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FAIR CHRISTMAS TRADE

The General Business Seems to be Off

With Two Shopping Days to be Reported, This Year's Christmas Trade is Apparently Short—Purchases Are More, But Smaller. Jewelry Business is Leading. Some Merchants Report Light Trade, Others Heavy.

With a view to ascertain this year's Christmas trade a number of local merchants were visited yesterday afternoon and early this morning, and, as one expressed it, the holiday trade of this year was found to present unusual conditions that are difficult to get a line on. From all reports the indications are that the volume of business that will be done up to and including Saturday night will compare favorably with that of last year. One noticeable feature of this season was the amount of early trade, which one merchant ascribed to the work of the papers in calling attention to the shopping days and urging the buyers to get out early. Another condition that seems to be general is that the number of buyers has been greater while the value of individual purchases is less than last year.

The jewelry stores report a good business, equal to, if not better than, last year. One firm said the quantity and quality of sales showed an increase. Another house stated that while possibly the number of sales so far were not quite so heavy as last season, the value of the sales had increased.

The dry goods houses report a good trade in small purchases. Like the jewelry men they say the trade started earlier than heretofore and up until last Saturday night bade fair to surpass the big business of last year. With few exceptions this week's trade had not shown up so well, yet today and tomorrow's sales may bring up the average considerably. Several dry goods men reported heavy sales, while others reported the usual holiday trade. The general tone in this line seemed, so far, to be good, with indications of a general average equal, at least, to that of last year.

The hardware men expressed satisfaction at the showing up to now, and some reported increased holiday business.

The drug store trade seems to be short, though one or two reported heavy sales. One said the candy and cigar trade was not up to the average, while another reported the general Christmas business above the average. One said it was bun, and another said fair.

The grocery trade is normal and will probably show up good by tomorrow night.

The fruit and candy trade has been short, so far, as compared with last year.

The trade in toys has been good, the buyers more numerous, though the price of each purchase has probably been a little less.

Of course, just how heavy the trade of today and tomorrow will be is purely guesswork, as Christmas shopping is always an uncertain quantity unless the country is either in the midst of financial prosperity or depression. The last two days may bring the general trade up to and even above last year's, but so far, while good in certain lines, it has not been up to that of last season.

The season has, so far, shown an increased number of purchases, smaller purchases and early trade. The shoppers have all so far shown better judgment in buying than heretofore, the purchases generally being useful articles instead of non-sensical gifts that have characterized so many other Christmas presents.

To sum up, the trade this year will likely prove very gratifying under the circumstances.

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Scene from "La Samaritaine," the play against which the American Federation of Catholic Societies has made a protest to Mayor Gaynor of New York. In the picture, Sarah Bernhardt, the celebrated French actress, is shown at Jacob's well in conversation with a character representing Christ. The protest is based upon the fact that Mme. Bernhardt appeared one night in a role "holding converse with God," and the next she played the part of "Camille, the French wanton." This is described as blasphemous by the protesters.

EXPOSITION GOES WEST.

San Francisco Lands Plum in Canal Exposition Fight While New Orleans Gets 1918 Exposition Commemorating Completion of Lakes-to-Gulf Waterway.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 23—When congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays it will consider a compromise on the Panama exposition question.

As outlined today by congressional chieftains at the white house, the compromise will allow San Francisco the official exposition commemorating the opening of the canal to the world's commerce in 1915; it allows New Orleans to hold an exposition in 1918 to commemorate the completion of the lakes-to-the-gulf deeper waterway plan and it allows Washington to hold a jubilee and carnival celebrating the canal's completion.

Every interest is expected to agree to this except possibly New Orleans. The southerners may continue to demand government recognition and not be led from their present scheme by the hope of support for a more remote proposition.

The compromise will be offered and there are members of congress who think it a good solution. New Orleans cannot be prevailed upon to see the wisdom of the proposed compromise, the fight for recognition will be a fight to a finish.

Peary Will Furnish Proofs.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 23—After months of persistent refusal, on the ground of interference with contracts with publishers, Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, has promised to furnish congress with the proofs upon which he relies to support his claim to reaching the North Pole. The assurance has been communicated indirectly to some of his advocates at the capitol, in connection with the bill to reward him with a rear admiralship on the staff in recognition of his Arctic achievements. The bill will be considered by the house committee on naval affairs.

Hammond Sees Stolypin.

(By Cable to The Times.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 23—John Hays Hammond, an American millionaire, who is here as the representative of a billion dollar syndicate which has the "Americanization" of Russian business in view, today held an interview with Premier Stolypin and outlined the benefit of receiving American capital in Russia. Mr. Hammond outlined the vast enterprises which the American syndicate projects and by which America and Russia will control the grain market of the world.

Hattie LeBlanc Will Enter Convent.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) West Abington, N. S., Dec. 23—Hattie LeBlanc, the 17-year-old French-Canadian girl who was recently acquitted of the murder of Clarence F. Glover, of Waltham, Mass., after a sensational trial at East Cambridge, Mass., is going to enter a convent. She declared today that she would spurn the scores of offers of marriage and vaudeville contracts which had been made to her. "I want to retire from the world and I want most of all a good education," said she.

Appropriation for Coaling Depots.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 23—The house committee on naval affairs, it was said today, will decide on a \$1,000,000 appropriation for naval coal depots at Puget Sound, Pearl Harbor, Corregidor, Guantanamo, Boston, New York and Hampton Roads. Secretary Meyer has advised the committee that there are no facilities at any of these places for coaling a battle fleet expeditiously.

WADESBORO DEATH.

Mr. Thomas Farrelly Dies in Georgetown, S. C.

(Special to The Times.) Wadesboro, Dec. 23—G. R. Parker received a telegram yesterday from Georgetown, S. C., advising him of the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Farrelly. The message did not give any particulars but the remains will be sent here for burial and are expected this evening. Mr. Farrelly lived in Wadesboro for many years.

BRYAN NOT A CANDIDATE.

Favors Either Harmon, Folk, Gaynor or Wilson.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23—William Jennings Bryan will not be a presidential candidate in 1912. In today's issue of his paper, The Commoner, he reiterated for the second time that he would not run and urged that one of the following four men be selected by the democrats: Governor Harmon, of Ohio; Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri; Mayor Gaynor, of New York; or Governor-elect Wilson, of New Jersey.

FELL FROM SIXTH STORY.

Every Bone in Body Broken on Pavement Below.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 23—Herman Cary, a cornice-maker, was instantly killed today and another man whom Cary dragged with him was seriously injured, by falling from the sixth floor of 447 East Sixty-Eighth street. Cary's body crashed through a wooden covering over the sidewalk put there to protect pedestrians from falling bricks, and every bone in his body was broken. Frank Irving, Cary's helper, landed on top of the cornice-maker's body. He suffered a fractured nose and internal injuries and was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

Coupon Clippers

Coupon clippers should take notice that only the following premiums are now carried in stock by the Premium Department of The Times. Christmas is coming and those desiring premiums should give their order at once in order to be sure to get them before that time. Orders have been received for premiums from points as far away as Florida and Georgia, and still they are coming by every mail. Do not hold your coupons until the last minute and then expect to get your premium the same day. We carry a fine stock and can ordinarily deliver the premium to the Coupon Clipper at once, but sometimes the demand is such that we cannot keep the stock on hand.

- As soon as the premium is discontinued it is dropped from the list. Make your order only from the things you find listed below:
- 12 pc Lotus Silver Set.....\$2.55
 - 14 pc Lotus Silver Set..... 2.55
 - Bobo Rack Clock..... 3.10
 - Fireless Cookers..... 2.95
 - Mission Wall Clocks..... 2.55
 - Mahogany Wall Clock..... 2.85
 - Art Alarm Clock..... 1.28
 - Art Electric Lamp..... 2.95
 - Art Gas Lamp..... 2.95
 - Venetian Electric Lamp..... 2.85
 - Venetian Gas Lamp..... 2.85
 - Casseroles..... 1.85

THE GIFT BAROMETER

Brokers Approaching Christmas Season Cautiously

The Big Corporations Are More Optimistic and Are Handing Out Large Christmas Gifts—Stock and Cotton Exchanges Both Cut Size of Their Gifts.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 23—The Christmas gift barometer of business and future prospects, contained in the largest doled out to employees by financial concerns and industrial corporations indicate this year that the preponderance of optimism is on the part of the great manufacturing corporations. Wall street prospects were exceedingly slim until today when the brokerage houses made their annual distributions and from the Yuletide sentiment prevailing it was evident that students of the stock market were looking to the new year with caution if not trepidation.

The banks did not share the same view of the stock exchange concerns, however, many of them modified the financial bonuses which they have been accustomed to giving their employees at Yuletide.

The United States Steel Corporation is giving bonuses aggregating \$2,750,000 which is over \$700,000 more than was given last year.

The steel trust's generosity was disappointed, however, by the laying off of 10,000 men, which number, in the next fortnight, will be augmented to 25,000, it is said.

The International Harvester Company is disbursing \$500,000 among its employees. The Standard Oil Company has announced a general salary increase ranging from a dollar a month more for office boys up to \$100 a month increase for the men drawing large salaries.

The glacially loosening of Wall street's purse strings this Christmas was not a surprise for the dealers in stock quotations view the future warily.

There are a number of reasons for this. The stock market has not been in a speculative mood for some time and there are pending events which may cause an upheaval. Chief among them is the government anti-trust cases against the Standard Oil Company, both of which concerns are so vitally connected with "the street" that adverse decisions would have momentous effect upon stock values.

This is a week of unexampled importance in the Pittsburgh district, where it is estimated, about \$3,000,000 in salaries is being paid out by steel companies, railroads and mining corporations. Ten thousand workmen have left Pittsburgh to spend Christmas and many of them will not return.

The great New York banks, such as the First National Bank, the Chase National Bank, the Bank of Commerce and others have maintained their old scale of bonuses and a small fortune was today given to the employees. J. P. Morgan & Company gives every employe a full year's salary.

The size of the financial gifts among stock exchange and curb firms was practically cut in half this year.

The gifts from Consolidated and New York stock exchanges and the Cotton exchange were also greatly reduced in size.

The general conditions throughout the United States are good with promising indications for 1911. The labor situation in the east is better, however, although a number of miners are idle in Pennsylvania as the result of a labor dispute. In Chicago the garment makers are on a strike and the cigar makers in Tampa, Fla., are out; however, in the great populous centers of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and others there is no cloud on the industrial horizon. The engineers upon 61 western railroads are threatening to strike but this will likely be averted.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

Probably the deposed King of Portugal doesn't know it—for he is not credited with being much interested in his subjects, much less ex-subjects—but there are 50,000 of his countrymen in the United States. Massachusetts ranks strong with them, having about 15,000. Little Rhode Island has 2,500.—New York Press.

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NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power given in a decree of the superior court of Wake county in a special proceeding entitled Euliah E. King Admra. of J. L. King, deceased vs. Macy Lee King et al, we will sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, January 16th, at 12 m. o'clock the following described lands lying in one body originally in three tracts of parcels and known as the Locklear lands, now belonging to the estate of Joel L. King, deceased, bounded and described as follows:

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As receiver in an action pending in Wake Superior Court wherein J. W. Travis and others are plaintiffs and A. M. Harris and others are defendants, I have for sale about five hundred thousand (500,000) feet of well dried sawed lumber, in boards and dimension stuff, located about four miles northeast of Neuse depot, Wake County, N. C. Persons desiring to purchase are requested to examine this lumber within the next ten days and submit bids for it, as it is now piled on the saw mill yard, and also bids for the same lumber at Neuse depot.
J. J. BERNARD, Receiver.
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