

TECH BOYS GIVE XMAS PLAYLET

Open Air School Youngsters Are Guests of High School

"Standing room only" was the slogan out by the usher at the Technical High School Auditorium this morning when a packed house saw the Tech students as hosts of the pupils of the Open Air School in addition to a number of other children of the city, sent by the Associated Charities. The Tech lads, directed by the senior class, gave a playlet called "Christmas Dreams Come True." The story was written by Professor W. E. Strawinski, and directed by Professor W. Alex McCune. A prolog was spoken by McNeal of the sophomore class, Sellers and Ruby of the same class, dreamed a Christmas dream that was interrupted by the Christmas Fairy. Miss Eliza Jane Shoop, 1217 North Front street, was the fairy, and delighted the children as well as her audience with her clever dancing. She is a student at the Edison Junior High School. Members of the orchestra, costumed as life-sized toys, were part of the dream. Earl Shuey, Donald Gemperling, Hassler Elzick, Meredith Germer, Joseph Goldstein and David Rosenberg took these parts. Carl Beck, Anthony Wiltsch and George Germer, as monkey, Buster Brown and Teddy Bear, made the children howl with delight at their funny antics. Harry Ellinger, as Santa Claus, together with the fairy and other characters, distributed many presents with stockings brim full of candies, oranges and nuts, which brought more joy to the hearts of the "kiddies."

SIMS REFUSES MEDAL FROM NAVY DEPT.

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Admiral Sims points out in his letter that the historic record of the navy is written by the men who brave the dangers of warfare at sea and discharge their duties with such courage, strategy and resourcefulness as to inspire triumph over the enemy, and add to the reputation of the American Navy.

Daniels Orders Probe Secretary Daniels to-day ordered a comprehensive report on award of naval decorations prepared for the information of Chairman Page of the Senate Naval Committee. It will include all recommendations by individuals or by boards and the action by the boards and by the Secretary himself upon the recommendations.

The order was issued in response to a request from Senator Page, which followed criticism of the manner in which the awards were distributed. Part of this criticism was made by Rear Admiral Sims, who commanded American naval forces overseas during the war.

Mr. Daniels declined to comment on the letter on the subject received by him from Admiral Sims, further than to say that published excerpts from the letter appeared to be substantially correct, although he had not had time to read the communication carefully.

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Mr. Daniels added that the list of awards already made public was in no way final; that additions undoubtedly would be made, as more recent recommendations were taken up for consideration, and it was not impossible that some names might be removed from the published list.

"Last week I received a letter from the Hon. S. Page, chairman of the naval affairs committee of the Senate," Mr. Daniels said, requesting a copy of the so-called Knight Board recommendations of awards.

"I called up Senator Page's office and informed the secretary of his committee that data was being collected, and as soon as it was ready I would be pleased to furnish it to him."

"Directions have been given to prepare a statement containing the following information: '1.—All recommendations for awards by admirals, captains and other commanding officers. '2.—The action of the board upon all such recommendations and its complete report. '3.—Action taken by the department."

"As soon as this data is ready—(it must be collected literally from all such recommendations)—it will be sent to Senator Page and given to the public."

"The board of awards did not accept all recommendations of the commanding officers. The Secretary did not accept all the recommendations of the board. He added names of officers and enlisted men who had performed conspicuous service. The only way that fair-minded men can judge the wisdom of the awards so far announced will be to compare the lists."

"After every war there are, of course, differences of opinion as to the award of distinctions. I remember the criticisms that were voiced in the Spanish-American war. After the landing at Vera Cruz, many medals were awarded, so many in fact, that the statement was often made that no distinction was made between distinguished and ordinary service. At that time I approved without change the recommendations submitted to me. It became my duty, at the close of this war, imposed by act of Congress, to approve the awarding of medals and distinctions, and I resolved that action should be governed by fixed principles and all in certain classes should be recognized alike. It was also resolved that the most distinguished honors should be awarded those who were in most peril and who suffered most and rendered the most distinguished service. The awards so far announced followed this sound policy. The final and complete list has not been approved for some recommendations were long delayed."

Representative Lufkin, Republican, Massachusetts, a member of the House naval committee, announced to-day that when Congress reconvened he would introduce a resolution calling on the Navy Department for a report on changes made by Secretary Daniels in the recommendations for awarding naval decorations. "The resolution will ask for the changes made by the Secretary and reasons for this arbitrary action," said Representative Lufkin. "I had hoped that this whole agitation was the result of disappointment of one or two officers who had failed of recognition, coupled with the desire of certain newspapers to stir up trouble. I am convinced, however, that the matter is more far-reaching."

CITY BUDGET PASSES \$1,000,000 MARK FIRS! TIME IN HISTORY

Council Passes on First Reading Ordinance Fixing Tax Levy at Twelve Mills; New Work Planned For 1920

Council passed on first reading to-day the 1920 budget ordinance appropriating for the first time in the history of the city more than \$1,000,000 for maintenance of the various departments. The tax rate was fixed at twelve mills in another ordinance, an increase of two mills over the 1919 rate.

The greater part of this increase in revenues will be used by the departments for new work, improvement and maintenance. Increased costs of materials and labor had much to do with the advance, the park, highway and water departments all needing more funds for labor and materials.

New Work Ahead In addition to this, members of council budgeted some new work next year, including the erection of the Donato fountain, a gift to the city three years ago; holding of municipal band concerts during the winter; an appropriation for child welfare work, more funds for a city hospital and more money to repairing and resurfacing streets. A proportionate increase was made also in the park department, many of the various park funds being increased over the 1919 amount.

The budget ordinance and tax rate measure will be passed finally at the regular meeting next Tuesday. They will become effective at once, so that when council is organized January 5 the appropriation items will be available for expenditure.

Appropriation \$1,002,516 The total amount of the appropriations carried in the ordinance is \$1,002,516.06.

City patrolmen and practically all other office employees of the various bureaus are given an increase of \$10 a month in pay. The labor items in the big departments also carry increases to provide more money for employees engaged by the water, highway and park bureaus.

In the executive department the net increase in the budget is \$7,631.40, caused largely by the pay increase for the police, items totaling \$2,110, which were in the 1919 budget, were not included for next year, among them office rent and housing of police patrol. In the bureau of law salary increases for the city solicitor and assistant total \$620, while \$1,177.68 has been deducted from court costs and fees.

Increases in the 1920 appropriations for other departments and the principal purposes for which the additional money will be used follow: City clerk, \$240 for salary increases; city clerk and stenographer; printing \$1,900, additional printing costs; weights and measures, \$8; accounts and finances, \$1,190, salary of superintendent and assistants and increase in office rent; controller, \$2,882, of which \$2,500 is provided as a salary increase fixed by state law.

City treasurer, \$1,470, increased commission for collection of taxes; license tax office, \$120, salary increase for license tax officer; board of revision of taxes, \$510, of which \$360 will be used for salary increases for the city assessor and two assistants.

Miscellaneous fund, \$18,002.33. Included in this increase is \$10,000 as part payment for the Fager Intoxicants Will Not Be Sold Aboard U. S. Coastwise Steamers

Washington, Dec. 23.—Intoxicating liquors will not be sold on shipping board passenger liners plying between New York and South America, Chairman Payne announced to-day. "The first of the new law," the "Moccasin" will sail from New York Saturday.

Despite assurance from the Board's legal department that the prohibition laws would not be effective outside of the three-mile limit, Chairman Payne takes the position that since the sale of liquor in the U. S. is prohibited its sale should not be permitted on government owned vessels.

The question of whether serving wines with meals would constitute a sale of liquor within the meaning of the law has not yet been determined, officials of the board said.

Knox on Committee to Probe Activities of Soviet Ambassador By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 23.—Chairman Lodge, of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, to-day appointed Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, as head of a subcommittee to conduct the investigation of Russian propaganda and activities of Ludwig C. A. Martens, self-styled "ambassador" to the United States from Soviet Russia. Hearings are expected to begin next month.

Other members of the committee are Senators Borah, of Idaho, and Knox, of Pennsylvania, Republicans, and Pomerene, Ohio, and Shields, of Tennessee, Democrats. The investigation was ordered by the Senate in adopting a resolution by Senator Kenyon, Republican.

Food and Clothing Asked For Christmas An appeal has been made by the Associated Aid Societies for clothing, groceries, coal or money to be used to aid needy families in the city during the Christmas season. Cash contributions can be sent to Stanley G. Jean, treasurer, Box 405, Harrisburg. Persons desiring to give groceries or clothing can communicate with the Associated Aid Societies in North Market Square.

HONORS FOR FLYER London, Dec. 23.—Knighthood in the Order of the British Empire has been conferred by King George upon Captain Ross Smith, the first aviator to complete an airplane flight from England to Australia. Captain Smith's brother, MacPherson Smith, who was the observer in the recent successful flight, was accorded an identical honor.

building; \$1,000 for band concerts; \$14,500 interest and sinking fund charges on sixth public improvement loan.

Wage Increases The net increase in the highway department is only \$8,052. More money has been provided for this bureau for repairing and resurfacing streets, as a number of contractors' guarantees on paved streets expire next year.

Of the net increase of \$11,260 for the water department, \$2,500 will be used for salary and wage increases, and \$4,710 for increased maintenance costs.

In the engineering department \$1,500 has been added for salary and department salaries have been increased but it was not necessary to add \$3,000 provided this year, because of the influenza epidemic expenses, so that the health bureau fund for 1920 will be \$526 less than in 1919.

New Arc Lights Salary advances are provided for the plumbing inspector, building inspector, food inspectors, and the superintendent and assistants in the bureau of ash and garbage inspection. The fund for ash collections was increased to \$50,000 for 1920 and \$6,125 added to purchase new equipment.

In the lighting bureau \$1,576 was added because of the plan to place arc lamps, eight new 100-candlepower, two new standards in Bellevue Park and four 600-candlepower lights in the Fourteenth ward.

The only new position provided in the budget is an additional lineman for the police and fire alarm bureau. His salary and additional underground extension work make the net increase of \$1,518 for that department.

To Erect Fountain Salaries of fire apparatus drivers were increased \$10 a month, adding \$2,600 to the fire bureau expenses. Other additional items include \$100 for the Riverside Fire Company maintenance, a new organization, \$2,500 more for the contingent fund; \$1,500 for a new boiler for the Friendship fire engine; \$500 more for coal and other similar expenses, making a total of \$3,900.

The total increase for the park department is \$13,872.57, including increases for the superintendent, assistant, engineer and stenographer. For sundry expenses, \$1,199 has been added to this year's appropriation; \$4,450 more for playground work; \$5,999 for the erection of the Donato fountain; \$961 more for maintenance at Reservoir Park; \$1,381 more for making a decrease in the budget for the purchase of a new auto truck. The new trucks will be purchased also by the highway department.

The councilmen passed finally the ordinance increasing their salaries \$500 annually, beginning January 5, 1920.

Police Send Aid to Children's Homes

Checks for \$25 were sent to the Children's Industrial Home, the Nursery Home and the Sylvan Heights Orphanage by the Police men's Protective Association officials. Mayor Daniel L. Keister said to-day that he had mailed checks for \$25 to each of the three institutions, as contributions from the Police Charitable Fund.

FORMER EMPRESS ILL By Associated Press Geneva, Dec. 23.—Former Empress Zita of Austria is reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia at Prangins. She recently was caught in a snow-storm, lightly clad. Zita, who in September gave birth to a son, is not sufficiently strong to withstand the rigors of a Swiss winter.

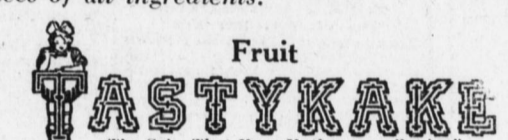
Pardons Going Out to Meet Mr. Santa Claus

All pardons recommended by the State Board of Pardons at its session here last Wednesday, will leave the State Capitol in the next twelve hours. The reasons have been prepared and the signatures of the officials are being attached so that persons granted clemency may be able to leave prison before Christmas Day. The State Board to-day announced that a pardon had been recommended for Michael Dempsy, Philadelphia, convicted of assault and battery. The case was held under advisement last week pending some inquiries.

A Christmas Dinner

is incomplete without the finishing touch of Fruit Cake.

HOME-MADE Fruit Cake is troublesome to prepare and extremely costly at the present high prices of all ingredients.



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