



PERSHING'S IN BIG REUNION AT OLD HOMESTEAD

Warren Sits Down at Table Where "Daddy" Used to Eat When a Boy

LACLEDE'S GREAT DAY

"Howdy, John," Is Greeting of Friends and Neighbors to A. E. F. Commander

Laclede, Mo., Dec. 23.—Warren Pershing, 10 years old, sat down to dinner to-day in the old dining room where Daddy used to eat his Christmas and Thanksgiving turkey in the days when Dad was Warren's age, and ordinary folks could afford turkey. Along with Warren at the dinner was Deputy General John J. Pershing, and Aunt May Pershing, and the governor of Missouri, and Mayor Allen, of Laclede, on whose grocery wagon Dad used to hook rides, and a few other folks. Most of them had known the General when he was Warren's age. General Pershing stepped out on the porch of the old house where he used to live, and addressed a few remarks to the Linn county neighbors, who gathered in the yard.

And Aunt Susie's Pie

Everybody at the dinner except General Pershing ate as much as he pleased, but the General saved room for the fried, dried apple pie that Aunt Susan Hewitt, 73 years old, had baked for him. The visit to Aunt Susie's home was to bake pies for John J. Pershing, long before anybody ever dreamed he would be a general, was an important part of the homecoming celebration of the commander-in-chief of the A. E. F.

"Howdy, John"

Laclede planned a different sort of day from any the General has spent for many years. As much as he liked shaking hands with neighbors, and "howdy, John," and "John, I had a boy over yonder; you didn't happen to run across him, did you?" This is Laclede's historic day. For years to come they will tell stories of "Johnny" Pershing's home coming and what he said at dinner.

All Shake Hands

There was a reception at the City Hall after dinner, where everybody who could get in had a chance to shake the hand of the General. Then came the visit to Aunt Susan Hewitt. Aunt Susan is feeble now and couldn't come to the celebration. She had announced that she wanted a few minutes real visit with "Johnny" and a chance to watch his face when he saw that fried, dried apple pie. He used to pester her to death for them when her husband ran the tavern. It was hard to tell which John Pershing liked best, Aunt Susan says, those dried apple pies, or Captain Jacob Hewitt's stories of the Civil War. Laclede is sure those yarns had something to do with Pershing deciding to become a soldier.

While General Pershing was being steered by the welcoming committee, a committee of Laclede women entertained Miss May Pershing, the General's sister, and a crowd of the committee's sons pumped Warren for a little inside information about France and just how his father whipped the Kaiser.

The visit to Aunt Susan to-night when the General and his family will go to Lincoln, Neb., to spend Christmas.

TURK ASSASSINATED

By Associated Press

Rome, Dec. 23.—Fustapha Kamel, leader of the Turkish insurgents in Anatolia and head of the Turkish nationalist movement in Asia Minor, was assassinated, according to a Smyrna dispatch to the Tempo.

CAST FOR THE PAGEANT OF THE NATIVITY

The complete cast of characters for the pageant of the "Nativity" was announced by the Community Service Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce this morning. It includes: Joseph, Elmer H. Ley; Mary, Miss Eva Irving; Spirit of Christmas, Geraldine Powell.

Three Wise Men, William S. Essick, B. F. Dickinson and William H. Patrick; Angel, Miss Ethelyn MacCloskey; Shepherds, Wirt S. Mosser, John W. German, Jr., W. D. Bottgenbach, E. C. Lamey, Allison Skinner, T. W. Smedley, William Patrick, Jr., Harry Kochenour, H. W. Lingenfelter, William T. Dimmick.

Sheep from the Bonnynead farms. Chorus consist of Wednesday Club, City Choir, Camp Curtin School and Girl Scouts.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and vicinity: Cloudy and warmer to-night, with temperature about 25 degrees. Wednesday unsettled. Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night, warmer in west portion. Wednesday unsettled, probably snow and sleet in extreme north portion. Moderate variable.

AIR OF SECRECY IS KEPT ABOUT DEPOT SCANDAL

Score More Arrests to Follow, Probers Report, After Secret Hearings

HOMES ARE SEARCHED

Score of Arrests to Come in Short Time, Say U. S. Agents

An air of secrecy was added to-day to the probes into alleged misappropriations of Government supplies from the New Cumberland Army Reserve Depot. Closed hearings were conducted last night and to-day by War Department and Department of Justice agents in offices of United States Marshal Harvey T. Smith.

No arrests, in addition to that of William A. Stringer, superintendent of storage at the depot, will be made until after a check has been made on the supplies and books of the depot. An agent of the Inspector General's Department arrived in the city within the last twenty-four hours and will at once start to check up the books of the depot.

Movements Are Slow

It is understood that information already in hands of the investigators involve almost a score of persons. Department of Justice and War Department agents, however, necessarily are moving slowly in the probe and it is not expected that any arrests will be made until after the examinations of accounts by the agent of the Inspector General's Department.

Soldiers, officers and enlisted men, together with civilians, are understood to be involved in the fraud. Not alone are the persons from the Harrisburg district, but some are in widely-scattered sections of the country.

Two of the four officers in charge of the New Cumberland post, have been relieved of their duties, pending further investigation into the situation. It would not be surprising if it was hinted to-day, if an end to the new corps of officers would be in charge of the administration of the depot.

Records Poorly Kept

No definite information as to the extent of the misappropriations, has yet been announced by the investigators. Records at the depot are understood to be in a bad condition and definite information may not be available for some time, it was said to-day.

It was announced to-day that several city houses had been searched, and that a considerable quantity of property had been recovered.

William A. Stringer, of Minneapolis, Minn., superintendent of storage at the New Cumberland Army Reserve Depot, who is charged with misappropriation of vast quantities of goods stored here, was yesterday taken into custody for his appearance at United States District Court.

Stringer's preliminary hearing was held before United States Commissioner John A. F. Hall in the Federal Courtroom in the Post Office Building. His hearing before United States District Court will be held in Scranton on March 12.

P. M. Kemou, of the Department of Justice, was the first witness called at yesterday's hearing. He testified to finding a quantity of blankets, other equipment in the locker of I. E. Seitz, superintendent of the department of mechanical equipment.

Seitz testified that these had been purchased by Stringer and was corroborated in this testimony by C. A. Greenhill, also connected with the department of mechanical equipment.

Colonel C. A. Simonds, the next witness called, testified to the irregularity of Stringer's acts in giving away Army equipment.

No further arrests have been made. It is expected that other men, both civilians and soldiers, will be taken into custody.

Judge Reserves Decision on Demand of County Treasurer For Dog Fees

President Judge George Kunkel reserved decision in the case brought by County Treasurer Mark Mumma against the county for the payment of fees for issuing dog licenses this year. According to the statement filed by Mr. Mumma he issues about 4,500 licenses in 1919 but received no additional pay. He asked the commissioners to allow him ten cents for each license issued, but the commissioners decided they could not pay it unless the court decided they should. The dog tax law makes no provisions for paying the county treasurer for issuing licenses.

The case was argued to-day in court. The argument of the appeal by County Treasurer Mark Mumma was charge made by County Controller Henry W. Gough in his annual statement for 1917 was continued. Mr. Eckinger was recharged for fees which Mr. Gough contended he had no right to collect.

GRAFTED ON U. S. SALES

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 21.—Eleven brokers have been arrested by officials of the Treasury following an investigation of the scandal attending the sale of American army stocks. One broker bought fifteen cars of corned beef, cheese, olive oil and other goods, which he sold at a profit of eight cents to this city. This incident happened at the Montaire camp, while other cases originating at Lyon, Bordeaux, Versailles and La-Sur-Thuille are pending.

LOYD GEORGE GOING TO PARIS

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Lloyd George will go to Paris next week to confer with Premier Clemenceau, it was announced to-day.

The Line at the Ticket Window Is Already Several Blocks Long



CHRISTMAS COOKIES EXTINCT AS DOODS

Sandtarts and Other Yuletide Confections Are Only Memories Because of Shortage of Sugar Necessary to Make Time-Honored Sweets

MINCE PIES AND PLUM PUDDINGS FILL VOID

Christmas cookies are almost as extinct as the dodo. So reported the Good Housewife to-day in tones as mournful as the lament going up from the great army of Christmas cookie eaters. The sandtart, the fruit cake and numberless other old yuletide goodies are on the skirts along with the cookie.

The old-fashioned mince pie, prohibition style, and rich plum pudding, minus the time-honored wine sauce, will be worked overtime to fill the void, declares Mrs. Housewife.

The shortage of sugar is said to be responsible. Families where for generations Christmas cakes have been a feature of the holiday season are without them this year. What little bit of the sweets could be secured generally was put to some other use. Youngsters generally, it was said, will have to put up with ginger cake which can be made with brown sugar and molasses.

VIRGO CHARGED WITH OPERATION ON MISS TABOR

Aged Mother Accuses Daughter's Husband of Causing Brutal Death

By Associated Press

Lawton, Mich., Dec. 23.—A signed statement accusing Joseph Virgo of performing an illegal operation upon Maude Tabor, has been made by Mrs. Sarah I. Tabor, 80 years old, mother of the brilliant linguist, whose body was found in a trunk in the basement of her home here. Assistant Prosecutor Glenn Warner announced this morning.

The statement, which is in direct contradiction to the story told by the aged woman at the inquest, covers thirty pages and was made to

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SOVIETS SURROUND PETLURA

London, Dec. 23.—The troops of General Petlura, anti-Bolshevik commander in the Ukraine, have been surrounded by Soviet forces in the vicinity of Berditchev, in the province of Kiev, 21 miles south of Zhitomir according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow, received here to-day.

M'CLAIN TO HEAD PRICE BOARD IN PENNSYLVANIA

Sproul Selects Former Lieutenant-Governor For Important Task

Governor William C. Sproul will recommend to the Department of Justice that Frank E. McClain, of Lancaster, director of the State Welfare Commission, be named as fair price commissioner for Pennsylvania.

The Governor to-day discussed the matter with Mr. McClain, who has been active in various matters for the Council of National Defense, State Defense Commission and other bodies since the outbreak of the war and who was placed in charge of the Welfare Commission's work last summer upon approval of the act creating the commission.

The Governor said to-day that he had been considering the matter of a fair price commission for this State ever since the conference here early in November and that he had discussed it with a number of qualified men. Some of these men are "to have expressed doubts as to the practical operation of the plan. Howard Heinz, who was food administrator during the war, is one of those to whom the Governor spoke and it is believed that he did not see his way clear to taking the place.

Familiar With Work

"Mr. McClain is familiar with the problems of the day and also as executive officer of the Welfare Commission is in a position to take up the matter," said the Governor.

The former lieutenant governor is probably one of the few men in the State who could undertake the proposition and he will have the authority vested in the commission behind him.

Governor Sproul said to-day that as far as the criticisms from Washington that have been published in Democratic newspapers are concerned, the Department of Justice days ago, denied any authority for them.

It has been known here that the Governor has been in close touch with the Department of Justice and that its officials have been aware of the study he has been making of the situation and the problems that confront him in the proposition.

AFIRE TWO WEEKS

Barbados, Monday, Dec. 22.—The British steamer Hyadespas, 4,741 tons, from New York to Montevideo and Buenos Aires, arrived here Saturday and the aid of the British warship in the harbor was asked. The vessel had been at sea since December 15. It was reported.

The Hyadespas sailed from New York on November for Halifax, leaving that port on December 7 for South America. She was built at New Castle, England in 1889 and was formerly known as the Manchester Port.

STAGE SETTING FOR PAGEANT TO BE ELABORATE

Spirit of Christmas to Be Shown in Detail at Capitol

PROGRAM IS COMPLETE

Last Minute Rehearsals Are Being Held For Out Door Event

The mechanical effects necessary for the staging of the elaborate Pageant of the Nativity Christmas night at 7 o'clock on the plaza in front of the main entrance of the Capitol building constitute enough work to keep even an experienced stage manager busy, it was said at the offices of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce where the Community Service Bureau is busy arranging last-minute rehearsals and details of the huge event.

In the first place, it was pointed out, there must be a stage with a manager, a fitting setting for the little girl who will portray the Spirit of Christmas, a manger, a yard for the sheep, an electric sign for the final phase of the pageant, spotlights and places for the various choruses comprising seven hundred people. Then in addition there are the hundred and one smaller details of the event, the props for the ten shepherds, the wand for the Spirit of Christmas, the frankincense and myrrh for the Three Wise Men of the East, and many other details.

Musical Program

V. Grant Forrer, assistant superintendent of parks, has proved a capable stage manager, and is taking care of all these details. The program will add so much to the pageant when it is finally presented.

Numerous other civic bodies are participating, furnishing choruses, leaders, organists and music. The Girl Scouts, the Camp Curtin School, the Wednesday Club, the City Choir and the Municipal Band will furnish impressively vocal and instrumental music, accompanying the action and the presentation in tableaux of the story of the First Christmas morn with appropriate Christmas selections.

The complete program of musical numbers is as follows: Religious March, Municipal Band; Adeste Fideles, quartet of trombones and a chorus; "Good King Wenceslas" by the Girl Scouts; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Camp Curtin School; "O Holy Night," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Hark the Herald Angles Sing," "Away in the Manger," the combined choruses; "We Three Kings of the Orient Are," "Silent Night," "Joy to the World," by the combined chorus.

Wealthy Couple Attacked and Robbed in Rooms of Big New York Hotel

New York, Dec. 23.—Two burglars attacked Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Broderick, said to be wealthy residents of Dallas, Texas, in an apartment at the Hotel Knickerbocker early to-day and escaped with \$4,000 worth of jewelry. Two men were later arrested in the grill room of the hotel charged with the theft.

The burglars pried open the door of the hotel apartment, struck Mr. Broderick over the head with a hammer, tied his wife to the bed and then ransacked the room. They left by the window climbing down the side of the building in "human fly" fashion. The two men arrested were taken at the point of revolvers held by three policemen. They offered no resistance.

Hundreds of persons at Broadway and 42nd street, the heart of the theater district, saw the burglars climb down the side of the building from the fifth to the fourth floor while a policeman on the street fired his revolver at them. The screams of Mrs. Broderick as the burglars struck her husband and started to bind her hands and feet aroused scores of guests in the hotel.

The two prisoners gave their names as Raymond Rodriguez and Adriano Heya and their nationality as Spanish, but refused to give their addresses.

Mr. Broderick was stabbed in one hand by one of the burglars while attempting to prevent them from entering the apartment. After the thieves had climbed through a window in the fourth floor they slipped into the elevator shaft and slid down the cable to the grillroom where they were caught.

When searched at the station a diamond mesh bag, valued at \$2,500; a gold watch and chain, worth \$350; a diamond stick pin, diamond cuff links and several small pieces of jewelry, all identified as the property of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, were found in their possession, the police said. They were also equipped with a complete set of burglar's tools, it was asserted.

Store Thieves Kept Under Close Watch by Special Detectives

Belle Daley, of Steelton, arrested yesterday in the Bowman department store by Pinkerton detectives to-day was said to have made the biggest haul of any of the Christmas store thieves who have been under watch by special agents. The Daley woman was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing before Alderman Hilton.

The woman when arrested had furs, thermos bottles, gloves, jewelry and silk hosiery which she had taken from several stores. Her actions were kept under close watch by Mrs. Biggers of the Pinkerton agency. A second woman was arrested who evidently was tempted at the moment. She was discharged after her husband had been informed. Each of the larger stores to-day was closely guarded by special detectives.

AND ALL BECAUSE MARY WANTED DRINK OF CONTRABAND BREW

New York, Dec. 23.—Two hook and ladder companies, three engine companies, four deputy and battalion fire chiefs, a wagon load of police reserves and an insurance patrol were sent dashing through the streets of the upper west side to-day all because Mary Bechn, aged 49, was thirsty and wanted a drink of contraband brew.

Mary explained that she paid \$5 to a bootlegger for a quart of whiskey and that he failed to produce it. She could not find a policeman, so she decided to ring for me, but pulled the fire alarm box by mistake. Mary was given a drink of water in the police station and charged with illegally conduct was lodged against her.

\$1,000 CHECKS FOR BACK PAY SENT TO PENNSY SHOP

One Blacksmith Gets \$1,100 Bonus Covering Long Period

Arrival of back pay checks for Pennsylvania and for Reading shop employees means additional Christmas cheer in scores of Harrisburg homes. Reasons for increased happiness come in the announcement that several of the checks will be for \$1,000. Two men get that amount, one of whom is now employed in the blacksmith department at Lucino shops. It is said that one other employe of the Philadelphia Division will get \$1,100.

The back pay covers various periods. Some start with January 1. Others back pay dates from May 1. The amounts vary from \$10 up to \$290. The extra pay the custom to pay out in the form of installments. Due to the fact that a question was raised regarding the correctness of some of the amounts, a number of employes have not received any back pay. It is these men that will get the big checks. The back pay is based on the four per cent. increase with time and half time for overtime, and double pay for Sundays.

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FRAME INDICTMENT AGAINST FORMER KAISER

London. Law officers of the crown held a consultation with French and Belgian law officers to-day with regard to the former German emperor. It is reported that the conference made out a case against the former German ruler and framed indictment.

ADAMS NAMED ACTING DEPUTY

Harrisburg. — Captain Lynn G. Adams, commander of the State Police troop at Butler, was to-day appointed acting deputy superintendent. He will become deputy on January 1.

KANSAS MINERS QUIT IN PROTEST

Pittsburg, Kan. — Seventeen Kansas coal mines, with approximately 3,000 miners are employed were idle this morning. The miners went on strike in protest against the action of Judge Anderson at Indianapolis yesterday, setting Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas district, United Mine Workers of America, to

HOWATT IS RELEASED FROM JAIL

Indianapolis. — Alexander Howatt, president of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America, was released from the Marion county jail to-day by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson. Howatt agreed to join the international officials of the mine workers in sending telegrams to the district executive board in Kansas in an endeavor to have all strikes in the Kansas coal fields ended.

OFFICIALS RECEIVE COPIES OF SIMS' LETTER

Washington. — Copies of a letter written by Rear Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels, declining to accept the decoration awarded him for his services as commander-in-chief of American naval forces in European waters during the war have been received by a number of naval officers in Washington.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joseph E. Neenlinger and Lucy V. Kaib, Harrisburg; Clarence E. Stubby, Lykens, and Eva A. Roehmer, Millersburg; George Lee and Mabel Smith, Steelton; Harry W. Smith and Anna M. Savage, Harrisburg; Lloyd R. Cherry and Hazel I. Brink, Philadelphia.

SIMS REFUSES MEDAL HE SAYS FAVORITES GOT

Severely Criticises Daniels For Honoring "Swivel" Chair Holders

ACTION IS BEING TAKEN

Compiling List of Awards as Result of Call From Congressional Committee

Washington, Dec. 23.—Admiral William S. Sims, commander of the fighting forces of the American Navy in the war with Germany, has declined to accept the Distinguished Service Medal recently awarded the nation's foremost naval hero by President Wilson, upon recommendation of Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

The highest mark of distinction it was possible for the recognition of a hero upon him in recognition of his war service Admiral Sims has refused under circumstances so sensational that they did fair to create a navy scandal that will attract the attention of Congress.

In declining the letter Admiral Sims has written a letter to Mr. Daniels severely criticizing the Secretary's superior in command, for the alleged discrimination and injustice involved in the recent awards of Distinguished Service Medals.

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