

CHRISTMAS IS ALREADY OVER FOR RUSSIANS

But Albanians Will Be Thirteen Days Late in Starting Their Celebration of Day.

FILIPINO BANDS PARADE

Foreign Residents of Columbia Tell About Holiday Customs in Their Native Lands.

"You are late in celebrating Christmas in this country," said Nathan Maron, a student in the University. "In Russia we celebrate it December 12, thirteen days ahead of time. When we observe Christmas we just spend it in the unbounded spirit of merriment; the country folk come to town loaded with presents for their relatives and friends living in the cities and the farmers carry on their shoulders pigs to be prepared for Christmas dinner."

On the contrary the Albanians lag behind. They don't become excited when December 25 comes, but instead wait thirteen days later. Then the people start a grand and glorious blowout. Nuci Mangizi, proprietor of the New York Restaurant, said: "The folks dance, prance, laugh, drink, sing and eat. They forget their cares and troubles. But we think more of our kiddies on Christmas day than of the old people. The children receive all sorts of presents; it is really a holiday for them. The adults celebrate on New Year."

The Filipinos are not so early as the Russians, but they begin early morning masses nine days before Christmas. At 4 in the morning the town bells announce that the mass is to be said and all who can stand the chilly morning breezes go to church. The town band parades along the streets and a host is appointed by the parish priest to tender to the musicians a hearty breakfast by 6 o'clock in the morning, when the mass has been said. The Filipinos have an Oriental custom of kissing the hands of elder sisters, brothers, parents and relatives after the angelus every evening. On Christmas Day a boy or a girl has to kiss the hands of his immediate relatives in token of love and respect in order to receive his silver dollar gift or a bag of goodies. Santa Claus does not appear in the American style; he comes through the pockets and pastries where Christmas gifts have been stored two or three weeks ahead. The conduct of the children throughout the year begins a whole lot in getting a good gift.

The Central and South American republics and the Mexicans have a uniform celebration kindred to that of the Spaniards, which consists of midnight mass and parading along the streets. The whole town is in gala attire. The "Adolescent Fiddlers," the Catholic Christmas carol, is often repeated in the homes. Feasting is an important feature.

The Chinese see no reason to make so much fuss about Christmas; to them it is a regular day, devoid of significance and traditions.

"We have a celebration that resembles your Christmas and that takes place on New Year's Day," said Simon Tu, a senior student in the School of Education.

The giving of toys is almost universal, according to the unanimous opinion of the foreign students. As the boys are emotional and want something useful in their plays and games, they prefer toys as gifts. The word candy, which is of English origin, means the same thing throughout the world. This is attributed to the fact that it is everywhere a timely and good Christmas gift. In Mexico, Cuba, the Philippines, India, Africa, Alaska or Caribbean Seas, the word candy means something sweet and good to eat.

OUR SPRING FASHIONS WILL COME TROOPING FROM LIBRARY BOOKS

By "MARJORIE" (Written for The United Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Designs of the materials for spring and summer gowns seem to have gone to the book-shelves for their inspiration. Printed silks—the piece de resistance of all spring fabrics—and the designs upon most of these silks exploit some well known story or book character. Although museums are still flooded by designers who nab ideas from old period costumes, pottery, or jewelry, the public library is now beginning to feel the influx of designers in quest of good pictorial material as found in stories, and also in search of names for their various bookish patterns.

Thus, one house is putting out a spring line of printed georgettes and tulle silks. The designs are simple, small, and conventional. Most of the prints are two or three color checks interwoven with a floral motif, or a tiny geometrical series of octagons and diamonds may form the pattern. This is called the Lilliputian series, and the same house's contrasting line of huge and ornate prints is called the Gulliver.

Designers are emphasizing the Russian motif and coloring. It is laughingly prophesied that the great flood of Slovak literature will ebbs a bit now that the clothiers are swooping up this same atmosphere. Instead of cultural clubs, reading and raving of Tolstoi and Turgenieff, we will have the same clubs wearing this "atmosphere."

The Samovar, Vodka, Sledge and Peasant are the names of four very colorful Russian silks. The designs do not resemble the names, but coloring and line is influenced by Russian costume and church embroideries. These designs are in dull green-blues, and brighter hues of cerise, orange, flame and jade upon black backgrounds. As many as a dozen different colors are used in one printed pattern.

Although the Slovak influence is most strong in the new spring silks, the Persian effect is keenly felt. One house is showing its best design known as the Beard of Omar. Soft grays and cool greens make a misty, almost mystic background for a gay and gorgeous garden wherein lolls the old Epicurean with his book of verses underneath the bough, the loaf of bread and several jugs of wine, all proving that wilderness truly was "Paradise enow." The same design is put out upon rust and copper radium silks.

The Persian lotus-leaf design is found in a multitude of fabrics and colors. Floral designs on the whole are quite

conspicuous. There are prints of huge cabbage roses, gay poppies, pansies and smaller flowers, such as violets and gardenias. Although many of these patterns themselves are large, coloring is quite harmonious and subdued.

American literature is represented by a design called "The Forest Primeval." It is a mass of towering hemlocks and spruces clustered about a little village Arcadia. The blue-greens and soft browns are upon a background of gray.

Altogether manufacturers seem agreed that spring fabrics shall be of the softest silks in printed designs of color and vividness. Gray, sand, blue and green are the outstanding colors just now.

ENGLAND BUYS OF GERMANY

Lovely Little Christmas Presents Please London Children.

By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 16 (by mail).—The third Christmas since the piping days of peace finds poor Pa still paying the piper. A survey of the shops, aristocratic and democratic, proves that prices remain in pretty much the same place as they were last year. Such things as dolls' houses, perambulators, children's tricycles and scooters are priced just as high as in 1919, which means that for the ordinary citizen they are out of reach.

Numbers of German toys have been imported, but these are of the smaller variety, such as clockwork engines, motor-cars, etc. However, they are finding a ready sale, for Britain has not yet learned to compete with Germany in price. There is small doubt but that Germany will reap a goodly harvest from the British child calls "stocking presents"—comprising all the small things which give those exciting bulges from the toe to the knee of the stockings which Santa Claus so kindly fills each year.

The Christmas trees, too, will be bedecked with frost and sparkling ornaments which hail mostly from Germany. For the most part parents here seem to satisfy themselves with the knowledge that the waf is over and are buying indiscriminately, without looking at trademarks, just the things which they know will gladden the hearts of the tiny tots at Christmas-time.

In other commodities there is a perceptible drop. The buyer of a big fur store told the United Press that this year's prices for furs are a great improvement over last year's.

The most marked decrease in prices shows in all classes of boots and shoes. The salesman in a big boot store, known equally well on both sides of the Atlantic, said that some of his goods had come down as much as 100 per cent, and that he had not a single pair of boots in his store which had not dropped at least \$1.00 in the last month. He anticipated that there would be a further decrease.

DETROIT WILL OPERATE OWN STREET CARS

Municipally-Owned Railways Will Be Run After Jan. 1, 1921—\$1,500,000 Bonds Issued.

FARE TO BE FIVE CENTS

25 Single-Truck One-Man Cars Have Been Ordered and 11 Miles of Lines Are Finished.

By United Press. DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Realization of the real benefits of a plan of city-owned street railways—preached for many years by both economists and political aspirants—is to be had in Detroit within a short time after the first of next year.

Mayor James Couzens, millionaire, former partner of Henry Ford in the Ford Motor Company, was one of the first of the many candidates for high city offices to really get into working the plan for a municipally owned street car system. The question was put to a vote and overwhelmingly adopted. It is proposed to charge five cents on the lines.

It was agreed the movement would entail an expenditure of fifteen millions of dollars and plans were made for several bond issues to get the needed money. The first bond issue was made a few weeks ago and was for \$1,500,000. Others are expected shortly.

Orders have been placed with a New England car building firm for twenty-five single truck, one man operated cars and approximately eleven miles of the line has been finished with excavation completed for approximately twenty miles. Soon after January 1, 1921, officials of the municipal line say, cars will be running on two lines in opposite directions. The track is laid on steel ties.

The line will run east and west and north and south, making transfer connections where they cross. It is the plan to eventually have the city completely covered by the municipal lines. The Detroit United Railways Company at present operates its cars in practically all parts of the city except those where the municipal lines are to be first built and

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it is not believed attempts will be made for some time to build lines in territory covered by the Detroit United Railways.

Officials of the line believe that the adoption of the single truck, one man type of cars will greatly facilitate the movement of passengers, because of the quick getaway of the cars and time saved in loading and unloading. More cars will be operated and they will run so close together and often that no one will have to stand on the corner and wait for a car and no one will have to stand after he boards the car, the officials say. Later a double truck car will be adopted, but the smaller type will not be abandoned. The smaller car will seat 34 passengers. The twenty-five, which have been ordered will cost \$167,000, an average of \$6,700 apiece.

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Groves. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Groves, Jr., Fort Worth, Tex., announce the birth on December 16 of a daughter to whom has been given the name, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Groves is a graduate of the School of Journalism and was formerly business manager of the Columbia Evening Missourian. While in the University he played on the varsity football team.

Jewish College Men to Meet.
By United Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The part which college men and women can take in the upbuilding of Palestine as the Jewish homeland will be discussed at the convention of the Intercollegiate Zionist Association, which will be held here from December 26 to 28.
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