

WAR CHRISTMAS GALA DAY AT TWO BIG OMAHA FORTS

Santa Claus, Tree and Dinner for Thousand Khaki-Clad Soldiers at Fort Crook, With Open House.

By CHARLOTTE DALLY.
This year—our first war Christmas—when so many homes are lonely and so many hearts are sad, America does not forget the men at the camps and posts—men waiting, almost impatiently, to go "over there." Their Christmas will not be a barren one!
All America is studiously planning, preparing for, and anticipating that night of nights which must and will, of all the years, be a real Yuletide.
In the cities men and women smile as they work; in obscure towns, where there are as many service flags to the block as in the larger centers, it is the same way; at army camps and posts officers laugh quickly as though

something pleasant, yet imperceptible, were in the air.
That is the thing called the spirit of Christmas. Omaha's two great forts are not immune; indeed, from them spreads the contagion that makes for cheer and good will throughout the land.
Tree at Fort Crook.
At Fort Crook plans for the Sunday evening entertainment are already completed. Around an immense Christmas tree, for whose presentation Goulet Dietz is responsible, 1,000 soldiers will assemble to receive the gifts of the Red Cross—gifts numbering 2,000—and sacks of candy, too; real Christmas candy!
The program will be opened by all the children of the fort: Children of officers, enlisted men, and civilians. Following this will be the entertainment for the soldiers and presentation of gifts to enlisted men.
The big Christmas dinner to be given will be for all the companies, and will bring together nearly 1,000 soldier hearts, at a time when such comradeship is much to be desired.
To Keep Open House.
Five per cent of the enlisted men will be given Christmas furloughs. For the others Christmas day will be visitor's day, with "open house" as the pass-word and only a few military restrictions to be observed.
Besides Mr. Dietz, Lieutenant McNally, chaplain of the 41st infantry, wishes it known that George Brandeis

has given the tree decorations and lighting effects, and that the McCord-Brady company has furnished the Christmas candy.
A number of guests are expected at the fort, chief among whom are attaches of the Red Cross and members of the Woman's Service League, Omaha branch. A group of these latter women go to the fort every Wednesday afternoon to sew for the soldiers, a kindness that is appreciated.
Fort Omaha Boys Dance.
Boys at Fort Omaha are expected to be called to start for the front some day next week, so they are not going to take any chances of losing out as did the Fort Omaha boys who were called away, 500 strong, just after the Bee had arranged for most of them to be entertained in Omaha homes.
To guard against a repetition of this the boys have arranged to have their Christmas tree at the Metropolitan club Friday evening of this week. The celebration will be in the nature of a farewell dance and Christmas party combined.
In addition to the tree and dancing a vaudeville program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. All the Fort Omaha boys are looking forward to the celebration with great interest.
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Census Report of Cotton Ginning

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,142,585 running bales, exclusive of linters and including 180,252 round bales and 83,352 bales of sea island, the census bureau today announced.
Last year to December 13 ginnings were 10,838,799 running bales, including 184,285 round bales and 110,163 bales of sea island. Ginnings by states this year were:
Alabama, 464,661; Arizona, 11,024; Arkansas, 832,548; California, 30,453; Florida, 45,239; Georgia, 1,719,504; Louisiana, 580,473; Mississippi, 774,606; Missouri, 41,289; North Carolina, 521,600; Oklahoma, 860,111; South Carolina, 1,111,240; Tennessee, 187,146; Texas, 2,943,975; Virginia, 15,456; all other states, 3,533.

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