

THE GREAT HEART OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS Public Wards and Drifting Derelicts Included in Yuletide Cheer.

CHILDREN COME FIRST

Great Variety of Entertainment and Gifts for the Poor.

SALVATION ARMY BUSY

Special Effort Made to Provide for the Forgotten Ones.

The Christmas spirit of New York, which appears so overflowing this year, had both hands extended yesterday and the heartening went on all day.

The Salvation Army gave the biggest quantity party and dispensed 5,000 dinner baskets to families and 10,000 toys to children who would have had none otherwise.

The distribution was at the armory of the Ninth Coast Artillery Regiment, in West Fourteenth street, and admission was by ticket, for the Army never works by haphazard and every person due to receive a basket had been investigated and checked up and identified and tabulated.

Exactly 5,000 of them ultimately went through the wickets at the armory door. But reliable compilers on the street outside declared that another 5,000 were in the sleigh about the building.

Of these fully half received meal tickets good at the Army's supply base nearby.

The distribution was prefaced by a Christmas celebration in which musical numbers were given by the Army band.

Commander Evans, both went to the gathering accompanied by Mrs. Finley J. Sheppard and her three adopted children.

The toys were dispensed from a giant thermometer stand, when the tree was denuded, from the towering pyramids of toys flanking it on each hand.

Dinner in the Bowery. To-day the Army will give dinners to all the world at the Shelter Hotel, 225 Bowery.

The Elks, with a fund of \$20,000 collected from among their members to help them do it, will be the next big almoners and hosts and will give away 7,000 baskets with dinners in them and tickets for the kind of clothing that is so badly needed.

The gifts to be distributed are being packed away down and the wind spreads the cold air.

Cheer in City Hospitals. The response to pleas that have been sent out, he said, "is amazing. Checks have come in steadily and in goodly numbers.

Both he and Commissioner Copeland of the Department of Health will visit the city hospitals to-day, where presents will be distributed among more than 1,000 patients, whose day, even without them, had been arranged for already by Christmas trees and entertainment by volunteers.

Dr. Copeland said yesterday that he wished to make the city's acknowledgment to all who swelled the pile of useful things, warm clothing especially, which will go to the children among the poor and ill who are in institutions.

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Children's Party in Harlem. The East Harlem Health Center included all the needy within the seventy blocks which it calls its territory.

The Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children gave permanent homes and futures to seventeen orphans yesterday, dispatching each human package, each decidedly alive and giggling with animation, to the seventeen sets of foster parents who were awaiting them.

The institution makes a present of quality baby clothes, and a substance that can be seen to each new parent and child. By its arrangement the new parents are pledged not to adopt their child legally within two years, so that if an arrangement with second desirable once shall not work out according to specifications the child may be shifted to other new parents and find another start in life.

Of the seventeen babies

GIRLS TO PLACE WREATHS ON BELLEAU WOOD GRAVES

Paris Legionnaires to Honor Dead at Suresnes, Carrying Offerings of 'The New York Herald of Paris' for Special Ceremonies.

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Boy Scouts will form a guard of honor while school girls from Belleau place wreaths to-morrow on the graves of the American unidentified dead in Belleau Wood, where most impressive services have been arranged at the request of the village folk as soon as they learned of the intention of The New York Herald of Paris to pay a Christmas tribute of remembrance wherever an unidentified American hero sleeps.

A Boy Scout troop from Chateau-Thierry will march to the cemetery gate and salute the flag as the little demureless pass between the rows of white crosses. Then Dr. Wadsworth, a Methodist clergyman of Chateau-Thierry, will offer prayer.

There will be addresses by the Mayor of Belleau, a Catholic priest from the village and notable persons from Chateau-Thierry.

While the program is to be as simple as possible, with no music and no formal processions, the most prominent citizens of Chateau-Thierry and

testowed yesterday eight were little girls.

Disabled veterans of the war and their children, if they have any, will be the special beneficiaries of the Red Cross to-day and will be looked out for wherever they are located.

At the Polyclinic Hospital the Red Cross will see that there is a well filled stocking at the bedside of each patient, and for the 260 ex-service men at the Manhattan State Hospital there will be bags containing sweaters, mufflers, fruit and candy.

Of course the Bowery Mission will be going all day to-day, but to-morrow will be the day for its annual dinner to the drifters and they will eat to the accompaniment of fine music at 7:30 of the evening.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon will address them and the music will be given by Miss Helen Farnum, contralto, and Hans Kronold, cellist.

There will be a celebration in that waterside district of Brooklyn borough which takes in the Erie and Atlantic cities. Children to the number of 2,200, sons and daughters of the men who work for the Robins and the Clinton dry dock companies and Tebo Yacht Basin Corporation, will be entertained at the plants of the three concerns.

Late returns from the Knights of Columbus last night indicated that the organization will remember the poor of the country to the extent of all that can be bought for \$250,000.

The distribution will comprehend cities everywhere over the country. In this city about 3,000 families will receive baskets that will mean a full Christmas meal.

Not least of the events of the day will be the dinner served at the cooking school of the Red Cross for the poor and the orphaned children by fortunate children who have taken the cooking course there for children less fortunate.

Everything from stuffing the turkey to rolling the dough for the pies, the boys and girls less than thirteen years old. Most of the little guests at the party will come from camps for children touched with tuberculosis or threatened with it.

'DRIVE OUT GRUDGES,' MAYOR'S PLEA TO CITY

His Christmas Greetings Stress Need of Charity.

"This Christmas America is at peace with all the world," says Mayor Hylan in "Christmas Greetings" addressed to the people of the city of New York.

The permanence of this peace can be promoted by international good will and unity. To achieve this happy end the great nations of the earth are scrapping unnecessary armament.

As citizens we should be driving out of our hearts all grudges and hates, remembering that the greatest achievements of our country lie in the paths of peace.

In New York particularly, the Mayor continues, it is highly important that the spirit of good will and charity prevail because of the large racial groups represented here, New York having the largest number of Jews, Italians, Irish and negroes of any city in the world.

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800 ALIENS LET IN BY HOLIDAY ORDER

Quota Restrictions Lifted to Allow Them to Go to Relatives.

MANY HERE FOR TO-DAY

New Arrivals Have 90 Day Grace and May Be Called Back to Island.

DAVIS GIVES PERMISSION

1,200 Remaining at Station to Have Entertainment, Dinner and Music.

Nearly 800 immigrants who had expected to spend Christmas at Ellis Island were admitted to the country yesterday by the ruthless slashing of red tape.

Many of them will be able to pass Christmas with relatives in and near New York.

An executive order of Secretary James J. Davis of the Department of Labor gave this unexpected bit of Christmas cheer to the immigrants.

The order lifted the restriction of legal quotas and permitted the entry of all not detained on other technical grounds. The overjoyed newcomers, many of whom had been on the island or in steerages for many days seeking admission, were required only to sign an undertaking that they would return, if called on, within ninety days.

It was said that there was small likelihood of any great number being called back for further examination.

The sweeping let down of the immigration bars was arranged by Secretary Davis and Robert E. Tod, Commissioner of Immigration here.

Mr. Davis had been in New York to view the situation.

Many Others Held Back. It was thought at first that the Davis order would affect a thousand or more excess quota cases being held for deportation.

But when the financial, medical and kinship requirements had been gone into by an extra staff of 500 clerks and inspectors, recruited by Commissioner Tod, the number actually admitted under Secretary Davis's ruling, which applied only to the excess quota cases, was between 700 and 800.

Word was received that Representative Albert Johnson would introduce a resolution in Congress after the holiday recess making permanent the temporary ninety day release granted by Secretary Davis. Mr. Johnson, who was the author of the existing immigration law, sent this message to the editor of a foreign language newspaper in Youngstown, Ohio, that had been active in urging the temporary relief awarded.

Windy now settled down to long and apparently encouraging contemplation of the Christmas trees. This ended with her reaching up and plucking off one of the tufts of cotton snow. She wiped her eyes with the snow, and having thus got rid of what she felt was a sentimental mist settled down to the reading of "The New Year Almanac and Handbook of Useful Information."

The last reporter saw of her she was running a finger along the lines and nodding approval to phrases she never learned in her home town in Borneo as she read.

"November 25 to December 22. Original thinkers; keen and quick; hair to be acquired. Handsome, long face, chestnut hair, baldness and ruddy complexion. Congenial with Taurus. This is a fiery sign and not favorable to plant or transplant if moon in dark or New Year's radishes or potatoes may be planted."

And any one who doesn't believe it may go to the Zoo to-day or to-morrow, for the orange Christmas tree will still be in the secret room, and either Dick Spicer or George Palmer will be there with Windy to confound all skeptics.

TURKEYS AND TREES FIRM; WREATHS SLUMP

Best Birds Up to 65 Cents and Hemlock at \$12.

The predicted "break" in the Christmas turkey market did not come yesterday, for prices held firm, the best birds ranging from 50 to 65 cents.

The majority of dealers appeared to be able to sell their supply without offering fowl to the belated buyer at a sacrifice.

Christmas trees, due to the meagerness of the supply to reach the city, brought just about as much as the dealers cared to ask for them.

Between 1,200 and 1,300 prospective immigrants remained on Ellis Island. Several hundred were hospital cases. For these less fortunate ones special provision will be made to-morrow. A turkey dinner will be served, with Commissioner Tod as host.

After the afternoon a concert of rather unusual quality has been arranged. A huge Christmas tree, illuminated electrically, has been put up in the auditorium and from it gifts will be distributed this afternoon by welfare organizations.

WASHINGTON FLOODED WITH BONDED CHEER

Corn Whisky Sold Has a Real Tassel on It.

The nation's capital was flooded to-night with Yuletide cheer as so much imported corn whisky was sold in bonded form—supposed to be blind-proof, plentiful, and dealers were reaping a harvest.

The demand has been heavy for the last few days and the price to-day remained steady. In some cases slight advances have been noted.

STILLMAN CHILDREN HERE WITH MOTHER

Anne, Back From Paris, Joins James, Jr., Alexander and Baby Guy.

ENJOY REUNION TO-DAY

All Thoughts of Father Are Banished in Plans for Holidays.

RECONCILIATION IS AIM

Despite Lawsuits, Charges and Rebuffs Anne Hopes to Reunite Parents.

A reunion of the Stillman children took place yesterday in the home of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman, at which Miss Anne Stillman, who returned recently from Europe, was the central figure.

It was the first time since the relations of Mr. and Mrs. Stillman reached the breaking point in the spring of 1920 that all the Stillman children were under one roof.

And being Christmas Eve, Miss Stillman naturally played Santa Claus for her baby brother Guy, whose good name is questioned in her father's divorce suit.

Miss Stillman arrived in New York Friday on the White Star liner Adriatic. She had not sent word she was coming, and consequently nobody was at the pier to meet her.

She passed Friday night in the home of friends on Long Island and motored to her mother's home, 910 Fifth avenue, early yesterday. There she found not only her mother, but her brothers, James, Jr., Alexander and baby Guy, James, or "Bud," as he is called, and Alexander had just arrived home from school for the holidays.

Guy had been with his mother for several weeks and was busy figuring out what Santa Claus should bring him.

After luncheon Miss Stillman went on a shopping trip in her mother's automobile. When she returned home at 6 o'clock she was laden with bundles, the contents of which were not disclosed by Miss Stillman, but which unquestionably contained many articles on Guy's Christmas list.

Miss Stillman presented a reporter for The New York Herald with Miss Stillman as she got out of the automobile. She handed an armful of packages to the chauffeur with instructions to "take them upstairs," while she proceeded to answer a few questions.

"Yes I am here with mother for Christmas," she said. "We are all here—that is Bud, Alexander, Guy and myself."

"Something in the nature of a reunion," was asked.

"Yes."

"Has your father been invited?"

"Not that I know of."

"Did you invite him?"

"I don't think that would be the right thing to do—do you?"

Alexander stepped out of the elevator at this juncture with the salutation: "Where are you going Alexander, Miss Stillman asked."

"For a walk," he replied. "Want to come along?"

Miss Stillman replied in the affirmative and turned over to the doorman a package she was carrying.

Asked if she had seen her father since her return Miss Stillman said she had neither seen nor heard from him. Asked whether she had broken with Mr. Stillman she said that she had not and admitted that she still entertained hopes of effecting a reconciliation between her mother and father.

How this would be done she would not say.

SANTA CLAUS GIVES SHOES TO CHILDREN

Mayor Hylan Acts as Aid to the Old Fellow.

Pedestrians in the Hell's Kitchen district never before saw so many brand new shoes being worn by the younger members of the neighborhood.

At the time as they left yesterday when 230 girls and boys left the Women's Protective, 424 West Thirty-seventh street, shod in their Christmas gifts.

After shaking hands with Santa Claus, impersonated by Capt. John C. Amon, they immediately made their way to the shoe room, where every child was fitted with serviceable school shoes and some received in addition warm sweaters and stockings, while every child was made happy with candy and a view of a big Christmas tree.

Mayor Hylan opened the festivities and paid high tribute to the work of Mrs. George W. Loft, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, who arranged for the party and provided the gifts. Then he was photographed with a group of youngsters holding dolls and candy boxes and wearing happy smiles.

SANTA CLAUS LEAVES BRAND NEW LEG JUST AS BOY ASKS

Hoboken Lad, Hurt by Fire Engine, Gets Answer to His Christmas Letter Which Makes Him Just as Good as Ever He Was.

Is there a Santa Claus? Ask Walter Casier, who is 7 years old and lives at 49 Willow terrace, Hoboken.

Walter was run over last summer by Engine No. 5 of the Hoboken Fire Department and his leg was cut off, so two weeks ago Walter wrote—all by himself—this letter:

"Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 7 years old and I lost my foot last summer and I cannot run and play like other boys and they say if I write a letter to Santa Claus he will send me a foot for Christmas, and please, Santa Claus, send me a foot for Christmas."

The letter went first to the post office and then to Engine Company No. 5. Fireman Ernest Dondero, who was the chauffeur of the fire engine the day it skidded and crushed Walter's leg, sent it on to Santa Claus and yesterday, Christmas eve, Walter got the best leg Santa Claus could buy.

"There was something of a celebration in the Casier home. Walter has eight brothers and sisters, Marie, John, Marcelina, Winifred, Edward, William, Rita

and Bernice, and besides Walter's leg there was a Christmas present for each of them. Fireman Dondero had collected \$372, of which \$270 came from the collected \$50 from the City Commissioners and \$23 from persons who had seen Walter's appeal in THE NEW YORK HERALD.

That was enough to buy the biggest Christmas tree in all Hoboken and something nice for all the children. They swarmed around the engine house all day, and it was a good thing there wasn't a fire, because it would have burned out long before Dondero and the other firemen could have untangled the engine.

And when Walter went to bed last night Mrs. Casier wanted him to take off his new leg. No chance. Walter went to sleep with the leg on and to-day he is to show the other boys on Willow Terrace that he is just as good as ever.

No Santa Claus? That was answered long ago. "A thousand years from now, ten times ten thousand years he will continue to make good the heart of childhood."

BROOKLYN ARTISTS RESENT CENSORING

Society to Hold Exhibitions Elsewhere in the Future Than Pratt Institute.

Hamilton E. Field, president of the Brooklyn Society of Artists, which has been accustomed to holding its annual exhibitions at the galleries of Pratt Institute, announced last night that the society would seek some other place for its exhibition next year.

The decision is due to a letter which Mr. Field received last week from Prof. Walter Scott Perry, art director of the institute, informing him that in the future there would have to be some supervision of the pictures that are to be exhibited.

"When Prof. Perry told us that the paintings would have to be submitted to a sort of censorship, that they would have to pass through his hands and that he would throw out all he didn't like, he left us in a position where there is nothing for us to do except find some other place," explained Mr. Field.

The exhibition this year began December 10, and Mr. Field received Prof. Perry's letter three days later. Asked about possible objections to the paintings, Mr. Field said he supposed Prof. Perry "saw some paintings there that he would rather not have seen."

Prof. Perry's position, on the other hand, is that the institute does not want to censor the exhibitions, but that it should have the right to say whether mediocre paintings are hung in its galleries, particularly in view of the fact that the institute has been accused of being a "red" school.

Mr. Field said he knew anything about the matter, but that he was inclined to side with Prof. Perry. The majority of the members of the society, however, share Mr. Field's view.

Benjamin Eggleston, who retired as president of the society a week ago, was brought here soon before midnight, but denied that he knew anything about the matter. Chief O'Connell, however, got the first information of Gares's whereabouts. They drove to the woods, leaving their automobiles half a mile from the shack, and advanced cautiously.

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Hope for Snow Flurry for White Christmas

UNSETTLED and colder, with fresh north winds and possibly a snow flurry to make Christmas white, was the prediction for to-day at the Weather Bureau.

Albany had an inch of snow last night and snow fell also in western New York. In the Albany Hotel, Vermont, western Pennsylvania, northern Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

The thermometer stood well above freezing last night, but the likelihood was it would be well below to-day.

ARREST MAN ACCUSED OF MURDER OF CHILD

Six Policemen Find Gares in a Lumber Camp.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Dec. 24.—George Gares, the carpenter wanted by the police in connection with the death of Tessa Kucharski, 5, whose body was found yesterday in a suitcase in Gares's room in the Albany Hotel, New York, was arrested to-night in a shack in a lumber camp near Dayton, N. J.

Since the crime was discovered Gares had been sought by possees of angry citizens who threatened violence if they could find him. A squad of six policemen led by Chief O'Connell, however, got the first information of Gares's whereabouts. They drove to the woods, leaving their automobiles half a mile from the shack, and advanced cautiously.

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20 HURT WHEN BUS IS UPSET IN BAYONNE

Standard Oil Workers Are Victims of Accident.

Twenty men were injured, one so seriously he may die, when a motor bus containing forty men and three women employed at the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey plant in Bayonne skidded yesterday and overturned at Avenue U and Twenty-second street, Bayonne.

Thomas Aegeri, 31, of 124 West Twentieth street, Bayonne, whose skull is believed to be fractured, and five other men are in Bayonne Hospital. The others went home after being attended. The women escaped injury. Patsy Loscalzo, of 363 avenue C, Bayonne, the driver, accused by passengers of driving fast and attempting to make a sharp turn on the wet street, was held in \$5,000 bail, charged with reckless driving and assault.

FOCH SENDS GREETING.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, to-day received the following Christmas message from Marshal Foch, who recently returned to France after a tour of the United States:

"I join all the officers of my general staff in thanking you for your kind sentiments and in sending you ours, the most sincere for you and the American Legion, for whom there is a deep regard."

Advertisement for New York Telephone Company. Features a circular illustration of a man in a suit holding a telephone receiver. Text includes: 'Send the best gift of all Your Voice', 'The best gift of all at Christmas Time is the golden gift of your voice to those who are far away. It's a gift of friendliness and thoughtfulness for others, an entirely personal remembrance that you alone can send.', 'It's a gift that will bring smiles of pleasure to the faces of those who cannot be with you and of whom you are thinking on the one best day in all the year.', 'Your "Merry Christmas" sent over the telephone will make your holiday happier and add to the joy of others.', 'New York Telephone Company'