Omaha Is Quiet As Wave of Crime Sweeps Country

Denver Commissioner of Safety Sends Congratulatory Letter to Hotel Man Who Shoots Burglar.

Not a wheel of the emergency automobiles, ambulance, or police patrol, at Central police headquar-

ters turned Thursday night during the hours of duty of the Third detail, which goes on at midnight.

"Maybe it was too cold for the crooks to turn out," said Capt. Anton Vanous, who is in charge of this

The report sheet, on which detec-tives and patrolmen of this deta'l make note of the crimes on their beats, was clean yesterday morning, not one "squeal" being recorded. These "squeals" which report small thefts, burglaries, holdups, and

from five to 50 each morning, the larger numbers appearing during the

27 Murders in Denver.

Denver, Dec. 24.—Twenty-seven murders have been committed in Denver in the past year. Fifteen are yet unsolved. Larceny and burglary have been on the increase, and the criminal court dockets are crowded. The citizens are talking of rigorous measures, but the law-abiding citizens stood aghast today over the astounding action of Com-missioner of Safety Frank Downer. A hotel proprietor noticed Thomas Kershul, 35 years old, prowling in the halls, and thought he was try-ing the doors. When accosted Kershul started to flee, but the pro-prietor immediately drew a gun and fired two shots in the man's back inflicting fatal wounds.

Contrary to all precedent the commissioner of safety dictated a letter to the hotel proprietor in which he congratulated him upon his prompt action, and thanked him for shooting down a fellow human.

Posse Seek Slayers.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Residents in the southern part of Louisville, directed by police and detectives engaged in a search today for a negro who last night shot George H. King, a 70-year-old farmer. King died today of his wound.

Salesman Is Killed.

Springfield, Mo. Dec. 24.-Springfield police today are baffled by the mystery which surrounds the death of August J. Siegfried, Kansas City jewelry salesman, representing the C. A. Kiger Jewelry company, who was fatally wounded at his room in a local hotel late yesterday.

Two trucks containing diamonds valued at \$10,000 and belonging to the firm by which Siegfried was empty. name only once when she referred to her opposition to his retiring

asserted, "They shot me. They were trying to rob me."

er among the negroes, however, he is wrong. I know that I need my said, had been very bitter. The body own level headed religion—for I fruit and nuts.

of the girl was found suspended by have one of my own. I am too a clothesline from a tree.

Embezzler Is Arrested.

observed her annual custom of distributing fruit and nuts.

Sheriff Clark said he could not relish his own Christmas dinner unless he had done something to re-

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Minneapolis, Dec. 24.—Private detectives have arrested Irving Murray, said to be from Lemmor, S. D., on a charge of defrauding the Farmers State bank at New Lep-zig, N. D. out of \$14,000, according

Murray, according to the detec-tives is said to have secured a loan of \$14,000 on a ranch near New Leinig which he claimed he owned. The bankers discovered later, it is alleged, that he had no interest in the ranch. The arrest was made at Ress, N. D. and Murray will be taken to New Jeinz'g tomorrow.

Inspector Is Shot. Prescott, Ariz. Dec. 24 .-- Charles

Summers, a cattle inspector, was shot and killed in his automobile on the Jerome Junction road seven miles from here early last night. His abandoned car was found by Sheriff. W. G. Davis shor ly after the arrest of John Lohlein, a saddle maker, who was charged with the

Railroad Agent Regrets Recall of St. Clair Furlough take their wives too much for grant-

a letter to Gus Hyers, chief of the state law enforcement bureau, J. C. Ready, chief agent for the Northwestern railroad at Omaha, expresses regret that Nebraska recalled the furlough of Frank St. Clair so soon.

Favors Western Men.

As the interview drew to a close, because Mrs. Hamon complained she felt tired and dizzy headed, she added:

"One thing more I wanted to tell

Clair so soon.

Mr. Ready states that Deputy
United States Marshal Shoemaker of Iowa has possession of evidence that St. Clair allowed the meli who rebbed the Benson bank to stay at his house the night before the robbery and that in instances of other robberies the men have stayed at his house. He says that St. Clair has helped the cheriff of Pottawattamie county by giving valuable information, but says it was done to cover up his own acts.

Added:

"One thing more I wanted to tell you. How good it looked to see these tall understanding westerners waiting for me at the Juarez station. They have all been so good and wonderful toward me that I can't like throwing myself in Mr. Garrett's larms, and when I had almost collapsed in my home. Sheriff Orndorfi of El Paso was so helpful when he said, "There, there, don't worry, you are among friends: two seek were given a Christmas party at Hotel Fontenelle last night by Manager W. P. (Billy) Byrne.

Man's Death Believed

To Be Due to Accident (Continued from Page One.)

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the supposition that Mr. Hess had thrown open the gun with the inup his own acts.

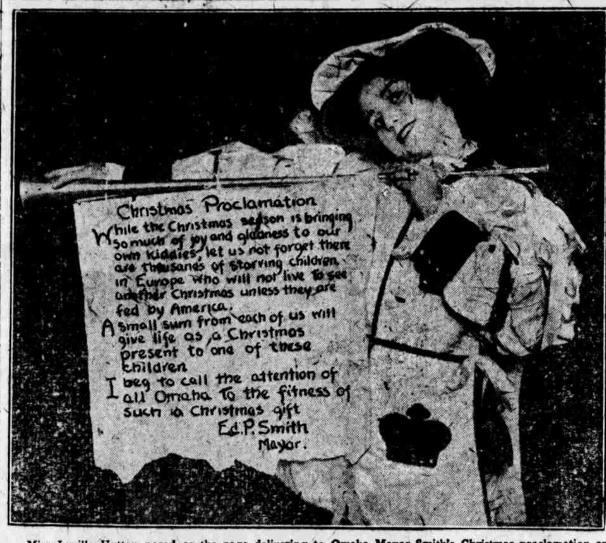
Will Veto Farm Bill.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Vet. of the joint resolution reviving the War Finance corporation is expected by White House officials, but in giving expression today to their belief they made it clear that they had no specific information from President Wilson. Proponents of the resolution in congress have declared they have sufficient votes to repass it over a veto.

About 4,000 persons are employed in the eigar industry in Finland.

preme court of the United States to review the judgment of the circuit Lighting Fintures— anden Elec-

Hear Ye! Hear! Starving Kiddies Néed Hel



Miss Lucille Hutton posed as the page delivering to Omaha Mayor Smith's Christmas proclamation on the starving children of Europe. The picture was designed and photographed by Eyre Powell.

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Busy Reading Letters.

Will Return to Mexico.

I intend to go there again to rest-I shall teach my friends something

When asked whether she ever ex-

believe that everyone must

grow, even during old age. When

ople don't grow it is their fault."

Referring to the place of women in American life, she said: "I frequently told my Chiheahua City friends I knew I could never

ed, and they do not believe that women should have a will of their own."

are among friends; you are in the U. S. A. Oh, these western men

Havner Serves Notices

court of appeals.

of ventilation, cleanliness and hy-

Mrs. Clara Hamon

Statement Denied by

from active l'fe.

This is the Christmas proclama- on European relief, in charge of the mg this most wonderful Christmas tion issued by Mayor Smith yester- campaign here to save the kiddles.

tion issued by Mayor Smith yesterday again to bring attent on to the fact that 5,200 of the thousands of starving kiddies overseas are waiting reprieve from death at the hands of Omaha.

Following closely on the mayor's proclamation this morning came one from the Junior league, through M'ss Gladys Peters, its president, asking that the Omaha girls give their strongest co-operation toward the efforts of the Nebraska committee and moral strongest co-operation toward the efforts of the Nebraska committee.

Campaign here to save the kiddies.

Wonderful Gift.

"We don't mean necessarily personal solititation or actual work of that sort," said Miss Peters at a meeting of several Junior league to mention someone else's brother thave all been good sports and "deg up" to save at least one little life.

The S.O. S. has been sent to all toward makomaha women's and girls' organizations.

So look out, men, you're being watched.

yesterday to join his family over

Mrs. Hess and her daughter were at the Larson home at the time.

Herring Gives Statement

To Explain Loss of \$10,000 Des Moines, Dec. 24.-Clyde L Herring, recent democratic candi-

date for governor, in a statement issued to clarify the position of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce

in its solicitation of funds to repay him for the \$10,000 personal loss he suffered last year as Polk county fuel administrator, attacked Nate E.

Kendall, governor-elect, for his ef-

forts to make political capital out of the matter after the election fight

Christmas Brings Much Joy to Omaha after showing his c edentials was given the key to his wife's room, where he was found dead shortly

Buck Garrett of Ardmore, in Juares night. Following the annual custom Wednesday night She sedulously this organization distributed baskets avoided discussing the charge of provisions for Christmas dinners against her and mentioned Hamon's and candies and nuts for children. According to the wife, her hus-hand was a hard working and honest ma and there had never been the slightest trauble between them. She scouted the suicide theory, saying that she was unaware of any reason for which her husband would Provisions Distributed.

The Salvation Army is delivering Christmas basket at its headquar-ters, 1711 Davenport street. Some Two trunks containing diamonds valued at \$10,000 and belonging to the firm by which Siegfried was employed, were found at the hotel.

They will be opened later, police and denied that he had shot himself and asserted, "They shot me. They were deeply religious though the firm the fi

Negro Preacher Lynched.

Purvis, Miss., Dec. 24.—Following the finding yesterday of the body of Coleman Brown, an aged negro preacher, hanging from a tree and riddled with bullets shortly after his release on bond in connection with

release on bond in connection with the murder of a 14-year-old negro girl. Sheriff Williamson amounced he believed negroes were responsible for the winching.

Sheriff Williamson stated Brown had been admitted to bail Tuesday after an investigation had shown he, knew little if anything of the murder. Feeling against the preacher among the negroes, however, he is wrong. I know that I need my

ieve the depression which attended 150 prisoners in the county jail. The "When I get back to Mexico-and prisoners also will receive Christmas cheer.

A Christmas tree at central police radiated beyond prison bars. Unfortunate children in the neighborhood of the station were remem-

pected to resume her secretarial career, she replid:
"I have no plans; I know only that Members of the American Legion and the Girls' Community league I shall devote myself to making amends to my family for the suffervisited every ex-service man who is confined in local hospitals. These ing I have brought on them. I shall never again waste even an hour of precious time left me. I do not believe people should ever retire from a tive work. I have always opposed any suggestion that Mr. Hamon should retire." ministrations were made with careful thought and according to the real needs of each case,

should retire."

Her face still slightly drawn from the strain of her recent experiences, took a new glow of animation as she leaned forward and added:

Skating R'nks Prepared.

Thomas Falconer, city commissioner, and Ira Jones, superintendent of the public recreation department, have been working vigorously. have been working vigorously to prepare the public skating places for Christmas day. Unless a snowfall should interfere, there will be skating today on flooded areas in Turner park and the recreation field at Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue, and in Kountze, Miller, Riverview and Fortenelle parks. slide for the kiddes has been prepared in Fontenelle park and curling in's in Miller park for the Scots. The local lodge of Elks delivered thristmas dinner yesterday to many As the interview drew to a close, ported was given attention. The Orpheum vaudeville entertainers who are here this week were

thrown open the gun with the in-tention of ejecting all the cartridges efore starting to clean the revolver. are wonderful.

Sheriff Garrett and Attorney Charles A. Coakley of Ardmore beamed.

The empty cartridge found in the chamber is thought to have escaped his notice and to have been the one-which sent its bullet crashing into his heart. Mrs. Hess, the man's wife, and the

In Packing Company Case daughter, 5, had come to Omaha earlier in the week to visit her Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Attorney brother, Anton Larson, 1801 Vinten General Havner has served new no-street, and her mother, who lives tices at Sioux City in the Midland Packing company case. He has taken steps prehimary to obtaining a writ of certificate from the surreme court of the United States. When Mr. Hess arrived in Omaha

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Actress Has'Her Maid Who Stole Legs Broken to Straighten Them Guilty Conscience Drives

Mrs. Gregory Kelly, Better Known in Omaha as Ruth Gordon, to Spend Happy

Gregory Kelly, known on the stage as Ruth Gordon, today was looking forward to her happiest Christmas in several years.

"I am happy because my legs are

Ruth Gordon and her husband. Gregory Kelly, appeared in Omaha at the Brandeis theater early this season, in the show "Clarence," Kelly and his wife took the leading parts.

Alliance to Vote on City Manager Plan

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 24 .- (Special Telegram.)—The question of the city manager plan of government for Alliance will be decided at a special election to be held January 4. More than double the number of the required signers, including most of the business men of the city, presented a petition to the city council asking or the election. Dissatisfaction with the present mayor and council plan has been expressed by many business men on the ground of alleged extravagance and inefficiency in managing city affairs.
H. E. Davidson, former member

of the Iowa legislature, and prominent attorney of Clarinda, Ia., is scheduled to give two public addresses here on the city manager plan
December 28. The town of Clarinda
has had successful city manager
government for eight years. Prof.
A. E. Aylesworth of the department
of political economy of the Nebraska state university who has drafted
the city manager charters for several
cities gave two talks on the plan Christmas, he went to the hotel and cities, gave two talks on the plan here yesterday.

Railroad workers in Mexico are ompletely organized.

Mrs. Pierce

Announces

That she will serve the same home-cooked dinner Christmas day. Hours-from 12:30 to 3:30.

\$1.50 PerPlate Hotel Keene Bldg.

Opposite Court House

Fur Set Arrested

Woman to Leave Fur On Perch.

Goaded by a guilty conscience and in fear of impending arrest, Ethel Chicago, Dec. 24.—With both legs roken and in plaster casts, Mrs. iregory Kelly, known on the stage s Ruth Gordon, today was looking forward to her happiest Christing her arrest yesterday.

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She begged the authorities not to the form the stage in several years.

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Des Momes council of Boy Scouts for four years. His appointment was announced Thursday night following a conference of the council: W. W. Head, A. B. Currie, W. E. Rhoades and J. W. Welch.

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as Ruth Gordon, today was looking forward to her happiest Christmas in several years.

"I am happy because my legs are broken, she smilingly asserted today. She had them broken by a surgeon in an effort to fulfill a desire to have straight legs, according to her admission.

"I am happy because my legs are in front of the Henshaw hotel at 3 o'clock yesterday by Detectives Devereese and Slegeweski, following a search of more than a week. She had been employed as a maid

Thief Strips Trees -Of Christmas Gifts V For School Children

Braintree, Mass., Dec. 24 .- Four hristmas trees hung with toys, fruit, candy and other good things in-tended to bring joy to the kiddies of the Hollis school, were stripped by a thief who came in the night.

Wheat for Relief Work

Farmers Urged to Give

Des Moines Man Made Leader of Boy Scouts

Gilbert H. Gendall of Des Moines has been appointed to succeed G.
M. Hoyt as head of the Omaha
council of Boy Scouts, assuming his
duties January 15.

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Mr. Hoyt resigned, effective December 31, to go to University of Chicago for further study. Mr. Gendall has been executive of the Des Moines council of Boy Scouts

Horses Are Remembered.

Boson, Dec. 24.-At a Christman Spoukane, Dec. 24.—A campaign imong members of the Washington farmers' union to secure a donation surgeon in an effort to fulfill a desire to have straight legs, according to her admission.

"I was bowlegged and now they are straight," she said.

"I was walking in a store and I saw a pair of legs coding toward me in a mirror. They were so funny I laughed and when I got close I found they were mine," she declared.

She had been employed as a maid in the Conoway home four weeks. She said she needed money and began to steal little things, until the theft of the mink fur set was retary of the organization. He said the wheat would be collected by local unions and shipped to the coast where it would be exchanged for flour. He estimated that 10,000 desired.

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At first she gave her name as stenographer from Minneapolis.

