

GRACIOUS OLD SAINT PROLONGS HIS VISIT

Programme of Good Cheer Carried Over Day.

NOBODY HERE FORGOTTEN

Poor, Unemployed and Needy Share Hospitality of Labor and Other City Organizations.

Good old Santa Claus, who brings cheer, benevolence and charity to the world every year, prolonged his visit in Portland to include yesterday, Saturday afternoon the fastenings on old St. Nick's bag of gifts were unlocked and from it there continued to flow bounties to rich and poor alike until late last night.

It is not with intent that Santa Claus sometimes overlooks a man, woman or child. His only mistakes are made when he visits a city where the citizens have grown selfish and forgetful of the misfortunes of their fellow men.

Yesterday afternoon the doors of the Labor temple swung open and through the portals were more than 150 men who had shared no previous Christmas joys. They were the unemployed, the poor and the needy.

No questions were asked. If one was hungry and if he had been forgotten he was welcome. Nor was the banquet confined to men alone. A widow with three small children found her way into the festive and with her little family around her, shared with the men. Old men past the age where they could compete with their fellows in employment were there. Out of deference to their gray hairs they were given the first seating at the tables.

Procession Orderly One.

There was no mad rush for the tables. Despite the fact that many of the men were truly hungry, it was an orderly procession that filed into the room and took the seats around the tables heaped high with Christmas foods.

It was not an act of charity on the part of the Central Labor council when this banquet was set. The men were guests and they were treated as such. There was no speech-making and the men were not patronized with sympathetic platitudes. The money for the affair was raised by donations.

Leaders in the various unions volunteered their services in preparing the meal. Women from the waitresses' union served the food. In the menu there was turkey, steaming roast beef, baked potatoes, celery, mince pie, oranges, apples and other foods. Several kegs of sweet cider stood back of the tables and of these each man had his share.

Following the dinner the men gathered around a Christmas tree in the corner of the dining room. From this tree were dispensed envelopes, each containing a one, two or five-dollar bill. Worthy men who have families received the larger donations, while those who have no one but themselves to look out for set the smaller bills. It was a provision against hunger the next day.

Baskets Also Distributed.

The work of the Central Labor council was not confined to the Christmas dinner. Scores of large baskets containing foods of all kinds were distributed Saturday and Sunday to families in need. No family worthy of aid was overlooked by the organization of the union men.

Christmas was not passed by at the Portland settlement center, 209 Catherine street, without a special programme. On Christmas morning the children of the center flocked about a Christmas tree laden with gifts. Each child received a share of the offerings from the tree. Then a collection was taken and from their small funds donations were made to the "far east relief fund."

Christmas dinner for 250 homeless men was supplied yesterday by the Salvation Army at 42 Third street. The men came in relays of 50 at intervals of 15 minutes. Roast pork, roast beef and chicken formed the headliners of a dinner that was declared the best in many a long day by the men. The bountiful helpings of meat were set off with cranberry sauce, potatoes, turnips, celery, pie, tea, coffee, and apples. Brigadier John Hay, divisional officer for Oregon, presided.

Christmas Tree Tonight.

A Christmas tree for poor children will be given tonight at Columbia hall, Second and Oak streets, at 8 o'clock. Gifts of a practical nature will be distributed and an entertainment given. Tickets have been left by Salvation Army workers among poor youngsters throughout the city.

Fifty ex-service men from local hospitals and the ex-service men's club were guests of the Rotary club at the Benson hotel for Christmas dinner yesterday and an entertainment programme afterwards. Following this the same men went en masse to the Orpheum, where they were the guests of the management.

Mayor Baker and Rev. William Wallace Youngson were the main speakers at the dinner. The mayor in his talk urged the Rotarians not to forget the disabled veterans on the other 364 days of the year and said the big thing in their existence was to be relieved of monotony at times. The best way to do this, he said, was

to take the soldiers out driving whenever an opportunity presented itself. Christmas Like No Other.

That there never was a Christmas like this one was the declaration of Rev. Mr. Youngson, who said the armament conference and other events pointing to peace on earth and good will to all had imbued the earth with a finer Christmas spirit than had ever been seen before. He also exhibited a photographic reproduction of the painting "The Soldier's Sweetheart," painted as a memento from photographs of 1000 American Red Cross nurses who had served on the other side.

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Advertisement for Resinol skin products. The ad asks 'Has your skin a clean healthy outdoor look?' and 'Or is it blotchy and repellent? Resinol Soap and Ointment are natural aids to skin health and they do build attractive complexions.' It features an illustration of a man's face and the Resinol logo.

Advertisement for Pacific Plumbing Fixtures. The ad describes the fixtures as having 'massive designs, the graceful lines, the glossy pure-white surface fit graciously into the finest of mansions, and their moderate prices make them the best to buy for modest cottage or small home.' It includes an illustration of a large house and the Pacific Plumbing Fixtures logo.

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