

CHRISTMAS BASKETS TO NEEDY OF BROOKLYN

Many Thousands of Families Are Made Happy by Generous Gifts of Food and Clothing, With Toys and Candy for the Little Folk—Civic, Fraternal, Social, Religious and Political Organizations Aid in Work of Collection and Distribution—Salvation Army Fills a Thousand Baskets Here for Borough's Poor—Other Observances.

Fraternal, social, religious and civic organizations of all kinds yesterday distributed the toys and food that are to make happy Christmas for the poor of the borough. This year, the men and women who take up their kindly task annually worked even longer and harder than formerly, for, like the Salvation Army, practically all the groups concerned doubled their quotas of gifts.

The membership of those who saw to it that their less happy brethren were cared for included not only the Salvation Army, the Elks, Knights of Columbus, Masons, the "Y," and the various political clubs, but every Assembly District political unit, a host of fraternal organizations, clubs and a number of social clubs. Distributions began early yesterday and continued until after the close of the midnight mass. As a result, the happiness of each family of every section of the borough was assured for Christmas and there were few empty stomachs and meagre dinners in the borough.

Longi Grotto Aids Army. Early two and a half times as many Christmas baskets as last year were given out yesterday at the Salvation Army's social welfare center, Raymond street. Assistance in filling for this extra large number was given by Longi Grotto and Franchetti of the Enclavated, 1255 Bedford avenue, which filled 1,000 food baskets.

Knights Make Many Happy. The members of Fidelity Council, 485, Knights of Columbus, played Santa Claus to several families in Greenpoint. The clubhouse, 127 Russell street, was a busy place for a number of hours. Grand Knight John W. Beatty and George R. Leonard, chairman of the Christmas committee, were in charge of the details. Hundreds of baskets of food and several wagon loads of toys were distributed by the members.

Deputy Tenement House Commissioner George H. Lindsay and Mrs. M. J. Lindsay, co-ordinator of the Thirteenth District Republican Democratic Organization, personally looked after the distribution of many hundreds of baskets of food and gifts in the clubhouse, 714 Manhattan avenue. Led by Mrs. Lindsay, the district captains check up destitute families in the Assembly district and to these families the Register-elect John Campbell acted for the Christmas baskets and toys.

At the Alpha Republican Club's headquarters, 129 Nassau avenue, several hundred needy families were cared for, under the direction of Leader "Dick" Wright. After the distribution of the baskets, the members of the club had a jolly time. A musical program was carried out and there were all kinds of entertainments while the festivities lasted.

At Eastern District Branch, Y. M. C. A., Marcy avenue and South Ninth street, the members enjoyed a fine entertainment. The affair was like a reunion of old-time friends. The members of Greenpoint Branch, Y. M. C. A., had a special entertainment, which was participated in by several hundred persons.

The Weather: The temperature yesterday and for the corresponding day of last year: 1921 1920. 7 A.M.: 32 30 3 P.M.: 33 30. 8 A.M.: 34 32 4 P.M.: 35 32. 9 A.M.: 35 33 5 P.M.: 36 33. 10 A.M.: 36 34 6 P.M.: 37 34. 11 A.M.: 37 35 7 P.M.: 38 35. 12 M.: 38 36 8 P.M.: 39 36. 1 P.M.: 39 37 9 P.M.: 40 37. 2 P.M.: 40 38 10 P.M.: 41 38. High temperature yesterday, 43 at 4 A. M.; lowest, 34 at 8 A. M.; average, 37. Humidity, 93 at 8 A. M.; 89 at 3 P. M.; 85 at 10 P. M.; 82 at 4 A. M.; 84 at 8 P. M.

Controller Craig's Assistant Adds Signature to Mayor's and City Clerk's. WILL EXPEND \$350,238,140. Realty Owners Move to Punish Estimate Board's Members. Despite threats of court action to prevent it from collecting taxes next year, the Hyland Administration late yesterday contracted to spend \$350,238,140 when Deputy Controller Henry Smith, acting for Controller Charles L. Craig, who is in Canada, signed the 1922 budget. The prospect of having the city's revenue cut off in 1922 did not deter the Mayor, the City Clerk and the Acting Controller from obligating the city treasury to the extent of more than a third of a million dollars.

Several hundred Christmas baskets were distributed by members of the Nineteenth Assembly District Women's Democratic Club in the course of their annual Children's Christmas festival Friday night at the clubhouse, 127 East 12th street. Mrs. Mary T. Long acted as the Santa Claus. Democratic Leader Henry Hasenflug and other prominent Democrats of the district participated in the distribution of the baskets. Mrs. Elizabeth Avenius, associate leader; Mrs. Mary Alt, Mrs. J. Ebel, Mrs. Katherine Green, Mrs. Barbara Acker, Mrs. E. J. Schuchard, Mrs. Mary Kranz, Mrs. E. Friedman, Mrs. Katherine Fredericks, Mrs. Katherine Gorman, Mrs. Eleanor Weber, Mrs. M. J. Schuchard, Mrs. Anna Lohse, Mrs. C. Berger and Miss Catherine Hays.

Community Center's Festival. More than 500 needy children of the Bushwick-Ridgewood section were entertained at the annual Christmas festival at the Wyckoff Heights section at a Christmas festival given Friday night in the auditorium of the Wyckoff Heights school at Irving and Myrtle streets. They were presented with boxes of candy and books.

United Republicans' Party. The United Republican Club, Inc., of the Twelfth and Twentieth Districts, held its annual Christmas reception for children Friday night at the club's headquarters, Schreiner's Hall, Fulton and Elton streets. The movement in aid of the needy children is a leading part of the club's "give a dime for a kiddie's good time" campaign, to which twenty-four hundred and thirty-six persons contributed. The funds realized, to help the unemployed in the district, William Rust, Charles Ehlerman and Emerson D. R. Creveling have been investigating the cause of the unemployment, devising ways to assist while the money lasts.

Santa Claus at Kings County Hospital. Santa Claus gladdened the hearts of two hundred and fifty ill and crippled children on Friday at the Kings County Hospital. He distributed toys and goodies in one of the best Christmas entertainments ever staged at the Flatbush institution.

Bank Host to Children. Thirteen hundred children were guests of the East New York Savings Bank at a Christmas party in the bank building, Pennsylvania and Atlantic avenues, last night. Judge Edward A. Richards presented gifts to the children and spoke briefly of progress being made in teaching school children to save. In charge of the party were John C. Smith, Andrew J. Breslin, Robert E. Hower, John E. Alexander and C. Frank Colyer.

Gives Potatoes to Poor. Yesterday afternoon, Louis Camardella, president of the Pierco-Arrow Trucking Company, 330 St. Marks avenue, distributed about three thousand pounds of potatoes to the neighborhood. Camardella gained a reputation as a philanthropist during the last transit strike, conveying residents of his neighborhood to and from the station and in some instances to their places of business, gratis. He has been a resident of Brooklyn thirty-six years.

Consumers' League Festival. With Wilfred T. M. Brady acting as Santa Claus, the Bushwick-Ridgewood Consumers League, of which he is the chairman, on Friday night gave a Christmas festival for about one thousand persons in the Park Garden, Wilson and Greene avenues. Parents of the children also took keen delight in participating in the affair. Several thousand toys, boxes of candy, fruits and other Yuletide goodies were distributed by members of the league committee. In recognition of his efforts to advance the interests of the Consumers' League, Brady was presented with a signet ring prior to the distribution of toys. John W. Beatty, chairman of the arrangements committee in charge of the festival, was given a box of cigars by fellow-members. More than a score of entertainers, many of them children, participated in the program that rounded up the

JURY FREES SNEIDERMAN OF LARCENY CHARGE. Max Sneiderman, 50, of 140 Orchard street, Manhattan, was acquitted yesterday by a jury before County Judge William R. Boyce of charges of grand larceny. He was alleged by Miss Francis Rudnick that he had taken from her pocket her purse containing \$147.

Holdup Chauffeur of L. I. City Cigar Factory on Pretext of Borrowing Wrench. POLICE WITHHELD FACTS. Robbery Occurred Friday Night Near Concern's Garage. Facts of a hold-up in which \$1,046 was taken from a driver employed by the De Nobil Cigar Company of Long Island City, was returning to the garage of the company after the police had refused to comment upon it.

Storm Spreads in the South. Posts were blown down and a heavy rain flooded streets and ran into basements in the city. The storm spread from the mountains to the coast, and was accompanied by high winds and heavy rain. The damage was extensive, particularly in the South.

Factory Billing Floors are Cut. Flames through the roof. The smoke is believed to have been caused when a quantity of gum became ignited. High pressure hose was hoisted to the roof of the adjoining building, at 174 Sands street. The firemen made their way to the roof of the blazing building, from which point they poured water upon the burning structure.

Midnight Mass Sung at Old St. Paul's. Parts of Gounod's "Orpheus" and "Solenne" Given in Brilliant Manner. Long before the hour fixed for the beginning of the Christmas Eve midnight mass at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Clinton and Carroll streets, last night, the spacious auditorium of the church was taxed to its capacity, many of the throng being curiosity seekers, but a goodly proportion devoted worshippers.

Leut. Patterson Made New Captain by Enright. Official announcement was made last night by Commissioner Enright that Leut. Patterson was promoted to the rank of Captain by Enright. Patterson was promoted to the rank of Captain by Enright.

Hails Christmas as Birth of New Period. The twentieth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Frederick Jones of the Episcopal diocese of Long Island, will be marked with special morning services in Grace Church on Monday, Jan. 16, and will be followed with a general reception in the evening at the Hotel Bostert between 8 and 11 P. M.

U. S. Treaty and Grant Ratified by Colombia. The treaty between Colombia and the United States, which provides for a grant of \$25,000,000 to the South American republic in payment of claims for American occupation of the Panama Canal Zone, has been ratified by the Colombian Congress, according to private adroit sources here. The treaty was signed by Theodore Roosevelt during his lifetime, but it was ratified by the U. S. Senate last April.

FRENCH PRESIDENT AT SAINT-SAENS' FUNERAL. PARIS, Dec. 24.—An imposing funeral was held to-day for Saint-Saens, dean of French musicians, who died at the age of 86. Huge crowds followed the remains, which were taken from the Church of the Madeleine, where services were conducted, to the Montparnasse Cemetery.

CHARITY BEQUESTS MAY PROVE INVALID. Gein's Gift of Entire Estate to Brooklyn Institutions Possibly Illegal. DOLLAR EACH TO RELATIVES. But They Must Call for Money Within a Year. Pending a thorough search for all heirs, so they may be properly cited to attend the probate proceedings, and also in order to properly preserve the interests of the \$38,442 estate left by Louis H. Gein, real estate manufacturer of printing ink, who died at his home, 462 Classon avenue, July 9, the Brooklyn Trust Company, upon its petition to Surrogate Wingate, has been appointed temporary administrator of the property.

Restore Inspectors. It attends the Labor law by restoring the 225 inspectors cut down by the act of April 23, 1921, field inspectors, giving to industrial Board power to appoint Compensation Court referees, restoring Legal Bureau in State Labor Department, revising the eight-hour and prevailing rate of wages section, so as to assure their benefits to employees of State, city and county departments and on all forms of public work and in the construction of public buildings, and on all forms of public work and in the construction of public buildings, and on all forms of public work and in the construction of public buildings.

Wants Work in Manhattan. At Manhattan, at the Ninth Street Armory, on Fourteenth street, opposite the Salvation Army quarters, a similar distribution took place. More than 8,000 persons were given baskets, many of them containing a number of toys and candy. The gifts were distributed by members of the League of Women Voters, who were assisted by a number of other organizations.

Ship Plants to Provide Presents for Children. Twenty-three hundred children will receive warm clothes and other presents at Christmas tree parties given at the plants of the Robbins Dry Dock and Repair Company, the Tebo Yacht Basin Company to-day. At the Robbins plant 1,500 of the youngsters will be entertained, while the other companies will take care of 500 and 800, respectively.

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LABOR COUNCIL ASKS LEGISLATIVE CHANGES. (Special to The Standard Union.) ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The executive council of the New York State Federation of Labor, which has just completed a two days' session here, has mapped out a labor legislative program for 1922 which calls for several new bills, amendments to present labor laws, and the repeal of others, including the motion picture censorship law of 1921, the so-called Luck law, which "establishes degrading tests for school teachers."

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