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Several Denominations Hold Religious Services—No Regular Holiday Dinner Is Served—Inmates of the Washington Asylum, Workhouse and Almshouse Enjoy a Feast.

Twelve inches of prison wall separated the charges of Warden Harris at the District jail from the merriment of a Christmas Sunday in a happy community yesterday. All day long the blare of the small boy's horn and the rattle of the street car gong bespoke the general jollification which was experienced by the passing throng without. Within, the monotony of restraint of liberty, made all the more depressing by the strength of the steel walls and narrow quarters was broken only by the regularity of an occasional meal and religious services, and contained little of good cheer for those whose lot cast them where they were.

Without, more than a quarter of a million of souls felt the common impulse of good will toward mankind. Within were three hundred and forty-six unfortunates. Possessed of little leisure and given meager consideration by that society against which they had sinned, and whose laws they had disregarded, truly Christmas at the jail was a sorry day.

Not all the inmates of the jail are as black as they are sometimes painted. About two hundred and eighty-five of those under the care of Warden Leonard are negroes. The remaining sixty-one are white men and women. Some are serving time, others awaiting trial before the courts, all, in the eyes of the law, criminals of greater or less degree. Christmas instincts led some to commit the crimes of which they were declared guilty. Necessity, and even parental love and fatherly devotion probably, as is frequently the case, impelled others to commit deeds of theft and crimes against their fellow men. This latter class experienced more keenly the pangs of an unhappy Yuletide behind prison bars. Unlike those who appeared to be without blood ties and thoughtful relatives, and others who were ostracised by family because of their misdeeds, some of the latter were not forgotten and received baskets of good things from friends and home. Wives, sons and children remembered them, visited their cells in person to deliver gifts and offered some of them a modicum of pleasure and good cheer with fond smiles and loving embraces.

Early in the day a small band of Catholics called at the jail with baskets of delicacies and good things, which were distributed among the prisoners. Before leaving divine services were held by them in the assembly hall of the jail. Shortly before noon representatives of numerous colored churches did the same thing for those of their race, and, later in the afternoon, religious services were conducted by the Methodists, under the direction of the Rev. J. Fred Heisse, Fred McKee and others.

No extra Christmas dinner was served to his charges by Warden Harris. It was not because he was not desirous of making them happy, but it has not been thought good policy for years to expend large sums for elaborate holiday dinners at the jail. The regular prison fare was served at all the meals.

In this respect the inmates of the Washington Asylum, the District workhouse and the almshouse fared slightly better. Superintendent Stoutenburgh arranged a bounteous repast for his charges. Turkey, cranberry sauce, celery and other delicacies were spread on the long tables in the various departments on the almshouse reservation. The inmates of the almshouse differ in every possible respect from those of both the jail and the workhouse, being only creatures of misfortune. Many of the prisoners at the workhouse are vagrants, and it oftimes happens that these, too, are more sinned against than sinning.

The great event of the day for these charges was the dinner. The cooks and their assistants, the latter being prisoners themselves, were allowed the freedom of the workhouse larder. They made the most of their opportunity. The proverbial turkey was on hand, and all the rest of the dishes which seem so necessary for the proper celebration of the day. Long before dim dawn the cooks were busily engaged preparing the feast, and while this was going on members of the almshouse and workhouse colony were whetting their appetites. When the dishes were ready to be conveyed into the dining hall there was a hurried bustle at the institution, and shortly afterward the long pine tables, temptingly laden, were surrounded by the inmates. For the moment they seemed to forget their lot and with marvelously good appetites plunged into the pleasure of the occasion. Dinner lasted a long time. The rest of the day was spent in the usual manner. The men at the almshouse were supplied with pipes and tobacco at Government expense, and idled the afternoon away in conversation, telling stories and recounting experiences, some picturing more prosperous days in the smoke curling upward from their pipes.

Interesting tales were told of former Christmases running backward through several decades, in some instances to the earlier days of the Republic. One of the most interesting of the almshouse charges is an old colored "auntie," who is now too feeble to enjoy much of life. She spent most of the day in her chair on the top floor of the almshouse building, in an old armchair placed in the hallway opposite the entrance to her apartment. Her exact age is not known. Her mind is too nearly a blank with the weight of years to tell much, and she is reputed to be more than a centenarian. She has been at the almshouse about ten years. Before that time she was a fixture at Freedman's Hospital, having been one of the wards of the Old Freedman's Bureau, which was established by the Government and conducted under the supervision of the War Department, shortly after the close of the War of the Rebellion for the care of the fugitive and ailing negroes who were fleeing from the South after the breaking up of the old plantation system. The almshouse shelters many charges like this. They have not always spent their Christmas as indigents.

The Saengerbund Celebration.

The Washington Saengerbund thoroughly enjoyed its Christmas celebration yesterday. The program, which was one of merit, began with the chorus, "Farewell, Christmas Dream," and was followed by a poem which had been written by Dr. Chris Stack, recited by F. Claudy, the president of the Saengerbund.

Miss Bertie Reichenbach sang two soprano solos, "Thou Art Like a Flower" and "'Twas April." Stephen Kuebel sang a baritone solo, "O, Thou Fair Evening Star." The audience sang the chorus, "To a Christmas Tree," written for the occasion by one of the members, W. P. Lutz. On Saturday, New Year's eve, the Saengerbund will give a house warming and hop to its members and families.

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THINGS THEATRICAL.

Most people retired last night with the consciousness that the "day of days" had for once come without going—that Christmas was only half over. For, according to custom, this is the morning on which to celebrate the birth of our Lord, and nearly everyone, from the tired mother whose time yesterday was spent in explaining that Santa Claus had been delayed twenty-four hours by heavy snow in the Pole to the "gentleman who occasionally imbibes," and to whom the gates of heaven were closed for the period, will hail with delight the possibility of enjoying another pleasurable space.

Despite the fact that the afternoon will bring extra work to theatrical folk, this will be the time for the enjoyment of the average actor. Most of that unfortunate class of people which furnishes entertainment to its patrons spent the greater part of the Sabbath in travel. For the players a horizontal pipe was the substitute of a Yule log, and a plush-covered car seat the offering given in exchange for an easy chair by some great fire. Final arrival at their destinations meant, in many cases, the formality of carrying valises and claiming trunks, of tiresome rides to conventional hotels and of dinners with the waiters for companions. In the case of the organization which is to produce "Zaza" tonight for the first time on any stage there were, in addition to these discomforts, the pleasure of constant worry over the morrow's trials, of straining the eyes at typewritten manuscripts, and, at last, of a dress rehearsal conducted under the watchful eye of David Belasco.

With the exception of this combination, all of the troupes to be seen here during the week came yesterday. Mrs. Leslie Carter and those who are to support her reached the city on Saturday and have been very busy ever since preparing for what will be to many of the cast the event of a life time. Tonight the critics and the public will pass on "Zaza" and, to some extent, decide the fortunes and the reputations alike of manager, players and playwright. Consequently, there has been no end of mental disturbance with all concerned and to them, at least, the going of Christmas will bring relief.

The double holiday brings no such hardship to outsiders. In some countries of Europe the natal day of Christ is celebrated for a fortnight and the entire populace seems never to weary of the pomp and splendor attendant upon these ceremonies. Here, too, the renewal of yesterday's festivities will bring only pleasure. The early morning will be spent in rest and comfort, while in the afternoon the little ones are to be taken to the special matinees advertised to take place. There will be no lack of amusement for the crowds, managers having determined to make Christmas shows make up what Christmas shopping lost them, and having accordingly arranged for afternoon entertainments almost universally. With one exception—and that exception still "Zaza"—every play to be seen during the coming six days will be shown at a special performance which can be enjoyed either before or after the second Yuletide turkey has been reduced to a fit subject for the study of anatomy.

Manager Frohman, who has seven important presentations this evening, has decided that it would be unwise to risk any of them while sunlight lasts and has, therefore, foregone the chance of big financial returns in order that he might do away with the extra renderings. New offerings are best shown before dispassionate audiences, and no one can be anything but excited until the last sign of the holiday has vanished. So "Zaza" will not be given a matinee until the usual time.

This rule does not apply at the Columbia, where Roland Reed and his supporting organization are to be seen in their last year's success, "The Wrong Mr. Wright." Now should be the time for laughter, and there is every probability that Managers Luckett & Dwyer will celebrate today by looking upon two of the largest crowds that ever gathered in their cozy little place of amusement. There is to be a supper after the presentation, in which the attaches of the house and many members of Mr. Reed's company will take part, and, altogether, no one need be anything but happy in the proximity of the Columbia. "The Telephone Girl" has also a matinee at the National, and James O'Neill will add one to the long list of performances he has scored with "Monte Cristo," by showing that old classic to readers of Dumas and people who have never even heard of the Frenchman by giving two renderings of the drama, instead of the usual number shown on Monday at the Academy. Mr. O'Neill is well supported and will undoubtedly be handsomely paid for his trouble.

Kernan's and the Bijou are both unfortunate in so far as afternoon performances are concerned. Each house has a daily matinee whether or no, and cannot, therefore, depart from its usual custom without trying a midnight performance. But both have strong attractions today, and will probably hold audiences not at all inferior to those contained in the uptown theaters. Al Reeves's "Big Show" is the card at the former place of amusement, and a first-rate vaudeville bill will hold the stage at the second. Besides these entertainments, Astley Cooper's famous "Trilby" will be on exhibit on "from early morn to dewy eve" at 1219 Pennsylvania Avenue, and only next door the wonderful Mutoscope will be shown to the accompaniment of a Pianophone concert. Both enterprises are sure to draw their accustomed crowds.

Many of the local theaters have been lavishly decorated for Christmas, and will present splendid spectacles when they are lighted up tonight. Manager Uriah Painter has been especially generous with the Lafayette, and the result is that this evening will probably prove a memorable one with his patrons. In the first place, the big elevator that has been so long building there is at last finished, and will make its first trip when the doors are opened. The car is an unusually large one, and will hold forty people without crowding. Its average speed is 200 feet per minute, which it makes with perfect safety. This arrangement will greatly facilitate the seating of the galleries and dress circle at the Lafayette, and should prove a boon to those for whom the long flight of stairs has been uncomfortable and difficult.

In addition to this, Manager Painter has spent quite a tidy sum on temporary decorations. He has hung two big American flags in his lobby and hidden a number of electric lights in their folds. Further, he has hung holly in every conceivable place and would have provided mistletoe had he not been afraid that by so doing he would have regulated members of the "Zaza" company to playing before empty benches. The corridor is altogether a thing of beauty, if the dryness of holly does prevent its being a joy forever, and will not soon be forgotten by those who see it. There will be a distinguished audience present tonight, among those who have promised to attend being David Belasco, Charles Frohman and other theatrical celebrities. A number of famous New York critics will also be there. Washington political circles are to contribute to the throng Mrs. McKinley, Sir Julian Pauncefote, Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Adjt. Gen. Corbin, Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, Secretary to the President Porter, and others. There will be other notables—on the stage. This list will include the names of Mrs. Leslie Carter, Marie Bates, Annie Sutherland, Maud Winter, Charles Stevenson and Mark Smith. Not since "The Christian" will a more important premiere have been given in this city.

The Columbia is another house that has been tastily adorned with palms and holly. Many smaller decorations will also be noticed when the lights are lit. The National and Academy are in line, too, while Kernan's and the Bijou are not to be outdone by a great deal. The plants symbolic of Christmas have been plentifully used everywhere, and will have a good effect.

The players are to fare well, the Columbia supper not being the only one to be given tonight. Everywhere mirth and merriment is to reign, and even those who work hardest will be forced to give in to the sentiments of the period. Today is the time for a theatrical Christmas, and will so be celebrated everywhere. The Times congratulates all concerned on their coming pleasures, and joins Dickens in trusting that "the noise of avarice, the roar of temptation and the crash of that battle which is fought daily in every man's life will not be loud enough or strong enough to drown the clangor of the bells which but few short hours ago were sending forth their message of 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

The hardship of holiday matinees was aptly illustrated by a series of remarks made in the box office of a local theater last week by the press agent of the attraction booked there. This worthy had just been told that, besides the performance to be given on Christmas afternoon, his star would have to play two "daylight shows," and consequently was not in the best of humor. He began by trying to reason with the treasurer. "If the honorable's got nine scenes here," the representative remarked, "you'd better get a policeman to tell him of it—I won't dare."

The ticket seller was unmoved.

"Say," quoth his vis-a-vis, after a moment spent in surveying the room. "The old man is going to be as mad as a March hare when he finds what he's up against."

The treasurer was not interested.

"You don't know how hot the old man can get," continued the pleader. "I wonder if I can't persuade your boss to change that announcement?"

The box office potentate was busy elsewhere.

"Rats!" exclaimed the advance man. He didn't say just exactly this but, slang that it is, the word "rats" is a great deal more fit for publication than is the one which he really used. After a moment he added, "The governor won't play this date."

There was no answer.

"The governor won't play this date—I'll bet a dollar on it." The coupon ripper smiled and elevated his brows.

"No, sir," continued the press agent, warming up to the argument and hitting a nearby desk with what seemed needless violence. "The governor won't play this date. I understand that your manager can force him to it and that the contracts are signed and all that. But the governor won't show—and I know. As soon as my star comes in and sees this bill he'll get so whooping, whopping drunk that he won't recognize his own mother-in-law and won't be able to read lines any better than a phonograph. I know the governor, and he'll do it—no three matinees for him."

And the representative walked out of the office triumphantly, while the treasurer checked off two seats on his complimentary list. And if any star seen here this week is too ill to appear some afternoon the audience will be able to guess that the man ahead did "know him."

A very fair house attended the special performance given last night at the Bijou and appeared to enjoy the entertainment greatly. There is no limit to the possibilities in vaudeville for Sunday amusement and Manager Grieves proved his understanding of them yester-evening. His bill included many of the more refined turns given at his house daily, though the entire affair was accomplished without a change of scenery or lowering of the curtain. Several decidedly pleasing acts were contributed and applauded by the auditors with true holiday generosity. Those who appeared on the stage were largely people billed for the regular shows, though the force was augmented by a number of local amateurs. The entire program did not contain a tiresome specialty and deserved all the hand-clapping with which it was greeted.

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The funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the home of his mother, Mrs. Metzger, at No. 1724 Sixth Street northwest, where the remains now rest.

The death of Mr. Scheele releases a secret which has for the past three months been known only to the members of the immediate family of himself and his widow, formerly Miss Ida May Jacobson, that is, the knowledge of their marriage in Baltimore on October 29 last. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, of that place, and was not announced on account of the death about that time at Montauk Point of the bride's brother, Henry Jacobson, a private of the District Volunteer Regiment. After the marriage the bridal couple returned to Washington and have since resided at No. 519 Thirteenth Street northwest. Mr. Scheele was devoted to his newly wedded wife, and his sudden death has prostrated her. She is now at the home of her father, Lieut. Jacob Jacobson, of the record and pension bureau of the War Department, at No. 514 Thirteenth Street northwest, across the street from the house in which Mr. Scheele died. Mrs. Scheele is twenty-four years old, and has a wide acquaintance in this city. Her father, Lieut. Jacobson, is a prominent member of the Old Guard, and has always taken a deep interest in local military matters.

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The Line-Up for the Football Game of This Afternoon.

Final arrangements have been made for the football game on Georgetown field between the Georgetown and All-Washington teams today. The field itself has been put in perfect condition and the management has made all necessary arrangements to accommodate what is expected to be the largest crowd of the season. The game will take place rain or shine, and emergency preparations have been contracted for to quickly clear the gridiron and seats in case of snow.

As the game will not be called until 3 p. m., will allow everyone ample time to enjoy the Monday dinner and also witness the contest. The following gentlemen have been selected to officiate: Eddie Sefton, referee; J. Hadley Doyle, umpire; Messrs. Don Fuggett (Lehigh), Fred Sims (Swathmore), and Wilson Young (Georgetown), linesmen and timekeepers.

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