

LIVELY SNOW FIGHT ON STOCK EXCHANGE FLOOR

Brokers Bombard One Another Merrily Before Adjourning for Christmas.

PLAY BALL AROUND POSTS

Members Subscribe \$13,000 to Be Divided Among Employees as Holiday Presents.

There was plenty of movement on the stock exchange yesterday, even if it wasn't in stocks. The duller business day since the summer turned itself into a day of festive Christmas jollification and the tricks and quips that bounded around the big floor kept things lively during the afternoon, when business was almost at a standstill.

The exchange had beehived itself overnight. The trading posts were draped with bunches of holly; the galleries hung with greens and red, and across the big room overhead decorations had strung lines of Christmas holly. Floor traders showed that good sportsmanship is still the order of the day on the Exchange in spite of a year that has been fairly dull of trading, with a few spots. The hang and dash of a good old romping game drove everything else to the winds, as trading slackened the fun grew wilder. It started with baseball, turned into basketball with all neighboring lots that offered, worked out into just plain tag and mid showers of confetti and swirling streamers of tape and pieces of torn up pads of the brokers, ended in a lively young snowball fight and avalanches of snow from the galleries on the heads of unsuspecting brokers below.

A number of members already had gone out of town to their country places for New Christmas. There were a few members left of the younger crowd, however, and among them the best spirits on the floor. Buck Buchanan, one of the leaders in merriment, who had just returned after an illness, started off a good deal of the fun with his tale of the visitors—the minister, undertaker and tombstone carver who had called on him during his sickness in his home town on the Hudson. After that it was decided that it was time for a little baseball. The trading posts marked out the bases. Gil Greenway, one time Yale pitcher, slammed a heavy one down the Union Square third base line and home runs were abundant thereafter. Green and pink and yellow confetti was meanwhile being affectionately sprinkled down the necks of the innocent rooters, and brokers who attempted to keep up a semblance of trading were showered from the galleries.

One day youth finally remembered that there was plenty of perfectly useful snow outside. He corralled a few telephone boys and sent them out on a bare call for six baskets full. Snow in broad street at that time of day had forgotten its pristine purity and was readily becoming chocolate. C. P. Halderberg of Henry Clews & Co. took charge of arrangements from then on. He side off with the baskets into the gallery and when the bold crowd had been worked up to the right pitch of active trading by confetti and the scheme standing on the platform directly under the gallery the plot unfolded. W. K. B. Emerson, who affects gray hair surrounding a centre axis, was earnestly scribbling out an order. The avalanche of a snow slide piled down on top of him. It would have been an ordinary citizen. W. K. B. Emerson was not even moved to chuck a bit of the pencil. When the blizzard cleared away he still was seen to be scribbling on his pad.

A snowball fight began with the invading force in the galleries and peace was won with a fusillade of white streaks flying around the big room. The dignified chairman who is charged with leading discipline beat a hasty retreat at the height of the battle. The noise and the booming of the fun kept right on up to closing time.

The employees of the exchange were gaily entertained yesterday with the spreading abroad among them of the annual Christmas gifts. The exchange members had subscribed about \$13,000 for them, which is practically the same as that raised last year.

All through Wall street, among the brokers' offices, there was little change, if any, in the amounts that the firms gave in Christmas presents to their employees. Through the year has been a steady one for the brokers the majority did not take it as an occasion for reducing the Christmas bonuses. The presents ran all the way up from a flat gift of \$5 or \$10 to all in an office, irrespective of position, to \$150 and percentages of yearly salaries from 10 per cent to 20 per cent.

The exchanges looked after their employees in the Cotton Exchange distributed \$5,500 among its fifty or more men. The Produce Exchange \$3,000 among about 140, the Consolidated \$3,000 among about 100 men and the Coffee \$1,500 among about twenty employees.

The trustees of the Union Trust Company of New York have voted the usual bonus of 10 per cent to be paid on the salaries of the clerks and employees of that company.

THIS SANTA CLAUS IS A SPUG.

He Brings Winter Garments to Salvation Army Home Inmates.

The two hundred men who make their home at the Salvation Army Industrial street, 233-537 West Forty-eighth street, received their annual visit from Santa Claus yesterday afternoon, and all agreed that Capt. Emil T. Brink must be at least a first cousin of the good old saint.

Capt. Brink had no false whiskers but was content to personate Santa Claus with his own furrowed face and his beard. He had little to say as he stood before the big tree and gave each man his Christmas gifts. Santa Claus showed true spug spirit and limited his gifts to wearing apparel. There were warm suits and heavy overcoats, hats, shirts, mittens and sweaters and other garments greatly appreciated at this time of the year. To-day the men will have a real turkey dinner.

\$50,000 Home for Girls' Society.

MANCHESTER, Conn., Dec. 24.—The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Mary's Episcopal Church received to-day a Christmas gift valued at \$50,000 or more when Mrs. Arthur Cheney of New York announced that she had given the society her residence and the large grounds surrounding it.

City's Big Christmas Tree Lighted Up



TREE IN POLICE STATION.

Candles Light Up the Yuletide Suburbans in Battle Scared Room.

Ever hear of a Christmas tree in a police station? There was one last night standing in tinsel radiance in the battle scared back room of the old house in East Fifty-first street.

The doorman, Patrolman Charles Buckhardt, brought it in. Said he: "Boys, there are four children at home, so I'm all right. But I got to thinking how a lot of you are young chaps from up State and other foreign countries and can't get home and maybe were missing something you ought to have. So here's the tree. Now do your worst."

TON OF TEACHERS IN COAL CART.

Fifteen Schoolma'ams Delivered to Classrooms Despite Storm.

PATERSON, Dec. 24.—A ton of female school teachers was delivered to Public School 23 this morning. Fifteen teachers were stashed in a trolley car at the River street crossing of the Erie Railroad. To walk to school was out of the question, the snow being three or four feet deep in drifts. Finally a teamster with an empty coal wagon came along. "Give us a lift?" one of the teachers asked.

GOLD CAUSING MUCH DISTRESS AMONG THE POOR

Hundreds are appealing to us for the bare necessities of life. Some need coal, others clothing and shelter and still others food.

Many families, threatened with dispossession, need help to prevent them from being thrown out in the cold. In hundreds of ways our Relief Visitors and Nurses are relieving suffering.

They Appeal Through Us to You to Help Them Out of Dependency.

Neglect of destitute homes leads to chronic poverty, crime or disease. These fresh burdens upon society can be avoided by timely aid.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF THE POOR.

B. FULTON CUTTING, President

TURKEY AND GIFTS FOR ALL NEW YORK'S POOR

Thousands of Unfortunates Will Enjoy a Good Old Fashioned Christmas.

SALVATION ARMY BUSY PREPARES 20,000 BASKETS—BIG TIM'S FEAST IN BOWERY—SAILORS NOT FORGOTTEN.

New York is in for a good old Christmas to-day with a chance to hear the tinkle of sleigh bells and see the small boy out with his Christmas sled. This city will also see a display of generosity toward the unfortunates which promises to exceed that of former years. The homeless and the penniless will have no need to be dinnerless to-day.

Heading the list for the big Christmas dinners is that of the Salvation Army, which is to be on a big scale than ever this year. A total of 20,000 poor persons will be provided with Christmas dinners this morning. The scene of this distribution will be the Ninth Regiment Armory, where Miss Eva Booth will preside. There will be a Christmas tree for children at the armory headquarters in the afternoon, when 3,000 poor children will receive gifts.

Another Christmas dinner to-day will be the annual feast for the Bowery. Once a year Big Tim is host in his old haunts, but this year's dinner will lack the big fellow, though it will be just the same in all other respects. At 11 o'clock a long line will form outside the headquarters at 207 Bowery and for hours afterward will be moving slowly in the direction of Big Tim's beautiful board. And each guest gets a ticket for shoes and woolen socks as he leaves.

Frank Tilford's dinner to little mother's will take place at the Murray Hill Laysom. Here 1,000 poor little girls collected by the Little Mothers Aid Association will eat turkey and Christmas good things and each will get a doll and a pair of stockings when she gets through.

The inmates of the Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor, will have a Christmas dinner at the expense of John D. Grimmins. There are about 300 old men and women of all nationalities in the home. At 7 o'clock to-night the Christmas dinner, the same as that of the regular dinner, provided every year by William M. Finess, Jr., in memory of his father, the late William M. Finess.

The Volunteers of America will distribute dinners to poor families to-day and the Children's Aid Society is planning to feed a small multitude scattered among its various homes in this city.

The new to-be-organized to-day that New York hasn't forgotten its sailor transients. At the Catholic Seaman's Mission at 422 West street they have figured that there ought to be 100,000 of a feast at the mission. The dinner will last from 1:30 to 7 P. M. The old Seaman's Church Institute also will dispense Christmas cheer to the sailors.

Outdoor Christmas Eve on the Coast. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—San Francisco's annual open air Christmas Eve celebration was held at Lotta's fountain in the heart of the downtown section to-night. Mild weather favored and the crowd participated. As a prelude to the ceremonious "burning of the hammer" Mrs. Pasquall of the Metropolitan Opera Company sang with a chorus.

Wireless Greeting Round the Globe. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—From the Eiffel Tower in Paris to the naval station at Mare Island all wireless stations will get a New Year's greeting from the new naval wireless station at Arlington, Va., according to announcement made to-day at the Navy Department.

Prepared to Feed 1,500 To-day. The Municipal Lodging House at the foot of East Twenty-fifth street is prepared to feed 1,500 persons to-day. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock. Turkey will be taken to homes whose need has been proved. There will be a Christmas tree, which shoes of all sizes are needed badly.

MRS. TREAT AND BABY NOT LOST. Only Bewildered on Way to Mrs. Bertram's House. Mrs. Morgan Treat and her three-year-old daughter, who were reported missing Monday night, were not lost after all. They were in a hotel and knew where they were, but Mrs. Treat couldn't remember how to get to the home of Mrs. George Bertram, 312 West Fifty-first street, a relative whom she has been visiting.

Gifts for 100,000 Poor Children. PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—Christmas stationers say 17,000 packages of toys were given away at the toy mission during the day. Many of the packages contained presents for small children, making gifts for nearly 100,000 children of the poor. In many mills half the night employees were allowed a "holiday" this evening to finish their Christmas shopping.

Arnold, Constable & Co. WILL HOLD COMMENCING THURSDAY, DEC. 26TH, Their First General Sale of the New 1913 Styles in Men's High Grade Shirts. Over 10,000 New Shirts in This Sale; to Meet Almost Every Possible Need or Occasion—of Finest Fit, Workmanship and Finish—Introducing the Latest and Best Foreign and American Ideas in Styles, Colors and Materials at the Following Substantial Reductions from Regular Prices.

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Marie Antoinette and the Little Trianon. THE dainty elegance we connect with Marie Antoinette may be seen to advantage in her Sleeping Chamber, with its brocaded hangings and delicately carved Furniture, still preserved in all its integrity at her well-loved Little Trianon. Our Reproductions of French Furniture of the Louis XVI. period so faithfully resemble their originals that they create in the modern Bedroom the same atmosphere of elegance and refined grace. The Grand Rapids Furniture Company 34 and 36 West 32d Street Between Fifth Ave. and Broadway New York HAMPTON SHOPS

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