

BRIEF NEWS

EUROPE MUST PAY UP

Europe can and must pay her debts to the United States before world conditions can return to normal, said J. A. Thomas, vice-president and American head of the Chinese-American Bank of Commerce, Tuesday.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Advance Christmas festivities were held Tuesday by members of fraternal orders and officials and employees of business organizations. Seattle members of the United Typothetae of America gathered at the Pig'n Whistles at noon.

FARMER VETS TRAINED

L. C. Joseph, Seattle district manager of the veterans' bureau, announced Tuesday that a program of active co-operation of Washington, Oregon and Idaho state colleges with the United States Veterans bureau is furnishing disabled veterans expert instructions on their own land projects.

NEED REFORESTATION

More than 100,000 acres of timber are cut down annually in the state of Washington, and only 15,000 acres of the resulting stump lands are subsequently utilized for agriculture.

THREE ARE ROBBED

Claiming that he was held up and robbed by two bandits at First and Stewart st., early Wednesday morning, David Wafford, 416 20th ave. N., told the police that the two men took \$50 from him, but overlooked his watch and \$4 in cash.

SPEEDER IS JAILED

Convicted of speeding for the second time this year, G. A. Reeves was sent to jail Tuesday by Police Judge John B. Gordon. He was to serve 24 hours, and then forfeit his blue license, which means that if he's ever arrested again as a speeder, he will not be permitted to drive any more.

NAME REAR ADMIRALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The senate has confirmed the nomination of Montgomery M. Taylor and Carl Vogelsang to be rear admirals of the United States navy. No action was taken on the nomination of Pierce Butler, despite the fact that it was reported favorably by the judiciary committee.

AUTO THIEF ESCAPES

Tom Morris, wanted in Bellingham for alleged auto thefts, escaped Tuesday night from the county jail as he was about to be taken to Bellingham for trial. "Just a minute, officer," he said, "I want to say good-bye to some of the boys in the engine room." He has not been seen since.

MINT BANDITS ELUDE POSSES

FIND NO TRACE OF \$200,000 ROBBERS

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—Police and federal officers today were apparently unsuccessful in catching the bandits who Monday killed a bank guard in front of the United States mint here and escaped with \$200,000 in currency, as they were an hour after the daring holdup.

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of narcotics and whisky to dispose of. Worsham declared at the time that the charges were false and were actuated by revenge for his testimony in the Legate case. The civil service commission upheld the dismissal and Worsham was forced to take his case to the superior court before he was granted rehearing. The commission declared in the decision Wednesday that the charges were untrue.

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Worsham reported to the chief of police, W. B. Beverly, for duty Wednesday.

CHARGE ACTORS HELD UP BANK!

Five Held for \$6,000 Robbery and Kidnaping

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Accused of turning from make-believe banditry of the movies to wholesale banditry in real life, two motion picture actors and three other men were under arrest here today. They are accused of having staged the recent sensational robbery of the Fillmore State bank at Piru, Cal.

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OLGA FARLEY IS ACQUITTED

Woman Held for Slaying of Lover Freed

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Unable to Get Dope, Chin Hoy Passes Out

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