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Pullman Firm Plans Lav-off Of 3,000 Soon

CHICAGO (UP)—The Pullman Co. announced Thursday that it will lay off 3,000 employes at repair shops in Chicago and four other cities for a period of four weeks.

The company said the layoff longest since before World War will extend from Dec. 27 to

Jan. 24. It will affect 950 employes of the Chicago shops and the remaind erest St. Louis; Buffalo, N.Y.; Wil mington, Del., and Richmond

Fred Boeckelman, manager of employe relations, said the layoffs are necessitated by declining rev-

Meanwhile, the Order of Railway Conductors announced it has accepted the recommendations of a presidential fact finding board for a 5 cent hourly pay raise for

about 2000 Pullman conductors. A. Guy Wise, executive vice president of the union, said the raise would amount to about \$10.25 a month. The union originally sought a \$21.50 monthly increase.

Wise said the union would meet with the company shortly to nego-tiate minor issues and sign the new contract.

Santa Cheers Party for Blind In 'Toyland'

By NELSON W. NEAL United Press Staff Correspondent DETROIT, Mich. (UP)-Santa Claus kept a date in toyland with more than 200 boys and girls Wed-

nesday night. Many of them never had seen Santa before. Many never will see him for the rest of their lives. They are blind. But they tenderly stroked his snow-white beard and laughed when he whispered strange promises in their ears.

Some cried. More than 60 of the children at the annual toyland party sponsored by the Ernst Kern department store were the sons and daughters

of blind parents. For the sightless, Toyland was only a world of strange and wonderful sounds, the touch of a cuddly panda bear; the feel of the smooth, straight lines of an electric train. A lot of free hot dogs, ice cream, pop and some kiddieland rides were tossed in for good measure.

Eighth Year It was the eighth consecutive year the big department store has thrown open its doors to blind famllies after regular shopping hours.

"My two children can see, but I'm blind," one young mother explained. "I came to this party last year and had a chance to inspect some of the toys my children wanted by just feeling the toys and trying them out."

But no sales are ever made at the department store party. Store officials say it would be "too com-

The parties were suggested in 1946 by Harry Hunter of Detroit, himself blind and president of the Associated Blind Activities. He has worked each year with the store officials to make the party a success. Hunter's wife, Olga, is also blind, but they have two children with good vision.

The Lions Club furnished transportation to the affair. Clerks at the store volunteered their services to stay overtime as hosts and host-

Wait to "See" Santa
Long lines of children waited to "see" Santa. Some were frightened when placed on his lap. Others tenderly stroked his white hair and his red velvet suit. A freckle-faced chap tried to bite Santa's nose, but the jolly old man ducked in time.

Four-year-old Linda Hamm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hamm, approached Santa cautiously in her dark world. Her mother and father, also blind, encouraged her from the sidelines.

When Linda climbed from Santa's lap she felt for the waiting arms of her parents, and laughed joyously when she told them of get-ting a box of candy from the old

"Well, did you see Santa Claus?"
her father asked innocently.
"Yes, I did," the little girl shouted. "I said I wanted a piano when
I say Santa."

rounded by Christmas trees tinsel and all the greens and reds and yellows of toyland, the little girl looked straight ahead in the darkness.

Agreement Ends **Smelter Strike** Near Spokane

SPOKANE In - Agreement was reached Wednesday to end a four and one-half month strike of workers at the Grandview Mine and Mill near Metaline Falls, an of-ficials of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers

reported.

J. L. Daugherty, international representative of the union, said the agreement, calling for a five per cent pay boost, is subject to ratification of the union members. In addition to the five per cent increase, he said, the contract would also allow a retroactive increase of five cents per hour for

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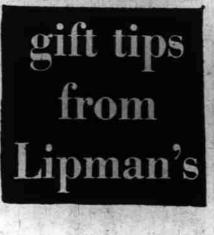
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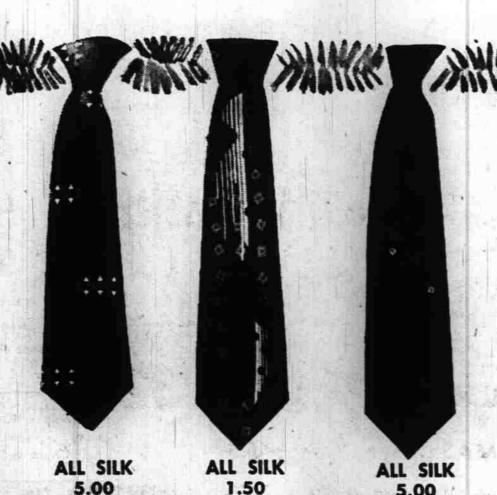
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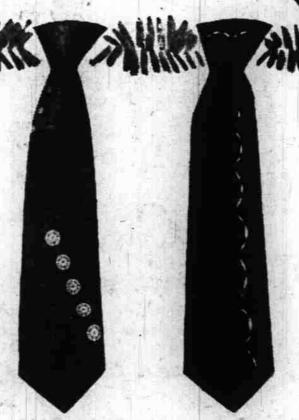




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