

**YULETIDE SPIRIT
RULES OVER CITY**

Children Up at Dawn for Joyous Occasion.

NEEDY NOT FORGOTTEN

Bare Boards Heaped With Food and Floors Strown With Toys by Thoughtful.

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really to forget their duties, and to be themselves merely for the love of it. And that is why the city found on yesterday its most pleasurable privilege to be the broadening of the holiday—until bare boards were heaped with hearty food, and bare hearts filled with happiness.

Tommy Swivel was ruder and ruder than ever before—and Tommy has weathered many a Yuletide as the particular patron of friendless children. When Tommy laughed he was a tumbler in miniature. His Christmas tree was the gayest of all that left the dark forest for the homes of men, and the table he set for his scores of youthful friends declined to groan on the grounds of propriety, and not because it had not ample cause to. Through the revel of his creation, Master Swivel rotated, the incarnation of S. Claus himself, and at the clangor of cutlery and the babel of small voices he expanded visibly and perilously.

Christmas Is Habit.
"Christmas," said Tommy, "is a habit with me, a habit I do not care to break, a habit that I defy anyone to break for me. A year without its Christmas would be an egg without salt. I should not care to sample it!"

And there gleamed and glittered and winked, at approximately the time of this remark, a Christmas tree of Brobdignag, reared by the mettlesome Elks in the great cavern of the municipal auditorium. A few years more and it would have been a saw-log, doomed to such ignominious uses as flooring. But providence caught it up in the tide of the holiday, and made it heavy with varicolored lights and stars, and draperies of silver and gold, so that it passed in gayety as a true fir should—to the delight and shouts of hundreds of children, of kiddies that must have missed their Christmas but for it and the warmth of heart that placed it there.

Prisoners Enjoy Day.

These are but incidents, though they stand realily forth of the Christmas that was yesterday. The same fine spirit and generous thought reached out for homeless men, and set them down to dine, for all pathetic youngsters and give them cause for glee; yes, even into the dark corridors of the cells where men were spending the queerest Christmas of their lives to tell them that they were not quite forgotten of the world, and that the world was very decent at heart; and more than willing to share its cheer.

Yet comb and search the city as you will, exhaust every stratagem for the apprehension of unhappiness, and still there is a trace of the gleamer. It was this reflection, and very worth while it proved, that bade Grocer Wolcott keep open store at his east side grocery yesterday morning when his business houses were closed. He had made it known that, to all the neglected of Christmas, his shop was a welcome haven, and he had wares their wares—that none might miss a proper dinner.

City Is Quiet.
A Sabbath quietude rested upon the city. All save the plodding postman, and others of the less favored occupations, were where of right they should have been—at home. The hurry and haste of the pre-holiday weeks, the shouts of the street vendors with their holly and mistletoe, the rattle of trucks and the push of automobiles, the multifarious medley of anticipation were hushed and gone. Nor would they revive again, to such a tide, for another twelve-months. At once of address to that—a thought that, somewhat modified in outward expression but unchanged in its principle, the city might well have kept the Yule to brighten all the calendar.

This may yet come to pass. And in the meantime, as the supposititious milkman shouted to the hypothetical crier—
Merry Christmas!

ALL PENDLETON ENJOYS DAY

Charitable Organizations Take Care of Needy.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Every family in Pendleton enjoyed Christmas. It was a day of family reunion, and for those who would not otherwise have had Christmas cheer, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and Elks with other charitable organizations, saw that a Christmas dinner and other presents were provided.

The day was clear and bright with the temperature between 50 and 60, and a warm wind blowing which made the day feel like spring. The last vestige of snow had vanished.

All the churches had special programmes.

ASTORIA CHRISTMAS QUIET

Needy Provided For and Services Breathe Thankfulness.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Observance of Christmas was more quiet than has been customary, but it carried with it the usual Christmas cheer.

Special services were held at all the churches, the underlying spirit of which was thankfulness for the prompt assistance which the needy have received from the citizens of the more fortunate cities in the west.

Although the customary number of baskets was not distributed this year, the committees saw that the needy families were provided for.

Knights Distribute Gifts.

Knights of Columbus, in keeping with the annual custom, aided by the Ladies of Isabella, distributed good things throughout the city Saturday to families listed with the two organizations. Orphans and other inmates of Catholic homes were not forgotten and the knights took out toys and presents to the little wards of these benevolent institutions. Individual boxes were also sent to world war veterans in hospitals.

WALLY AND HIS FAMILY IN THEIR HAPPIER DAYS.



WALLACE REID, MRS. DOROTHY DAVENPORT REID AND WALLACE REID JR.

It was of the home of the movie star in Hollywood where this picture was taken that Mrs. Alice Davenport, Mrs. Reid's mother, said: "This was a home, it was here that here by the scores at any old hour of the day or night, or the early hours of the morning. They would come whether they were invited or not."

MAIL CLERKS RUSHED

BELEATED PACKAGES ARE CAUSE OF EXTRA WORK.

Great Stack of Christmas Presents Sent Out Over City in Time to Add Joy to Day.

The holiday, as a day of rest, meant little to the clerks and carriers employed in the Portland post office and its branches. This year it was a harrowing task, Sunday morning a pile of packages, 20 feet in width, 30 feet high and 50 feet long, stood in the main post office. To deliver that pile and all the mail brought in during the day and night was the job that faced the carriers and the clerks.

As fast as they could be sorted and segregated the packages were sent out to the suburban stations. The carriers worked their full eight hours Sunday, as did the clerks. Yesterday morning a considerable pile faced them, but the crews set to work with a will. Extra men helped the regular carriers with heavy packages and bundles; perishable goods were sorted out and given first attention; parcel post letters were loaded to the limit of their capacity, system and order ruled, and by 5 o'clock last night practically all of the mail had disappeared.

The classified stations of the city were open from 8 A. M. to noon, yesterday. General delivery, registry and the stamp windows at the main office were open for business during the same hours.

CHURCHES OBSERVE XMAS

Pre-Christmas Shopping in Hillsboro Is Brisk.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Fair weather brought many people to Hillsboro Saturday to complete their Christmas shopping. Streets and stores were crowded most of the day.

Hillsboro had no municipal Christmas programme, as the numerous churches of the city had arranged for observance of the day.

Eugene Elks Have Tree.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—An outdoor Christmas tree given by the lodge of Elks was the principal feature of Christmas day celebration in Eugene. Several hundred children gathered about the tree this afternoon and presents of toys, candies and nuts were distributed. Several tons of food and clothing were distributed by the Elks among the poor families of Lane county. The weather was spring-like.

YULE RUSH KILLS BOY

Lad Trampled to Death by Crowd of Children After Gifts.

(By Chicago Tribune Licensed Wire.)

MASTINGS, Mich., Dec. 25.—Russell Smith, 6-year-old son of Ralph

SMITH, was trampled to death by a crowd of children in their mad rush to receive gifts and candy during a ceremony at their community Christmas tree in the heart of the business district.

The boy was dead before he had fallen beneath the feet of his schoolmates. His cries apparently were drowned out in the shouting of the children. Russell had been taken downtown only after he pleaded all during the day, the father said. The tragedy cast a pall over the Christmas celebration.

'DOWN AND OUTERS' FED

FILM STAR GIVES DINNER FOR 1000 HAS-BEENS.

Grand Opera Artists Spread Yule Cheer Throughout Chicago by Singing Carols.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Nearly 1000 "down and outers" turned their faces to the west today and thanked the diminutive movie actress, Lila Lee, for her generosity in furnishing them a Christmas dinner, the "best handout they had had in years," they declared.

Last week, Miss Lee, who is in Los Angeles, telegraphed her father, Charles Appel, to furnish a Christmas dinner "with all the trimmings" to 1000 homeless men and send the bill to her. That number was speedily gathered together today at the Hobo college and a dinner of large proportions set before them.

MAN SLAIN BY WOMAN

Christmas Eve Vigil Is Kept Over Body of Victim.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 25.—Mrs. O. L. N. Jones, 32, shot and killed her friend, O. L. Black, 44, sales manager for a Louisville automobile concern, in her apartment house early last night and kept a Christmas eve vigil over his body, she told the police, until she could summon enough courage to surrender. She declared she shot Black because he threatened her.

Los Angeles Woman, 92, Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Adelaide Alexander, who was born in Guaymas, Mex., in 1830, and who came to Los Angeles in 1884 with her father, Captain James Johnson, a retired English shipmaster, died at her home here today, aged 92 years. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Los Angeles mission, or Old Plaza church, where she was married in 1848 to Francis H. Mellus and in 1884, a year after Mellus' death, to his partner in the hide and tallow trade, David Alexander. She was the mother of 11 children, of whom a number, all living in Los Angeles, survive her.

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HOMELESS MEN CHEERED

BIG DINNER GIVEN AT PORTLAND COMMONS.

Food, Music and Heartening Messages Features of Mission Christmas Observance.

Hearts of 1000 homeless men—who for many days had not known the joy of a kind word or smile—were warmed toward their fellow men yesterday at the annual Christmas dinner at Portland Commons, given by the Commons Mission and the Apostolic Faith.

Mayor Baker, with anecdotes of his own early struggles, his fight against poverty and hardships, pointed out to his hearers that being down does not necessarily mean "out."

"Society is not arrayed against you, but is ever ready to extend a helping hand," the mayor declared. He won a warm response.

Municipal Judge Ekwall gave a brief talk based on his hard fight to win success, telling of when he worked days and studied law at night, keyed up by ambition.

GIFTS MADE VETERANS

Wounded Inmates of Hospital Are Visited and Cheer Distributed.

Wounded veterans of the world war were remembered yesterday and the prevailing Christmas spirit included them and made the day one that they remember with a good deal of pleasure.

Decorations throughout the building were notable. There was a big Christmas tree and greenery and wreaths, with special lighting effects. Santa Claus made a call on Christmas eve and distributed presents on all floors. Daughters of the American Revolution, Elks, Women's Auxiliary of the Red Cross and Knights of Columbus aided in making the occasion a happy one for the wounded men.

Veterans at Dr. Pierce's sanitarium were also remembered and various organizations carried good cheer to them. The spirit of the holiday was more evidence there and the day was a happy one.

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REPARATIONS PLAN NOT YET COMPLETE

Another Week Needed for French Programme.

ALLIES THEN TO DECIDE

Proposal Will Be Presented to Conference of Premiers, Which Opens in Paris January 2.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French programme of reparations guarantees is still far from complete, it is understood, after yesterday's conference, attended by Premier Poincare and members of his cabinet, President Barthou, of the reparations commission and other officials.

A full week's work still remains before the plan will be in shape for presentation to the allied premiers at their conference here beginning January 2. The points on which no agreement was reached yesterday include the project to take over the customs administration of the Rhineland as a productive guarantee and the means to be taken to hasten, in accord with the other allies, the flotation of an international loan to enable Germany to stabilize the mark and pay reparations.

Military Move Not Planned.

The government is emphasizing that the newspapers that no military measures for the seizure of territory are contemplated, but merely steps to assure the payment of the reparations due France under the Versailles treaty.

France has a right to reparations from Germany and in default of payment she will take guarantees. This is the point of view set forth in today's Temps dealing with yesterday's meeting at the French foreign office to lay out this country's programme for the meeting of the allied premiers on January 2.

"It is useless asking her if those guarantees will be more or less productive," the Temps declares. "The policy hitherto pursued has produced nothing at all."

Bankruptcy Is Fought.

"Even if we suppose that the seizure of guarantees produces very little," the newspaper says, "it is inevitable—nobody can deny that there is infinite distance between nothing and the smallest positive quantity. It is that infinity which the French intend to put between themselves and bankruptcy."

This is my first Christmas in a Christian land and four years ago I was a poor, uneducated, and unlettered man. I was a member of the American unofficial delegation to the Lausanne peace conference.

While declining to discuss the Turk situation, he intimated that Turkey should at least be given a chance for national development. It is understood his explanation of the deadlock at Lausanne is that it is the first time since the armistice that the allied powers have been able to frame a treaty on a basis of equality with a nation reluctant though prepared to renew warfare to obtain a lasting workable peace.

3 OF FAMILY ARE SLAIN

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mas tree with the dolls on her breast. The mother faints.

One pistol was found in Neuriter's hand. The other two, empty, but with the barrels powder-fouled, lay on a table amid Christmas gifts and a litter of tinsel, string and paper.

Neuriter's pockets were many letters from which he had torn names and addresses. One note still had the signature, "William Carroll." The note told how to reach the Engel home in this city. At a safe in Seattle of which Neuriter was formerly part owner it was said that Neuriter and Carroll were friends. A sister of Neuriter is said to live on Long Island, New York. During the war Neuriter worked in ship yards here.

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Lot 3—Choice at 25c Each

Big Clean-Up Sale
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Lot 1—At 25c
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Half Price and Less
A drastic clean-up of all soiled or mused pieces in this season's styles in Women's Neckwear. An assortment too extensive and too varied to describe in this limited space. The most surprising values are in store for the prudent shoppers who respond to this sale. Don't miss it.

Handsome Beaded Tunics at \$19.75
A most exceptional opportunity to secure a handsome Evening Gown at a very small price. You have choice from our entire stock of Beaded Tunics at one price regardless of worth or former selling figures. Included are many handsome effects in black and colors—jade, maize, blue, orchid, brown, etc. They come in both fine nets and crepes.

All Fur Trimmings and Collars to Close at Half Price
If you have need of Fur Trimmings for any purpose don't fail to attend this sale, for you have unrestricted choice from all widths and kinds at exactly one-half regular price. And at the same reduction we are closing out all Fur Collars.

A Closing Out of a Fine Line of Women's Velour Coats With Fur Collar
At a Ridiculously Low Price **\$23.95**
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To the woman or young lady who would purchase a fashionable new Coat to round out the season at far less than real worth, we recommend this sale as of unusual importance because of the great saving made possible by this special underpricing of a fine lot of Velour Coats in full-lined models with Fur Collar and trimmings of fancy stitching and embroidered work. Others come in the popular sport models in plaid back materials. All sizes from 16 to 44 are in the assortment and all are priced for this sale at \$23.95.

Children's Fur Sets at \$2.65
While they remain we offer all our white and brown Coney Fur Sets, consisting of collar and muff for children, at the above low price.

Jap Crepe Kimonos at \$2.65
A closing out of all odd numbers in Jap Crepe Kimonos at this low figure. Included are those in plain colors and embroidered styles.

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