

Christmas Services Attract Many Worshipers

IN all the Catholic churches of this city yesterday solemn services were held in commemoration of the nativity. Solemn high masses were celebrated and specially prepared musical programmes were rendered. At every mass the attendance was large. His Grace Archbishop Riordan gave the papal blessing to the worshipers who crowded St. Mary's Cathedral at the 11 o'clock mass. Special Christmas day sermons were delivered in all the churches. The members of the First Regiment, League of the Cross Cadets, attended mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. It was an impressive spectacle. Drums were beaten during the mass and sabers were raised at the elevation. All the edifices were decorated for the occasion. The altars were covered with holly and greens and flowers were used in profusion.

SPECIAL sermons and music were features of the Christmas day services in the various churches yesterday. Pastors preached about the nativity and drew lessons from the birth of Christ. Augmented choirs rendered excellent musical programmes and the worshipers who filled the sacred edifices were enraptured by the music. The services were highly impressive. Bishop William Ford Nichols took part in the services at the Cathedral Mission and preached a sermon appropriate to the day.

SOLEMN pontifical mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Archbishop Riordan was the celebrant. He was assisted by Rev. Father J. B. Hannigan as deacon, Rev. C. A. Ramm sub-deacon, Very Rev. Father Prendergast assistant priest, Rev. Fathers P. O'Ryan and E. P. Dempsey deacons of honor and the Rev. Father P. Mulligan master of ceremonies.

The interior of the church was decorated in greens and holly berries. A special musical programme was rendered by an augmented choir under the direction of Professor Harrison. Not a seat was empty, and the worshipers lined the back of the church ten deep in order to listen to the services.

HAPPY CHILDREN REIGN AT FESTIVAL SERVICES

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—Christmas in the Berkeley churches was largely given over to the little ones, the usual anthems and set music of the festival giving place to children's cantatas and the ever witching Christmas tree. In almost every sacred edifice it was the treble voices of the little folk which sounded the praises of the day.

At the Methodist church sixteen little girls of the primary Sunday-school sang a cantata, "Johnnie Doubter." At St. Mark's Episcopal Church a carol service was rendered last night by the children of the Sunday school. The First Congregational Church was also the scene of infant revelry in the form of a chorus of mummies, garbed in the regulation costume of long ago and singing songs centuries old.

CADETS TAKE PART IN MILITARY MASS

FIVE and fifty members of Company B, League of the Cross Cadets, attended in their neat blue and red uniforms, a military mass at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Long before the hour for the service the cadets of Company B were assembled at the corner of Eighteenth and Shotwell streets. When the bell summoned them to the sacred edifice rang there were more than half a hundred who answered the command of Captain M. A. McCann.

The services at the church were beautiful, solemn and impressive. The "Adeste Fideles" was rendered by Arnold and Ethel Grazer on a cornet and French horn, the solemnity and sweetness of the hymn being accentuated by the combination of instruments. At the close of the mass Sergeant Piercy sounded taps, the mournful notes of the soldier's last call giving the service a touch of realism.

GREAT GATHERING AT TRINITY CHURCH

NEVER before on a Christmas day has so great a congregation been gathered at Trinity Episcopal Church as yesterday. Every pew in the church was occupied and scores of worshipers stood at the rear and along the aisles. The Rev. Dr. Clappert preached the sermon, speaking of the influence of the birth of Christ on the world and the hope that comes from the musical portion of the service, under the direction of Louis H. Eaton, organist.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS AN HEIR TO JAMES L. FLOOD

Yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock a son and heir was born to the wife of James L. Flood at the Flood residence, 2129 Broadway. The news of the happy event quickly spread in the city, and throughout the day Mr. Flood was the recipient of numerous congratulations. In the evening many of the most intimate friends of the family dropped in to offer felicitations to the happy parents.

Accidentally Shot by Brother.

D. Paganini, a boy, was accidentally shot in the arm by his brother yesterday at their home, 2800 Gough street. The boys were examining a gun, when the younger one accidentally pulled the trigger, exploding a blank cartridge with which the gun was loaded. The bullet was resting on the end of the barrel at the time and it was severely burned. He was taken to the Central Emergency Hospital for treatment.

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WORSHIPERS LEAVING ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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FIREMEN RESTRAIN DANGEROUS BLAZE

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—Fire which broke out to-night in the middle of the building occupied by W. A. Nicolass & Co., dry goods and ladies' furnishings, destroyed that structure and was only prevented from licking up the double store of C. W. Klem, wholesale and retail dry goods, by the hard work of the firemen. The buildings were new and as nearly fireproof as it was possible to make them, and to this is attributed the fact that the fire spread no further. The loss on the Nicolass building, which was valued at \$75,000, is total. The stock, valued at \$35,000, is damaged by smoke and water. The building adjoining the Nicolass building to the west was empty, and as the wind was in the other direction the loss on that structure will not exceed \$6000. The total loss will not be far from \$200,000. Charles Abrams, assistant chief, fell from a ladder while fighting the flames and was badly injured.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Employees of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad have been granted a 7 per cent increase in wages. Effective December 1. The company employed about 2,000 men, almost all of whom will benefit by the raise.

HORSE DROWNS RIDER IN STREAM

Trinity Pioneer Meets Tragic Death Christmas Eve.

REDDING, Dec. 25.—John Sheridan, one of Trinity County's oldest and best known pioneer citizens, lost his life in a most tragic manner yesterday. Sheridan had intended spending Christmas with the family of Assessor Newman at Hay Fork, but instead his body is now lying at the bottom of the treacherous Trinity River. Newman, who was 72 years of age, left his home, two miles north of Junction City, yesterday morning, on horseback, and intended to try to reach the Newman home at the fork by nightfall. He rode to a point on the Trinity River one mile above his home, intending to ford the river there if possible. The last seen of Sheridan was when he left his home. It is believed that his horse became unmanageable just before he reached the river and bucked, throwing the old man from the saddle, probably one of the rider's feet catching in the stirrup. This morning the horse was found on the opposite side of the river. Both stirrups, which were made of leather, were inside out. Approaching the river from the side on which Sheridan would have started to ford were evidences of his having been dragged. It is presumed he was drawn into the river and drowned, the swift water loosening his feet from the stirrup and carrying his body far down the river. Large masses of men have been searching all day for the body, but up to a late hour no trace of it has been found. Sheridan was the owner of the famous Sheridan placer mine in Trinity County. He served several terms as Supervisor of the county. His sister, Mrs. Dryden, lives in Oakland.

YOUNG BURGLAR BOLDLY BREAKS INTO SALOON

John Woodhead, aged 18 years, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Officers Cronin, Heinz and Tobin and booked at the Southern police station on three charges of burglary. Woodhead was caught in the act of robbing P. S. Misfeldt's saloon, at 143 Berry street. He is also suspected of looting a store yard and a hardware store in the same vicinity. Misfeldt went down to his place of business to open up at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and he was surprised on entering the place to see Woodhead behind the bar helping himself to everything in sight. As soon as the intruder saw Misfeldt he made a dash for the door and ran down Berry street. Misfeldt immediately gave the alarm, and Officers Cronin, Tobin and Heinz joined in the chase. They finally discovered the burglar hiding behind a lumber pile. He was taken to the Southern station and searched. On his person were found two cheap watches and several telephone checks, which he had taken from Misfeldt's saloon. In another pocket he had several more telephone checks, which were recently stolen from the office of a stone yard and a hardware store on Berry street, so the officers lodged two additional charges of burglary against Woodhead.

RECEIVE DONATIONS.

THE Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Home Society acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations: James L. Flood, \$100; M. A. Gunst, \$100; Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, \$100; Mrs. William G. Irwin, \$50, and George Goodman, \$20.

SOCIETY FOLK SPEND A QUIET CHRISTMAS

Society forgot many of the usual pleasures yesterday and Christmas was given over to family dinner parties and the expressions of good wishes. A number of families entertained guests who were not relatives, but the affairs were entirely informal and merriment reigned supreme.

Mrs. M. H. de Young entertained a happy party of children complimentary to her younger daughters, Miss Kathleen and Miss Phyllis de Young.

The spacious rooms of the De Young residence on California street were prettily decorated with greens and Christmas holly. The young guests entered into the Christmas festivities with charming enthusiasm and pretty gifts were compared. The afternoon was delightfully spent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pond on California street was filled with merry calls who brought Christmas greetings and good cheer yesterday afternoon.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Edward Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer King entertained a few friends at dinner last evening.

Mrs. Porter and Miss Amy Porter are guests of Mrs. A. Buchanan and Mrs. J. B. Wright in Sacramento.

Mrs. J. D. Spreckels, Jr., nee Huntington, gave a tally-ho party at Coronado a few days ago.

Among the guests were Miss Dolbeer, the Misses O'Connor and Miss Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurance Irving Scott have returned from Santa Barbara.

The Misses O'Connor are having a pleasant sojourn at Hotel Coronado.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Atwood are spending the holidays with the doctor's mother in Pasadena.

The Colonial Hotel was the scene of a jolly fancy dress ball Tuesday evening, where 200 guests hid their identity behind mysterious masks.

The hotel management threw open the doors to the many friends of the regular guests, all of whom entered gaily into the spirit of the occasion. The decorations were elaborate and entirely in keeping with the jolly theme. Colonial wreaths tied with broad red satin ribbons decorated the hall and the dining-room was done in bamboo, balloons, red berries and foliage. Christmas trees and holly in profusion decorated the drawing-rooms. A band of thirty-two pieces furnished excellent music for the dancers, who reveled in the mazes of the waltz in the hall and dining-room. A large number of pretty and unique fancy dress costumes were in evidence, interspersed with dominoes. Supper was served at 11 o'clock, after which dancing was continued until a late hour.

THE Christmas day services in the First English Lutheran Church were largely attended.

The church was decorated and the services were extremely impressive. The girls' vested choir, under the direction of Choirmaster J. C. Fyfe, rendered Adams' Christmas cantata, "The Holy Child," at the offertory. The following selections composed the cantata: "There Were Shepherds"; recitative, "And lo, the Angel"; solo and chorus, "Fear Not, for Behold"; solo and chorus, "At Last Thou Art Come"; carol chorus, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," concluding with carol, "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen" (traditional melody); recessional, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn).

The Rev. E. Nelander preached an eloquent sermon on "The Manger Cradle."

He took his text from Luke 1:12-13. In part he spoke as follows:

"Christmas has come to the world 1902 times—and it has not worn out its welcome. In red letters we mark it on the calendar. On that first December night the position of time stopped swinging for a moment, a new dial was put on the old chronometer and labeled 'Christmas' and the world again began to count from the beginning and took a fresh start."

Christian civilization comes to the manger and says, "Humble babe, what I am I owe to thee." Nations, cemented in the precepts of Christ, the floods of vice are falling. The arts, the sciences, like the wise men, come to the manger and say, "Divine babe, what we owe to thee." The church, grown as far as the march of the sun, comes to the manger and says, "Holy babe, what I am I owe to thee. The soul, set free by grace divine, comes radiant to the manger and says, "Savior babe, what I am I owe to thee."

For nineteen centuries the Bethlehem manger has made the most potent suggestions for peace that mankind has ever received. The angelic prophecy of peace on earth will be fulfilled. In 1809 an international peace conference seriously considered the subject of arbitration. A few months ago the King of Sweden arbitrated certain complications among the United States, England and Germany, and President Roosevelt is now asked to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties. A universal desire will ultimately prevail. The light the Christmas angel scatter from their quivering wings is an omen of the daybreak of peace and good will on earth.

This Christmas morning dawned over a world that is happier and brighter than ever before. The floods of vice are falling. The streams of virtue are rising. Those who have visions see signs of a new era and the dawn of a new day.

BISHOP NICHOLS PREACHES SERMON

RIGHT REV. WILLIAM FORD NICHOLS, Bishop of the Episcopal Church, preached the Christmas sermon at the Cathedral Mission yesterday morning. His presence at the church drew a very large congregation. The Bishop drew a lesson from the birth of the Savior and preached a strong sermon.

The music rendered during the services was excellent. The choir outdid itself and the congregation was delighted with the rendition of the sacred musical programme. The service of holy communion was impressive.

DR. VOORSANGER TO LECTURE.—At the divine services to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Temple Emanuel, 21 Sutter street, near Powell, Dr. Voorsanger will lecture on the "Hannukka and Christmas."

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