

HOLIDAY CHEER SENT TO EUROPE 4 MILLION TREES USED ON XMAS

Soldiers and Sailors Abroad Will Entertain Children in American Style

Forest Service Approves Intelligent Cutting of Evergreen Timber

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Christmas cheer for the peoples of the war-torn nations of Europe, refugees in the Near East and American soldiers aboard is going forward through this port in greater volume than ever before. Postoffice officials here estimate that the volume of the Christmas foreign mail will approach twice the amount of previous years.

Thousands of packages have already been received here from all parts of the country and postal officials are prepared for an unprecedented rush during the first two weeks of December. The bulk of the mail, officials state, is being sent to Germany and Poland and comprises principally foodstuffs and clothing. Italy and the Balkan states will also receive large shipments with smaller amounts going to France, Britain, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and the Latin-American countries.

In addition to the Christmas packages going direct by parcel post and by express, various American relief organizations are planning to bring something of the season's spirit to many thousands of destitute children. The Near East Relief has made elaborate Christmas plans for the refugee youngsters in the Near East and the Red Cross has planned cheer for children in the various districts in which it is operating.

DOUGHBOYS REMEMBERED.

The volume of soldier mail this year has materially decreased over recent years because of the withdrawal of most of the American forces from Europe. The several thousand "doughboys" still on the Rhine will be well remembered as a large shipment of gifts has been accumulated at the Army Transport Service in Hoboken. Soldiers serving in the canal zone, Hawaii, the Philippines and Alaska will also be remembered. Some of the vessels bearing gifts for these men sailed during November.

Men of the navy, wherever stationed will also be the recipient of Christmas gifts from home and the Navy department has made special arrangements to give each man the maximum opportunity for a "Merry Christmas."

Co-operating with the Junior Red Cross, Secretary Daniels of the Navy department has ordered a vessel to take Christmas gifts for thousands of Dalmatian children. This action was taken upon recommendation of Admiral Andrews, in charge of American warships stationed in the Adriatic. Two thousand pairs of shoes and stockings, thousands of cans of condensed milk, hundreds of bars of chocolate and toys from Red Cross warehouses will go to destitute children in northern Italy and in Jugoslavia.

SAILORS ENTERTAIN KIDS.

The Near East Relief has made arrangements whereby United States sailors and marines stationed in Turkish waters are to make Christmas merry for thousands of children. Each of Uncle Sam's fighting men there has been asked to "adopt" a child and provide some kind of a Christmas present.

A Christmas tree with elaborate decorations will be placed in the Near East tubercular hospital in Constantinople. In Harpoot, where there are 5,000 Armenian orphans, another tree will be provided by the Near East Relief organization. At Beirut, on the Black Sea, where conditions are at

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Between four and five million Christmas trees will be felled this year to brighten American homes, churches and community centers, and delight the hearts of the children. This is the estimate of the forest service, which says that the total of trees used in this country each holiday season equals approximately the combined consumption of England, Scotland and Wales, and is about 25 per cent greater than that of Germany.

Forest service officials are opposed to any movement to discourage the use of these trees for Christmas purposes. To the argument that the cutting and use of the trees is a great waste, they say that the custom is so old, so well grounded, and so venerated, that even if it were economically somewhat indefensible, these aspects will and should continue to outweigh economic considerations.

WASTE IS SENT-SENT.

Placed all together, the four or five millions of trees used annually would make a mighty forest, but forest service officers point out that many of them come from fields which are being cleared for farming purposes or from forests which need thinning to protect the more sturdy trees. They also argue that trees are for use and that there is no other use to which they could be put that would contribute so much to the joy of mankind as their use by children on this one great holiday.

Of the total of Christmas trees consumed in this country, 1,500,000 are used in New York state and New England, the forest service says. Black spruce, red spruce and white spruce are very commonly seen in New England Christmas celebrations and in New York and Philadelphia. In Illinois and Ohio the local demand is supplied partly with nursery grown Norway spruce. Pines are in great demand for Christmas trees when fir and spruce are not available. Throughout Maryland, Virginia and in Washington, D. C. the scrub pine finds a way into many homes, while in southern Wyoming the lodge pole pine is almost the only species available.

GREAT VARIETY USED.

Hemlock is often used, but only in the absence of other varieties, red cedar, says the forest service, is not despised where better trees can not be had as in the treeless states and often in Tennessee and Pennsylvania. In California red cedar and incense cedar are not uncommon. The swamps of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and the cities of the plains states, while Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts and the Adirondacks and Catskills in New York are the sources of supply for New York, Philadelphia and Boston and even Baltimore and Washington.

Christmas trees, the forest service says, vary in size from 5 to 25 feet and prices run from 25 cents to \$35 or \$40. Where the 25 cent trees are available is not stated.

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HARDING, BRYAN AND HAYS INVITED TO TALK TOGETHER

MARION, O., Dec. 11.—President-elect Warren G. Harding, Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, and William Jennings Bryan will probably speak here next Friday evening.

All three have been invited to address the laymen's conference of the Marion Presbytery here that evening, and Mr. Bryan already has accepted.

The United States uses approximately 45,670,000 barrels of oil in a month.

DEMOCRAT CLUB REJECTS BRYAN

Secretary of Denver Society Quits After Commoner is Turned Down

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 11.—A motion to elect William J. Bryan an honorary member of the Young Men's Democratic club of Denver was lost last night at a meeting of the organization which failed to elect a second.

Bryan's suggestion that President Wilson resign was one of the reasons assigned for the club's refusal to elect the Nebraskaan by E. V. Dunklee, president.

Eugene McAllen, assistant corresponding secretary of the club, who nominated Bryan for honorary membership at the names of President Wilson, James F. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt had been presented and favorably acted upon, resigned from the club and walked out of the meeting when his nomination of the Commoner failed of a second.

Dunklee, who was presiding, said today in an informal discussion of the Bryan nomination after the meeting "members of the club were frank to say that Bryan's failure actively to support the national ticket at the recent election, his suggestion that President Wilson resign and his general attitude toward the party recently were sufficient in their opinion to bar him from honorary membership in the club."

The club is the largest Democratic organization in Colorado.

AMERICANS TAKE OPTION ON BIG MEXICAN RANCH

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 11.—Inspection of the great Terrazas estate in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been made by T. P. Doyle, of Phoenix, member of a cattle company, who said he had been asked to look over the property by representatives of New York capitalists who had an option to purchase. A report on the development of water, Doyle said, will be made by a Los Angeles firm.

The Terrazas ranch, long the domain of General Luis Terrazas and his family, comprises 5,700,000 acres and is the largest stock ranch in the world, Doyle said. He added that the purchase price named is \$12,325,000.

Before the revolution a tide swept over the Chihuahua, the ranch was well kept, Doyle said. It contained 20 haciendas, each a district headquarters with a population of 1000 or more.

Then the ranch was at its best, according to Doyle, it supported 400,000 head of cattle, 250,000 horses, but he said there were comparatively few there now. He added that whereas the state of Chihuahua once held 5,000,000 cattle, there were now not more than 1000 with the exception of the stock on the Palomas ranch near the border and the Corralitos and Santo Domingo ranches.

"The condition of poor Mexicans in their towns and at the haciendas is pitiful," he continued. "They are ill clad, half starved and uncared for. Governor Enriquez of Chihuahua is offering all possible encouragement to American investors."

The Terrazas ranch Doyle described as comprising more of the country between Juarez, on the American border, and Chihuahua City, and south of the Chihuahua capital. Doyle said it was the plan of the American capitalists, if they exercised their option, to construct irrigation works, subdivide the most fertile lands and invite settlement. The rest of the ranch would be re-stocked, he said.

WOULD MAKE OWNS WORK OVERTIME

AMES, Iowa.—A plan to work hens overtime has been announced by the Iowa State College of Agriculture. Electric lights in poultry houses are to be turned on early in the morning so the chickens will think it is daylight and get up and get busy, and kept burning late in the afternoon so they will be ashamed to go to roost early. The additional number of eggs produced it is estimated will more than pay for the electric light.

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