

CHRISTMAS WAS PLAY
SHOWS VALUE OF
GIFT FROM HEART

Outdoor Fantasy Presented
Before 5,000 Persons in
Madison Square.

MOST OF THE PARTS
PLAYED BY CHILDREN

After all it was the battered, tattered doll so sincerely given by the Dear Little Child that the Emerald Queen liked best, cherished more than all of the costly or hard won gifts that were presented to her by the Rich Man and the Bravest Man in the World and the Mighty Lady.

The fantasy, which was a moving picture with living actors, was made possible by the generosity of the persons who provide every year the glowing, gleaming Christmas tree that stands with a soft burning at its tip at the south end of the square. It was presented in the Metropolitan Theatre, a convenient structure of laths and canvas which can be put together and taken apart in two days. Its purpose was to entertain and amuse (and no doubt to edify) the thousands of persons who otherwise might have passed a dull Christmas night.

Children as Actors.
Stuart Walker was the director and stage manager of the pantomime, and the actors, except for a few professionals borrowed from Selwyn & Co., were the children of Christodora House, at 147 Avenue B. The best known of the professionals were Florence Wallerson, who played the Haughty Lady very laughably, indeed, and McKay, who enacted the part of the Brave Man. Settling nists and fog clouds and dampness probably kept down the size of the audience, but nevertheless all of the youngsters who were in the square which gave upon the stage were thickly crowded. In the long wait before the Portentous Theatre burst into light, many grumbled because the big Christmas tree remained dark. They did not know then, as they understood later, that this was because of the big tree which was suddenly to flash aglow at the proper time, when the Dear Little Child made her wish.

The curtain fell, played by F. M. and the Princes, at 9:30 P. M. and the actors, except for a few professionals borrowed from Selwyn & Co., were the children of Christodora House, at 147 Avenue B. The best known of the professionals were Florence Wallerson, who played the Haughty Lady very laughably, indeed, and McKay, who enacted the part of the Brave Man. Settling nists and fog clouds and dampness probably kept down the size of the audience, but nevertheless all of the youngsters who were in the square which gave upon the stage were thickly crowded. In the long wait before the Portentous Theatre burst into light, many grumbled because the big Christmas tree remained dark. They did not know then, as they understood later, that this was because of the big tree which was suddenly to flash aglow at the proper time, when the Dear Little Child made her wish.

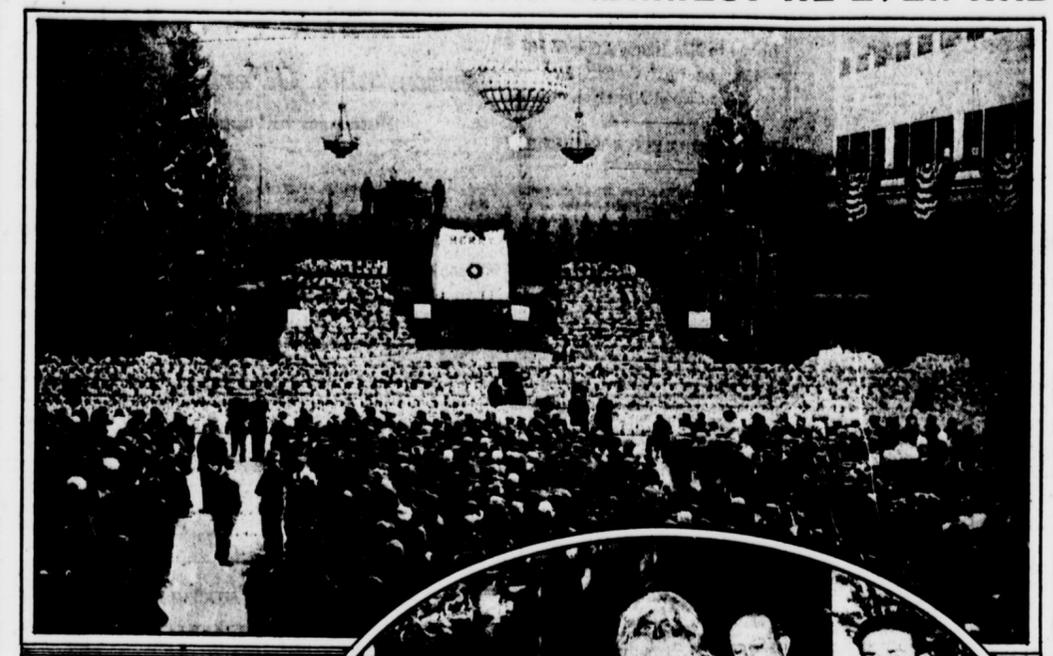
Gift Bearers Appear.
Presently came the gift bearers, first the Lovely Man and his son, bringing a poor scraggly Christmas tree, the best they had to offer. The Bravest Man in the World presented with pomp and ostentation a casket of jewels, a gorgeously decorated cake, a ring from his finger and other gifts out of the store of his wealth. The Haughty Lady gave to the Queen one iris out of the three she brought. The Humble Woman, Miss Harris Fumade, offered a captive bird, and in the moment of offering released the bird and gave it its liberty, an act which delighted the Queen.

And then came the Bravest Man in the World with a tiger skin for his offering. That the Queen might understand the value of the gift he enacted the pursuit and killing of the tiger and the Queen produced a diamond ring. To represent the forest in which the tiger was brought to bay three little trees were set down upon the stage. Jack in the Box, Tom Powers, played the part of the tiger. Eventually after a desperate combat Jack Tiger was overcome by the simple expedient of putting salt on his tail.

WAIRES GET A FINE DINNER.

Christmas for the Murray Children is brightened by the Conitas.
Christmas eve was not so sad after all for the five children of Mrs. Mary Murray of 62 Remington street, Jamaica. On December 2 their father died, and a week later their mother was taken to the Kings County Hospital ill with pneumonia and is there now.

OLD FATHER KNICKERBOCKER'S CHRISTMAS
THE BIGGEST AND MERRIEST HE EVER HAD



Gifts and Good Cheer Poured Out in Greater Abundance Than Ever Before.

HAPPINESS EVERYWHERE

It was the biggest and merriest ever. One gathered that it would be if one were in the vicinity of Broad and Wall streets as early as the day before, where ecstatic prosperity began things by exploding with an explosive force and beyond anything the street had seen within the memory of the present generation.

And any one who failed to come up for air yesterday in time to glimpse all the things which detonated steadily throughout the greater city may take the word of the Salvation Army officers, who edified even their past Christmas efforts yesterday and established a record, or the word of the Bellevue Hospital nurses, who were out in the hospital court at 4 o'clock A. M. singing carols under a 10-foot tree, or the word of a well-known Broadway restaurateur, who introduced the Christmas dinner party in the vacation headquarters of the National Civic Federation at 32 West Thirty-ninth street, or the word of Miss Anne Morgan, hostess of the best party the Spugs have had during their three years of Christmas parties.

Celebration in Bronx.

The Bronx erupted particularly in the Second Battalion Armory at 166th street and Borden road, which made all day and evening shindig under the auspices of the Bronx advisory committee of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. Crates of beautiful dresses headed by Miss Edna Hunter and Miss Adele Rowland changed forth from Broadway to the armory during the late afternoon in limousines piled high with Christmas stockings which were distributed to panting youngsters far to the east and west river fronts.

Miss Carter and her Society of Good Cheer made merry for—and, incidentally, made very merry for—little ones in the home for the crippled and blind children, 221 East Forty-second street, with gifts of toys and pictures, cheery talks and a dinner almost too good to be true.

Crimmins Gives Dinner.

John D. Crimmins and his family as usual not only provided but personally served a dinner for the inmates of the Home for the Aged, which the Little Sisters of the Poor conduct at 212 East Seventeenth street. It was a noon dinner. And Head Waiter Crimmins and Assistant Waiters and Waitresses Crimmins seemed to have just as good a time hurrying up and down the aisles handing over of gifts and good copers during the days preceding Christmas that the inmates were able to break a record by distributing almost twice 25,000 baskets at the headquarters of the organization, 129 West Fourteenth street.



Above—Interior of the armory in Fourteenth street, showing the 25,000 baskets containing Christmas dinners, which were distributed to the poor by the Salvation Army. Below—Sailors of the battleship New York serving the dinner they provided out of their own money to about one hundred children who were their guests on the big fighting ship yesterday. Capt. Hugh Rodman is standing beside Santa Claus.

made possible from contributions from the Bellevue doctors, nurses and employees in general. Also there were indoor trees in the various wards and exercises throughout the day by entertainers provided by the social service workers.

Throughout a day which dawned into glittering night around the city Christmas trees in the various wards and exercises throughout the day by entertainers provided by the social service workers. The Salvation Army turned the general vicinity of Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue into the biggest Christmas dinner party in the history of the well-known world. Bellevue had the greatest Christmas party ever known. The Spugs up in the vacation headquarters of the National Civic Federation at 32 West Thirty-ninth street, on the word of Miss Anne Morgan, hostess of the best party the Spugs have had during their three years of Christmas parties.

LITTLE GIRL RULES REVELS AT WHITE HOUSE FEAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day at the White House was quite an event in spite of the absence of the President and Mrs. Wilson.
Little Josephine Cothran, granddaughter of the President's sister, Mrs. Annie Wilson Howe, was shown into the great oval library to a gorgeously lighted and well-laden Christmas tree which Mrs. Sayre, formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Helen Bones arranged and decorated for her.
Ellen Wilson McAdoo, infant daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, was brought down to the White House for a while in the morning to enjoy the sight of the tree. Francis Woodrow Sayre, the other grandchild of the President, is peacefully enjoying the quiet and freedom of his own nursery in Williams-town, Mass. He was not brought to the White House for the wedding, nor did he come to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.
The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo dined with the President's family at the White House to-night. The dinner was served at the regular hour, 7 o'clock, in the state dining room. The party included Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's sister, Mrs. Howe, her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Cothran and little Josephine; Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Prof. Stockton Axson, brother of the first Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Miss Helen Bones and Dr. Cary T. Grayson.
This is the second Christmas for Josephine Cothran in the White House. Mrs. French Ambassador and Mrs. Lane assisted in decorating the tree for her and helped her to find a desirable place to hang her stocking Christmas eve. She is a favorite with him.
Others prominent in official life of Washington were active. The Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall enjoyed a quiet day in their apartment at the Willard. Mrs. Marshall is still unable to leave her room but her suite was filled with remembrances and many floral gifts from members of the staff who are in town dined this evening with the second counselor of the embassy, Prince and Princess von Hatzfeldt-Trachenberg, at their home.

BATTLESHIP CREW
HOST TO CHILDREN

Hundred Needy Youngsters Have Time of Their Lives Aboard the New York.

RISE IN HUGE OLD COACH

When Chief Boon's Mate Harry Percival of the superdreadnought New York alighted his "and around 'is waist line to the top of 'is pocket and nonchalantly withdrew therefrom something which looked ever so much like a regular flask filled with an amber colored something that made the grape juice of the punch bowl on the reporters' table blush a deeper purple, every one in the focale was too busy feeding his or her Christmas face to gasp at Harry's apparent audacity. But it wasn't that at all, and nobody should have gaped anyhow if any one had time to indulge in an outburst.

So Mr. Percival proceeded to justify his lack of respect for 'is by sprinkling a great big melon shaped plum pudding with what is technically known on ship-board as the illuminating gear, same being the contents of the flasklike affair from the Chief Boon's Mate's tip of 'is nose. Then he touched a lighter match to the steaming dish and surveyed the dancing blue flames with evident satisfaction. The next instant Mr. Percival lifted the huge matter in his right hand, paraded his burden along as happy a Christmas table as yesterday knew.

By that time, it might be surmised even by any one who did not have the pleasure of attending the Christmas party of the New York's crew to 100 of the neediest youngsters they could find in the whole city had about started. It would take columns such as only Dickens could write to tell adequately what that party meant—gladdening children's hearts which know only the rough side of life every day of the year, and the background of hungry blue clad sailors watching their gusts brighten up in the presence of surpluses and delights they never thought would be theirs even on Christmas Day.

Nothing that we have said about Goodyear tires has had as much influence on Goodyear sales as the things which Goodyear owners say about them every day. There are hundreds of men in this city from whom you will hear higher praise of Goodyear than we would ever put into this advertising.

GREENHUT'S "THE BIG STORE"

An Announcement of the Greatest Importance To the Shopping Public Beginning Tomorrow, Monday, December 27th A Remarkable Series of Department Rearrangement Sales
The actual work of transferring the selling departments now in our Annex Building to our MAIN BUILDING will soon begin. Our plans in this regard are rapidly taking shape. To facilitate the rearrangement of the departments as much as possible WE WILL BEGIN CONSOLIDATION SALES TOMORROW.
This statement is of more than ordinary interest, because these sales are combined with those which usually attend inventory taking at this season of the year.
Decisive Price Reductions on Seasonable Merchandise of All Kinds
We can't begin to tell of even a fraction of the special attractions,—but we simply say that ALL DEPARTMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE.
GREENHUT'S
We List a Few of the Most Important Events for Tomorrow
Annual Sale of New Canned Foods In The World's Greatest Grocery
Choicest Wines and Liquors For the New Year Festival
Clearaway Sale of Women's and Misses' \$14.75 to \$19.75 Suits, Coats and Dresses at \$8.95
Also Decisive Price Reductions on Luxurious Fur Coats, Scarfs & Muffs
Dress Goods, Flannels, Handkerchiefs
Notable Sale of "Used" Pianos and Player Pianos
Women's Sweaters, Infants' and Children's Wear, Women's Undermuslins, Petticoats and Corsets
125 "Sample" Brass Bedsteads At 25 to 33 Per Cent. Less Than Regular
Floor Coverings Sharply Reduced
Attractive Price Savings On Fine Dinner Sets, Dining Room Domes, House Furnishings, Portieres, Curtains and Bed Sets
NOTICE TO CHARGE CUSTOMERS
All purchases made during the remainder of this month will be entered on bills rendered FEBRUARY 1, 1916.
Double Green Trading Stamps Forenoon—Single Stamps, Evening

OSBORNE IS SANTA TO 1,534 MEN AT SING SING

Convicts Sing, Some Straggle Outside, and All Get "Tom Brown" Cigarettes.

OSBORNE, Dec. 25.—Warden Osborne played Santa Claus to the prisoners at Sing Sing to-day and installed a beautiful Christmas tree in the prison chapel. The convicts returned the compliment by providing a smaller, but not less picturesque tree, for the warden in Osborne's residence. The decoration of the latter was in charge of George Hanson, a twenty year man.
George Thompson, chairman of the entertainment committee of the Mutual Welfare League, directed the festive Christmas carols this evening and accompanied the singers. Each man was presented with a package of candy. After the midday Christmas dinner, which was enjoyed by 1,534 men, the warden presented each prisoner with a cigarette bearing the name "Tom Brown." The menu was as follows: Roast pork, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, pumpkin pie, coffee with milk, apples and oranges.
The twenty-one men in the death house had the same fare. Their bags of candy, however, were distributed at dinner time.
Annual liberties were given to the men and many were permitted to stroll about the prison walls. Although a heavy fog prevailed not a man made an attempt to escape.
Mr. Osborne spoke briefly at the close of the evening exercises. He intimated that these are trying times for convicts as well as the warden. He urged that they be frank and truthful in their dealings with him. He renewed his pledge made a year ago that the Mutual Welfare League would be an aid for the advantage of both the warden and the men.

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