

IRISH PARLEYS NEAR BREAKDOWN

MAIL THIS WEEK IS NEW SLOGAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Postmaster-general Hays Asks Cooperation of Local People in Handling Mail

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Tribune Receives First Letters From Two Little Local Girls to Santa Claus

Mail this week! This is the new phase of the "Shoo Early, Mail Early" slogan for Christmas giving. Postmaster General Hays, in a message to the local office, urges the slogan "Mail This Week!"

Stores in Bismarck already are beginning to take on a holiday air, and the postoffice is getting ready for the annual rush of business.

The Tribune has received the first Santa Claus letters from little tots who believe in the slogans. They follow:

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll with curls and a set of dishes and umbrella and dresser and two books and some napkins and clothes for my doll, and a dancing dress and some mitts and candy and a few handkerchiefs and that is all. Love and a Merry Christmas.
MABEL

The second letter reads:

Dear Santa Claus: I want a little dolly and some clothes and a little wagon and two horses, a book, dishes, ball, music box, stoves. Love and a Merry Christmas, from
GEORGIA

Hays' Message. The aid of boys and girls of the city in the "Mail This Week" slogan is to be sought through the local postoffice. Postmaster General Hays, in the following Christmas message, says:

Washington, November 30, 1921. To the Boys and Girls of the United States:

Christmas is almost here. Your great post-office department has a big job ahead and needs your help.

Think what it means to be Santa Claus to our 100,000,000 people and to deliver Christmas parcels to every family in this great country within the short space of a few days and without disappointment.

It can be done, and we're going to do it if we may have your help. I want to enlist the active assistance of every boy and girl in the schools of our country in getting parcels mailed this week to relieve the rush that comes directly before Christmas.

Will you go home today and take this message to your parents and friends:

"Our postmaster has asked us to mail our Christmas parcels this week, for, unless we do, Uncle Sam's load may be so heavy the last few days before Christmas that he won't be able to deliver all the presents by Christmas eve."

The parcels must be well wrapped and tied and addressed plainly in order that they may arrive in good condition with their Christmas appearance unspoil.

And, there must be a number on your house and a mail receptacle, too, or if there isn't Santa Claus's messenger, your letter carrier, may not be able to find the house where the present belongs.

There are some other things, too, in which you can all assist in improving the mail service and in saving our great government millions of dollars a year that is now wasted because of carelessness—yours and mine.

Every day that you drop a letter in the mail box 40,000,000 other letters are already pushing and jamming through the postal machinery. One letter a day for each family of five persons in the United States is given to Uncle Sam to deliver.

When you send a parcel to the post office for mailing any day there are about 8,300,000 other parcels ahead of yours passing through the postal hopper. This is in ordinary days; at Christmas time it is multiplied many times.

One family in about every ten puts a badly addressed letter in the mail every day. This mixes up over 2,000,000 half addressed letters with the 20,000,000 fully addressed letters. That means that the fully addressed letters must wait on the slow moving poorly addressed letters just like the larger boys and girls are delayed by a bunch of "bad kids" tagging along.

You boys and girls can help the postal service and save your father some money, because he has to help pay the cost of searching addresses on letters and parcels sent out by this one careless and thoughtless family in every ten.

First find out if your family is the careless one, then bear in mind that your letters must be handled by skilled mail distributors standing in post offices and on swaying postal cars of a mile-a-minute mail trains, often under poor light.

THE LORD MAYOR "WEIGHS IN"



In some sections of England they still cling to the old custom of publicly weighing the lord mayor when he is inaugurated. Maybe it's in line with the old adage "weighed and found wanting." Or maybe it's to see how much he will gain while mayor. This picture shows G. H. Taylor being weighed as he begins his term as lord mayor of an English city.

BUILDING PLAN IS DISCUSSED BY STATE BODY

Economy to Rule Construction of New Buildings, it is Stated

Construction of the new school building at the University of North Dakota, main building at the Dickinson normal and a dormitory at the institution for feeble-minded at Graton probably will be undertaken next spring, it was stated by Secretary Liegmann following a meeting of the board of state administration here. A contract, has already been let for construction of a building at the state agricultural college.

The situation with regard to authorized construction of new buildings was gone into thoroughly at the board meeting, the first since the election. Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor Kitchen sat on the board for the first time.

The desire of the board is to avoid unnecessary expenditures during the readjustment period and also may face enforced economy because of failure of payment of taxes by many persons. The buildings at the university, agricultural college, Dickinson normal and feeble-minded institution are regarded as pressing needs in those institutions.

The board decided to hold a meeting in Fargo December 6 at which time presidents of state educational institutions will meet with the board to discuss problems arising in the normal schools of the state.

CLOSED BANKS ARE DISCUSSED

Two State Bodies Hold Joint Meeting

The state guaranty fund commission and the state banking board are in session today, discussing the entire problem of the closed banks in the state. The meeting was held in the office of Governor Nestos, and was continued from yesterday.

It was stated that the guaranty fund commission had been called into session to discuss its business and the opportunity was taken to have a meeting with banking board to discuss the entire question and particularly to acquaint the new state officials with many problems with which they will have to deal in the future. No concrete action was expected to result from the first session.

BELIEVE MANY HOBOES KILLED

Casper, Wyo., Nov. 30.—Wreckage of a south bound Burlington freight train which piled up near Lox station, 40 miles west of Casper, was being searched today for bodies of hoboies believed to have been killed. It is known that between 20 and 30 men were riding the train and only four of these, whose names are unknown, have been accounted for.

GOVERNOR'S JOB CALLS NOW FOR A 15-HOUR DAY

Being governor of North Dakota just now is about a 15-hour-a-day job.

Governor Nestos has not only had the task of attending many board meetings, but there is a deluge of correspondence and many callers.

The governor is usually found on the street car which takes most of the day's work, or has already preceded the bulk of the employees by walking. An hour or so for lunch and he is back at his desk until after dark.

Yesterday the press of business was so great that one board meeting of the new industrial commission—Governor Nestos, Attorney General Johnson and Commissioner of Agriculture Kitchen—was called in the governor's office at 5:30 o'clock, after practically all employees had finished for the day.

Callers seeking the governor, Mr. Johnson or Mr. Kitchen take up enough time at night to make the days of all of them easily 15 hours. All the new officials are prepared for a strenuous time at least until the reorganization of the state government is completed.

NEW ENGLAND THAWING OUT

First Sunshine in Four Days Brings Relief

Boston, Nov. 30.—Under the first sunshine in four days New England began to thaw out today and to throw off the icy burden by successive storms. The shedding process laid bare the damage running into millions of dollars. Electric and telephone companies announced their difficulties were unprecedented.

Further nights of darkness are in prospect for a half hundred cities and towns and with thousands of telephone lines out of commission toll connections can be restored only in days and individual service probably in weeks.

BANK MANAGER NAMED SOON

The state industrial commission is expected to name a manager of the Bank of North Dakota Friday or Saturday. Three or four persons are under consideration, it is stated, and definite selections has about been determined upon.

DENBY DENIES MARINE TRIAL

Washington, Nov. 30.—Pending a full investigation of the alleged shooting of Alonzo Lambrecht by M. M. Hanson, a marine mail guard, Secretary Denby will refuse to turn the marine over to Wisconsin state courts for trial. It was said today at the navy department.

AMERICAN PLAN IS DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE

Differences on Naval Ratio Plan May Come to Head Soon in Washington

MUST BE SETTLED FIRST

Conference on Naval Disarmament Cannot Proceed Until This is Settled

Washington, Nov. 30.—(By the A. P.)—Details of the American plan for limitation of naval armament were discussed today at a brief meeting of the sub-committee of naval experts of Great Britain, the United States and Japan. The session was adjourned shortly after 11 o'clock and it was then said there would be no other meeting of the sub-committee today and that it had not been determined whether discussions would be resumed tomorrow.

There also was no indication that the full committee of naval experts including the officers of the French and Italian navies had been called. It is generally expected that when the experts of the three powers reach a point where they cannot proceed further until the conference has decided the fundamental question of fleet ratio as between the United States and the Japanese that the full naval expert committee will be assembled and will then make its full report to the naval committee of the conference.

In American circles there had appeared to be a feeling that today might bring the discussion of the naval ratio question to a head so far as the experts were concerned. There was no indication that such a stage had been reached, however, when the sub-committee adjourned.

Optimism was apparent among members of the British delegation, a spokesman for which prior to adjournment of the sub-committee of experts asserting that he believed some announcement along the line of naval armament might be expected next week, probably before the conference in plenary session Wednesday or Thursday.

CHARLES SILENT IN HIS EXILE

Detective Guards Him On Trip Around Islands

Funchal, Island of Madia, Nov. 30 (By the Associated Press)—Former Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary and former Empress Zita are living quietly here in exile. Their only guard at the villa Victoria where they reside is a plain clothes policeman who accompanies them on their journeys about the island to prevent beggars from bothering them and to avert other annoyances.

Charles and Zita are treated as honored guests by the Portuguese officials. It is considered likely that the former royal pair will engage the villa Victoria for a permanent residence. Charles is taciturn but Zita is affable and talks cheerfully to those she meets.

INDIAN'S RED CROSS BADGE GIVEN SOCIETY

The Red Cross badge of Mato-hota, who lives at La Plante, South Dakota, has been given to the State Historical society. Mato-hota was president of the Indian Red Cross in the Cheyenne River district throughout the time of the German war, and this was his badge of office.

The badge is made by stitching porcupine quills upon deerskin. The design is of double symbolism to the Indians. The cross signifies not only the Red Cross organization, but it signifies to them the extent of the world in all four directions, north, east, south and west. Also to them the color red symbolizes blood, the life of all flesh, and that we are all of one blood. The yellow color signifies sunshine, happiness, good fortune. The green color encircling the badge signifies plant life, which supports all other life.

Mato-hota donated this badge to the State Historical society November 15th.

FOCH'S PICTURE IN STATEHOUSE

The photograph of Marshal Foch, who visited North Dakota Sunday, R. A. Nestos. The photographed photograph was received yesterday, being mailed from the Foch special train before it left the borders of the state, containing a last greeting to the Governor from the Marshal of France.

SEEK TO CLOSE RAIL STATION

A hearing will be held by the state railroad commission on December 5 on the petition of the Soo railway to close the station at Nicholson. Proposed against closing has been filed.

FAMINE HORRORS GROWING THROUGH RUSSIA; MANY PEOPLE GOING MAD

Estimated That Total of 1,200,000 Children Will Be Receiving American Food Allotment By the First of the Year—Peasants Eat What Only Camels Have Before Eaten

Moscow, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—A total of 1,200,000 children in the famine districts of Russia will be receiving regular food allotments from the American Relief Administration by the first of next year, it was stated by Walter L. Brown, director, after an inspection tour.

Riga, Latvia, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Famine horrors in Russia are growing with the approach of winter. Bolshevik government advices show.

In the Saratov region where 389,000 peasants are listed as starving, even the children have been without food five days and many persons are going mad, some being seized with a mania that they have plenty of bread. While in the summer many of the inhabitants subsisted on field mice, they are now reduced to eating cats, carrion and grass which only camels hitherto would eat.

Dispatches to the Rosta, official news agency, say that many mothers are bathing their children in a poisonous extract made from sheep wool, hoping it will bring about their death.

At Pashand, Asiatic Russia, there is an increasing flood of refugees, according to Radio advices. Two thousand persons are starving at the railroad station there and the daily deaths average 70.

SUSPEND FORD'S RATE COAL CUTS—SECOND TIME

Washington, Nov. 30.—Reduced rates on coal which Henry Ford attempted to put in effect on his railroad, the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton, were further suspended today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The original commission's order said the rates should not be reduced until January 1 pending investigation by the commission while the amendment today postponed the effective date to January 31.

YOUR SHARE OF STATE'S TAXES IS NOW \$46.22

Rise of Amount of Taxation in State is Shown in Comparison

The per capita tax in North Dakota for support of the state government has almost doubled in the last five years.

Figures of the state tax commission's office place the per capita tax, not including special taxes, at \$46.22 for 1920, as compared to \$24.81 in 1915. The figures were arrived at in the tax commissioner's office by taking tax payments of all sorts or which levies were actually made, including state, county, township, city taxes.

A steady increase in the per capita tax since 1910 is shown. For the last 10 years the per capita tax was:

1910, \$16.07; 1911, \$16.39; 1912, \$18.77; 1913, \$19.34; 1914, \$21.47; 1915, \$24.81; 1916, \$24.81; 1917, \$28.19; 1918, \$31.91; 1919, \$43.68; 1920, \$46.22.

The total amount of taxes paid in 1920 is divided as follows: General government taxes \$10,325,368; road and bridge levies \$5,918,392; education \$13,645,381; total \$29,889,139. The percentage of total of the divisions is: general government, 34.57; road and bridge, 19.79; education, 45.64.

MANY ARE URGED FOR POSTMASTER

One Petition Already in Circulation in Bismarck

Friends of a number of local people have begun to urge them to seek appointment as postmaster at Bismarck. An examination for the place will be held in the near future and appointment will be made from those qualifying.

Among those mentioned for the place are Henry T. Murphy, Carl R. Kositzky, Charles Staley, H. P. Goddard and O. Lundquist.

Appointment of Mr. Lundquist, who is at present assistant postmaster, is asked by a number of persons in a petition circulated in the city yesterday.

WEATHER REPORT.

For twenty-four hours ending at noon, November 30.
Temperature at 7 a. m. 25
Highest yesterday 31
Lowest yesterday 28
Lowest last night 25
Precipitation None
Highest wind velocity 22-W

Weather Forecast
For Bismarck and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Thursday with possibly rain; warmer tonight; colder Thursday.
For North Dakota: Unsettled tonight and Thursday with possibly rain; warmer tonight; colder in the west and north portions Thursday.

Weather Conditions.
A low pressure area covers the entire western United States and Canada. Its center is over Alberta where the pressure is unusually low. Generally fair weather with moderate temperatures continues excepting rains over the Pacific coast States. The southeastward movement of the low pressure area will cause unsettled weather in North Dakota tonight and Thursday with possibly rain; warmer tonight and colder in the north and west portions Thursday.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS, Meteorologist.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN WARFARE IS THREATENED

British Government Circles Admit Difficulties Appear Insurmountable

ULSTER STUMBLING BLOCK

Sinn Fein Also Has Many Objections to the New Proposed Plan of Government

London, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Government circles today expressed belief that the Irish conference would break almost immediately as a result of the difficulty which has arisen and that the resumption of armed hostilities could not be postponed.

The alternative settlement plan submitted by the government to the Sinn Fein representatives last evening included the necessity for a definite understanding by the Sinn Fein to take oath of allegiance to the Crown.

The Sinn Fein has many objections to the government's new plan but even if it is agreed to discuss the plan it will not now give its assent to the oath of allegiance proviso, it is stated.

Thus, it appears, according to government officials, that the breach in the negotiations if it comes, as is feared, will take place over the allegiance issue.

There has been hope of prolonging the truce and adjourning the negotiations for an additional period of two months but this hope has receded.

THREATENS TO RESIGN.

Belfast, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sir James Craig and Premier Lloyd George early in the Irish peace negotiations that if the Ulster parliament or people even entertained the British proposal for an all-Ireland parliament he would resign as premier of Ulster. This was disclosed by Sir James yesterday in the Ulster parliament during his report on the status of the peace movement.

An all-Ireland parliament which was the basis of the British offer was not to be thought of "under present conditions," he said, but the Ulster government was prepared to discuss other avenues for settlement.

DOOR STILL OPEN.

London, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Refusal of Ulster to enter an all-Ireland parliament "under present conditions" voiced in Belfast yesterday by Premier Craig is not considered here as closing the door to settlement on the basis of the semi-official plan advanced yesterday. Under this plan the terms offered Ireland would be drafted in treaty form and submitted to the House of Commons. The treaty would embody provisions for an all-Ireland parliament but would give Northwestern Ulster, as defined by a boundary commission permission to declare itself out at once or after a limited period.

AWAIT DECISION UPON STRIKE

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Final action on the question of a strike by employees of the packers in all of the packing plants of the country is expected today or tomorrow when the executive committee of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America meet here.

STEEN TO PAY BOND INTEREST

The credit of the state will be maintained through prompt payment of interest on all bonds. Treasurer John Steen said today. He said he had involved a plan whereby, if tax payments and interest payments upon farm loans do not provide sufficient funds to meet the interest upon bonds due January 1, he will be able to do so.

BOLSHEVISM IS SPREADING

London, Nov. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bolshevism is spreading through the large towns of Portugal. The Times declares this morning and there have been many outrages. As a result the powers are considering intervention in Portugal and the assumption of a mandate according to The Times. France, Italy and Spain favor such a movement.

BURCH TRIAL GETS UNDER WAY

Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 30.—Outing of the state's case against Arthur C. Burch, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy and presentation of testimony were scheduled for today.