

## CHRISTMAS AT WHITEHOUSE

SELECTION OF GIFTS IS AN ABSORBING TOPIC.

PRESIDENT IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Enters into the Spirit of the Yuletide With Interest—Many Presents Will be Received, and Many Returned to the Donors of the Gifts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—As in nearly all other homes throughout the land the principal theme of interest at the white house just now is the selection of Christmas gifts and the preparation for the holidays. The president enters into the yuletide festivities and observances with the same genuine and boyish enthusiasm that marks his interest in all wholesome sports and pleasures, and as a result of this amiability Christmas is always a grand good time for the Roosevelts and the members of their household.

During the coming week it is probable that Mrs. Roosevelt will take her customary pre-holiday trip to New York to buy Christmas presents. A large part of her purchases are made in the capital, but as a rule she prefers to select her gifts for the president and for Miss Alice and the older children from the larger and more elaborate stocks to be found only in the great emporiums on Sixth avenue and Broadway. The nature of her gifts is always guarded with close secrecy until Christmas morning arrives. The varying ages and tastes of the children makes it necessary to select the presents with considerable thought and care. Miss Alice, of course, will be the recipient of some handsome and costly gifts, and Theodore, Jr., also has reached the age to appreciate gifts of the finer sort. He is fond of books and also of all forms of sport and athletics. This makes it comparatively easy to choose something for him that will please. Miss Ethel, little Quentin, Archibald and Kismet are still of an age to enjoy toys and playthings.

All day long on Christmas and during two or three preceding days express wagons will be driven up to the white house with packages, most of them from strangers. These gifts from strange hands are well meant, and, when of small value, are accepted; when costly they are returned to the donors with a note of thanks. Many of the gifts that reach the white house at Christmas time are for the children. Nearly all of these find their way to a children's hospital in Washington. They are altogether superfluous. Few young folks in all the land are so well supplied with toys and other Christmas presents as the president's offspring.

The Roosevelts will have their Christmas dinner at the usual hour in the evening, and only members of the family will be present. It will be eaten in the private dining-room, which is not too big for a household the size of the president's, and the principal dish will be a huge Rhode Island turkey.

## DUTCH DIPLOMAT WEDS

INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE CULMINATES IN WASHINGTON.

WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT NOON

Romance Began Under the Auspices of Mrs. Roosevelt Who Presented Miss Glover to Jonker R. de Meeres van W. Swinderen.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—An international romance, which began under the auspices of Mrs. Roosevelt, culminated in a wedding today, when Miss Elizabeth Glover became the bride of Jonker R. de Meeres van W. Swinderen, the minister from the Netherlands. Miss Glover was presented to the diplomat for the first time at a tea given last spring at the white house.

Today's wedding ceremony took place at noon in the Church of the Epiphany, which was thronged with a fashionable assemblage that included members of the diplomatic corps and many persons prominent in official life in addition to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Bishop Satterlee officiated. The bride's only attendant was Miss Isabelle Hagner, who is the social secretary of Mrs. Roosevelt. The Belgian minister, Baron Moncheur, was best man. The ushers were six in number, three being residents of Washington and the remainder being friends of Minister Van Swinderen who came from Europe especially to attend the ceremony. These gentlemen were Count Adam de Moltke de Huitfeldt, of Denmark; Count van Limburg Stirum, and Baron van Trill-van Serovskirken, both of Holland.

Following the ceremony at the church there was a wedding breakfast and reception at the home of the bride's parents on K street. The guests here were limited to the members of the diplomatic corps and close personal friends of bride and bridegroom.

Want ads telephoned to The News up until 2 o'clock will get in that day's paper.

## MINE WORKER SCONVENTION

At the National Headquarters They Are Busy Getting Ready.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—At the national headquarters of the United Mine Workers Secretary Wilson and his assistants are busily engaged in completing the arrangements for the annual convention of the organization. The convention will assemble in this city three weeks hence, will last about ten days and will be attended by over 700 delegates. Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan will be usual, but the states most largely represented. Delegates will be on hand, however, from Kentucky, West Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee and a number of other states.

The keen public interest with which previous conventions of the organization have been watched does not attach to the approaching gathering. This is chiefly owing to the fact that the contract that was made with the operators last year was a two-year contract, hence the matter of wages will not come up for discussion this year. The time of the convention therefore will be for the most part taken up with discussions bearing on the different questions pertaining to the business and questions of internal organization.

## CHRISTMAS RUSH NOW ON

OUTGOING MAILS ARE HEAVILY LADEN WITH PRESENTS.

MAIL CLERKS SUFFER WITH IT

To Them the Holiday Season, With Bagloads of Burdensome Parcels, Brings Hard Toil, Late Hours and Exhaustion Instead of Fun.

Already the Christmas rush has begun with the postoffice people. Just at present it is the outgoing mail that is causing the heavy loads, and if the outgoing loads are anything of an indication as to what may be incoming, Norfolk people may expect a merry Christmas for fair—and have it fulfilled.

From the mail carrier, who gathers up here a package and there a package, neatly wrapped and tied and stamped for the transportation, to the drivers of the big mail wagons, who haul the saskful from the federal building to the railway stations, there is something doing every minute today.

Into the postoffice twice every day the bunch of mail carriers—both rural and city—including eight altogether, arrive with their backs loaded down. They are the Santa Claus agents who begin the heavy end of the Christmas observance. Their wagons and the pouches are heavily laden with boxes and rolls and bundles that some fond mother or gentle sister or generous brother, or perhaps, now and then, a sweetheart, has carefully selected and sent. It is very seldom that these packages contain anything from a man to his wife. And rarely is there anything from a woman to her husband. The husband, at the last moment, generally sends a check and says, "get what you want." And the wife, with clever foresight, selects a chair or a buffet that may serve well the household for two.

A Fierce Stampede.

Dumped on the huge mailing tables at the new federal building, the parcels go through a stampede that is fierce. They all have to be canceled, and then tossed into the bags that will send them along the right route. Locked up, they are given to White, the chief of the mail wagon service, and he directs them into the several vehicles that stand at the back door, ready to deliver the missiles to the train crews. About Christmas eve, pretty well tired out from the trips, the packages arrive at the various destinations, and, amid a great mass of other bundles alongside, are worked out into the proper streets.

Then the postoffice people, who really suffer with Christmas rather than enjoy it, take a well earned rest.

School Notes.

Examinations in all the rooms from the Fifth grade to the High school commenced today. Pupils whose department and general average have been 90 and upward have been excused from the examinations and are now enjoying a holiday. Others who were below in one or more studies are improving the occasion to study up in the studies in which they lacked.

Superintendent O'Connor will go to Omaha Monday and on Monday and Tuesday will officiate in the examinations of teachers for state certificates preceding the association meeting.

Miss Fleming of the Seventh grade will spend a portion of her holiday vacation at her home in Aurora.

Miss Pearl McCormick of the Seventh grade will spend a portion of her holiday vacation at Scranton, Iowa.

Miss Tawney of the high school will be at Pierce and Omaha for her holiday vacation.

Miss Henderson of the high school will spend her vacation at Wahoo.

Principal R. C. Powers will attend the association meeting at Omaha.

Miss McDole will spend her vacation at the teachers meeting in Omaha and visiting in Kansas.

## FOREIGN CHRISTMAS MAIL

LAST OF THE MAIL FOR ACROSS THE ATLANTIC LEAVES.

A RECORD BUNCH OF GIFTS

Employees are Working Day and Night to Get the Presents on Board the Great Liners—Parcels Post Increases the Volume of Mail.

New York, Dec. 16.—The last of the transatlantic mail that will reach the other side in time for Christmas distribution goes on the steamships leaving port today and tomorrow. Employees of the postoffice foreign department express the opinion that the rush this year has been the largest on record. On single steamships that have sailed this week there have been no less than 2,000 bags of mail. These contained many thousands of registered packages in addition to the regular mail. The chief center of activity during the last ten days has been the foreign postoffice, at West and Morton streets. Here the mail is sorted according to destination and thence taken to the steamships in wagons furnished by the steamship companies. To get all of the mail aboard one of the big liners before it sails is a task accompanied by much difficulty. During the past week it has been found necessary to work day and night getting the mail on board and in more than one instance the last bag has been carried up the plank just before the signal for departure has been given.

The fact that the parcel post system has been established between the United States and several of the European countries during the last year or two has helped greatly to increase the volume of foreign mail at Christmas time.

The most of the Christmas presents sent abroad from this country are destined for England and Germany. Other countries, however, including Ireland, France and the Scandinavian countries, receive thousands of letters and parcels from America at this time each year. A large proportion of the letters sent abroad contain money orders from persons in this country to relatives in their old homes. This is especially true of the mail matter sent to Italy and to Norway and Sweden. In the case of Germany, England and France the interchange of gifts is more common.

## NORTH NEBRASKA GRAIN

BIG SHIPMENT IS SENT TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

IT GOES DIRECT TO SEATTLE

Superior Quality of Corn and Oats Raised in This Section Will Go to Feed Animals and Men in the Orient—Elevators Swamped.

Sioux City, Dec. 16.—The last of a shipment of 150 cars of corn and oats to the Philippines from stations along the O'Neill line of the Great Northern railroad passed through Sioux City on J. J. Hill's transcontinental.

The shipment of corn and oats was billed direct to Smith's Cove, Seattle, Wash., where it will be placed on the steamers at the docks. The shipment will in all probability be handled by the Great Northern's new passenger and freight steamer, the Minnesota, which will sail within ten days for Yokohama, Kobe, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Manila.

The shipment aggregated 105,000 bushels, worth today about \$33,000, and came from the country surrounding O'Neill, Brunswick, Plainview, Randolph and Laurel, where one of the largest crops in the middle west has been produced. The grain in the entire shipment will grade high, the oats being the cleanest and best filled of any handled by the Great Northern through Sioux City this year. The corn is also high grade, and will bring a price on the Philippine market about double what the Nebraska farmers received for their crops.

Crops Swamp the Elevators.

Elevator men along the O'Neill line are literally covered up with the bumper crop of corn and the Great Northern is making every effort to secure cars to handle the grain. The trains going out of Sioux City comprise fifty to seventy-five empty grain cars, and when pulled up to go onto the bridge switch, reach from the combination bridge to Market street, and frequently to the second road crossing of the Milwaukee and St. Paul road at West Third and Sioux streets.

"Holt, Antelope, Cedar, Pierce and Dixon counties will give the world a crop this year which will be equal to that in many of the river counties of eastern Nebraska and western Iowa," said a Great Northern freight man today. "The corn in Antelope and Pierce counties, along the Verdigris and Elkhorn rivers, and Willow creek, is not surpassed by the best in all Iowa. Shipping has just begun. Many times this amount will be sent to the Philippines before spring unless all signs fail, but this is a large single shipment. We are proud of our O'Neill line and believe the section to be one of the best on our entire system."

## STOP THAT COUGH!!

Colds Lead to Catarrh—Catarrh Leads to Consumption.

A Beautiful Girl's Experience



MISS ALMA LILLIA.

Miss Alma Lillia, 500 18th St., Rock Island, Ill., says:

"I am a firm friend to Peruna, for it cured me in two days of a cough which had been annoying me for three weeks, and which had developed a serious catarrhal affection of the throat and lungs."

"I had a number of colds during the year, and each left me with a little more catarrh; then this bad cough was the worst. I took cough medicines until I sickened at the sight of them. But Peruna cured me up in such quick time that I am its firm friend. Four weeks' constant use of it got the catarrh entirely out of my system."

"It deserves all the praise bestowed upon it."—Alma Lillia.

Treatment that is ineffectual, and the cold continues.

Then they catch another cold and begin to cough. Then they take cough syrups, but they do no good.

By and by they get tired of taking medicine and give up in despair.

Their cold continues and their cough grows worse. Then they apply to a doctor, only to discover that they are in the first stages of consumption.

Nine cases of consumption out of ten occur in this way:

A person catches a cold. The cold is not properly cured, and they quickly catch another one. This cold is difficult to cure with no treatment, or some

VERY LOW FROM TYPHOID FEVER

Feared Mrs. Kuehl and William Winter Will Succumb to it.

Typhoid fever still rages in northern Nebraska. A number of deaths have occurred within the past week or so, and many other persons are still very low with the illness.

Her physicians said today that there is little hope for the recovery of Mrs. Julius Kuehl, whose home is at Hadar, and a trained nurse has been telephoned for, from Omaha. She will arrive tonight to take the case.

William Winter, living near this city, is very low and it is feared he can not recover. This morning he made his will. W. H. Winter, his brother, said after visiting the sick man today that he is afraid the fever will conquer.

PRICE OF STEEL TO ADVANCE

Structural Steel Pool Expected to Announce a Raise.

New York, Dec. 20.—The structural steel pool is in session today and it is expected that when the meeting adjourns announcement will be made of an advance in the price of steel from \$2 to \$4 per ton. The demand for steel has been constantly increasing of late and the market broadening. The revival in the building trade is one of the strong factors in the situation, and the railroads also are buying heavily of beams and bridge materials of all sorts.

Odd Fellows Have Telephone.

A telephone, No. 111, has been placed in the Odd Fellows hall for the convenience of members of that lodge and the other organizations that rent the room.

Wrong Man.

A Northwestern brakeman named Bradley had an encounter with a brace of hoboes near Arlington Monday night which will be remembered long by one of the party. Bradley was standing beside his way car on a sidetrack at Arlington when two fellows came upon him and demanded his watch and money. As one of the party thrust a gun in his face, the other went through his pockets and took a gold watch and fifty cents. The fellows then started away and Bradley sprang to his way car door, seized a heavy iron and pursued them. He came up to them a short distance up the track and a fight ensued in which he knocked one of them down and recovered the watch, but not before he had received several blows with the butt end of an empty revolver which the holdups had in their possession.—Fremont Herald.

Miss Lillia, of Illinois, started out exactly in this way. Fortunately, she took a course of Peruna before it was too late. She had caught several colds, then a cough developed. She took all sorts of cough medicines, until, as she puts it, "I sickened at the sight of them." In four weeks Peruna had cured her of her catarrh and her system was entirely rid of it.

This is what Peruna is doing all the while. Not a day, and probably not an hour, passes but some one has a similar experience with Peruna.

The first step toward consumption is catching cold. The next step is a failure to cure it promptly. The third step is the development of catarrh, which gradually becomes chronic. The fourth step, the catarrh begins to spread from the head to the throat. The fifth step, the catarrh spreads to the bronchial tubes and lungs. It then becomes consumption in its first stage.

At any time during the progress of the catarrh, from the first onset of the cold to its final settlement in the lungs, Peruna can be relied upon to stop the disease. It cures entirely. Even after consumption has become thoroughly developed, many cases have found in Peruna a permanent cure. After they have been given up by physicians to die of consumption Peruna has cured them.

We have hundreds of testimonials that declare these facts in the most enthusiastic language.

U. S. Senator John M. Thurston, from Nebraska, writes the following letter from Washington, D. C., under date of April 6, 1901:

"I have used Peruna at various times during the past year or two with most satisfactory results."

"It entirely relieved me from an irritating cough, the result of excessive effort in the Presidential campaign, and I am a firm believer in its efficacy in any such trouble."—Jno. M. Thurston.

To take quieting medicines to stop a cough is absurd and harmful. The only way to stop a cough permanently and without doing more injury than good is to cure the catarrh, which is exactly what Peruna does. It cures the catarrh of the bronchial tubes and the cough ceases.

At the slightest appearance of a cough a bottle of Peruna should be taken according to directions. One bottle in the beginning will do more than a half dozen bottles after the catarrh has fastened itself on the lungs.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address: Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

which entitles them to all the privileges and lectures of the association, and have secured their hotel accommodations as well. The matter of advance enrollment is a convenience to the teachers and the securing of hotel accommodations in advance gives them the opportunity of selecting the best rooms and most comfortable quarters. Nearly all of the Norfolk teachers expect to attend this meeting.

"A cordial invitation is extended to members of the woman's club, the W. C. T. U. organization, the civic societies and all others interested in the advancement of general education."

Any persons desiring programs or other information regarding the meeting may secure the same from Superintendent O'Connor.

Elks Will Miss Meeting.

Norfolk lodge No. 653, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold no meeting on next Saturday night. Although this is the date of regular meeting, the fact that it is also Christmas eve caused the officers to omit a meeting.

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