on the Bur-At Hanscom Park Methodist church lington at Wymore, was caught in the

To Discuss Taxes Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.-(Special.)and Ruth Edwards were accompanists. to discuss the question of lowering taxes on farm lands. Other matters of similar importance will be dis-

Nation Stands Ready to Assist **Disabled Vets**

Harding, in Christmas Message, Says Heroes Entitled to Assurance of "You are the guardians and preserv-Fullest Aid.

> Washington, Dec. 24.-President Harding, in a Christmas message to disabled war veterans, made public to the utmost assurance that a grate. ful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, every-

> greeting of the president, which the Disabled American Veter ans, through its national offices here, sent out to its members follows: "It is deemed especially fitting that

at the Christmas season the gratitude of the nation should be extended to the sick, disabled and maimed men of the country's military services These men are, beyond all others, the most sorely tried victims of the armed service in which they and their comrades upheld the national security and vindicated the national honor.

"Our obligation has prompted the nation to a very considerate dealing with them, which it is hoped will, in ome measure at least, be commensurate with the debt owing them. For such misfortunes as have come to thousands of them there can be no compensation, no adequate requittal; but they are entitled to the utmost assurance that a grateful people stands willing and anxious to do, and will continue to do, everything pos sible for them.

"That the coming year may bring them in the fullest measure, a restored fortune, health and prosperity, is the earnest wish of the entire n

Hootch Kills One; Two More May Die

Christmas Party Ends in Death of Ohio Man and Illness of Several.

Shelby, O., Dec. 24.-Ralph Longley is dead, two other men are reported is being mades' he said, "a splendid as a result of a Christmas party at which wood alcohol is declared by police to have been used as a beverage in the belief that it was "corn whisky." Police are holding one alleged of what, as Gen. Dawes has suggest- member of the party, pending further investigation.

Longley was to have played Santa Claus tonight at a family gathering. He and his companions are said to have partaken of the contents of a substantial profit. Second-class mail, jug early this morning. Soon after which is newspapers and periodicals, Longley became very sick, dying

The two men believed to be dying tonight are in a hospital here threat-

Christmas Fails to Dent Orkin Stock

At this time of the year, merchants' stocks ordinarily are badly broken or depleted following the usual Christmas buying period, but according to the merchandise manager of Orkin Brothers' store in the Conant building, the recent backward selling season and late shipments of holiday apparel for wimen has created an unusual bargain opportunity for shoppers at this store.

"Stocks in many of our departments resemble first of the season showings," he states. "In fact, in many of our lines, stocks are now more complete than at any time during the season. Beginning Tuesday, we will place on sale thousands of dollars worth of women's apparel which arrived to late for sale before Christmas at prices exceptionally low, considering quality."

Car Overturns; Man Hurt Merna, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special).-George Kennedy of Merna suffered a dislocated hip and severe bruises when his car overturned with him and he was pinned underneath.

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