City's Biggest Yuletide Gives Thousands Joy

Hosts of Children, Hospital Patients and Needy Families Are Guests of Christmas Benefactors

Curb Market Has a Party

Orphan Children Adopted for Day and Baskets Are Sent Out by Thousands

A tired but happy Santa Claus went to bed about 4 o'clock this morning in Kris Kingle Villa, Arctic Circle, fagged out by one of the busiest Christmas trips he has had since Eve's oldest boy fell asleep waiting for him many, many years ago.

Never before, Santa is reported as having confided to Mrs. Claus when he got home, had been such number and variety of presents to deliver. As if that were not enough, reindeer, Mr. Claus declared, are not what they ought to be. Donder and Blitzen's descendants seem to lack the speed and staying power of their forefathers, he asserted, and it may be that next year he will have to go in for some new-fangled means of transportation.

New York, it appears, was an especially heavy piece of work for Santa this year. Despite the allegation that times are hard, he found more to do here than ever. At the last minute, completion of the job proved too much for the old man, who isn't as spry as he once was, and it was necessary for him to accept the offer of a score of civic and charitable organizations, business houses and individuals to carry on for him to-day. All who didn't help yesterday will do so to-day or to-morrow.

Big Party at Curb Market

One of the happiest Christmas Eve parties for youngsters Santa couldn't reach in any other way was held for 600 yesterday afternoon on the floor of the New York curb market. There was a vaudeville show of a dozen acts, including clowns and trained goats, and a couple of assistant Santa Clauses, in the uniform of their office, to distribute presents to the lucky children.

The harbor police, under command of Marine Inspector Hallock, carried happiness to one hundred children of city employees on Barren Island. There were two Christmas trees and a great many toys, contributed by members of the New York Produce Exchange. Patrolman Thomas F. Mulligan appeared as Santa Claus, and all present said he looked enough like the Christmas saint to be his brother.

Seventeen orphan boys and girls got the greatest of all Christmas presents—a home—yesterday through the activities of the Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children. "Going home for Christmas" meant something to them at last. And seventeen husbands and wives, mothers and fathers at heart, know by now that all the Christmases they used to think were happy were only meagerly so by comparison.

Four hundred well-filled baskets were distributed yesterday afternoon from the clubhouse of the Tammany Central Association of the 12th Assembly District. Before that the club entertained 1,500 children at a matinee morning in Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater.

Children of the regiment were entertained yesterday afternoon by members of the 308th Infantry at the 77th Division clubhouse. Two big Christmas trees held gifts for all. The day before the club had a Christmas dinner for fifty unemployed ex-service men.

Hospital Children Cheered

Louis Krohnberg, of 303 Fifth Avenue, gave his fourth annual Christmas party for children on Thursday. Two hundred and ten were brought from the Metropolitan Hospital, Welfare Island, and after a sightseeing trip about the city had dinner at a big restaurant. Toys and dolls were distributed, and the day ended with a matinee at the Hippodrome.

Seven hundred children of the West Side were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Campbell at the annual entertainment and gift distribution at The Funeral Church. A Santa Claus presented each child with a woolen cap, muffler, a pair of gloves, two pairs of stockings and a box of candy and fruit.

Nine hundred patients in the various city hospitals will receive to-day presents sent for them to Health Commissioner Copeland. Each hospital will have a tree, decorated by Miss Mildred Lumm, and Dr. Copeland will visit each in turn.

Wards and prisoners in other public institutions will be well provided for. There will be dinners and trees, where possible, in each, and the inmates will be given clothing and other gifts donated by generous persons. Special religious services will be held in all the institutions, including the Tombs and the prisons on all the islands.

Twenty-three hundred children will receive warm clothing and other gifts at Christmas parties given at the plants of the Robins Dry Dock and Repair Company, Clinton Dry Docks, Inc., and the Tebo Yacht Basin Company, Brooklyn. Each little guest will be presented with an overcoat, stockings, cap and tie, 50 cents in money and a lot of candies and fruits.

K. of C. to Aid 2,000 Families

More than 2,000 poor families will receive their Christmas baskets to-day through the Knights of Columbus. Children in orphanages and hospitals will be entertained and supplied with books and toys.

William Wood, of the Hotel Gotham, will play host to 100 disabled veterans from the Fox Hills Hospital in the ballroom of the hotel this afternoon. There will be a dinner and a tree, with presents for everybody; vaudeville, jazz band music and a boxing match in which Jack Britton will oppose "the champion of Ireland."

One thousand children will be made happy at the MacDowall Lyceum this morning. A representative of Santa Claus will be present to distribute gifts from a huge tree.

Singer Company Gives $250 Each to 50-Year Employees

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 24.—Walter F. Dixon, general superintendent here for the Singer Manufacturing Company, called to his office to-day just before the closing hour twenty-three employees who have been in the service of the company more than fifty years each. Each of them received a Christmas present of $250 from the company. Mr. Dixon said there were eight others who had been with the company forty-nine years who would receive gifts also.

Rain Puts Off Carols

The Tree of Light in Madison Square was illuminated last night, but the program of music was postponed on account of inclement weather. It will begin at noon to-day with the singing of Christmas carols. A wireless phonograph concert will follow. There will be another wireless concert at 5 p. m. and community singing at 8 p. m.

World Leaders Greet America, Confident New Era Is Here

Statesmen of Many Nations Join in Christmas Messages Expressing Faith That Arms Conference Will Usher In Permanent Peace

Christmas messages have been addressed to the American people by the leading statesmen of many countries. They follow:

By Aristide Briand
Premier of France

It is a pleasure for me to send at Christmas my best wishes to the great American nation. In particular I express, through The Associated Press, my most ardent hopes for the realization of the American ideals for peace. France, who has suffered so much from the war, will always work to maintain peace in the world. She thinks, as the American people well understand, that her own security is an essential condition for that peace.

By Viscount Bryce
Former Ambassador to United States
(By The Associated Press)

I rejoice in the progress made by the Washington conference and in the concurrence of the American and British delegates in this momentous step forward along the path to peace and good will among the nations.

By Alvaro Obregon
President of Mexico
Special Cable Dispatch to The Tribune

I avail myself with pleasure of the columns of The New York Tribune to send my Christmas greetings to all the sons of the great republic and to wish that every American home be filled today with the most genuine cheerfulness.

By Michael Collins
Leader of the Irish Republican Army
Special Cable Dispatch to The Tribune

This time last year we were being hunted and we were hunting. This year we are neither hunted nor hunting. This is typical of the change from last year to this.

At almost this very hour on Christmas Eve last year five of us, all wanted men, were having something to eat after a hard day, when a party of auxiliary police dashed into a room and told us to put up our hands while they searched us. One of them ran his hands through my hair. They searched us head and foot and then went away. They thought we were ordinary hotel guests.

I purpose to spend Christmas at my ancestral home in County Cork, which was set on fire last summer by the British forces as an official reprisal. I have not been home since Christmas Eve of 1916, when I was released from the Frongoch internment camp in Wales.

We are facing the future with high hopes and the greatest confidence that the inherent strength of the Irish nation will enable it to achieve its destiny in a free world.

By Sir James Craig
Premier of Northern Ireland
(By The Associated Press)

On behalf of Great Britain's youngest offspring I gladly express Ulster's complete confidence in Mr. Balfour [head of the British delagation at the Washington conference] and his colleagues in their endeavors to secure permanent good will among the nations. This effort in the United States to promote universal trust and freedom from war sanctifies the American soil and emphasizes the greatness of her people.

Ulster will rejoice with the world if there radiate from Washington this Christmas season the tidings of international peace, which will in the hearts of all of us add yet another star to the folds of "Old Glory."

By Friedrich Ebert
President of Germany
(By The Associated Press)

Yuletide and New Year's throughout history have been for man and nations alike the occasion for self-communion and spiritual retrospection—a period when each is wont to make pause and strike a balance between the measure of human aspirations and the volume of their achievements. The last year has witnessed the noble endeavors, especially on the part of the people of the United States and their President, to once again bring a world which is out of joint into harmony with the spirit of Christmas.

In the present hour of their struggle for national existence the German people warmly welcome every gain recorded in the progress toward world betterment, and on this Christmas morning they permit themselves to express to the American people and their distinguished Executive their heartfelt wishes for a successful consummation of their noble endeavors in behalf of peace on earth and reconciliation among nations.

By Tomasso Tittoni
President of the Italian Senate
(By The Associated Press)

The conference at Washington has regulated in a very satisfactory way one great international problem, that of the Pacific and the Far East. Assuring good relations among America, England and Japan, it has made a precious contribution to the cause of peace. On this President Harding can truly felicitate himself for his noble initiative. There remain intact all the difficult international problems of Europe, especially those of economic reconstruction. They are too obscure now to make prognostigations or to manifest hope. A little more light will come when we know the results of the conference at Cannes.

Mail Them Early Slogan Saves U. S. Usual Postal Glut

Biggest Christmas Volume in History Handled With Celerity; Better Business Conditions Are Reflected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (By The Associated Press).—Officials of the Postoffice Department left their desks tonight convinced that the American people had begun to practice "mail early for Christmas."

While the nearly one-third million persons in the postal service staggered under a load which appears, when viewed as statistics, to be the largest volume of Christmas mail in history, reports from several thousand divisional and minor offices showed plainly, it was declared, that the mails had been moved smoothly and with dispatch and, above all, without the usual "peak."

Dr. Hubert Work, First Assistant Postmaster General, declared this was due to the "fine co-operation of the people and the splendid, efficient service of the employees." The response to Postmaster General Hays's appeal for an early mailing of Christmas packages was "more hearty than we could have hoped," Dr. Work said.

The indication of a great increase in the Christmas mail was viewed as significant by many government officials, who declared it showed a betterment in the nation's economic condition. It reflected, it was said, better markets, busier factories, fewer unemployed. They also believed it revealed a closer knit American nation, for transcontinental as well as local mail was heavier. Mention was made in the reports of postmasters and railway mail service heads of the higher percentage of registered and insured packages and the tremendous volume of parcel post matter as indicative of the rising tide of business.

As shown by the Postoffice Department charts, mails that could accurately be charged to the Christmas period began to increase in volume about December 10. In the next ten days the flow of greetings and packages continued steadily, and, although increasing gradually, it got beyond the capacity of few important postoffices to dispatch or deliver with celerity. Even stormy weather in some sections did not cause what has hitherto been an annual jam in the mails, the reports showed.

Great cities like New York and Chicago, important gateways as at midcontinent rail division points, and the hundreds of lesser relay stations for the mails met the flood tide and turned it into its proper channels promptly, delayed only to the extent that railway service was impaired by its burden of homeward bound travelers, according to Dr. Work. He said in this connection that, as far as records show, never in recent years has less mail reached division points "unworked" or unsorted for its prompt transfer.

Santa Brings $736,400 Boat

Staten Island Gets a New Ferry From the City

Staten Island's Christmas present from the City of New York was a new ferryboat costing $736,400. The President Roosevelt had its official trial trip yesterday, went through its paces satisfactorily and was delivered by the Staten Island Shipbuilding Company to Commissioner Grover A. Whalen of the Department of Plant and Structures at the St. George terminal of the Staten Island municipal ferry.

The new boat will be put in commission Tuesday in the service between Manhattan and Staten Island. On that day, at noon, the Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Barbara Frietchie Post, American Legion, will escort Mayor Hylan to the Whitehall Street terminal, raise the American and city flags on the new ferryboat and make the trip to Staten Island and return to Whitehall Street, after which the President Roosevelt will take its place in the regular service.

28 Police Receive Promotion as a Christmas Gift

Two Lieutenants Made Captains and Seven Sergeants and Nineteen Patrolmen Are Raised

Christmas presents in the form of promotions and transfers were yesterday announced by Richard E. Enright, Police Commissioner, to two lieutenants, seven sergeants and nineteen patrolmen.

Those made captains were Lieutenant Lawrence E. Patterson, of Fifth Avenue station, Brooklyn, and Lieutenant Peter I. Tighe, of Morrisania station, the Bronx.

Promoted to lieutenants were Sergeants John W. Lagavenne, of Brownsville station, Brooklyn; Oscar C. Reimer, of Glendale station, Queens; James J. Gegan, head of the bomb squad; John J. Hennessy, of Beach Street station, Manhattan; Joseph N. Gassman, of Ralph Avenue station, Brooklyn; Brooks Gulager, of High Bridge station, the Bronx, and John J. Seary, of the Health Department.

The patrolmen promoted to be sergeants were: Robert Tatnell and William T. Doyle, of Bathgate Avenue station, the Bronx; Francis J. Hedden, Frederic J. McKenna and George A. Maud, of the Health Department; Thomas M. Griffith, 12th Inspection District; John A. Hoard, Herbert Street station, Brooklyn; Thomas Connors, Greenpoint Avenue station, Brooklyn; Harry Kent, Mercer Street station; Thomas J. Egan, Traffic Squad F, Bronx; Burton L. Royce, Traffic A; Jeremiah O'Connor and Michael Tierney, of Traffic B; Thomas F. J. Kerrigan, Sixth Avenue station, Brooklyn; Charles Strasser, Morrisania station, the Bronx; Joseph A. Donelon and Max Lowe, detective division; John J. Lynch, of the East Twenty-second Street station, and Thomas J. Ryan, of East 126th Street station.

Captain Patterson, it was announced, will have charge of the Fifth Avenue station, Brooklyn, and Captain Tighe will have charge of the West New Brighton station, Staten Island.

Commissioner Enright also announced the transfer of two captains to serve as assistants to inspectors, a post newly created. Captain James F. Shaw leaves the Mercer Street station to assist Inspector Thomas T. Ryan in the 2d Inspection District and Captain James Troy leaves the Fifth Avenue station, Brooklyn, to become assistant to Inspector James Bolan in the 3d Inspection District.

The transfer of several captains to other stations, effective at 12:01 a. m. this morning, also was announced. Captain John J. Lantry leaves the West New Brighton station on Staten Island to take command of the Webster Avenue station in the Bronx; Captain James A. Brady leaves Webster Avenue to take charge of the Morrisania station, and Captain Theodore D. Miller leaves the Morrisania station to take charge of the Mercer Street station.

1,300 Children Guests At Proctor's Theater

Proctor's Fifth Avenue Theater, Broadway and Twenty-eighth Street, was crowded yesterday morning with 1,300 children gathered from the neighborhood, who were entertained for two and a half hours by Proctor vaudeville "headliners" and by "Babe" Ruth.

When the "Babe" appeared the children went wild, and it was with great difficulty that they were quieted so that the baseball star could tell them how glad he was to be with them. A similar reception was accorded to Alfred Goullet, winner of the six-day bicycle race, before he was allowed to display his mastery of the wheel.

Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland made a brief speech; Harry Breen, the vaudeville "nut," was attired as a clown for the first time in his stage career and entertained the youngsters immensely, and Joe Cook acted as the announcer. When the show was over each child was given a box of candy.

Hylan's Christmas Message an Appeal For Civic Good Will

Citizens Should Cultivate Spirit of Real Charity While Nations Scrap Armaments, Mayor Declares

Mayor Hylan issued the following Christmas greeting to the people of the city yesterday:

"CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!"

"To the People of the City of New York: This Christmas America is at peace with all the world. The permanence of this peace can be promoted by international good will and amity. To achieve this happy end the great nations of the earth are scrapping unnecessary armament. As citizens we can aid by driving out of our hearts all grudges and hates, remembering that the greatest achievements of our country lie in the paths of peace.

"In the vast City of New York it is highly important that the spirit of good will and charity should prevail. Racially, this is the largest Jewish, Italian, Irish and negro city, as well as the third largest German city, in the world. But we are all brothers; we are all children of the same God. Concord and harmony will best be advanced by respect and toleration for each other and the welding of all racial groups by the everlasting bond of love. Let us remember that love was the greatest thing in the life of Him who sought to create a real brotherhood of man on His wearisome pilgrimage from Bethlehem to Calvary.

"In the highways and byways of our busy city the bleak and chill of winter days will find many a cheerless fireside where cold and want will be the only companions of the poor. In these dreary homes little children must appeal in vain for creature comforts and the gifts of Christmastide to impoverished fathers and mothers who would give life itself and think naught of the sacrifice to bring happiness to their loved ones.

"Those who have been blessed with this world's goods should cast a ray of sunshine and gladness into the dark and dismal corners of these forgotten homes. Give to the little children of the poor and bring the smiles back to the wistful faces. Then there will come the warmth and glow of real happiness—that happiness that comes from service to others.

"Let this spirit of charity kindled at Christmas be kept aflame throughout the coming year and the years that lie ahead, that we may speed the fruitage of the seeds of love and kindness which He scattered on the stony hills of Judea almost twenty centuries ago."

U. S. Fighting Men Get Christmas Greetings

Weeks, Denby and Lejeune Send Yuletide Messages to All Service Men

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Holiday greetings to members of the various branches of the American Military Establishment were extended to-night by Secretaries Weeks and Denby and Major General Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps.

Secretary Weeks's message said in part:

"This year has been critical and important. The foundation of our national defense has been laid in accordance with a definite military policy—the first in the history of our government. The new year promises much constructive work in the development of the army of the United States."

Secretary Denby's message, which was flashed to all ships and stations, said in part:

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have complete confidence that you will ever keep the navy an organization in which we may take a just pride and which will command the respect of our fellow countrymen. Carry on."

General Lejeune's message said:

"Every one stationed at headquarters has my heartfelt good wishes for the holiday season.

"I desire also to express my appreciation of the faithful, loyal service you have given to corps and country during 1921, and hope that the New Year may bring you success and happiness."

Horses Get Their Oats From Boston Santa Claus

Carrying Out of Old Custom Indicates Equine Power Still Does Its Share of Work

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—There is a Santa Claus for horses, and he made Postoffice Square his headquarters here for the day. Following his annual custom he was on hand early to gladden the hearts of his equine friends with quantities of good oats, apples and carrots. Each animal was entitled to four quarts of the grain with the garnishes, and a few lumps of sugar thrown in at the end.

In other years a thousand or more horses have found their way into the square to the big Christmas tree set up for them, from the lower branches of which the pails of good things were suspended. The extent to which horse-drawn vehicles turned to the square to-day showed the horse still is doing his part of the world's work.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which established Santa Claus in his horse headquarters, also had a bite to eat for the drivers who brought their charges to the feast.

Cudgel That Foiled Bear Hangs on Christmas Tree

Oil Worker Thus to Celebrate His Beating of Belligerent Animal in Forest

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Daniel Sherwin, an oil worker in the wilderness south of this city, will hang a piece of iron pipe among the ornaments of the family Christmas tree, he said to-day in relating how the metal had helped him beat off an attack by a black bear in Tram Hollow, near the Pennsylvania state line, yesterday.

Sherwin, on the way to his pumping station, came face to face with Bruin on the trail. The bear opened the attack with a stroke of its forepaw which tore away Sherwin's coat sleeve and scratched the flesh of his arm. Sherwin brought the piece of iron pipe down on the bear's nose and turned and ran toward a boiler house, some hundred feet away.

Once during the race the bear got close enough to Sherwin to bring its claws down his back, but another blow from the iron pipe saved him, and the bear ran for the bush as Sherwin fell exhausted at the boiler house door.

B. Altman & Co. Pass Out $350,000 Christmas Checks

Employees of the firm of B. Altman & Co. had a Christmas surprise yesterday in the form of substantial checks added to their weekly salaries. Between $350,000 and $400,000 was distributed to 4,000 employees through the Altman Foundation, of which Colonel Michael Friedsam is president.

The money was shared by the boys and girls acting as messengers and clerks, as well as by those in important posts.

Harding Sends Father $100 as Holiday Gift

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, to-day received a check for $100 from the White House, his son's usual Christmas gift.

Liner on Christmas Trip Takes a Gift Tree Along

Scythia's Cabin Passengers to Have Celebration, and Steerage Will Be Remembered

The Cunard liner Scythia left port yesterday for Liverpool with a fairly large passenger complement made up chiefly of persons who had been called abroad on business and will be obliged to spend Christmas at sea.

E. C. Moore, the ship's purser, who will have charge of the holiday festivities at sea, had a large tree erected in the dining saloon upon which will be hung a gift for every one aboard, including the skipper, his officers and crew. Fifty dolls which were dressed by passengers on the westbound trip will be given to children of the steerage and second cabin.

Among the saloon passengers was Delos W. Cooke, of the Cunard Line, who is making the round trip on the Scythia. His wife and son, he said, were traveling in India and he thought it was too lonesome to spend Christmas in New York alone.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday from Hamburg was the Baroness von Thermann, wife of the German Charge d'Affaires in Washington. She said she was pleased to be in America and that Christmas in the United States would be the first happy holiday she had known since 1914. She expressed a friendly feeling for the United States, remarking that it was American food that saved the life of her husband while he was a prisoner in Russia.

Among others on board were Dr. Erich Kraske, the newly appointed German Consul General in New York, and Frau Maria Ivogun-Erbe, a German singer; Dr. C. O. Mailloux, who has been lecturing at the Sorbonne, and the Marquise de Molinari.

4,000 Youngsters Hail Salvation Army's Biggest Christmas Party

Happy Throng Jams 9th Regiment Armory, Where Santa Claus Distributes Dinner Baskets, Toys, Candy and Popcorn

With three or four thousand youngsters off the sidewalks of New York whistling shrilly through their teeth in the approved American fashion, Salvation Santa pranced the length of the 9th Regiment Armory yesterday afternoon and took his place beneath a forty-foot composite Christmas tree, causing about 200 urchins to fall off their chairs with joy.

It was the Salvation Army's annual and greatest Christmas party for the poor. Not less than 6,000 women and children were sitting and standing inside the armory on the big drill floor, with a patiently waiting line of 500 more outside.

Evangeline Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard and her three adopted children were on the platform at the western end of the floor in front of the giant tree. It took about thirty smaller trees to build up the big one, but if the tree was a synthetic product the enthusiasm of the wriggling audience was genuine.

On both sides of the platform were piled baskets of uncooked dinners, each with a chicken; pink packages of toys, and bags of the standard Christmas confections of popcorn and brittle candy. There were 4,000 baskets, 3,500 toys, and several thousand bags of popcorn and candy.

With all this seeming plenty, Commissioner Thomas Estill said that he had given out 2,000 more tickets than he had obtained provision for, and he was hoping some additional Santa Claus with a populous henroost would lay the foundations for two or three thousand more baskets.

Throughout the musical program that continued until Santa Claus appeared and made his way through the whistles and gurgles of Tony and Marie and Prasnysz and Masha, the audience kept as still as possible. Commander Booth, who went to the party from a sickbed, was introduced. In addition to the band, there were selections on the cornet, ocarina and the marimbaphone, as well as solo and chorus singing.

After the confusion and squirming attending Salvation Santa's arrival had subsided the red, green, white and golden lights in the synthetic tree were turned on and the distribution began.

Some of the youngsters had to be glued to their seats before things could proceed with order, but in a few minutes the guests understood that they would get their chickens, toys and popcorn by their numbered groups, and Group 1 stepped forward, Indian file.

Commander Booth left early, but Mrs. Shepard remained until the distribution was well under way. It was several hours before the last remembrance was handed out. There were still some 2,500 whose hands could not be filled.

Five thousand baskets in all had been provided, but a thousand of them were sent to Brooklyn. Funds for more will be welcome at 122 West Fourteenth Street.

Legion Issues Last Christmas Plea to Give Veterans Jobs

William F. Deegan, state commander of the American Legion, issued a final appeal to all employers of labor yesterday, urging that they observe Christmas by making a place in their organizations for jobless ex-soldiers.

The Legion, through the city employment bureau, has made efforts to provide a "job for every man for Christmas," but while the response has been very good, many ex-soldiers are still without jobs.

Christmas Mail at Boston A Third Larger This Year

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—This year's Christmas mail through the Boston postoffice was fully 30 per cent heavier than in 1920, officials of the Railway Mail Service said to-night.

Nearly four million pieces of parcel post were handled in the postal district. On Friday 780,000 postcards were sent out from the central postoffice.

Policewomen Play Santa Claus to 600 Children of Poor

Shivering Youngsters Are Given Presents at Tree in Mrs. Loft's Precinct House; Mayor Is Present

Women police of the city, under Special Deputy Police Commissioner Mrs. George W. Loft, assisted by Mayor Hylan, played the role of Santa Claus to 600 poor children at the policewomen's station house, 434 West Thirty-seventh Street, yesterday afternoon.

Long before the doors of the station house were thrown open the line of ill-clothed, shivering but happily expectant youngsters formed in the street. When the doors opened at 2 o'clock they stormed inside. In the center of the room a gayly decorated Christmas tree stood loaded with glittering ornaments and lighted with tiny lamps.

Acting Captain John C. Amon, Mrs. Loft and Mayor Hylan played a triple role of Santa Claus. At the foot of the tree were hundreds of dolls and boxes of candy. As Santa Claus began to hand out the presents to the little ones they gave three cheers. Each of the little girls received a box of candy, a sweater and a doll. The boys received the same, with the exception that they were given a game instead of a doll.

As soon as they had received their gifts the children trooped into another room, where each one was fitted with a new pair of shoes. The Mayor and Mrs. Loft helped in passing out the gifts.

The children were chosen from those attending schools in the neighborhood as those most needing assistance. They were recommended by the school teachers and principals as being unable to attend school after Christmas unless they obtained shoes and stockings.

Mrs. Loft announced that in the cases of those children whose parents were extremely poor, the rent would be paid by the precinct.

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