

HOLIDAY JOY STARTS TONIGHT

Open Air Concert at Lotta's Fountain Starts Christmas Celebrations

Christmas cheer will be distributed in San Francisco in the same large and generous measure in which the city was enriched with gifts by the good year, 1913.

Beginning with the great open air concert, the fourth of its kind, at Lotta's fountain this evening, at which 300 band pieces and 500 voices will participate, reasons why San Francisco should especially rejoice this year will be given by Mayor Rolph, who returned yesterday from the Atlantic coast.

SLIGHT PROGRAM CHANGE The numbers on the program tonight at Lotta's fountain have been changed slightly to permit Mr. Burke to keep another appointment. He will appear as number five, while Miss Vivienne will be number seven.

The concert at the fountain this year is under the auspices of the San Francisco Musicians' union, local No. 6. Frank W. Healy is director of the concert, and Ruth McKenzie solo singer, with a chorus of 500 voices, together with Edmund Burke, Irish barytone, and Rene Vivienne, prima donna, will sing to the assembled thousands. The program will begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

"I LOVE YOU, CALIFORNIA" Miss Vivienne will give two numbers, the first, "My Hero," from "The Chocolate Soldier," and the second, "I Love You, California."

All children who will apply at the Youth's Directory today at 720 Church street will receive free streetcar tickets which will take them to and from the Golden Gate park tomorrow. A big celebration will take place at the City Rescue Mission Christmas evening.

OTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS The children of the North Beach playground will present a playlet tonight in the auditorium of the Hancock school.

A large Christmas tree has been provided for the children of the Daniel Webster school this afternoon and tomorrow morning. The Yerba Buena school playground held a celebration yesterday afternoon.

EAST BAY CITIES ETO STAGE FEATURES

Preparations have been completed for Oakland's Christmas festival, and, with out regard to the elements, the great chorus will sing songs of the spirit of yuletide in Oakland City Hall square tonight. The 70 foot fir tree is in place and hundreds of vari-colored electric lights outline the gigantic branches.

The program will be: "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Silent Night—Holy Night."

WILL ENTERTAIN ORPHANS At the Hotel Oakland this evening the Merchants' Exchange of Oakland will be host to the orphan children of Oakland, and for several hours the youngsters will hold a happy revel through the corridors.

The Oakland Boys' band, the Pacific Ladies' quartet and other singers will make up the program. The Oakland officers of the Salvation Army will give a dinner tomorrow to more than 200 poor. The dinner will not be served at the hotel, but baskets will be distributed.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES Communion service will be held at all Episcopal churches, and Catholic churches of Oakland will celebrate masses all day tomorrow; at St. Mary's there will be a solemn high mass at 11 o'clock with special music. Special music will accompany the masses at St. Paul's, the chapel of the Good Samaritan, St. Francis de Sales, St. Patrick's, St. Leo's and St. Peter's.

MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS SONGS Midnight Christmas eve services will be held tonight at All Souls chapel, Berkeley.

The choir of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Berkeley, will sing carols through the streets Christmas dawn. The choristers will traverse the city in a coach.

In St. Joseph's Catholic church and at the Newman club Christmas day masses will be celebrated.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN CITY CHURCHES

Among the churches where special Christmas day services will be held and where special music may be heard are:

St. Agnes church, Masonic and Page streets, Father Satterly, pastor; solemn high mass at 11. Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, "The Little green church in Diamond street," masses sung every hour from 5 until 11, with special music under the direction of Santiago Arrillaga, organist. The sermon at 11 is by Father Crimmins. Episcopal church, Holy Innocents' Episcopal church,

SONG BIRDS GIVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Miss Rose McGlynn, who will sing two Christmas programs at Sacred Heart church



Miss Rose McGlynn Will Appear at 5 and 11 o'Clock A. M. in Special Services

A musical program will be given twice Christmas day, the first at 5 o'clock a. m., and the second at 11 o'clock, at Sacred Heart church, Fell and Fillmore streets. Rev. Joseph P. McQuaide, the rector, will conduct the service. Miss Rose McGlynn, who has prepared special music for the services, will sing. The music will be conducted by J. Joseph, who, with Organist Thomas Nawlan, Violinist Nathan Landsberger and six other instrumentalists, will reinforce the regular and augmented choir.

In response to requests Paladine's mass will be repeated.

First English Lutheran church, Geary street, between Gough and Octavia, Rev. John R. Brauer, pastor. Morning service at 11.

First Presbyterian church, Van Ness and Sacramento streets, Rev. William Kirk Guthrie, pastor. Music for Christmas services will be given next Sunday, morning and evening.

Saint Luke's church, Van Ness avenue and Clay street. Christmas day services. Holy eucharist, plain, 7 a. m.; holy eucharist, sung, 8 a. m. Masses, plain, 10 a. m.; holy eucharist, sung, 11 a. m.

Masses on Christmas morning will be sung in St. Francis reconstructed church, Vallejo and Columbus avenue, at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Terrence Caraher will preach. Rev. Robert O'Connor will be celebrant at high mass. Rev. J. Lennon, William Guthrie and Rev. J. Newell and Dionysius Mahoney will also preach and assist.

Christmas caroling on the streets and before the most important hotels will be heard early tomorrow by the vested choir of the Cathedral Mission of the Good Samaritan. The hotels to be visited are: The Granada, 5:45 p. m.; Fairmont, 7 p. m.; Stewart, 7:15 p. m.; Marx, 7:30; Union Square, 7:45; Palace, 8; St. Francis, 8:30, and Argonaut, 9 o'clock.

Spirit of Christmas Typified in Poem by Laureate of Britain

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A poem, entitled "Christmas Eve," by Robert Bridges, Great Britain's poet laureate, appears in the Times today by their majesties' express desire. The first two verses read:

A frosty Christmas eve, when the stars were shining, Fared I forth alone, where westward falls the hill, And from many a village in the watered valley,

Distant music reached me, peals of bells a-ringing: The constellated sounds ran sprinkling on earth's floor. As the dark vault above with stars was spangled o'er. They sped my thoughts to keep that first Christmas of all. When the shepherd, watching by their folds ere the dawn, Heard music in the fields and, marveling, could not tell, Whether it were angels or the bright stars singing.

The poem is cast in the form adopted by the first recorded predecessor of the laureate in 1340, namely, Germanic rhythm, based upon alliteration and a central pause, the most familiar illustration of which is in "The Vision of Piers Plowman."

ONLY A HANDFUL LEFT OF CALL YULE TREES

Last Squad of Shoppers Deplete Cedars at Pragers Store

Only a handful left—and tomorrow is the big day.

The 5,000 Christmas trees purchased by The Call and Post and distributed through Pragers at 50 cents each have gone in whirlwind fashion, and when the store opened for business today only a few remained un sold.

These were ranged in a row which, within a short time, was sadly depleted by holiday shoppers.

The trees bought today were carried away by the purchasers, for so great was the task of delivery of distributing this small forest all over the city that no orders taken after last night could be delivered.

Even with the trees being carried away as bought, they went with wonderful rapidity.

This sale has, first and last, proven phenomenally successful. San Francisco has never before seen anything like it. Five thousand homes have been assured of Christmas trees through these being placed within the reach of everybody, and how many children have been made happy it's hard to say.

Many a child, and grown up, too, has proven his holiday spirit by buying a tree for some family that otherwise might not have had one. All in all, 5,000 reasons for being happy on Christmas have been brought home to a good many thousands of San Franciscans.

Christmas Cheer for the Hungry Hundred Homeless to Be Fed

A SUBSTANTIAL Christmas breakfast will be provided tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in the Whosoever Will mission at 193 Jessie street. The Call and Post has 100 tickets that will be given without question to the first hundred persons applying. Each ticket will entitle the bearer to the Christmas morning meal at the mission. The tickets will be given out over the counter of the business office until 6 o'clock tonight.

WHEELER BACK; RAPS WATER FOES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Have I followed the Hetch Hetchy controversy," exclaimed Prof. Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, who returned today from an extensive trip abroad, "well, I should think so. The persons who are opposing the plan of making a reservoir out of the Hetch Hetchy valley are acting in a most undemocratic spirit. The argument that it will ruin the wonderful scenery of the Yosemite park is absurd."

Speaking about the coming San Francisco fair, the professor said: "I regret exceedingly that Germany may not participate at the exposition. It is to me another evidence of how few people in Europe realize what the opening of the Panama canal really means, how it is going to change the great trans-Atlantic ways, how countries that have been in the background will come to the fore."

Zelaya Sails for Spain To Visit His Family

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua sailed today for France, whence he will go to Barcelona, Spain, to visit his family. His departure is the sequence of efforts of the government of Nicaragua to have him extradited to that country.

Anti Loan Shark Law Is Unconstitutional

By Associated Press. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Nebraska supreme court today, in two opinions handed down, declared the so-called anti loan shark law and the gift enterprise statute unconstitutional and void.

Give Me a War Dog, Pleads Young Boy

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Garrison's New Jersey boyhood days were recalled to him today when, with a sigh of regret, he had to turn down the request of a Pennsylvania youngster who wrote asking for a "war dog" as a Christmas present. The lad's letter, mailed at Fordyce, Pa., was as follows:

Mr. Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: Me and my little brother would like to have a dog for a Christmas present. Papa says you have plenty of war dogs. Will you send us a little pup? A Scotch collie would be the best. I am 9 years old and my little brother is 4 years old. Goodby.

Not omitting the prefix "Mr." which the youngster carefully included in his signature, Secretary Garrison sent his correspondent this personal and sympathetic reply:

Mr. —, Fordyce, Pa.—My Dear Sir: I received your letter of December 22, 1913. Your papa told you the truth when he said I had war dogs, but he made a mistake when he said I had plenty. I have some, but none to spare, and am very sorry that I can not send you what you ask for. Besides, there is not a Scotch collie attached to the army. If I see one running loose anywhere I will try to catch him for you. I do hope you will get a dog somewhere for Christmas. Sincerely yours,

LINDLEY M. GARRISON, Secretary of War.

Gifts by Carnegie

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretaries Daniels and Garrison found on their desks this morning Christmas gifts from Andrew Carnegie. A recently published cartoon, satirizing war, with a plea for international peace, was the ironmaster's remembrance to the heads of the two departments of national defense.

No Christmas Here

SALINA, Kan., Dec. 24.—Because of diphtheria here, all Christmas exercises in the various churches and schools have been called off. No public gatherings of children will be permitted during the holidays.

Redfield Santa Claus

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce will play Santa Claus for the several hundred employees in his department tonight. A big Christmas tree has been provided and gifts will be distributed to all.

5 Million in New Coin

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—More than \$5,000,000 worth of bright, new gold and silver pieces of 1913 mintage, most of which will find its way into Christmas stockings tomorrow morning, has been distributed by the treasury this month to the banks throughout the country.

But there is one 1913 coin which no one will receive. It is the 50 cent piece. None was minted this year because the supply on hand was sufficient.

"Newsies" Christmas

By Associated Press. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Christmas will bring 600 new accounts to the banks of Los Angeles, every one of them the credit of a newsboy. The accounts will be for \$1 each. A well known merchant devised this scheme.

No "Turk" for Mose

Mose Collins, Mayor Rolph's colored usher, is said, in accordance with his usual custom, Mayor Rolph has set up a fragrant Yuletide tree in his office. Among the gifts is a large bundle, from one end of which protrudes a pair of turkey legs.

"It's the big bird, all right," sighed Mose; "but what's the use? I'm a sick man. I've had a stomachache for a week. Doctor said I mustn't eat anything but toast and milk. Don't say Merry Christmas to me. I'm sad, I am."

Want Further Probe Of Redlight Forgeries

A demand for the reopening of the investigation into the forgeries on the redlight abatement law referendum petition is today in the hands of George Gray Gormley, foreman of the grand jury. It was presented to him by representatives of the San Francisco center of the California Civic league, led by Mae C. Bourn Tuck, president, and Genevieve Allen, secretary.

Santa Parcel Post Good to Peninsula

Santa Claus through the medium of the parcel post is proving a good friend to the social set of the peninsula towns. Every train that stops at Hillsborough, Burlingame or San Mateo carries its quota of packages.

Parcels from all over the nation, England, South Africa, Europe and even India are streaming in to San Mateo's wealthy citizens. While neither the San Mateo nor Burlingame country clubs intend to celebrate Christmas with the usual tree festivities, numerous parties have been planned for Christmas night at the many fashionable homes.

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Santa Gets Wet Tonight Rain for Christmas Day

SANTA CLAUS is going to have a wet night to get around, according to Weather Forecaster G. H. Willson, who says that it will rain tonight and tomorrow night in San Francisco. Willson said this morning he was much afraid the rain would also spoil the annual Christmas eve concert and exercises scheduled for tonight at Lotta's fountain.

Because of the unsettled condition of the weather, the committee having in charge the great Christmas day celebration in Golden Gate park has postponed the festivities, which were to have been held tomorrow, until next Sunday. The same hours and the same program planned for Christmas day will be observed. The committee believes, too, that on Sunday more will be able to attend the festivities.

If the predictions of Expert Willson come true, it will be the first rainy Christmas San Francisco has experienced in four years.

It began to rain slightly in the city this morning early, and the clouds seemed to be loaded for rain.

With the rain promised a southerly wind, ranging from brisk to heavy, will prevail.

At Point Reyes this morning at 6 o'clock the wind was blowing at the rate of 54 miles per hour. Point Lobos reported the wind increasing from 14 to 26 miles per hour between the hours of 6 and 9 a. m.

Wants Middle Name; Omitted by Parents

Edward Woods, a commissioned officer in the United States navy, wants to maintain the full dignity of his family name, which is Edward Churchill Woods, and has petitioned the superior courts today to change his name accordingly, the "Churchill" having been inadvertently omitted when he was named.

Big Jail Christmas Feast for 20 Cents

SAN JOSE, Dec. 24.—Jailer Herman Shirley will serve a Christmas dinner in the county jail that should make the cost of living complainants sit up and take notice. Twenty cents a plate is the estimated price which will be paid to feed 80 prisoners this menu: Mashed potatoes, fricasseed chicken, cranberry sauce, buttermilk, sugar, coffee, apples, oranges, candies and nuts.

Woman Is Attacked In Street by Thug

Mrs. Mary Carrity, returning to her home at 776 Park avenue last night, was accosted by a strange man at Twenty-eighth street and Railroad avenue and thrown to the ground when she resisted his advances. Pedestrians frightened the thug away.

Two Notable Predictions

Two notable and interesting predictions are indicated rather than made in the report. One is that the time is not far distant when coal of too low position to stand storage or transportation will be converted into electricity at the mouth of the mines and widely distributed for lighting, heat and power; the other, that the gigantic forces now wasting itself in the rivers of the country will be so controlled by dams as to provide heat, light and power to the people and that "within a generation and that the people will be as alive to the value of public ownership of hydroelectric power plants as they are today to municipal owned water works."

"There exists a feeling in the west," says the secretary, "that its affairs and needs have not been given sufficient consideration at the hands of the national government. There is one very simple explanation for the existence of this feeling.

DEVELOPER HALTED, TOO "We have stopped methods of spoliation which existed, to the great benefit of many, but we have failed to substitute methods, sane, healthful and progressive by which the normal enterprise of an ambitious people can make full use of their own resources. We abruptly closed opportunities to the monopolist, but did not open them to the developer."

"The west can use profitably and wisely \$100,000,000 in the next 10 years to the advantage of the whole country. If the government will place upon a leasing basis these western resources with which we have been dealing, it can have an increased fund for the continuance of this work and an increased assurance of the return of its advances."

DEMANDS ACTION ON LAND "The west," he says, "no longer urges a return to the hazards of the 'land is land' policy. But it does ask action.

As to oil he says: "We should, I believe, stimulate the search for oil and prospecting. A plan could readily be evolved by which any one wishing to prospect for oil on the public lands could obtain a license from the government exclusively to prospect a large tract of land for a period of time—perhaps two years—and in the event that oil is found in commercial quantities the government should be paid a royalty fixed in advance."

The White House

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