

10,000 TOTS MEET REAL SANTA CLAUS

Muts Take Jolly Old Saint to Armory.

CHILDREN SEE FAIRYLAND

Many Youngsters Get First Glimpse of Christmas Day.

SLEIGH COMES FROM SKY

Faces of Juveniles Light With Joy at Sight of Gift-Giver—Not One of Multitude Forgotten—Spirit Reaches Grownups' Hearts.

Bright-eyed children whose faces glowed with delight in the fairyland of the genial Order of Mutts had built in the grim old Armory, myriads of busy persons whose own faces reflected the gleam in the happy eyes of children until it was a question which were the happier, kiddies or grownups; three giant Christmas trees ablaze with the lights and tinsel of the season, and a jolly Santa Claus in a sleigh driven by four big elk—these may give some faint idea of Portland's big Christmas tree party for her children yesterday afternoon. But mere words are only words, after all. To understand the event fully one must have been there.

35 CONVICTS GET GIFTS OF LIBERTY

PAROLES OR CONDITIONAL PARDONS COME TODAY.

CHICKEN DINNERS TO 750 PRISONERS

To Remain in Walla Walla Penitentiary Must Be Solace.

OLYMPIA, WASH., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Paroles or conditional pardons for about 35 convicts of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla will arrive there tomorrow, and the remaining 750 convicts will have chicken dinners on Christmas day for consolation.

SOCIETY GIRL TAKES VEIL

Miss Lucy Dahlgren Enters Convent Two Years After Notable Debut.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Miss Lucy Dahlgren, whose debut in New York society was one of the events of 1912, has determined, after two years, to enter a convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at Cornwall, Pa., January 28. She will begin her life as a sister of the order.

PATRONAGE FIGHT MAY SPLIT PARTY

Rift Between Wilson and Senate Widens.

NOMINATIONS ARE REJECTED

Unanimity of Action Makes It Especially Significant.

INSURGENTS ARE HOSTILE

Democrats Content to Pick Quarrel With President in Effort to Shift Blame for Diminishing Chance of Success.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—Unless President Wilson backs down in his patronage fight with the Senate, he will split his party wide open and soon will have on his hands a band of insurgents, every bit as hostile and forceful as were the insurgents who rose to plague and ultimately defeat President Taft.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 40.5 degrees, minimum, 28.8 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair; easterly winds.

CHRISTMAS CHEER PROVIDED FOR ALL

Observance More Widespread Than Ever.

BIG CITIES IN ROLE OF SANTA

Poor Persons and Even Horses Are Remembered.

BUSINESS RECORDS RAISED

Volume Exceeds All Expectations of Merchants in Central West.

SPokane is Real Toyland

Every Lad and Lass Remembered, While Poor Are Well Provided For.

COLONEL JOHN LANE DIES

Ex-Rebel and Son of Late Oregon Statesman Passes in Idaho.

STATE CAPITAL JOYOUS

Special Entertainments and Christmas Dinners Provided Today.

NOTED VETERAN PASSES

Colonel J. J. Edens, Aged 75, Dies at Bellingham After Long Illness.

UNEMPLOYED TO BE AIDED

San Francisco to Take Care of Idle Residents of City.

Christmas Stories in the Day's News

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MR. WEMME LEAVES FUND FOR HOSPITAL

North End Maternity Home Provided.

EMPLOYEES ARE REMEMBERED

Christian Scientists Will Have Charge of Endowment.

ROAD GOES TO ATTORNEY

Site Bequeathed for "White Shield" Place for Wayward Girls—Relatives and Poor of Home-Town in Saxony Are Legatees.

BETTER HOSPITAL WANTED

Alaska Governor Says Morningside Asylum Conditions Are Bad.

WE WISH THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS ALSO.

MADE IN U.S.A.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—Steps will be taken immediately to correct conditions at the Morningside Asylum in Portland, Or., where Alaskan insane are treated under contract with the Government. This announcement was made tonight by Governor Strong just before he sailed for the North, after passing several weeks visiting Pacific Coast cities.

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