

LAST MINUTE XMAS RUSH IS STARTED TODAY

Shoppers Have Opportunity
For Two Full Days of Shop-
ing for Christmas

BIG CHRISTMAS TRADE
Reports From Middle West
Show Much Is Done
For Charity

The final rush of Christmas shopping began in earnest today with prospects that it would continue briskly until late Saturday night. Stores were busy all day today, and were certain to be tonight and tomorrow. The fact that Christmas falls on Monday this year gives shoppers an opportunity to continue efforts to make their selections right up until closing time Saturday night. Brisk Christmas trade is reported here, as well as in other cities of the middle west. Reports from Chicago state that merchants of the middle west generally have responded well to the "shop early" campaign, and that the Christmas trade is heavier than for the last few years.

Reports show also that redoubled efforts are being made by Goodfellow organizations, Volunteers of America, Newsboys' associations, Big Brothers, American Legion and scores of other societies have busied themselves with the distribution of Christmas cheer in many cities.

An Associated Press survey made from Chicago points to some of the specific endeavors at Christmas time, as follows:

As its Christmas offering, the Wisconsin branch of the International Sunshine society will found and maintain a library for the Milwaukee county hospital.

Contributions to charity organizations which have not only a Christmas day to plan for but must serve the entire year, have been large. Three cities in Texas, Dallas, Houston and Ft. Worth contributed \$905,000 during the year. Kansas City raised \$750,000 for its combined charities during 1922 and will greatly increase this amount the coming year. It is estimated by Dr. I. S. Cutter, chairman of the Public Welfare committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce that the residents contributed about \$1,000,000 to charitable organizations during the year.

A community chest for which about \$4,500,000 has been subscribed will take care of Cleveland's 115 charitable and civic organizations for the coming year. Lexington, Ky. has subscribed \$100,000 for charity for 1923 and Louisville, Ky., is engaged in a drive for \$300,000.

Merchants generally say that the people have responded well to the "shop early" campaign and that consequently there will be less last minute buying. The popularity of Christmas savings clubs has done much to help Christmas shopping. In Illinois, it was estimated more than \$15,000,000 will be paid out to members of these clubs. Chicago bankers estimated the 100,000 members of clubs in the city received more than \$5,000,000. In Cleveland, bankers estimated that a like amount will find its way to the pockets of Christmas shoppers who are members of clubs.

Much Sent Overseas.
Reports from the postoffice department reveal that relatives and friends across the sea were not forgotten. During October and November more than \$100,000 Christmas money was sent abroad by foreign residents of Youngstown, Ohio. While other districts were reported to have sent thousands of dollars to points in Russia, Germany, Italy and the Balkan states. This together with a steady flow of Christmas packages for foreign lands.

That the Christmas spirit may be aided, the Union Pacific railroad announced through its Omaha offices that the freight rate on Christmas trees from the far northwest between Omaha and Chicago would be reduced. Railroad officials estimated that about 500 carloads of trees would be used in the middle west.

The trees used in Wisconsin and many of those distributed in Chi-

cago territory come from the northern Wisconsin forests where woodsmen have been engaged for weeks in felling the small spruce and balsam. The trees are cut largely by settlers who go into the woods each year to supplement their earnings with a harvest of young evergreens.

In the use of Christmas trees, the National Safety Council has pointed out the dangers of decorating a tree with inflammable materials and the use of candles for lighting, stating that many beautiful decorations of inflammable character can be used with very colorful effects.

Announce Birth.
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Omedt of Driscoll are the parents of a baby girl, born at the Bismarck hospital.

Injured In Mine.
George Billon of New Salem was injured in the New Salem coal mine yesterday when some coal fell upon him injuring his hand and chest. The extent of his injuries can not be determined until x-rays have been taken.

St. Alexis Hospital.
Mrs. Harry Boyko of Russo, Mrs. R. Rudnick of Anamoose, Master Edwin Lautermilch of Hazelton have entered the St. Alexis hospital for treatment. Mrs. E. F. Newcomb of Zap and Mrs. George Traxel of Menoken have been discharged from the hospital.

Bismarck Hospital.
Mrs. Rolley Quinette of the city, E. A. Turner of McKenzie, Mrs. E. M. Fowler of Stanton, have entered the Bismarck hospital for treatment. Dr. A. L. Kershaw of the city, Mrs. J. A. Erickson of McLaughlin, Mrs. L. J. Larson of Douglas, Mrs. Frank Tschida of Rose Glen, Mrs. S. Zoltanko of Max, Mrs. D. Katsanis of Werner, Afferson Moore of Glencoe, Mrs. Theophil Aman of Ashley, Mrs. Nels Neimi of the city, Mrs. Hugh Midgough of Lansford, Rev. C. F. Strutz of the city, have been discharged from the hospital.

AT THE MOVIES

THE ELTINGE
Tom Moore and Mary Miles Minter appear at the Eltinge tonight and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday in the screen version of the Clyde Fitch play, "The Cowboy and the Lady."

A romantic and exciting tale of the west, this play offers great opportunities as well for comedy. The idea of cowpunchers on motorcycles trying to rope steers, a modern idea of ranching, with filing systems and the like; the rancher who dresses like a gentleman of fashion—all supply mirthful moments which contrast with the tragedy at the end and the trial which results in the vindication of the hero from complicity in the killing at a dance of the worthless husband.

Ben Turpin makes things lively on the program with one of his new comedies, "Home Made Movies," and

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Apricots, Hilldale No. 3, 4 cans90
Pork & Beans, Armours No. 3 cans 3 for70
Pork & Beans, Armours, small, 2 for.... .25
Sweet Rinkled Peas, 3 for50
Beans, Wax, cut, 3 for50
Beans, Green cut, 3 for50
Van Camp's Milk, tall, 3 for..... .35
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Pathe News and an Aesop Fable will also be shown.

THE CAPITOL
"The Sign of the Rose." What is the meaning of the title of George Behan's new picture of that name which comes to the Capitol Theatre beginning Monday.

Often titles are found not to mean a great deal after a photoplay has been seen. Frequently they are discovered to be more, attractive than the picture they adorn. Seldom does a title really express the spirit of a picture or cover the span of its plot. It is refreshing to discover one that does all this.

"The Sign of the Rose," in the first place, was written by George Behan, its star, who also supervised every detail of the production. The story concerns a humble Italian who enters a flower shop in quest of just one rose for his little dead daughter.

Waiting in the shop is a wealthy woman who has received an anonymous letter demanding that she appear at the rendezvous with a large sum of money which she is to hand without question to a man wearing a rose. In return she will be taken to her child who is held for ransom by kidnapers. Sharing her vigil is a detective eager to apprehend the criminal. He is sure that the Italian

(played by George Behan) is the man because he is a foreigner in search of a single red rose. Out of this play of crosspurposes comes the big scene of "The Sign of the Rose." It leaves no one in doubt of what the title of itself means, or its relation to the picture as a whole. It is doubtful if "The Sign of the Rose" could be as appropriately called by any other name.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS
Miss Margaret Myers left this afternoon for her home at Daisy to spend the holidays.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.
A marriage license was issued yesterday to Mrs. Minnie A. Miller and Andrew Bertsch.

AWAY FOR HOLIDAYS.
L. H. Harroun will leave tomorrow to join his family in Minot for the holidays.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS
Miss Celia Hagen left for Mott today to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Amanda J. Quam of Mott, shopped in the city today.

Government Supply Bill up in House

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 22.—The annual supply bill for various branches of the government service under the

interior department, carrying \$204,215,300, was reported today to the house.

The amounts recommended for various reclamation projects included: Lower Yellowstone, Montana-North Dakota \$120,000; North Dakota pumping project, North Dakota \$100,000; Belle Fourche, South Dakota, \$95,000. The allotments would be available for expenditure during the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Board of Trade Urges Congress to Act on Farm Bills

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Quick action on pending bills to aid the farmers is asked in a resolution adopted by the Chicago Board of Trade and which,

it was announced today, will be sent to all members of congress. Agriculture, the resolution stated, represented \$760,000,000 in value and constituted the "most important basic industry" of the country, and that "unless the post war adjustment period of distress for the farmer is relieved the prosperity of the entire nation is threatened."

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