



One stick of gum made the world rosier

I DIDN'T have anything more than a grin-and-bear-it spirit when they first rolled me onto that little white iron bed, but one of the boys brought me in a package of chewing gum after a while and the world honestly looked rosier as soon as I took my first chew. This lad's kindness and the cheer that package of gum gave me impressed me so that after I was able to hobble around I spent five francs, all the money I had, buying gum at the hospital canteen and playing 'good Samaritan.' You can't imagine the good it did for those wounded boys, and the smile of appreciation when they saw that little package."

This is but one of the many reasons why you are having difficulty today in getting your favorite brand of Adams chewing gum. Please remember that millions upon millions sticks of Adams gum have gone to the boys in France. If Adams Black Jack is missing from the counter try Adams Pepsin, Adams Chiclets, Adams Yucatan or any Adams brand.

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Send a Stick in Every Letter to Your Soldier Boy

ORPHAN CHILDREN GIVEN CHRISTMAS BY U. S. SAILORS

New York Kiddies Have Big Time Aboard Transport Leviathan

NO RESTRICTIONS COLOR OR RELIGION

Autos Pick Up Youngsters and Take Them to Sailors Who Do the Rest

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Orphan children of New York city and Hoboken, little folks at whose homes financial circumstances make Christmas a slim affair, and "newsies" from the Hoboken streets and New Jersey terminals—numbering in all more than 1,200 were the guests today at a real Christmas party held on board the monster American steamship Leviathan. The hosts of the occasion were the 1,500 or more sailors who make up the operating personnel of the ship. The expense was borne by them, and it was all planned and arranged for during the liner's recent voyage home with 4,500 American soldiers and sailors.

First Public Reception.
This reception was the first of a public nature held on the ship since the flag of Germany was lowered on the 22,000-ton vessel one year ago last April and her Teutonic name, Vaterland, changed to the one she now bears.

The children were from various orphan asylums with no restriction as to color or religion. Automobiles driven by army and navy transport men and women, picked up the youngsters at the doors of the institutions and transported them to the ships—taking them home again after they had been bounteously supplied with good things to eat and with gifts. Supplementing the children from the various orphanages, the sailors sought out private homes where sickness and misfortune had made itself felt this year and where the Christmas that is then longed for had not dawned. These little persons were brought to the ship and returned by the bluejackets as their personal charges.

When all the anticipated guests were on hand it was found there were extra tables and plates with one in front of them. Once more the sailors sallied forth to the streets, and a sufficient number of small newsboys and bootblacks were picked up around the New Jersey railroad and ferry terminals to fill out the vacancies.

Dinner First.
The dinner was first on the program. It was served in the great hall which was formerly the first-class dining saloon of the giant liner. Sailors' mess tables were grouped around a large Christmas tree set in the center of the saloon. Several hundred women from the home service canteen section of the Red Cross, volunteers from the various orphan homes, and relatives of the ship's officers and men, among whom was Mrs. Phelps, wife of the captain, assisted the sailors in serving the guests.

Each guest had an attendant—if the little hands could not manipulate the man-size knives and forks, a pair of blue-sleeved arms reached over and did the cutting for him, accompanied by such expressions as, "to it, son," "Eat your head off," "there's plenty more." And there was plenty. The 200 cooks and cooks' assistants on the Leviathan had been working for thirty-six hours preparing the feast. There was 1,200 pounds of turkey, with proportionate quantities of oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and other side dishes, and a drayload of apple pies and enough ice cream to feed a regiment. There were oranges, apples, bananas and nuts. During the dinner the ship's organ pealed out airs of popular songs.

After the dinner, Santa Claus appeared in the disguised person of Chief Electrician Costello. A blast from a bugle announced the arrival of such expressions as, "to it, son," "Eat your head off," "there's plenty more." And there was plenty. The 200 cooks and cooks' assistants on the Leviathan had been working for thirty-six hours preparing the feast. There was 1,200 pounds of turkey, with proportionate quantities of oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, and other side dishes, and a drayload of apple pies and enough ice cream to feed a regiment. There were oranges, apples, bananas and nuts. During the dinner the ship's organ pealed out airs of popular songs.

MERCHANTS HAVE HAD UNPRECEDENTED TRADE

Everybody Appeared to Have Money and It Was Spent Freely—Large Candy Sales Reported.

Asheville merchants and their clerical forces yesterday enjoyed a much-needed rest. The testimony from every store and shop in the city bears out the statement that the holiday trade in Asheville this season was the largest ever known. Money seemed to be plentiful; even the day workers bought Christmas goods in abundance. There was an especially big demand for candy and this luxury, now once more plentiful with the lifting of restrictions on sugar, was retailed to all classes. Colored people, it was noticed, bought liberally of this sweet as well as other articles that go toward making up a liberal outlay for holiday observance. Several stores sold out their candy stock and ordered more by wire.

The postoffice did the heaviest business in its Christmas history. The parcel post system was the leading feature of the postal service. Crowds waiting for service at the postoffice windows were simply too large to be handled more rapidly than they were say postal officials, unless Asheville had a large postoffice.

GREATEST XMAS IN GOTHAM SINCE GREAT WAR BEGAN

Praise For Peace in Churches and Prayers of Thankfulness in Homes

FIGHTING MEN ARE EVERYWHERE FETED

Civilian Poor Are Not Neglected During the General Celebration

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—New York today celebrated its greatest Christmas. In every church was poured forth praise that peace had come again to mankind, while in homes without number were offered prayers of thanksgiving for loved ones spared in the fiercest conflict of all times. The spirit of unselfishness was abroad as never before. The trials which the nation had endured in the anxious months before Germany was beaten to her knees apparently had purged the city's millions of petty desires and had taught them the true joy of giving. From the Bowery to Fifth avenue, New Yorkers joined in common celebration.

Fighting Men Feted.
Soldiers and sailors were feted at every hand, and while the celebration centered on the military, the civilian poor were not neglected. Welfare organizations entertained thousands from dawn until far into the night and countless men and women, without formal alliance, took boys in khaki and blue into their homes to share their own Yuletide cheer. The spirit of giving reached even to the waterfront, where on the giant Leviathan and other ships, thousands of orphaned children were made to feel that Santa Claus was indeed a very real person.

Into the Hudson, where the home fleet lay at anchor, ready to welcome tomorrow the American warships returning from overseas, approximately 10,000 sailors ate their Christmas dinner at noon in mess rooms gaily decorated with holly and wreaths. The meal ended, the blue-jackets joined in singing carols and later cleared the hall for "stag" dances, made possible by "jazz bands" organized among the crews.

The men were given shore liberty, but many, strangers in this port, preferred to remain aboard for dinner. Later, however, cutters darted from warships to landing stages and by dusk only skeleton crews remained aboard.

Great Christmas Trees.
Tonight great Christmas trees, ablaze with electric bulbs, were scattered through the city's squares from the Battery to the Bronx and grouped around each tree were thousands who, in giving or receiving found there the real spirit of Christmas.

The Red Cross distributed presents to and provided entertainments for 42,000 soldiers and sailors in hospitals and camps. Ten thousand families opened their homes to one or more service men, who were provided holiday dinners. At war camp community huts throughout the city 19,000 soldiers were beneficiaries of gifts, amusement and food. At many Broadway theatres the men found admittance free. The Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army and other war work organizations contributed similarly to make the day a joyous one for doughboy and tar. In every hospital where these men lie sick or wounded, bundles of presents were placed at the bedside.

Men of the allied merchant marines who have survived U-boat attacks found their welcome at the Seaman's Church Institute, where 664 Christmas dinners were served and useful presents distributed.

Calomel Today! Sick Tomorrow!
I Guarantee Dodson's Liver Tone

Don't take nasty, dangerous calomel when bilious, constipated, headachy. Listen to me!

Calomel makes you sick; you lose a day's work. Calomel is quick-acting and it sialivates. Calomel injures your liver.

If you are bilious, feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and you feel aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You will know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like working. You'll be cheerful, full of vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents under my personal guarantee. That it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel, it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't grip or cramp or make them sick.

I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist best one. Advt.

Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau, and Miss Grace Abbott, director of the child-labor division of the department of labor at Washington, have started for Europe to study the protective measures that have been undertaken in England, France and other countries in the interest of child labor.

NEW LEADER LOOMS, BIG IN BERLIN



OTTO WELS

The man holding the biggest job behind the scenes in Berlin is Otto Wels, erstwhile labor union secretary, a friend of Ebert and now military commander of Berlin.

Wels rules the police of Berlin and the republican army. Ten thousand soldiers under his command are keeping order in the city, protecting property and directing the demobilization of the soldiers and the work of the employment bureau.

Wels appears to be the chief bulwark of the present government and a man of great possibilities.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS By Allman

PANEL 1: I'LL GET \$25 A MONTH RAISE ON THE FIRST OF THE YEAR - WHILE THAT ISN'T A WHOLE LOT IT WAS PRETTY DECENT OF THE BOSS JUST THE SAME - I CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL I SHOW THE LETTER TO HELEN -

PANEL 2: HELEN, LET ME SHOW YOU THE LETTER I GOT FROM THE BOSS TO DAY -

PANEL 3: I WAS OVER TO SEE MRS. HEWIKIN IN HER NEW HOME - YOU KNOW HE MADE A FORTUNE OUT OF THE WAR - TOM YOU SHOULD SEE THAT HOUSE WITH ITS ITALIAN GARDENS - THE TAPESTRIES, THE TURKISH RUGS - THE WONDERFUL CHINA - SHE HAS FOUR PURCOATS - TWO NEW LIMOUSINES - A DOZEN GORGEOUS HATS - SHE CAN'T CLOSE HER HANDS FOR THE DIAMOND RINGS -

PANEL 4: IT WAS SIMPLY WONDERFUL, TOM - I'LL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT IT AFTER DINNER - WHAT WAS THAT LETTER ABOUT YOU GOT FROM THE BOSS? - OH, IT WASN'T IMPORTANT

LEVINSKY WINS.
LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 25.—Battling Levinsky defeated Leo Houck here today in six fast rounds. A heavy knockdown in the fourth round followed when Levinsky landed a left jab with good results, but Houck was too clever.

A California man has invented a poultry feeder which is operated by an alarm clock which, at set times, opens doors and permits grain to fall into a trough.

Many banks are now employing women department heads to look after the needs of their women clients.