

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
IN NEW YORK CITY.

New York, Dec. 24.—Express companies and suburban package carriers doing business in this city have been except in an avalanche of Christmas packages. Mountrains of parcels are piled up in the transfer office, and although extra men and wagons are at work the accumulation seems to grow larger instead of smaller.

That many parcels containing gifts will not be delivered before the middle of next week is admitted by the express officials. Delivery systems operated by many of the large retail shops will be at work throughout Sunday and Monday in the hope of catching up.

Christmas shopping reached its height on Friday and, according to merchants in the retail district, the sales this year have passed all records. From early in the morning until 10 o'clock at night crowds of eager buyers filled the streets and stores. Articles for gifts were soon wrapped up hurriedly and the unprecedented demand left many stores short of goods that are ordinarily left over to be dis-

posed of at bargain sales after the holidays.

Men who were caught in the vortex of a crush of women shoppers in narrow aisles or near the elevators of the big stores wished they had remained at home. Sidewalks in the shopping district were moving masses of humanity. Surfaces cars and elevated trains were jammed with passengers, and the subway shared in the crush. When the homeward rush of workers began at night the crush was frightful.

Merchants of many years' experience said that the Christmas buying this year was begun earlier than usual, and that everybody seemed to have money. Purchases were made on a liberal scale, and the sales this year were of a more substantial character than ever before. Large jewelry houses report the best holiday trade in years, and the fur trade, which last year was near disaster, is now said to be in a prosperous condition.

Christmas celebrations will begin at churches, Sunday schools and clubs this evening. There will be special services in the churches tomorrow with elaborate musical programs, and on Monday many dinners to the poor will be given.

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Today the vendors of food expect to reap their harvest, for it will be the greatest market day of the year. During this week 2,150,000 turkeys and chickens have come to the city, and 408,000 of the turkeys out of this vast stock, representing an expenditure of about \$500,000, will be consumed at the Christmas dinners. The turkey price is below that of Thanksgiving time, about the same as it was a year ago. Good hen turkeys are selling at 25 cents a pound, the price running from 22 to 28 cents. Roasting chickens are selling

at from 17 to 20 cents; ducks are 23 cents, and the best geese 20 cents. Canvas back ducks are \$4.50 and Mallards \$1.50 a pair. Quails are \$4.50, snipe, \$3.50 and railbirds \$1.50 a dozen.

PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY.

Next Week He Will Make no Engagements.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt, so far as the exigencies of public business will permit, will rest thoroughly during the Christmas holidays. No engagements will be made for next week, except on matters of public interest.

The president will devote a large part of his time to out-of-door recreation, and with members of his family and personal friends will walk, drive and ride on horseback several hours each day.

Since Congress convened on Dec. 5, the president has been under heavy strain, mental and physical, for hours every day and night, have been spent in receiving callers with whom he discussed scores of important questions. In the experience of the oldest White House attaché no president ever received so many people in the same length of time as Mr. Roosevelt has received during the past month.

If the present plans are followed the

regular meetings will be held as usual next week, but it is likely they will be of a routine character. Only business of pressing importance will be taken up by the president, who will save himself for the many weeks of hard and continuous labor of the winter and spring.

SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

French Foreign Office Considers It Very Grave.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office considers the situation in Morocco extremely grave. The sultan's dismissal of his French and other military advisers has been followed by a number of acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy.

Accordingly the French minister at Tangier has been instructed to secure the immediate withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French consul. The commander and all the members of the military mission and all French citizens unless the sultan vacates his pretensions to sovereignty are ordered to leave the country.

The French minister has been instructed to communicate this to the sultan at the same time as he notifies the consul. Military men and citizens are ordered to depart. The officials here say that no definite military or naval steps have yet been taken, as these await the sultan's

response to the minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and reparation are not promptly given.

The correspondent at Tangier of the Main says that after calling at the French mission, the ministers of the several powers ordered all people of their nationalities to quit Fez.

DEPUTY SYVETON.

Analysis of Intestines Showed The Presence of Morphine.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A news agency says two warrants have been issued, but have not yet been served, in the Syveton case, one of them against Madame Syveton, widow of the deputy. Although the officials do not confirm this report, it is believed that arrests are imminent.

A morning paper affirms that a chemical analysis of the intestines of the late Deputy Syveton reveals the presence of morphine and concludes from this that Syveton was drugged before he suffocated.

Japs Ready for Russians.
London, Dec. 23.—Telegraphing from

Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says that he learns that in the event of Admiral Kammura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of the Second Russian Pacific Squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur, will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

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16.50 Suits for	•	8.25	30.00 Suits for	•	15.00	42.50 Suits for	•	21.25	60.00 Suits for	•	30.00
20.00 Suits for	•	\$10.00	35.00 Suits for	•	17.50	45.00 Suits for	•	22.50	75.00 Suits for	•	37.50

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