

HISTORIC CHRISTMAS DAYS

Events Linked with the Great Holiday in American Annals.

SHADOWS AND SUNSHINE MINGLE

The Pilgrims' First Christmas—Gloom of Revolutionary Christmas and Joy of Latter Ones—Tidings of Peace.

Christmas in our land this year is a striking contrast to that Christmas time made famous by the starting of a little pilgrim colony at Plymouth. If those people had been holiday loving, they would surely have had a merry Christmas on that 25th of December, 1620.

Reaching the goal, cold and comfortable, as it was in December, the landing inside them glad, for they were anxious to leave their ship. If the settlers had been followers of John Smith, they would have undoubtedly made a merry Christmas. They would have feasted on the best in their larder. They would have sung their merriest songs, worn the best that their wardrobes afforded and, above all, they would have made the time a merry holiday.

The pilgrims had long since regarded such celebrations as wicked. They had abstained using the holly and mistletoe as this season, for to them such actions seemed pagan. The elaborate church services of their own English people on Christmas day had become such a gorgeous display that the simple-minded religious sects would have thought it a sin to take part in such celebrations.

The little band of about 100 staunch and tried wanderers felt it a virtue to deny themselves the most harmless of worldly pleasures. They had searched in their Bibles to find some authority for jollification on Christmas day, but they found nothing written there. Thinking then that it was their duty to help stamp out such customs they marked the day as a black feast. No doubt the little children who went ashore that Monday to watch their mothers do the washing wished they were back in the land where they might at least sing their Christmas carols.

Their Busy Day. The men were all very busy, for Elder Brewster would not have allowed the day to be an excuse for any frivolity. Instead of playing the games which their forefathers had taught them to play on Christmas day some of the men felled timber, some sowed some bulbs, so that they were proud to write back to those left behind in England "that no man rested all that day." Although these people were harsh taskmasters to themselves they were a brave company.

If they did not indulge in any gaiety to celebrate their deliverance upon starting their settlement neither did they complain of their discomfort. Landing was a happiness to them in establishing a new home free from persecution, but it was also a sorrow, for it meant the severing forever from their own loved land and friends in far away England.

The bare fields of Plymouth could not have held out a very cordial invitation to the exiles. The cold winds could not have whispered messages of hope and promise, of ease or plenty. Still the pilgrims went about their work with an earnest purpose. They must have foreseen that before the coming of spring their colony would be decreased in number. Yet on that first Christmas day in a new land they labored, sharing what they had with each other. They had no Christmas as we see it, but the spirit of the day must surely have been present at Plymouth, for in being free from religious interference and in helping each other they shared the feeling of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Dark Days of Revolution. The dark days before Christmas had been a bitter truth to the continental army in 1776. The British had taken New York. There the American troops had fallen into confusion at the sight of the English forces. Many of the continental army fled. General Washington, in his disgust at such a reverse, ordered these men with whom it was to defend America? In all of our camps there was great depression. At Harlem there were no hospitals for the troops. The sick were laid in barns or sheds, by fences or close to walls so that they might be protected as much as possible from the weather. Regiments were falling away from the army because of the expiration of their enlistment.

Many deserted, but few would enlist. Washington's appeal to congress had aided some in this matter, for that legislative body offered a bounty of \$30 for enlistment, and land grants were promised soldiers. At Fort Mifflin and Fort Mifflin had been successful in capturing the continental forces with their baggage and military stores. Day after day brought the British closer to our army. General Washington fled from place to place with his diminished forces. The convention at Lancaster also moved from place to place. The troops were uniting with the British. The American army, numbering only a few thousand at the end of November, was retreating into an open country where they would be without tents, blankets, innumerable tools, sufficient clothing or even shoes during what promised to be a severe winter.

Newark, New Brunswick, Princeton and Trenton had all been taken by the English. The American fleet was bottled up in the Providence river. General Lee, who might have aided Washington by heading his request to join him, purposely renounced away. At last, when he was taken prisoner by the British, his successor, General Sullivan, hastened to the commander-in-chief with his troops, including General Washington's forces to 1,500 Congress, sitting in Lancaster, found it safer to adjourn to Lancaster. At this time they granted Washington unlimited power over the army to extend for several months.

Breaking Up a Feast. It was fortunate that America's commander-in-chief had been brought up in Virginia, where the people kept Christmas in about the same way as their English ancestors had done. Washington knew that at this season the victorious British troops at Trenton would certainly enjoy a good English Christmas, and no one better than the American general knew just what that meant. For this reason he decided that there was no time like the present for an attack, and so it was that he determined the Hessians at Trenton would be the sufferers.

On Christmas eve the commander-in-chief of the continental army started out with about 100 men and six pieces of artillery, intending to cross the Delaware river below Trenton, where the British were to cross at other points. With the river partially blocked with floating ice the difficulties of crossing were very great, and the trip was so perilous that it was not until 4 o'clock Christmas morning that the troops landed. A blinding snowstorm driving into the faces of the half-frozen men could not consider the wills of the little army that trudged on, leaving the bloody footprints in the snow.

As the light of day dawned to flood through the world that dreary Christmas morning, even Washington feared that he was arriving too late to surprise the enemy. His marching was made even slower on account of the slippery roads, so that it was 8 o'clock when he and his men reached Trenton. But that was not late for Christmas morning, for the Hessians were still asleep after a night of Christmas eve festivities.

A real surprise greeted the redcoats and their commander, Colonel Rahl, that Christmas day. In the battle which followed his British were taken prisoners, all of their artillery was seized and twenty or thirty of the soldiers who had been with them were slain. Even Colonel Rahl, who surrendered to George Washington, was mortally wounded. His bewildered condition had caused him to give wild orders, and his brave veterans in their surprise had fled like raw recruits.

Such an overwhelming defeat for the British meant a signal victory for the Americans. That Christmas was one of the gladiest in our nation's early history. When General Washington entered Philadelphia with his prisoners it was in triumph. The news of this brilliant American victory brought about a wonderful change in our national affairs. The continental army took new heart. Several regiments which were soon to pass out of existence because their terms of enlistment were about to expire volunteered to serve six weeks longer. Washington's victory, securing just at the time when the American army was about to become dissolved, gained the general great glories, not only at home, but in Europe. It proved to be the turning point of the whole war.

HAYDEN'S THE RELIABLE STORE

Tuesday Begins Our Great Semi-Annual Pre-Inventory Clearance & Our HALF PRICE SALE OF WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S OUTERGARMENTS

HAYDEN'S THE RELIABLE STORE

The far-reaching economy made possible by this event will be found delightfully apparent in every department throughout our big store. Stocks must be greatly reduced before inventory, January 1st, and the drastic price reductions all along the lines are certain to accomplish the result. Only a few of the many bargains can be mentioned in this advertisement. Tuesday and all next week bargain opportunities will be offered you'll find simply matchless.

Hemmed Huck Towels, full size, white or colored borders, worth 19c, each. 10c

Extra heavy and large Hemmed Huck Towels, worth 25c, each. 15c

Strictly pure linen Hemmed or Hemstitched Huck Towels, worth 50c, each. 35c

Imported Mercerized Satin Damask, 60 inches wide, worth 75c, yard. 50c

Strictly pure linen Hemmed Table Cloths, size 8x10—slightly soiled—worth \$3.00—each. \$1.98

Full dinner size Napkins, all pure linen, assorted patterns, worth \$4.00 dozen—6 for. 98c

Underwear and Furnishings Less Than Half Price

Ladies' Winter Ribbed Jersey Ribbed, white, cream or light blue, values up to \$4.00, 49c. Ladies' and Children's Suits—All kinds and sizes, regular \$1 values, 49c. Men's Fleece Underwear—Regular 75c and \$1.00 values, all sizes and colors, at 49c. 35c. Children's Jersey Ribbed Vests or Pants—all sizes to 34 vests or pants, on sale Tuesday—at 25c. 20c and 15c. Men's, Women's and Children's Gloves—All kinds, values to \$1.00, on sale at 49c and 25c. 25c Quality Hosiery—Men's, Ladies' and Children's, 12 1/2c

Rousing Specials in Boys Suits and Overcoats

A splendid line of best brands, including "Woolly," "Tuffin," "Duplex," "The cream of our stock, both in quality, pattern and style, many with two pairs of trousers, \$4.50 to \$6.50 values, on sale. \$3.95. And in addition one of our "Bessemer Steel Railway Sets free with each suit.

TRY HAYDEN'S BEST

Women's, Misses' and Children's Outer Garments at Half

The sale that thousands look forward to, wait for, participate in; a sale that means just 50% savings on all garments; a sale that this season offers better stocks—broader range for selection, better values than ever. So enormous is the stock that we are compelled to separate the sales offering Tuesday, Women's and Misses' Coats, Suits and Furs at half.

Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Coats

All \$10.00 Coats at \$5.00

All \$15.00 Coats at \$7.50

Includes a fine line of plush, caracul, reversible and plaid back coats.

All \$20.00 Coats \$10.00

All \$25.00 Coats at \$12.50

Sealette, Plushes, Caraculs etc., all included in these.

All \$30.00 Coats at \$15.00

All \$40.00 Coats at \$20.00

All \$50.00 Coats at \$25.00

All Evening Coats and Wraps at Just Half Price.

Tuesday Morning Choice of 200 Children's Coats that sold to \$5.00, all sizes from 2 to 6 years, will be offered you at \$1.00

Women's One-Piece Wash Dresses—Fine assortment, values up to \$3.50, in Tuesday's clearance sale \$1.00

Ladies' Long Crepe and Flannelette Kimonos, sold regularly up to \$2.00, on sale Tuesday 89c

Sale Will Continue Throughout the Week—Watch Papers, Windows and Don't Fail to See the Splendid Offerings.



All Tailored Suits at Half

\$10.00 Tailored Suits \$5.00

\$15.00 Tailored Suits \$7.50

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\$25.00 Tailored Suits \$12.50

And All Other Tailored Suits at Just Half.

Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Sacques that sold regularly up to \$1.50, on sale Tuesday at 59c

Read the Big Grocery Sale for Tuesday

Prior to Inventory, a Stock Reduction Sale of \$10,000.00. 10 lbs. best rolled Oatmeal .25c 7 lbs. good Japan rice .25c 6 lbs. best Navy Beans .25c 10 lbs. best white or yellow cornmeal .15c Corn Flakes, pkg. .64c

All the Furs at Just Half

\$98.00 Seal Coats \$49.00

\$175.00 Beaver Coats, 36-in. finest quality \$87.50

\$250.00 Alaska Seal Coats—54-in. elegant garments, to close Tuesday at \$125.00

\$125.00 Caracul Fur Coats—Best quality, on sale Tuesday at \$62.50

Long Astrakhan Coats—Regular \$100.00 values, on sale Tuesday \$50.00

30-in. Brook Mink Coats—Regular \$65.00 values—\$32.50

\$35.00 Coney Fur Coats—In Tuesday's sale at \$17.50

All Fur Sets, Scarfs and Muffs Just Half.

Ladies' and Children's Neck Pieces that sold up to \$2.00, choice .69c

Ladies' All Wool Sweaters—Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, your choice Tuesday at \$1.45

Extra Special on Comfortables—1,000 Comfortables will be closed out below cost.

All Outing Flannels must be closed out.

Amoskeag and other Flannels, yd. 5c 7 1/2c 8 1/2c and 10c

Hand Bags

Big Cut in Prices on our stock of Hand Bags Tuesday. See the splendid bargains.

Blanket Sale

All Blankets Greatly Reduced in Price.

All \$12.50 Blankets \$8.50

All \$15.00 Blankets \$9.50

All \$10.00 Blankets \$7.50

All \$9.00 Blankets \$6.50

All \$8.50 Blankets \$5.00

TRY HAYDEN'S FIRST

REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Modern Methods of Observing Day Overlook It Entirely.

HAS DEPARTED WITH YULE LOGS

Families No Longer Gather for Genuine Old-Time Celebration Such as Forefathers Held in Their Homes.

BY THE GENTLEWOMAN.

Modern methods of spending Christmas are permeated by the spirit of the age. A crass materialism is everywhere evident, and the true spiritual significance of the event is in most cases entirely overlooked. Feasting and junketing and merry-making are the chief aims kept in view. People probe no deeper than the surface. Their outlook is limited by the physical and material. Inevitably result in boredom. Few grown-up people look forward to Christmas with any anticipation. They partake of its pleasures,

but they are, on the whole, heartily glad when it is over.

Of course, Christmas has always been a joyful time, but the spirit of joyfulness differs in quality. The joyfulness of today is a leaden sort of thing. There is nothing that is light or aspiring or really happy in its composition. It is a mere travesty of the reality.

One looks in vain for the genuine Christmas spirit. It has departed with the Yule logs and the boy's head of former days. Families no longer gather together from all quarters to celebrate Christmas. They separate and go here and there in quest of seasonal jollity. Hotels and boarding houses bedeck themselves in transitory splendor and beckon all those desirous of spending a really happy Christmas to come thither. Forsaking father and mother, home and kindred for such forlorn hopes, those in quest of gaily respond to the invitation, only to find—that philosophers have long ago discovered—that happiness is neither here nor there, but that it is one's own soul.

Even present giving, which used to be a symbol of love and gratitude, has become a duty painfully borne. Only the expense and the giving seem to be considered; the joy of both, the true significance of the bestowal of gifts is forgotten.

A generation ago, if stories of the period are to be believed, everybody became expansive and genial at Christmas time. Mortal enemies became reconciled and grumpy and growling people grew gracious. No one can say that this adequately describes the present-day Christmas attitude. This is because the true spirit is lacking; because the central fact of Christmas is forgotten. We eat and drink and make merry, but our hearts remain untouched.

However, this is probably a phase that will soon pass away. Materialism is a hard master and its servants are bound to rebel. The true Christmas spirit will return in all its simplicity and beauty. In the meantime, the Gentlewoman wishes for all her readers a right merry and joyous Christmas.

The key to success in business is the judicious and persistent use of newspaper advertising.

Mrs. Louise Chapman Struck by Street Car

Struck by an eastbound Farnam street car, Mrs. Louise Chapman, 318 Lindsay avenue, was thrown out of a buggy at Seventeenth and Farnam streets at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, receiving bad bruises about the right leg. Mr. Chapman was only slightly hurt. Their buggy, in which they were riding north, was practically demolished.

VENDOR OF DANCING DOLLS RESENTS EPITHET "FAKER"

Because Al Dussault, 3111 Cass street, called a street salesman of dancing dolls at Fifteenth and Douglas streets a "faker" the salesman out of part of the man's lower lip with a pocketknife at 5:30 o'clock last night.

Dussault was taken into the office of Dr. C. C. Allison and treated by the surgeon's assistants. Several stitches were necessary to close up the gash across his chin.

A Break for Liberty from stomach, liver and kidney trouble is made when a 50c box of Dr. King's New Life Pills is bought. Why suffer? For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

Christmas Shoppers

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