

CHRISTMAS HAS SPIRIT SEIZES ALL GOTIAMS

Rich and Poor Join in Last-Minute Preparations.

THOUSANDS GET BASKETS

Salvation Army Distributes Checks to 25,000, While Other Organizations Share Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Salvation Army lassie climbed the rickety stairs of a tenement in the lower east side today to a room where an aged blind woman sat alone.

"The Salvation Army means you a merry Christmas and leaves you a little gift to help you enjoy the spirit of the day," she said, placing a huge bag in the old woman's lap.

"About the same time, on upper Fifth avenue, an indigent father was trying to sneak a \$16,000 silver-trimmed roadster into the garage to help his only daughter enjoy the spirit of the day."

Somewhere in between these incidents lay the typical spirit. It is certain that the "spirit of the day" descended on New York early and with all its old-time fervor.

Salvation army workers distributed about 25,000 Christmas bags of food, clothing, goodies and toys. The Knights of Columbus distributed 2300 baskets, and workers for other organizations were busy on similar missions.

Women workers from the Humane society stopped every team that passed on Seventh avenue and fed the horses apples and carrots.

Many organizations, including city departments, gave Christmas parties for poor children, and many are planned for tomorrow and Monday.

WHITE HOUSE PLANS FEW

Mrs. Harding's Illness Prevents Christmas Celebration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Christmas at the White House will be a quiet affair because of Mrs. Harding's illness.

There will be no house guests and no Christmas party. Mrs. Harding has made any holiday plans. She may come downstairs in her wheelchair for a Christmas dinner.

As a Christmas present to the thousands of government employees, President Harding issued an executive order closing the government departments at noon today and at that hour most high officials also closed up their desks and went home.

The senate, too, joined in the early beginning of the Christmas season, holding only a short session, but the house went ahead with the consideration of appropriation bills.

FARMER SCATTERS MONEY

Idaho Man Lands in Hospital When Gifts Become Numerous.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An excess of Christmas good will tonight landed Gus Malackas, aged 43, who says he is an Idaho farmer, in the psychiatric hospital.

En route to Chicago on a Chicago & Northwestern train Malackas, carrying \$120 in cash and two suitcases, each secured with a huge padlock, began distributing his money among the passengers and crew.

The conductor, after receiving a \$500 present, collected the funds again and turned the farmer over to the police. At the police station Malackas handed the captain's secretary \$1000 and told him to go out and buy a turkey for Christmas.

Reports from more than 60 markets in the Chicago district indicate that King turkey will rule at more Christmas dinners this year than ever before, according to local packing-house officials here today.

GERMANY THANKS AMERICA

Millions of Marks Collected for Relief of Needy.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—President Ebert, in a Christmas communication, cordially acknowledged private financial relief from the United States for the benefit of Germany's children, invalids and needy.

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Christmas Dinner Monday, December 25th Served in the Gold Room—12 to 9 P. M. \$1.50 Ripe Olives Multnomah Chew Chow Stuffed Celery Canape Russe Olympia Oyster Cocktail Consomme Profiterole Filet of English Sole, Ravigote Sauce Saratoga Potatoes Shrimp Pattie, Cardinal Cranberry Sauce Roast Suckling Pig, Cumberland Sauce Prime Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding French Peas Potatoes O'Brien au gratin Mince Pie Asparagus Mayonnaise Apple Pie a la mode Fresh Fruit Parfait Tea Coffee Milk Special Sunday Dinner, \$1.50 Served in the Gold Room—5:00 to 9:00 P. M.

KANSAS ASKS NEW LAWS GOVERNOR-ELECT STRESSES PLATFORM PLANKS. Both Houses of Legislature Are Overwhelmingly Republican; Highway System Urged.

EMINENT SCHOLAR DEAD Professor Delitzsch, Noted German Assyriologist, Passes.

\$2,500,000 Business Done. SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Oregon Co-operative association, with headquarters in Salem, has done a business aggregating \$2,500,000 during the year, for the prohibition agents, big advertising campaign was conducted by Robert Paulus, manager of the concern.

Hotel Campbell 23d and Hoyt Clare B. Garoutte Cecil M. Ellison Proprietors Christmas Dinner December 25th 5 to 7 P. M. MENU Shrimp Louis Cocktail Ripe Olives Salted Almonds Pickled Peaches Du Barry Soup Sweet Bread Cutlets, Cream Sauce Frozen Egg Nog Roast Oregon Turkey Oyster Dressing Full power to investigate, advise and recommend and give all said facts, advice and recommendations to the public.

A Merry Christmas to All My Friends and Patrons DR. WHEAT OPTOMETRIST Eyesight Specialist Suite 207 Morgan Bldg.

A Merry Xmas to all our patrons Now Showing New Year Cards Diaries for 1923 Calendars, etc. THE A. W. SCHMALE BOOK SHOP 290 Morrison St. Phone Main 9137. Open Evenings.

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Big Salem Building Sold. SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The McCormack building, which is one of the largest in the business district, was sold today to Dr. B. L. Steves, president of the Salem Bank of Commerce, and W. W. Moore, capitalist. The consideration was \$85,000, it was said. The structure will be remodeled at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The three upper floors will be used for offices, while the lower floor and basement will be occupied by a mercantile establishment.

Clarke's Flowers for Christmas Let us help you make the holiday giving a matter of real satisfaction to you. Our flowers have a reputation of 25 years' standing for freshness, variety and quality.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE. Poinsettias, bright red, \$2.00 to \$ 6.00 each Cyclamen, all colors... \$1.50 to \$ 6.00 each Begonias, pink flowers, \$2.00 to \$ 4.00 each Primroses, lav. flowers, \$1.50 to \$ 2.50 each Peppers, red fruit... \$2.00 to \$ 2.50 each Cherries, bright fruit... \$2.00 to \$ 3.00 each Azaleas, all colors... \$5.00 to \$10.00 each Baskets Flowering Plants, \$3.00 to \$15 each

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