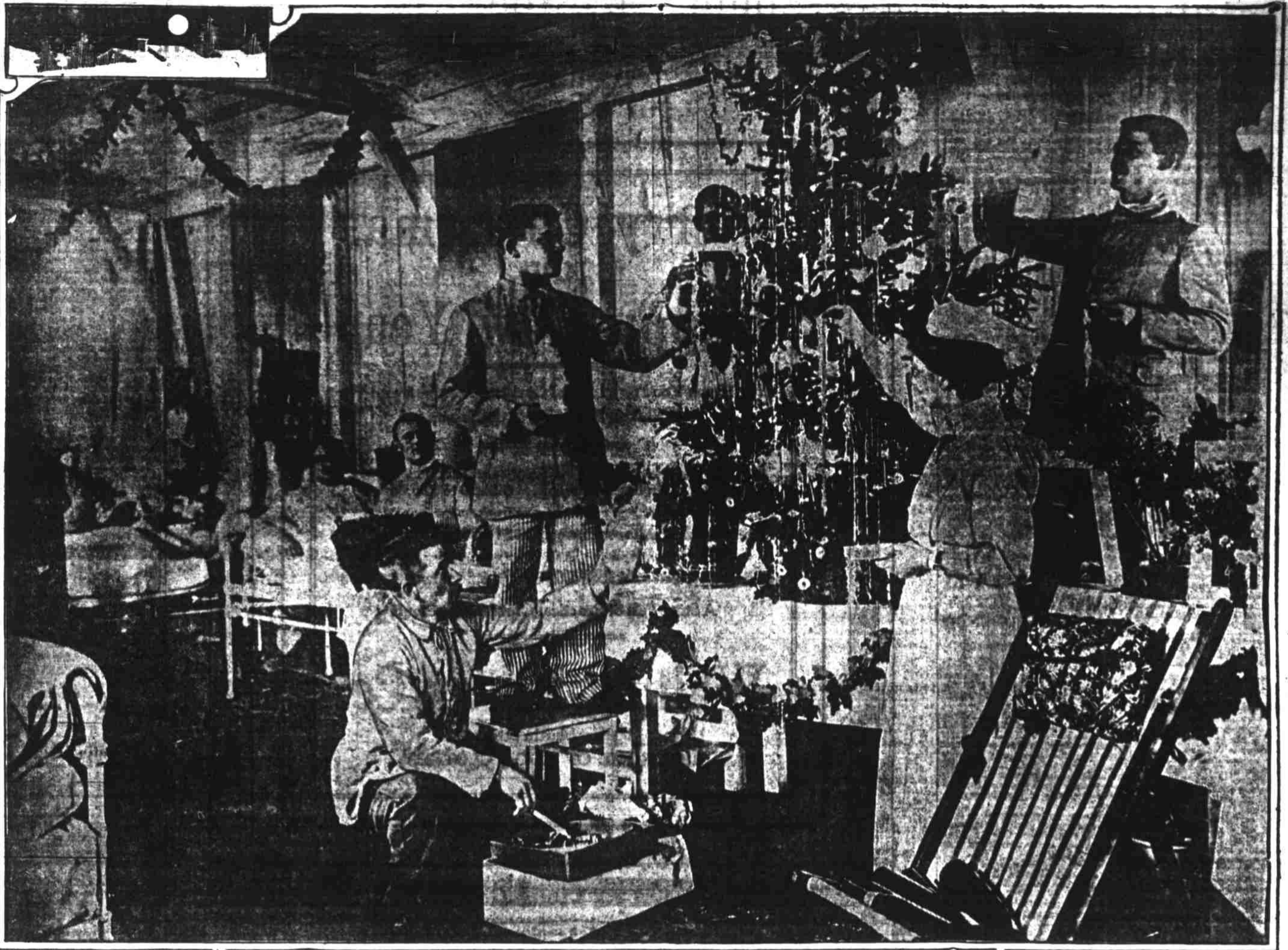


HOW KAISER'S WOUNDED SOLDIERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS WHILE BRAVE COMRADES IN TRENCHES ARE FIGHTING FOR FATHERLAND



WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN A GERMAN HOSPITAL DECORATING A CHRISTMAS TREE

BUYS CHILEAN BONDS.

London Financiers Take a Million Dollars' Worth. London, Dec. 24.—The announcement that a million dollars' worth of Chilean government bonds have been purchased in the London market on behalf of the republic's sinking fund, is a reminder of the improved economic situation in South America. "The first effect of the outbreak of war," comments the Times, "was to accentuate the depression in business there and to lead to numerous defaults on securities held in this country. "But the substantial rise in prices of practically all its commodities exported to Europe which ensued later, stimulated commercial activity, and in a comparatively short period signs were discernible of a healthy state of economic convalescence. Nitrate, which at the outbreak of war was almost unmarketable, is now commanding double the price which ruled then, and the revival of this industry no doubt has been of considerable assistance to Chile's national finances. "To her credit, also, it should be pointed out that, in spite of the difficulties caused by the war, Chile can claim the distinction that at a time when defaults were almost the order of the day

she played her part in upholding the best traditions of South American finance by the faithful discharge of her obligations to her creditors. One result of the war has been to develop trade between the South American Republics and the activity of business in such places as Paraguay is to be attributed partly to this cause. "Moreover, the United States has, by enlarging her banking connections in the South, encouraged overseas trade, and we learn from private advices that her position in Brazil is gradually improving, thanks partly to this assistance."

Women Register For War Work.

London, Dec. 24.—There are nearly 10,000 highly educated women in England who have registered for war work under the Federation of University Women. Among the new positions open to educated women that have been supplied by the Federation are the post of draughtsman in an aeroplane factory, due to a knowledge of the higher mathematics; of expert accountant in an insurance office because of cleverness at figures and supervisoryships in munition factories given to trained social workers. A good part of the women registering have offered their spare time only, and it is hard to find jobs for those wanting to work portions of days or alternate

days. The secretary of the Federation explains also that employers whose male workers have enlisted have a tendency to undercut the old wage, and these women do not wish to shave the wages of the men.

Increase Fares on Owl Cars.

London, Dec. 24.—The rate of fare on London's sixteen all-night street cars is to be increased about fifty per cent with the new year. This is because the service has shown a deficit of \$5,000 the past year.

Practically all of London's rapid transit comes to a full stop every night soon after midnight. If the Londoner wishes to be out after midnight he must walk home or hire a taxicab. There are no subway trains operated after one o'clock, and all but one of the automobile routes are without service after about 11:30.

The electric street cars tried an all-night service as an experiment when the system first came under municipal control. In order to insure the success of the experiment, fares between midnight and 8 a. m. were fixed at a rate well below that in the daytime. But even this inducement failed to persuade Londoners to use the cars, and since the beginning of war the all night service has been curtailed until only a

single line is left, operating sixteen cars and carrying fewer than 2,000 passengers per night.

London Clubs Hard Hit By War.

London, Dec. 24.—War has worked a great hardship on all of London's clubs except those connected with the army and navy. Resignations pour into the miscellaneous clubs by members whose incomes have been curtailed, others who used to dine at their clubs now dine at home by reason of war economy and the no-travel and early closing orders have seriously shortened the bar receipts. Moreover, the cost of food and service is steadily advancing. One well known club in Piccadilly dropped its entrance fees this week, so as to get in new members, and another large club will face the end of the year with a decline in its income amounting to several thousand pounds.

Put On Plays of Dead Playwright.

London, Dec. 24.—Four one-act plays by Harold Chapin, the American playwright, who was killed while rescuing a wounded man at the battle of Loos, were put on this week at a special performance to raise funds for a Y. M. C. A. recreation hut in France as a memorial. Chapin was serving with a British Red

Cross ambulance when killed. The plays were performed by some of the best known actors and actresses in London under distinguished patronage.

Mrs. T. W. Fulcher Buried.

Southport, Dec. 24.—The funeral of Mrs. T. W. Fulcher, who died yesterday as a result of a stroke of paralysis, was conducted from the Methodist church yesterday morning. Mrs. Fulcher was 62 years of age and is survived by her husband and three children. Miss Blanche Fulcher and Mr. Phillip Fulcher, of Southport, and Mrs. Hattie Tweed, of Tenn. She was a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Fulcher, the husband, is in a critical condition, having been confined to his home for several months.

Mrs. Annie Westcott, the widow of the late Lewis Westcott, died Tuesday, and was buried Wednesday. There were no immediate relatives of Mrs. Westcott, and she had been an inmate of the county home for a number of years.

Holly Shipments Large.

Southport, Dec. 24.—The Christmas holiday holly shipments from Brunswick have been large this year. A number of carloads have gone forward to the northern cities for holiday decora-

tions. The first shipments were made several weeks ago, and were sent to wreath makers. The Brunswick people have learned not to cut the tree entirely down, but cut off portions from year to year, with the result that holly may

be secured in Brunswick many years hence. Brunswick county has 821 square miles and a little more than 15,000 people, so it can be seen there are wide expanses for holly and other evergreens to grow.

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