

UNCLE SAM TO GIVE AID TO SANTA CLAUS

Sends Out First Allowance Checks to Dependents of Soldiers

RANGE FROM \$30 UP

Aggregate of Amount Distributed Will Increase Steadily as War Goes On

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Santa Claus will deliver Uncle Sam's first separation allowance checks to wives, mothers, sisters, children and other dependents of America's fighting men, it was learned today.

In the colossal marble pile built to house the new national museum and turned into a war factory overnight, hundreds of typists are hammering out the slender, precious little white vouchers for the soldier's and sailor's folks at home.

It is something new in American war history. Beginning with this first Christmas check, and continuing as long as the war lasts, these monthly messengers of aid and cheer will go sailing out from here in their long narrow envelopes. Authority for them is contained in the war insurance bill passed at the special session of Congress.

Fearful that they might not get every one's check delivered before Christmas morning, the tall old men with the red, white and blue suit and the star-spangled stovepipe hat, and the fat little man who drives the reindeer ordered a special night shift of clerks which will jump into the work tonight.

Checks will go scudding over the country in every direction. War Department records show many of them are on their way to homes where there would be mighty little Christmas without them.

The amounts typed in the upper left-hand corner of these unique Christmas gifts range from \$30 up, and represent one month's compensation by the Government to the dependents of fighting men. The \$30 checks go to wives with no children and represent \$15 from the Government and \$15 from the husband's \$30 a month pay. Where there are youngsters a wee nip is added to each check for each child.

"The aggregate of these first checks," said an official of the war risk insurance bureau of the Treasury Department, which has charge of the payments, "while large, will not run into the millions we will be mailing out next Christmas."

"We have only a small percentage of men with dependents in the regular army and national guard and virtually none in the first draft army, and a few casualties. Nineteen—eighteen will be a different story."

DON'T FAIL TO SEND YOUR GIFT TO 315TH

It's Getting Late, and if You Haven't "Chipped In" Yet, Now's the Time

It's getting late and you haven't "come across" yet. The Philadelphia boys who make up the 315th Infantry Regiment at Camp Meade, Admiral McDougall's outfit to get a Christmas present from you. You can't send a present to all of them—there are 3200 men, all Philadelphia boys in the regiment—but if you do not "chip in" a dime, a dollar or more you don't deserve a kind word from anybody.

Send your contributions to the West End Trust Company, Broad and Second and South Penn squares, marking the envelope, "For the 315th Infantry Christmas Fund." John M. Strong, vice president of the company, is treasurer of the fund. Your contribution may also be forwarded through the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER acknowledges receipt of

Cash..... \$1
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 A total of \$322.75 has already been collected, leaving \$1367.25 still to be collected. Only a few days remain in which you can make your gift. Don't put it off any longer!

U. S. PUTS SWITZERLAND ON ITS GOOD BEHAVIOR

Sammees Will Respect Neutrality So Long as Republic and Enemies Do So

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Swiss Government has been assured by the Government of the United States that its neutrality will be respected by the American troops in Europe, so long as its neutrality is respected by the enemy.

The text of the State Department memorandum the charge d'affaires at Bern presented to the Swiss Government was made public today.

"In view of the presence of American forces in Europe engaged in prosecution of the war against the Imperial German Government, the Government of the United States deems it appropriate to announce for the assurance of the Swiss confederation and in harmony with the attitude of the co-belligerents of the United States in Europe, that the United States will not fail to observe the principle of neutrality applicable to Switzerland and the inviolability of its territory so long as the neutrality of Switzerland is maintained by the confederation and respected by the enemy."

AUSTRO-HUNGARY PRESS BELITTLES U. S. POWER

Back Best and Vienna Papers Flaunt Both War Ability and Post Commercial Consequences

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CONGRESS SEES NEED OF WAR TAX REVISION

Reconstruction of Entire Fiscal Foundation Looms as Urgent Necessity

NEW LAW IS FAVORED

Many Members Want Present Statute Repealed—Excess Profits Provision Confusing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Reconstruction of the entire fiscal foundation of the war so far as the United States is concerned loomed up today as an urgent necessity in Congress.

Expressing confidence in America's ability to meet any war expenses which may confront it, leaders in Congress, nevertheless, have become convinced that immediate steps are necessary to extricate the Government from the morass of intricate and obstacles damming up the flow of gold into Uncle Sam's war chest.

There were two reasons for this belief: First, the discovery of the unworkability of a large part of the recently enacted \$2,500,000,000 revenue law.

Second, the recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo against the immediate increase of war taxation, necessitating the floating of no less than \$10,000,000,000 bonds during the next six months.

Many members of both houses have come to the conclusion that so much confusion will attend the administration of the war tax bill that it would be simpler to repeal the whole measure and enact an entirely new bill. The excess profits law, counted on to produce a lion's share of the war revenue, has been found to contain so many uncertainties that the Treasury Department experts are well-nigh baffled in trying to put it into operation.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, believes that the revenue bill can be adjusted without entire repeal. He said today that he wants Congress to wait a few months to give the Treasury Department time to study it before attempting to amend it.

Senators returning to their duties, particularly those from the Middle and Far West, however, report a universal sentiment for higher war profits taxes. They will launch a fight immediately to double the war profits taxes. Senators Hiram Johnson, of California; Borah, of Idaho, and La Follette, of Wisconsin, with several allies on the Democratic side, will conduct the fight.

"They take the view that to float another \$10,000,000,000 bond issue, without attempting to raise another cent by additional taxation, would be almost suicidal from a financial point of view."

GET CHRISTMAS SALARY RISE

New York Phone Company to Give Substitute for Bonus

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The New York Telephone Company will grant general salary increases to meet the increased cost of living, instead of distributing the yearly bonus which the company has heretofore given.

The increase in the aggregate will amount virtually to double the bonus granted last year, it was stated, and will in no way affect raised awarded "from time to time in recognition of efficient services."



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SENATE ORDERS QUIZ OF NEW ARMY PLANS

Complaints of Slow Progress in Equipment Cause of Inquiry

MURDOCK TO STRIKE AT FOOD GAMBLERS

Federal Trade Commissioner Will Investigate Hoover's Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A comprehensive investigation into the entire national military situation, including progress made by the War Department in organizing, training and equipping the new army, was ordered by the Senate Military Affairs Committee this afternoon.

The investigation will begin within a few days. It is the intention of the committee to call Secretary of War Fisher and other high officials.

An investigation led by Commissioner Victor Murdock will proceed under Hoover's charges that "some dishonest wholesale and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible in no small measure for shortages in many foodstuffs, especially perishables, and also for mounting prices."

That dealers amble at a rising market and let goods stand on sidings frequently if the gamble fails, is contended by the commission.

"I propose to bring any violators to the sternest payment of justice," declared Murdock today. "Pernicious business practices which set the men who follow them a little extra blood money must be stamped out at the start and kept stamped out."

"I am going to give my entire time if it is necessary to put some of these war leeches behind bars where they rightly belong."

Murdock wants every citizen to aid in hunting down the profiteers.

The inquiry, according to the present program, will be held behind closed doors.

100 DEAD, 500 HURT IN PORTUGAL REVOLT

Old Government Entirely Overthrown and Complete Order Restored

LISBON, Dec. 11.—Portugal's successful revolution cost at least a hundred dead and 500 wounded in clashes between rebels and the old Government forces, according to latest estimates today.

Complete order is restored. Colonel Paes issued summary orders for immediate execution of all caught looting or rioting.

Premier Costa and Foreign Minister Soares arrived here today, back from the Paris Inter-Allied Council meeting, to find their residences had been sacked and partly pulled down by the rioters in the disorder attendant on the change in governing powers.

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AUSTRIANS' AMERICAN WIVES LOSE PROPERTY

Gladys Vanderbilt and Others Who Married Teuton Noblemen Are Now Enemy Aliens

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Properties in the United States of American girls who have married Austrian noblemen, including Countess Szechenyi (Gladys Vanderbilt) and the Countess Sigray (Harriet Daby), are subject to seizure by A. Mitchell Palmer, as custodian of enemy property. Corporation securities and other property worth millions of dollars, the income of which has helped to maintain foreign establishments, are owned by American-born titleholders.

Hold American as Spy in Milan TODAY, Dec. 11.—The newspapers here report the arrest at Milan of a man named John Frederick Stock, who says he is an American citizen and the head of a commercial house. It is said by the newspapers that the charge against him is espionage.

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NOTE THESE IMPORTANT POINTS:—This is not a special purchase for sale purposes or an accumulation of left-overs and undesirable styles. Neither is it a collection of furs in any way unreliable.

On the contrary, it includes every beautiful, luxurious coat in stock right now, and handsome sets of the most sought-for furs and models. It is an offering unparalleled for quality, variety and value.

THE COATS include smart belted models with pleasing lines of grace; models with the fashionable bouffant effect secured by the design of the pockets, thus giving the modish outline without undue bulk; fascinating collar effects in many styles, but all folding and draping in most becoming lines.

Many are richly trimmed with border, tails or paws, thus adding to their beauty, grace and richness.

Linings are an important feature. All are of high quality imported silk, most of them in rich, beautiful color combinations and designs, adding much to the dashing style of the coat.

Nothing has been omitted to make these coats perfect to the smallest detail. Often a sleeve is shaped just a bit out of the common to give a line full of fascinating charm.

And among them, remember, are superb coats of NATURAL MINK, of richest RUSSIAN KOLINSKY, of ROYAL ERMINE, of CARACUL and BROADTAIL—coats not often reduced, as well as the popular Hudson Seal and serviceable muskrat. But as we have said, EVERY COAT OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK IS IN THIS UNPARALLELED SALE.

THE SETS are practically less than cost today. Since we bought them, prices have sharply advanced. Yet we are selling these sets at about their cost to us. Look where you will, you can find no such beautiful furs, so smartly and carefully made, at these prices. Many styles among them, including the jaunty, graceful animal scarf and smart, distinguished cape and stole effects. Nearly all the muffs are trimmed.

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175.00 Leopard Coat	135.00	575.00 Jap Kolinsky Coat	375.00
165.00 Nutria Coats	135.00	450.00 Mole Coat	395.00
225.00 Leopard Coat	165.00	650.00 Natural Mink Coat	445.00
245.00 Nutria Coats	185.00	675.00 Baby Caracul	475.00
275.00 Leopard Coat	195.00	875.00 Hudson Seal and Kolinsky Cape	565.00
285.00 Natural Squirrel Coats	225.00	975.00 Russian Kolinsky Coat	675.00
295.00 Leopard Coat	235.00	985.00 Mink Coat	745.00
325.00 Leopard Coat	265.00	985.00 Broadtail Coat	775.00
375.00 Mole Coat	275.00	1250.00 Ermine Wrap	945.00
375.00 Natural Squirrel Coat	295.00	1250.00 Natural Mink Coat	975.00

MUSKRAT COATS

REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO	REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO
98.50 Natural Muskrat Coat	74.50	185.00 Black Muskrat Coats	135.00
125.00 Natural Muskrat Coat	89.50	195.00 Black Muskrat Coats	145.00
155.00 Natural Muskrat Coat	110.00	210.00 Natural Muskrat Coats	155.00
175.00 Black Muskrat Coats	125.00	265.00 Natural Muskrat Coats	195.00

HUDSON SEAL COATS

REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO	REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO
110.00 Hudson Seal Coats	74.50	325.00 Hudson Seal Coats	245.00
135.00 Hudson Seal Coats	98.50	365.00 Hudson Seal Coats	260.00
165.00 Hudson Seal Coats	120.00	375.00 Hudson Seal Coats	275.00
185.00 Hudson Seal Coats	135.00	395.00 Hudson Seal Coats	285.00
195.00 Hudson Seal Coats	145.00	425.00 Hudson Seal Coats	300.00
225.00 Hudson Seal Coats	165.00	425.00 Hudson Seal Coats	315.00
245.00 Hudson Seal Coats	185.00	450.00 Hudson Seal Coats	345.00
265.00 Hudson Seal Coats	195.00	475.00 Hudson Seal Coats	365.00
295.00 Hudson Seal Coats	225.00	495.00 Hudson Seal Coats	395.00

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REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO	REGULAR PRICE	REDUCED TO
39.50 Natural Raccoon Sets	24.50	75.00 Hudson Seal Set	54.00
42.50 Skunk Sets	28.50	75.00 Pointed Wolf Set	54.00
49.50 Kamchatka Wolf Sets	32.50	82.50 Jap Kolinsky Sets	59.50
49.50 Taupe Wolf Set	32.50	87.50 Kamchatka Fox Sets	69.50
54.50 Jap Cross Fox Sets	34.50	115.00 Natural Fisher Set	74.50
69.50 Red Fox Sets	44.50	125.00 Slate Fox Sets	84.50
69.50 Taupe Fox Sets	44.50	115.00 Cross Fox Sets	89.50

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