

she made a stew and she made a roast and a barbecue.

Among the entrees will be an abundance of permissives, and withal the affair will be a typical old-time dinner.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE STATION

Even Stern Justice Relents for Minor Offenders.

"Santa Claus, Wisconsin," blazed from the big arch at the city hall hurrying but good-natured crowds thronged Sixteenth, Farnam, Douglas and other streets; in thousands of homes children tried in vain to go to sleep that they might awake early and find it Christmas.

And yet not all the world. There was one place where those who visited for a longer or shorter time found little to remind them, unless by contrast, of what Christmas eve should mean.

More calls for the wagon and more men are brought in to be locked upon charges of widely varying natures.

Throughout the evening visitors of many sorts drop in, some to inquire about prisoners, some to chat with friends on the force, business men, saloon keepers, actors, newspaper men, all sorts and conditions drop in to "pass the time of day" and with the station officers "Merry Christmas."

In comes an officer with a "drunk." He is half sobered as he realizes where he is and he begs to be allowed to go home, for he has a wife and children.

Then the midnight whistle blows. "Christmas," says some one. The two women, walking in the captain's office for a friend to get them out, begin to cry softly.

"Will you girls believe if I let you go?" asks Captain Dunn. They are only too glad to promise, as they dry their tears.

"All right, let 'em out," says the captain. "It's Christmas eve, you know."

MAIL ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Season Has Been Heavy, but Force Will Serve Patrons.

The general delivery at the Omaha post-office will be open Christmas until 10:30 a. m. and will then close for the day.

Two earlier deliveries will be made in the business districts in the morning and one in the residence districts. The usual daily collections of mail will be made.

The Christmas season at the postoffice has been the heaviest in its history, and the work has been discharged with the utmost promptness.

The entire clerical force has shown a commendable willingness to work over hours and there has been no congestion in the Omaha office during the Christmas rush.

Assistant Postmaster Woodard said Thursday morning: "It might be of interest to Omaha people to know that there was no Omaha mail on the car of second class Christmas mail destroyed by fire on the Union Pacific west of Cheyenne a few days ago. This will dispel any apprehension that remembrances from Pacific coast friends to Omaha friends were lost in the burning of the Portland mail car."

Chief Clerk Keller of the railway mail service said in reference to the same matter: "The destroyed car was from Portland. The destroyed mail was second class mail in sacks. There was no first class mail destroyed in the burning of this car."

JIM SURE DO LIKE GOAT

Disease Germs

Cannot harm healthy human bodies unless we have virus blood—the kind of blood that Mead's Sarsaparilla makes.

This great medicine has an unequalled, unapproached record for purifying and enriching the blood.

As on the former occasion, other edibles will be provided as well as the good turkey, fowl, fish and vegetables of various kinds.

FIRST BAPTIST HAS BIG TIME

Church Will Have Special Exercises This Evening.

Unusual preparations have been made for the Christmas concert to be given at First Baptist church, Park avenue and Harney street this evening.

The little children will amuse and entertain with their songs and pieces. For the delight of the children, there will be a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will arrive before the concert is over.

Organ Voluntary..... Miss Boulter Opening Anthem..... The Chorus Recitation..... The Pastor

"The Holy Night"..... The Chorus Recitation..... The Pastor

BRIEF RESPIRE FOR GRAPTERS

Probable No New Steps Will Be Taken at Pittsburg Till After Holidays.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—It is said today that additional arrests in connection with the graft scandal will probably not be made until after Christmas.

Mayor Guthrie today declared that the fact that several members of the finance committee of councils are involved in the bribery scandal should in no way delay consideration and passage of the appropriations ordinance before the beginning of the next fiscal year, February 1, 1909.

CLASS OF PAPER ACCEPTABLE

Secretary Cortelyou Announces What Will Be Taken to Secure Public Funds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Although no additional deposits of public funds in national banks are contemplated, Secretary Cortelyou today, in compliance with the law of March 4, 1897, announced the classes of securities that would be accepted in the event of such deposits being made.

United States, Philippine, Porto Rico and District of Columbia bonds at par. Bonds of Hawaii territory at 90 per cent and at the option of the secretary of the treasury; Philippine railway bonds and those of states, municipalities and high-grade railroads, such as are legal investments for savings banks in New Jersey, at 90 per cent of their value.

LABOR LEADERS TALK OF CASE

Some of Prominent Officials Censure the Court.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Grand Master W. B. Carter of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, when asked what he thought of the decision of Justice Wright of the district court of Washington in reference to labor, said:

"The animus of the court is probably reflected in the intemperance of its language."

Robert McKee, secretary-treasurer of the Union of Stationary Engineers, speaks sharply and to the point.

"I think the decision is a travesty on justice," he said. "While at the present time there is much controversy and unrest, still I think that the decision of this court will do much to awaken and arouse the best thought of the American people to the end that the pernicious system in some of our

BELL ADVISES LARGER ARMY

Chief of Staff Calls Present Methods Inadequate Even for Peace.

DETACHED SERVICE BAD POLICY

Cavalry and Field Artillery Should Be Reorganized—Engineer Corps Inadequate—Physical Tests Good Thing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The most urgent need of the army of the United States at present is an adequate remedy for the evils resulting from detached service of officers, says Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, in his annual report made public today.

According to General Bell, the number of officers on detached service is 621. The result is characterized as very disastrous and among other things is given as the first cause for the large number of desertions among enlisted men.

General Bell says that it is "a discouraging fact that in case of a sudden outbreak of hostilities with a first-class nation there are not sufficient regular troops in the country, even when it is given as the National Guard of the various states, to form an army after deducting the necessary force to provide a small garrison at our permanent posts and the necessary infantry supports for our season's fortifications."

Infantry Arm Weak.

The infantry arm is referred to as too weak numerically for the services required of it even in the time of peace.

General Bell says that since January 1, 1898, many regiments have spent more than half their time in a tropical climate, insufficient time therefore being allowed in the United States for the officers and men to recover from one tour of service abroad before another begins.

General Bell says that no civilized nation claiming to have a modern army has its cavalry arm organized as the American cavalry is today.

Physical Test Approved.

General Bell says that the efficiency of the cavalry and infantry in small arms shooting is probably greater at the present date than at any time in history.

LABOR WILL FIGHT

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have made real sacrifices for human uplift is the declaration of John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor.

Sympathy from Farmers.

"Two hundred union farmers of Texas sympathize with the three labor leaders," declares D. J. Nell, president of the Farmers' Co-Operative union of Texas, in a message from Fort Worth.

After wishing Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison "A Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year," Edwin R. Wright, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor, declares them to be the "latest victims of judicial oppression."

"What can Fort Worth do to aid you?" asked C. F. Woodman, an organizer of the American Federation of Labor at Fort Worth, on behalf of the trades assembly of that city.

Declaring that Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison received "a most glorious Christmas present," Maurice Mikel of New York City declares that those who know Mr. Gompers know that he is the champion of labor.

"Victory of greed is only temporary. Justice will prevail," is the way John F. McNamee, editor of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers' Magazine, telegraphed.

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courts with which we have to contend will be obliterated.

JUDGE PARKER TALKS OF DECREE

Says Unconstitutional Orders of All Courts Are Void.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the sentence imposed by Justice Wright against the officers of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt proceedings growing out of the Buck Stove and Range company, former Judge Alton B. Parker of counsel for the Federation, officers today declared that the decision would be subjected to review by a higher tribunal and that he believed "that speaking and writing which Justice Wright holds constitutes contempt of court, cannot be prevented either by statute or judicial decree."

"Analyzing the scope of the court's injunction against the publishing of the name of the Buck Stove and Range company in the 'we don't patronize' or 'unfair' lists of the American Federationist, Mr. Parker says that 'if the order was so construed as to prohibit respectful editorial comment upon the merits of the decree or to prevent a free discussion of it, and an expression of opinion that it does not seek to prevent such discussion in such event, it offends against the constitution, then so much of it as attempts to do so is void.'"

Where to eat.

Christmas Dinner of Three Nations

Mexico Chili Con Carne, Mescal. Italia Genoa Spaghetti, Barbers. China Pigeon Chop Suay, Won Moo.

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The Dodge Hotel EUROPEAN Restaurant in Connection

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PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

We wish our patrons a merry Christmas

THE PURITAN HUB LAUNDRY

Christmas Dinner Where to eat. HOTEL ROME Table d'Hote Dinner \$1.00, every evening 6 to 8 GOOD MUSIC

Paxton Hotel Omaha. Rockaways on Half Shell, Michigan Celery. Cream of Chicken a la Reine, Queen Olives, Radishes. Fillet of Black Bass a la Horly, Potatoes, Dauphin. Patties of Cal's Sweetbreads, au Supreme, Squash. Roman Punch. Roast Prime Ribs of Native Beef, au Jus. Young Turkey, Stuffed, Chestnut Dressing, Cranberry Jelly. Candelied Sweet Potatoes, Cauliflower. Fruit Salad a l'Anglaise. English Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce. Mince Pie, Pumpkin Pie. Neapolitan Ice Cream, Fancy Assorted Cakes. Roquefort Cheese, Esiam Cheese, Bent's Water Crackers. Coffee. 12 m. until 8:30 p. m. \$1 Per Plate.

Christmas Dinner. Perhaps the only place in all Omaha to get a genuine old-fashioned Christmas Dinner, as your mothers served, is at the

Hamilton Cafe Mrs. C. Francis, Prop., Farnam St.

Meal Tickets Free at Hanson's

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