

CHRISTMAS CHEER BRIGHTENS JAIL

No Feeds' for County and City Prisoners Replete with Yuletide Spirit

UNFORTUNATES REMEMBERED

Turkey Acts as Santa Claus in Delivering Presents to Those in Goal

Bands of steel did not bar Christmas cheer from gaining an entrance in the county jail yesterday.

Two hundred and nine prisoners "licked their plates clean" at Jailer George Gallagher's annual "big feed."

There was roast pork and cranberry sauce, baked sweet potatoes and hot mince pies, gravy and all the trimmings, even cigars and cigarettes to gladden the hearts of the men behind the bars.

The "boarders" and "trusties" got no more than the men in the "tanks" who had no money to pay for the luxuries of prison fare.

The big hearted man who holds them in custody for the county, and who during all the years of his stewardship has never forgotten them on the one day of the year, saw to it yesterday that Christmas would remain long in the memories of the unfortunates as the bright spot during their period of confinement.

The Y. W. C. A. and Fellowship societies held Christmas services in the jail separately and shortly after dinner at the jail. Christmas carols were sung by the prisoners for several hours and helped to relieve the monotony of their confinement.

ACTS AS SANTA CLAUS

Mayor J. H. Hensley, the genial turkey, who has been in the county's service many years and has acted as Gallagher's chief aid in giving the prisoners a good time Christmas, was assigned the role of Santa Claus yesterday.

Friends of the prisoners kept him busy during a greater part of the day delivering presents.

Loving was astonished shortly after the dinner hour to come upon Robert Mattingly, a one-legged negro prisoner, confined in tank No. 3 with thirteen Chinese, dancing a breakdown "for the benefit of the rest of the jail."

"Here, here," called Loving. "What are you doing, Bobbie?"

"I see me, massa jailor, but I see don't feel so dog-gone frisky der dat feeb what Massa Gallagher done give me dat I see simply got to get de enthusiasm out of ma system."

"So spread," said Loving, laughing. "I see you're in your heart's content."

So throughout the county jail Christmas smacked of Yuletide cheer and brightened the dark sides in the s of its inmates.

In the city jail Jailer J. L. Shand re-echoed the joy of the prisoners by giving them a Christmas dinner.

They were allowed a certain amount of liberty.

Persons called at the central station and passed presents through bars for delivery to their friends.

Calhoun issued orders yesterday the "chain gang" should be of rest Monday.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION AT CHRISTMAS DANCE

Cigarette Thrown Into Can of Powder Brings Festivities to Tragic Close

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Three persons are dead, eight in danger of death from their injuries, and ten more in the Westmoreland hospital with serious burns as a penalty for somebody's carelessness or somebody's revenge, while miners were holding a Christmas celebration at Keystone last night.

The accident occurred at the home of Michael Wilding, while he was entertaining a party of about twenty-five women.

Heaved that one of the men was in progress carrying a cigarette butt under the door and the acrid smoke blinded the eyes as they tried to escape.

A clothing of nearly all the miners took fire from the explosion although the room was burned and smacked, the house was not seriously damaged. Men in adjoining houses were covered with blankets and wrapped in blankets and wrapped in blankets.

TAFT LEADS WASHINGTON IN QUIET CELEBRATION

President and Family Pass Day at White House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas in Washington was the epitome of peace. President and Mrs. Taft and family passed the day at home. For attendance at church in the city. The president went alone to the Unitarian church, while Mrs. Taft, accompanied by Miss Helen Taft and Miss Mary Taft, went to the Episcopal church. Friends called at the white house during the afternoon to exchange Christmas greetings. The official Washington joined quiet celebration of the day. A platoon of corps observed the occasion with a solemnity. The members of the two houses of Congress observed the day in their homes.

Canine Smiles at Jurors in Order to Save Master

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In spite of his merrily wagging tail and his broad grin, Bang got a pretty bad name yesterday. Eleven-year-old Sophie Kann of 455 East One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street told Judge O'Dwyer in the city court that Bang had bitten her over one eye, Willie Silverstein, 15 years old, a student in the City college, exhibited a torn ear as another result of Bang's viciousness.

Bang, who is a setter, came to court as star witness for himself in Sophie's father's suit for \$2000 damages against Hiram D. Phelps of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Willis Avenue, Bang's owner. On taking the stand Bang looked pleasantly at the court room and generally remarked "Woof." Turning to the judge he announced that he "Garr-gurr." Then Bang made the round of the jurors, graciously letting each one scratch his head.

But tiny Sophie gave him a character far different from that he gave himself. She showed her torn forehead and told how Bang had done it. She and other children were playing in front of Phelps' office, she said, and went close to his auto. Bang leaped from the machine and bit her. Willie Silverstein said that two weeks before Sophie's accident Bang had bitten him under similar circumstances.

Louis Stecker, counsel for Phelps, pleaded to the jury that the dog be allowed one bite. And all the evidence shown only one nip was taken, he added. After remaining out two hours the jurors were unable to agree and Judge O'Dwyer instructed them to bring in a sealed verdict.

CHICAGO HAS SAD DAY, BURYING FIRE VICTIMS

Flags at Half Mast and Prayers of Sorrow Are Said in Churches

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Christmas was a day of mourning for all Chicago. The disaster at the stock yards Thursday when a fire in the Morris & Co. beef house swept away the lives of 120 men covered the whole city with sadness. In the churches Christmas services were joined with prayers of sorrow for the dead and sympathy for their grief-stricken families. From the staves of public buildings, department stores and many residences flags hung at half mast.

Eight of the dead firemen were buried today. The funeral services were semi-public, being attended by all members of the fire department who could be secured by side, their bodies having been taken from the wreckage only an arm's length apart.

The funeral of James J. Moran, fire marshal, will take place tomorrow at the same time as the burial of twelve other members of the department. Captain Dennis N. Doyle of engine company 29 and his son, Nicholas Doyle, of truck company No. 11 will be buried with their bodies having been taken from the wreckage only an arm's length apart.

5000 DERELICTS GUESTS OF 'BIG TIM' SULLIVAN

Bowery Unfortunates Get Square Meal and Smoke

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—On the Bowery today State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan fed 5000 derelicts and unfortunates in the rooms of the Timothy D. Sullivan association, marking the fifteenth annual "Timothy D. Sullivan Christmas feast."

"Big Tim" himself threw open the doors at 11 o'clock. There were three hundred and twenty-five tables in the room, with capacity to feed 210 at a time. There were no chairs, for it was a stand-up dinner, although there was food aplenty.

It took exactly fifteen minutes for the first round of Boweryites to eat, drink and get out. As they passed out each man received a pipe and a paper card, instructing him to be present on Monday, February 6, 1911. Presentation of the cards will entitle the bearer to a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings.

JAPANESE SEA FIGHTERS ARE XMAS GUESTS OF DIAZ

Nipponese Dine at Castle and Witness Bull Fight

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 25.—Twenty-three officers, 144 cadets and twenty-six musicians of the Japanese navy passed Christmas today as the guests of Admiral Beaufort Diaz and his men. The admiral, Beaufort Diaz and his men, who arrived here yesterday from Salina Cruz, where two Japanese warships are anchored, were received at the Mexican government.

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WOMAN SANTA IS BURNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—A candle setting fire to her clothes while she was playing Santa Claus today for the benefit of some children, Mrs. Eva Baker, 35 years old, was perhaps fatally burned.

HOTEL BEDROOMS TO BE FURNISHED WITH SIX THOUSAND BIBLES

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Six thousand Bibles are to be placed in the hotel bedrooms of Chicago.

They will not be chained down. If a guest steals a Bible to read it the book will be replaced and the loss charged to the credit account, because the purpose of the project is to encourage Bible reading.

The Gideons, an association of Christian traveling men of the United States, are back of the movement.

The Bibles are to be delivered to the hotel bedrooms at 3 p. m. on the last day of the year. The delivery will be made by 1600 young men from the churches and other religious organizations.

The Bible carriers will be formed into a procession at Central Y. M. C. A. and march to a central part in the loop district, where they will break ranks and go to the various hotels.

ES AS GIFT TO ISTY NEW ENGLAND

Dec. 25.—An inch and a half which fell yesterday and is believed to have effected a record in the amount of water supply of half a inch in New England.

DEAN OF WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY TO TELL OF RURAL CONDITIONS



H. L. RUSSELL

CONFERENCE CALLED TO DISCUSS RURAL TOPICS

Farmers, Ministers, Teachers and Editors to Relate Experiences of Country Life

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 25.—The first Wisconsin country life conference has been called by Dean H. L. Russell of the College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin, to be held at Madison under the auspices of the state university here February 14-15. This is the first time that a meeting on conditions of rural life has ever been held in the middle west.

The purpose is to bring together Wisconsin farmers, teachers, ministers, editors, business men and librarians to discuss the social aspects of country life and describe what has been accomplished toward improving conditions through various agencies.

The two days' program will include general discussions of the social and economic problems of country life in the state. Each afternoon will be devoted to round table conferences on particular topics. The functions of the church, the business man and farmer's organizations in relation to rural conditions will be considered on Tuesday, February 14. The country school, the press and the library will be the subjects for discussion February 15.

CHRISTMAS MAIL RECORD BREAKER

500 Sacks of Yuletide Gifts Yet to Be Distributed in Los Angeles

With 500 sacks of Christmas mail heaped up in the postoffice, despite the untiring efforts of the officials to have it all delivered, there are estimated to be about 125,000 pieces of Santa Claus letters and cards still to be brought to the city by the end of the year.

The immense quantity of Christmas letters and packages coming into the city showed no diminution yesterday, and the postoffice is swamped under the influx. Postmaster Harrison estimates that it will be impossible for the department to receive all the deliveries before December 28, so Santa will continue driving about Los Angeles for at least the first half of the week.

The postoffice department of the local postoffice, reinforced by 150 extra carriers and clerks, presents a busy scene as sack after sack is emptied, sorted and carried away to the many branch stations, where as rapidly as possible it will be sent out to the homes.

Automatic conveyors hum steadily, quick-eyed, nimble-fingered sorting clerks rapidly reduce the stack on the receiving table, while as soon as the yawning sacks are filled they are whisked away to the waiting wagons for delivery.

The postoffice officials estimate an increase of from 25 to 35 per cent over last year's Christmas mail, but expect the deliveries to be made in less time than was possible last year on account of the better facilities of the labor-saving apparatus installed in the new building.

"The year is turned around for us," said an employe yesterday. "Christmas is the Fourth of July and vice versa. I have changed my time for Christmas week, according to the calendar, and we have just as good a time. All the Christmas mail will be distributed by December 28, and you may be sure we won't have any time to enjoy life until every package and letter in that heap over there," and he pointed to the stack of mail on the receiving table. "It has been delivered and everything is back on the usual grind."

The general delivery window, registry and stamp departments will be open from 8 o'clock until noon today. The same hours will be observed on New Year's day and next Monday. Extra carriers have been engaged to deliver the mail as speedily as possible, although no regular hours will be observed. The regular carriers will deliver twice daily as usual.

BUILDERS COMPLETE WORK ON ALASKA ROAD BRIDGE

Trains Soon to Run on Morgan-Guggenheim Railway

SEATTLE, Dec. 25.—Bridgebuilders and members of construction gangs working on the Copper River & Northem railroad celebrated Christmas in Alaska today by clinching the last rivet in the great 800-foot cantilever bridge over the Kuskulana river, 149 miles up the Copper river from Cordova. Cablegrams announcing the finishing of the task were received here today.

Trains will be running over the bridge by Tuesday and tracklaying on the rest of the line of the Morgan-Guggenheim railway will be begun.

BOY HUNTER KILLS SELF WHEN SHOTGUN HIS BOAT

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—Harry Lamar, 13-year-old son of Joseph Lamar, foreman of a ranch at Upper Otay dam, accidentally shot dead yesterday. The boy was drawing a shotgun from his boat to kill a crane. The hammer of the weapon struck the side of the boat, discharging a cartridge, the contents of which entered the boy's body under the right arm.

London Women Defend Dogs; Resent Pastor's Denunciation

LONDON, Dec. 25.—An American pastor, the Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reinsner, has caused a bit of a flutter in London society, particularly among those women who own pet dogs, by his denunciation of the affection which they lavish on them.

"A woman who lavishes her whole affection upon a dog sinks to the level of an animal," he said, when he visited the pet dog show in Horticultural hall, and, startling though the statement was, it was agreed to by some of those to whom it was addressed, at the same time adding that the fascination of the dog was so great that they could not resist it.

Then the debate grew hot. Some women denied that they sink to the level of the dog. On the contrary, they agreed, "they rise to it."

"What human being could give the complete faith and trust that a dog can? They will never deceive you. No man could be as true and devoted as a dog. Such gifts as a dog possesses are on a higher level than those of mankind."

The pet dog which is conquering all hearts just now appears to be the Schipperke. As one owner said: "He has no tail with which to wag himself into popularity, and his victory is one of sheer personality."

CURTIS SCORES WARS PROPAGANDA

Aviator Who Breaks San Francisco Contract Must Act as Independent Flier

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—There is trouble among the birdmen. One of them with the militant name of Mars has left the rookery and has flown out to Pacific where the feeding grounds are said to be better, and there is a great fussing and fuming.

In other words, "Bud" Mars, who was to have been the star attraction of the Curtiss team at the forthcoming aviation meet at South San Francisco aviation park, has "jumped his contract" and gone to Honolulu, where he intends to start on a world tour.

He threw over his San Francisco contract which was to have brought him \$5000 and has gone to take up the first stage of his flight around the world—a flight which he says means more than \$50,000.

Glenn H. Curtiss, through whom the contract with the local aviation board was made, asserts that Mars has cast discredit upon the Curtiss camp by failing to keep his agreement, and to show that all aviators do not regard their word as lightly as Mars. He makes a great many extra concessions in the way of exhibitions and flights during the meet here.

Mars before leaving for Honolulu stated that he could not afford to miss the engagement there, a contract for which had been made by his agent, who had his power of attorney. The contract was for a year and he brought him here for the January meet was not made directly, but through Curtiss, and Mars claims that he only worked on a percentage basis.

Mars defends himself. Curtiss, claims Mars, could not hold him here, and he felt perfectly justified in accepting the more lucrative agreement. He stated, however, that he would have preferred to have waited until the end of the San Francisco meet as he particularly wished to fly here, but to do so he would have been canceled in Honolulu and hadley, one of the other Curtiss aviators, would have secured the engagement. Mars left on the Wilhelmina, in company with Captain Baldwin, the aeronaut, and swung around the world, which he intended to do in the Curtiss camp, and to the Orient from Honolulu.

F. E. Scottford, chairman of the local aviators' board, is indignant at the manner of Mars' departure, which he characterizes as dishonorable and tending to reflect against the aviators as a professional class. He claims that these leaving agreements are supposed to be held in honor, and that Mars, in this matter, has acted in a dishonorable manner. He claims that the generous concessions he has made, and which the public will receive the benefit of, show that Curtiss is in no way responsible for the desertion of Mars to appear at the local meet in January.

Curtiss is emphatic in his statement in regard to the attractions which he will offer to offset the non-appearance of Mars, and says that all of the promises made by him will be fulfilled by other Curtiss aviators.

RELAY RACE IS PLANNED McCurdy and Willard and Augustus Post and a new Curtiss star, Robertson, will appear here for the Curtiss camp in the great relay race in which the Wrights and the Farmans will compete with the Curtiss aviators. There will be a thriller entirely new to aviators.

Curtiss' statement in regard to the Mars desertion follows: "Mars, whom I taught to fly, will no longer be with me at the Curtiss camp. He will act as an independent aviator, making his own contracts and keeping them, let us hope. I will fulfill all the contracts made by me for Mars with the San Francisco aviation board. More daring and possibly more competent men will do all the things Mars promised to do, and there is no doubt that all world's records will be broken in January."

President F. E. Scottford and Lieut. Paul W. Beck, secretary of the committee, have been enjoying from participating in their proposed goose hunt until after the meet, the members of the executive committee objecting to their taking any chances of injury that might interfere with the administration of the great exhibition. Glenn Curtiss has promised in the event that the Wright machines are not available for the close of the meeting, to furnish the hunters with two of his machines for the trip. It was originally intended to take one Wright and one Curtiss biplane.

WREATH OPENS GAS COOK; WOMAN IS ASPHYXIATED

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A Christmas holly wreath swinging from a chandelier forced open a gas cock today and caused the asphyxiation of Mrs. Edna May Simpson of Toronto, Ont. Mrs. Simpson was dead when found by her daughter.

Before retiring last night Mrs. Simpson hung 30 wreaths of the chandelier over her bed. While she was asleep the wreath on an open window caused the wreath to open the gas cock. Mrs. Simpson came here from Toronto last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Edward Tiggey.

HORSE RESENTS BEING CALLED NAG; KICKS MAN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Abe Clark, a teamster of 3629 Olive street, is in the city hospital with a broken leg. He was hauling a load of coal west on Olive street and at Grand avenue his horse stalled on the car track.

A policeman stopped to see what was the matter. "Aw, this old nag couldn't pull a baby carriage. He's no good," Clark said.

Suddenly the horse made a vicious kick. The shoe hit Clark midway between the foot and knee and the bone was snapped.

"I guess the horse resented my remark and kicked me to get even," Clark remarked on his cot in the hospital Friday. Clark was employed by the Feder Coal company.

EXPRESSIVE

One day little George's father brought home some Roquefort cheese. Upon being asked how he liked it, George replied, with all seriousness: "Paas, it tastes just like the animal cages at the circus."—Success.

COLLEGE INNS AID NEW YEAR GAYETY

Spread of Novel Type of Grill Rooms Continues Rapidly Through Country

COLOR AND SPIRIT MAKE HIT Establishment Recently Opened in Chicago Vies with Most Beautiful in Country

(Special to The Herald)

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Not all laments for "the old-fashioned New Year's" have ceased, but the new sort—the New Year's eve joy parties which came in when the epidemic of "college inns" broke out—evidently has not been deterred. New Year's celebrations are on the run.

"Oo-oo-oo," a histrionic star with a hundred sympathizers, and responsive celebrants last year. "Oo-oo-oo, why does New Year's eve come but once a year?" He paused, there was a hush and he added, contentedly: "When there are more college inns 'twill come oftener."

It was he was wrong; the country is speckled now with "college inns" here and all sorts, from Seattle to Jacksonville, Fla., and from New Haven to Lafayette, Ind., and to Milwaukee, yet New Year's continues but an annual occasion, one of the most important beyond all other of the year—as witness the champagne record.

The spread of the college inn, not only to colleges, but to the general public, south and west, has in fact been a startling phenomenon. New York, though it lifts its eyebrows disdainfully when anyone mentions the possibility of anything new or originating in the west, has fallen in line with Milwaukee, Lafayette and the other cities which have college inns. Whatever the relation may be between the college and the college inn—no, not only gin—the number of cafes that bear the name and seek the reputation is legion.

SPREAD OF COLLEGE INNS From New York to Lafayette is a big jump in point of population, but the Hoochie college town has a better imitation of the original than the eastern city and its college atmosphere is much truer to the standard of the original than Milwaukee has reproduced in detail the Chicago original and the Cream City's copy is the nearest approach to the original college inn of any of the many imitations. Each of which are poor counterfeits. They will be poorer counterfeits by comparison when the Chicago prototype moves into its handsome quarters during Christmas week. If New York and Milwaukee and Lafayette and the other cities which have college inns want to keep up with Chicago, they will have to go some.

The "college inn" idea, like other successes, came suddenly. Joseph Belford, having secured control of the Sheraton Hotel, was impressed with the need for a grill room that would be something more than a mere place to eat. He thought if he could make the place more attractive and comfortable and formal he would be a benefactor both to that part of the public which must eat in hotels and to himself.

In talking it over with his son, Dr. William Belford, the latter suddenly advanced the idea of calling the grill room the college inn and redecorating it to call attention to the fact that it was a college inn. This was done, college flags and colors were used in the redecoration scheme, a few stalls were put in at one end of the grill room, partitions were put in, the ceiling was made of a material which was eliminated and the college inn was a success from the start. The reason ascribed for the widespread success of the college inn was that it offered the old way of looking upon cafes as mere eating places and introduced a more cozy, neighborly, cordial atmosphere without sacrificing any individual light or taste. It seemed like the colors and the spirit of the college inn.

The New Year's eve receipts for the last three years of the College Inn were: 1908, \$10,000; 1907, \$12,000; 1906, \$15,000.

EUROPE LENDS SUGGESTIONS

So successful in fact was it that when it was decided to tear down the hotel and erect a modern fifteen-story hostelry the College Inn was not closed but carried to make room for temporary quarters in Clark street. It has been doing business in the smaller quarters while the handsome new structure was being erected by Clark and Randolph. The site which has been occupied by five hotels for seventy-five years. The new College Inn was opened during Christmas week—and for New Year's eve, was impressed with the largest and probably the most beautiful grill room in the United States, a creditable original of the college inn idea, which is attractive and comfortable and bar it occupies the entire basement of the big hotel building—a quarter of a block. The old and the new worlds were searched for suggestions that would aid in carrying out a scheme for decoration and comfort. The decorations are of the Elizabethan period, which is of ivory, the softness of the white relieved by bright colored small frescoes.

About the walls are enameled wood shields representing all the prominent English and American colleges, the decorations which have been copied so widely. Along the south wall there is a row of booths like those of the old English coffee houses which were frequented and made famous by Thackeray, Ben Jonson, Sheridan, Dickens and other literary and theatrical celebrities.

There are two entrances—one off the main entrance to the hotel on Clark street and the other from the lobby. The main entrance is of beautifully carved oak and gothic windows with heraldic designs in leaded glass. Opening off the grill room are seven private dining rooms, with accommodations for from six to twenty-four persons. Each of these rooms has its individual decorative scheme, every detail carrying out some special period. In fact, there is a room for every one of the past centuries. The decorative scheme of the college inn is more than visitors realize, but the general effect is one of warmth and friendliness, and that was the idea that the college inn was blossoming so profusely, even where the decorations are but cheap and superficial.

FINANCIAL

Knicker—Are you cutting down expenses? Mrs. Knicker—Yes, I am paying only half the bills.—Puck.