

HOW THEY SPENT CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES

NO LET-UP OF VIGILANCE ALONG THE BATTLE FRONT ON THE ARTOIS.

TOUCHING SCENES

Several Concerts Given by Soldiers. Soldiers Tried Their Best to Forget the Spirit of Christmas Under Difficulties.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Santa Claus and the Christmas spirit, notwithstanding the war, were in evidence everywhere along the Artois battle front, where the correspondents passed Christmas eve. They were in the trenches and shelters with the simple soldiers; in the temporary barracks where the traditional Christmas eve theater was replaced by an improvised concert and vaudeville that almost rivaled the best Paris could do in time of peace in the quarters where the officers celebrated with no less simplicity and dignity.

In the first little church, still defying shell fire, that one finds behind the battle front midnight mass was celebrated. From the road running almost parallel to the trenches rockets shooting up into the air from both lines recalled the Fourth of July fireworks in America. An officer explained that this was partly due to habit.

"Fuses are set off every night," the officer explained, "even when the moon shines brightly as tonight, and besides the Germans may, as last year, have an idea that we are going at them before morning."

The fuses multiplied at the approach of midnight and on the stroke of 12 the line as far as the horizon was illuminated as by a long line of brilliant stars. Flashes of different colors could be seen far away to the north, although no reports were heard.

"They are firing away up there around Souchez," a lieutenant explained.

Several miles up the deep wide ditch with 12 inches of chalky mud at its bottom, just far enough from the German line to permit tranquil sleep, soldiers entertained each other with simple folk songs of their home regions, and expected parcels from home and talked of victory. One soldier read a little note from home which said:

"This year it is I who play father. This year I broke open my savings bank and am sending parts to papa at the front." The soldier didn't explain who the writer was, but his thick, coarse beard failed to hide a touching smile with which he accepted the reversal of Christmas roles.

"They're singing over there," said a soldier just back from the first line trench. "They've got an orchestra and they're shouting to beat all, but it doesn't sound very gay."

Meanwhile, the impromptu concert in the trenches went on in tones that were light, gay and confident. The same phrase was heard in all the toasts given here. It was "peace through victory."

A little farther from the trenches in a bombardment barn covered by an improvised roof, the midnight watch was preceded by a concert in which the soldiers who joked the military on the stage in peace times reversed the order of things and with the greatest secret caricatured the civilian behind the zone occupied by the armies.

All along the roads in this region two lines passed in different directions. Some with pick, shovel and rifle were going to take their turn in the trenches, while others were going back to the old village church to swell the congregation. Officers, including generals, colonels, captains and lieutenants, with a sprinkling of civilians and many women were in attendance.

As in the quarters of the soldiers near the trenches, everything in the attitude of the service brought out the same note: "Peace through victory." A chaplain with the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor on his surplice, who had lost several brothers and has four more in the army, all of whom have been cited in orders of the day and he himself (twice cited for hero conduct, presented on "peace through victory."

A stretcher bearer, with a military medal and a shoulder with a war cross on his breast, sang a Christmas anthem, to the accompan-

GOOD ROADS ARE BIG NEED IN THE FARM DISTRICTS

No Other Business Except Farming Could Stand Loss Due to Bad Roads Without Bankruptcy.

That the back-to-the-farm movement will never be entirely a success in this or any other state until a largely increased outlay of money and labor is expended on roads in the agricultural sections, is the belief of George W. Cooley, engineer of the Minnesota Highway commission.

To show what an immense money factor good roads are to the farmer, Mr. Cooley quoted from figures prepared by the United States office of public roads to the effect that before the European war caused a rise in shipping rates, it cost the American farmer more to haul a bushel of wheat nine and one-half miles to the railroad station than it cost the buyer to ship the same bushel of wheat from New York to Liverpool, a distance of 3,000 miles.

Cost Much Reduced. "The cost of hauling over the railroads is one-fifth as much as it was 60 years ago," said Mr. Cooley. "The average cost of hauling a ton of farm produce or a ton of anything else over the average country road is 23 cents a mile.

"With wise and equitable road laws and a good business management, it would be entirely practicable for the people to save themselves on this factor the enormous sum of \$290,000,000 annually, or enough to

build 19 dreadnaughts. No other business but farming could stand such a waste as this without facing bankruptcy.

Getting Product to Market. "Highway experts of the department of agriculture believe that the main cause of agricultural distress is the enormous drain of getting the stuff to market, the waste of roads in wear and tear on machinery, the sacrifice in time and the inefficiency of service caused by impassable roads.

"Tributary to every town or railroad station are what are called 'zones of production.' From the first of these zones all products can be delivered to market at a profit, and from the rest one class of products after another must be eliminated because of the prohibitive cost of hauling.

As the roads from the market towns are improved there is a great increase in their business and a corresponding increase in the prosperity of the farmers, greater traffic for the railroads, better supplies and lower prices for the consumer.

"It does not pay to raise crops that cannot be marketed cheaply, and farmers and residents of market towns are getting to understand this more clearly every day. Good arterial roads spell prosperity to the towns as well as to the farmers."

805 REGISTERED IN TOWNSHIP FOR COMING ELECTION

Registration is Largest of Any Ever Listed in the Township. Election to be Held a Week From Tomorrow.

According to information given out this morning, the total registration for the coming bond issue election is 805. This is said to be the largest registration that has ever been listed in the township at any previous election.

Considerable speculation is being made as to the outcome of the election. Advocates of the issue claim that they will carry it by from fifty to one hundred majority and those who are opposed to it seem to be equally sure that the good roads movement will be defeated.

The election will be held a week from tomorrow.

TO GIVE CHRISTMAS DANCE.

The Halcyon Club will hold their annual Christmas dance Tuesday night at the El's home. The children's dance will begin at 8:30 and the "grown-ups" will start their dance at ten o'clock.

THE WRONG KEYES.

A report was carried in Friday's Daily News to the effect that a still was found on Shade Keyes' land. The officers made a mistake in giving this item to the Daily News representative, as it has been learned that the still was found on Wiley Keyes' land and not Shade Keyes'.

James Gordon, of Raleigh, spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. D. M. Carter.

Instrument of the modest old organ played by a simple soldier with such a master hand that the strains were quite as inspiring as the best cathedral music. The last notes "peace on earth, good will toward men," died away as the congregation was filing out of the little church, while in the distance the booming of cannon recalled "no truce for Christmas."

BARACAS WILL BANQUET FRIDAY

Reds to Give Banquet to the Blues. Another Membership Contest to be Started.

On Friday night, at the Oddfellows' hall, a banquet will be given by the Reds to the Blues of the M. E. Baracas class. The banquet will mark the close of the present membership campaign, in which the Blues secured the more members, which entitles them to the privilege of being guests at the banquet Friday night.

On the first of the year a new contest will be started, the class being again divided into two sides. This contest will last until April and the winners will receive complimentary tickets to Richmond, which it is planned to visit this spring.

Seventy-five members of the class were present at the meeting held yesterday morning. Rev. C. L. Road preached a special sermon to the Baracas class at the church services yesterday morning. The choir was composed of members of the Baracas class. A feature of the service was the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," during which the members of the class joined hands and completely encircled the auditorium.

BOY RUN OVER BY POLICE PATROL

Harry McIlhenney Suffering From Broken Leg as Result of Accident in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McIlhenney yesterday received word from Norfolk that their ten-year-old son, Harry, was run over by a police patrol wagon on the streets of that city and is suffering from a broken leg. The boy was spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Thomas Hill Duffy. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where the leg was set.

Mrs. McIlhenney left this morning for Norfolk.

HOT DINNER FOR THE MEN IN THE TRENCHES



Ration party of the King's Liverpool regiment about to take to the men in the trenches in France a hot meal prepared by the traveling kitchens.

FEW ARRESTS MADE IN CITY ON CHRISTMAS

DAY WAS MOST ORDERLY OF ANY CHRISTMAS IN HISTORY OF THE CITY.

ONLY 2 DRUNKS

No Accidents Reported From Fire Crackers. Shooting Scrape Occurred but Was Accidental. Very Little Disorder of Any Kind.

Christmas passed away very quietly in Washington—more quietly than any year in the past. There was very little disorder and that was chiefly confined to members of the colored race.

Only two arrests for drunkenness were made Thursday and Friday. Very few intoxicated persons were seen on the streets Saturday and on both Christmas eve and Christmas night the streets were practically deserted by eleven o'clock.

One shooting scrape occurred. Will Wiggins, colored, being shot through the thigh by Will Douglas, another negro. Douglas ran away immediately after the shooting and has not been found since. Wiggins, however, testified that the shooting was purely accidental.

Although a large quantity of liquor was shipped here by express, those who consumed it either did so without excess or else kept within the confines of their home.

Plenty of fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets and balloons were set off Christmas eve and Christmas night, but no serious accidents have been reported.

Taken altogether, it was the most quiet Christmas that Washington has ever experienced.

Allie Lamb has returned home after a visit to Wilson, where he spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

MARTIN COUNTY IS AFTER HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Effort is Being Made to Secure Appropriation From County Commissioners. Letter From Cong. Small.

An effort to install Home Demonstration Work in Martin county, on a similar basis as the work to be carried out in this county, is being made, by the progressive ladies in Williamston. It is believed that the movement in Martin will be successful and that the county commissioners and board of education will make the required appropriation of \$500.

In connection with this issue a letter from Congressman Small appeared in last week's edition of the Williamston Enterprise. It reads as follows:

Editor Enterprise:—My attention was arrested by a statement in a recent issue of the Enterprise that Mrs. J. O. Staton appeared before the Board of Commissioners of Martin county on the first Monday in December and advocated an appropriation by the county for "Canning Club Work." This is known locally as Home Demonstration Work. A trained woman is employed who not only organizes girls canning clubs, but who visits the homes of the county and organizes the home keepers into classes for the purpose of teaching the fundamentals of cooking and other home work. Substantially such a woman becomes the leader for a better and happier county life. Usually the county appropriates \$500, which amount is duplicated by the Federal Government out of the Lever Fund, and in part by the state. The money to raised makes a total of not less than \$1000, and is so used to pay the expense of such county agent, less a small sum which is set aside for the payment of sub-agents.

Much depends upon the woman selected as agent. She should be a woman who is well trained, who possesses knowledge of domestic science, and who above all, loves other women and is conversant to her work.

It is true as stated that the entire amount allotted to North Carolina has already been distributed and no further sum will be available until the next part of 1916. Mrs. June B. McKimmon of Raleigh, is the State agent for the Home Demonstration work and has made a conspicuous record.

I take the liberty of directing the attention of the Board of County Commissioners and of the intelligent men and women of Martin county to the importance of this work, to the end that they may make their plans appear before the Board of County Commissioners about September next for the purpose of presenting this matter.

The activity of Mrs. Staton is worthy of all commendation. Very respectfully, JOHN H. SMALL.

NO PRISONERS ARE GIVEN HOLIDAY

No Trustees in Jail or on the Roads to Take Advantage of Governor's Proclamation.

None of the prisoners in the county all nor any member of the road gang in Beaufort county were given an opportunity to take advantage of Governor Craig's proclamation to the sheriffs of the counties in the State. This proclamation allowed the sheriffs to give their "trustees" a two-days holiday to spend with their families.

None of the prisoners or road crew of this county are on the trust list, however, and the sheriff felt that if he allowed any of them the designated holiday they would extend their freedom for an indefinite length of time.

J. LUTS WALLINGFORD AT NEW THEATRE TONIGHT

The New Theatre opens tonight with an exclusive picture program. For tonight they will present the first series of that great comedy series of pictures: "The Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford." There will also be three other reels of equally interesting pictures. So any one that wishes to see an exceptionally good bill of photoplays tonight should attend this play house.

FOR POKER PLAYERS.

Pay Only \$3.00 Ahead After Seven Years' Game.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Seven years of regular poker playing, leading to drinking, which wrecked her husband's health, caused all the domestic troubles of Mrs. Katherine Hoy, whose suit to divorce Charles P. Hoy, traveling freight agent for the Southern railway, is on trial in Judge Shield's court.

Mrs. Hoy told of the regular weekly meeting at her home of the poker club of which her husband was a member.

When asked by Henry Kortjorn, Jr., Hoy's attorney, if her husband had not kept accounts of his winnings and losses, which showed that he had won \$3 during the seven years the poker club existed, she admitted that was true.

NEW INDUSTRY; SOY BEAN OIL SUCCESSFUL

MANUFACTURE OF OIL AND MEAL WITH DOMESTIC BEANS AT ELIZABETH CITY.

A NEW VENTURE

Output Finds a Ready Sale. More than a Hundred Tons of Meal Sold to Farmers for Fertilizing Purposes.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 27.—The first extensive manufacture of soy bean oil and meal with domestic beans in the United States has just been begun in Elizabeth City.

Last year the production of soy beans in North Carolina reached the point where all demands for the seed were filled. This year, due to the fact that there was a great reduction in the acreage devoted to cotton and that the value of soy beans as a forage crop has been amply demonstrated, the supply of soy beans was even greater than that of one year ago. Something had to be done to prevent such a valuable crop from being a drag on the market before the average farmer or the State were acquainted with their use. As a result of investigations by the Division of Agronomy, the manufacture of the beans into oil and meal has now been begun.

For the past ten days the oil mill at Elizabeth City has been running night and day using about twenty tons of soy beans per day. The change from the manufacture of cottonseed oil to soy bean oil was made without any great expense as the machinery had to be adjusted but little to handle the beans. The superintendent of the mill estimated that the labor expenditure required in making the adjustment was not over \$5.00.

Before the mill had ground a single bean they disposed of their output of oil to one of the leading manufacturers of the country at a very reasonable price. They have sold already more than a hundred tons of their meal for fertilizing purposes. At present, from a ton of 2,000 pounds of the beans, they are securing something like 35 gallons of oil and 1,650 pounds of meal. The difference in the combined weight of oil and meal represents the loss due to cleaning and evaporation of moisture driven off after the beans have been ground and heated for the expression of the oil.

A good many local farmers in the vicinity of the mill have purchased the meal for fertilizing purposes and for feeding their live stock. Some of them have been using it like corn meal for making muffins. One farmer, in particular, reported that he found rakes made from the soy bean meal equal to those produced by buckwheat.

7,879 BALES OF COTTON GINNED

Crop is Practically All In. Will Not Go Above 8,500 Bales in the County.

The cotton crop in Beaufort county this season will probably not go far above 8,500 bales, according to the last report. Up to December 13, 7,873 bales had been ginned, as compared with 9,293 bales in 1914. Practically all of the crop is in and very little is left for ginning.

Advertisements in the Daily News.

Are You Interested In a HOME?

A new Series of the Home Building and Loan Association will open on

January 8th, 1916.

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Use That \$5.00 Gold Piece

TO JOIN

Our Holiday Savings Fund

Bring the \$5.00 Gold Piece you received among your gifts Saturday to open an account in our Holiday Savings Fund.

Or any other money you received—large or small—will open a savings account in the new Fund starting today.

The Fund has met with tremendous success—hundreds are joining—hundreds who will have more money next Christmas than they had this year.

The payments are made each week or may be made in advance. You do not have to come yourself—a child may bring your deposits.

Everything about the plan is easy, safe, convenient.

Come down today and join—get your friends and neighbors to join—get every member in the family to join.

Make today the starting point for next year's Merry Christmas.

The Savings & Trust Co.

NEW THEATRE

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1st Series of the
"J. Rufus Wallingford
Adventure"

2—OTHER REELS—3
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