

FAMILIES OF POOR GET XMAS CHEER

Salvation Army Hands Out Two Hundred and Fifty Well-Filled Baskets.

RESULT OF KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The barracks of Salvation Army corps No. 1 at 1711 Davenport street was a place of activity today. Two hundred and fifty baskets, each laden with a chicken, potatoes, canned goods, butter, canned milk, fruit, crackers, coffee, sugar and even cake for dessert, were there.

They were there because about a dozen Salvation Army lassies have stood in the cold beside their kettles at the street corners for the last two weeks and because the people of Omaha felt the spirit of giving and went down in their pockets and chipped in the coins.

From every part of the city the deserving poor came to get the baskets. For the last two weeks members of the Salvation Army have been investigating the many families who had applied for the baskets and only the really worthy were included in the bounty.

Family Really Needs Help. For example, one family consists of father and mother and ten children. The mother has been operated on twice and still she tries to increase the meager family income by taking in washing.

Another family consists of a mother and five children. The mother toils hard at washing and raised money to send the father to Colorado to try to cure him of tuberculosis.

The baskets were filled according to the size of the families. Each ticket tells the number of the family and each ticket was numbered and a duplicate kept in the office.

Adjutant Joseph Ellwood was in charge of packing and giving out the baskets, ably assisted by Bandmaster J. Heister and Mrs. Heister and Miss Nellie Lear-dahl, as well as others not in uniform.

The folks were very thankful and there was many a "God bless you" from a poor mother, and many an eye wet with tears of gratitude.

DANIELS GIVES OUT NAVY BODY REPORT

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but the limit above given should be attained not later than 1916.

"In pursuance of this policy and having in mind the present facilities of this country, the board is of the opinion that the following addition to the naval establishment should be authorized for the year and recommended to the president for consideration. This addition is believed by the board to be within, and practically at the limit of, the facilities at present existing:

Auxiliary Ships Wanted.

"Four battle cruisers, four dreadnaughts, six scouts, thirty coast submarines, seven fleet submarines, twenty-eight destroyers, six gun boats."

"Auxiliaries: One destroyer tender, two fleet submarine tenders, four fuel oil ships, one supply ship on transport, one hospital ship, one repair ship, one ammunition ship."

"Aircraft service: \$5,000,000."

"Personnel: 11,000 men. This number will provide for the needs of the present ships of the navy, including those near completion, but it must be borne in mind that the personnel, commissioned and enlisted, will have to be further increased as the new construction progresses."

"Increased facilities for the navy yards and shore establishments generally, such as dry docks, berthing space, building slips, structural shops, cranes for handling heavy weights, shop machinery, ammunition and other storage facilities, civil personnel, etc."

"GEORGE DEWEY."

Secretary Daniels' recommendation to increase that the enlisted personnel of the navy be increased by 7,500 blue-jackets, 2,500 apprentice seamen and 2,000 marines during the years 1916-17 in order to man ships nearing completion was based, it was disclosed also tonight, upon the annual report of Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, now made public.

The figures have been criticized in congress and elsewhere because they were below those of the general board. There were 5,000 blue jackets in the service October 1, 1915, Admiral Blue's report shows, and with his proposed increase including the apprentice seamen, the force would number 20,000 in 1917, or about 1,500 less than recommended by the general board.

Admiral Blue states that he bases his estimate on a report from the board in November 1914, which holds that all battleships under 12 year's old, half the cruisers and all gunboats and necessary auxiliaries should be kept in full commission, the remaining ships to be held in reserve with nucleus crews. Should congress authorize an increase of 1,500 men, he says, there would be in full commission July 1, 1917, twenty-two battleships, five armored cruisers, twelve cruisers, fifty-two destroyers, twenty-six gunboats, fifty-six submarines and the requisite auxiliaries.

Craft in Reserve.

In reserve would be seventeen battleships, over 15 years old, five armored cruisers, eleven cruisers, sixteen destroyers, nineteen old torpedo boats and four tenders.

The difference between the general board figures of the necessary minimum strength for 1917 and those of Admiral Blue probably lies in the fact that Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has urged an increase in the complement of each battleship. Admiral Blue says this has not been done because it would necessitate putting more ships in reserve for lack of men.

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Old Soldiers Ride In Own Automobiles

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