

SOLDIERS FIRST THIS CHRISTMAS

Even Children Take Second
Place in This Year's
Yuletide

It's the soldiers' Christmas this year. Even the children will take second place. Christmas is going to come not only to every soldier in an encampment or cantonment in the United States, and to every sailor on ship-board or in port, but also to every man in a prison camp, and to every man in a trench, somewhere in France, or anywhere else in the service. They will all celebrate Christmas, through the efforts of the Y. M. C. A., in co-operation with other organizations. Not one will be left out on Christmas.

There will be Christmas trees, not only in every Y. M. C. A. building in the United States where men in uniform come, but in the base camps in the training zone in France, and even behind the trenches, where the improvised angels on the top boughs shake with the reverberations of the German guns, and carols are sung to the accompaniment of exploding shells. There will be gifts, wrapped as daintily as if they were intended for somebody's best girl, for many of the men who haven't gotten any from home, when they come into the Y. M. C. A. huts on Christmas Day. And men coming wet and cold from the trenches will warm themselves around real Yuletide logs in the fireplaces in the Red Triangle huts.

Scrubby Christmas trees with carefully saved bits of tallow candles as their only decoration will bring the holiday spirit for time even to the prison camps in Siberia, where the Bethlehem story will be read in Y. M. C. A. huts, and an orchestra made up of the prisoners of war will play "Holy Night" on instruments of their own making. Secretaries will greet men who speak no English with "Merry Christmas" and they will understand. No children in the United States are more excited over their Christmas preparations than the prisoners of war.

Thousands of packages addressed merely to "Some Soldier, Somewhere in France," left the Atlantic ports on the early November boats. The movements of the troops over there make it unlikely that some of the personally-addressed presents will get to the men by Christmas Day, but as far as possible the Y. M. C. A. will see that none of them are without a gift. The soldiers and sailors who are still in the United States will be equally well looked after by the holiday spirits. Not more than approximately one-third of them will be allowed to leave camp on December 25, but those who can't go to Christmas will have Christmas brought to them, by the Y. M. C. A.

The people of Maryland will act as St. Nick for the Maryland men at Camp Meade, Md., and Camp McClellan, Ala. They have raised a fund which makes it possible to spend about a dollar and a half for the Christmas present of every Maryland man in uniform. Two thousand soldiers at Camp Meade would be real Christmas outcasts if it were not for the holiday kindness of their comrades. There will be no trees for them, no celebration in the Y. M. C. A. buildings, or visits from the home folk, for they are the victims of something as old as Christmas, itself—they have all been quarantined with the measles. They will not lose the holiday, entirely, however, for a choir organized under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will march through camp singing Christmas carols, pausing in front of the barracks where the men are isolated to cheer them with all the Christmas hymns in their repertoire.

Large Increase in Marriages Result of War

London, Dec. 20.—"Crudely stated the war has resulted in 200,000 people in the United Kingdom being married between August, 1914, and June, 1917, who in the ordinary course would not have married," says Bernard Mallet, president of the Statistical Society. The loss of potential lives to the belligerent countries by the decrease in number of children born, was perhaps the most important effect upon vital statistics produced by the war, he said. In births the United Kingdom had suffered far less than Germany and Hungary, the United Kingdom having lost 10,000 per cent. million of the population, Germany 40,000 and Hungary 70,000 per million.

The infant mortality in the summer of 1917 appeared to have been very high in several German cities, and the German rate all through remained at some 50 per cent. higher than in England.

An alteration in the sex ratio of birth appeared to be established by the Bureau of the United Kingdom, the proportion of males having noticeably increased. Contrary to expectations the war had produced no effect on the figures of illegitimate births.

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"The Live Store"

"Always Reliable"

Old Santa Is "Almost" Ready

And indeed there's not so much time to get ready anymore—tomorrow I am going to spend the whole day at DOUTRICH'S buying "Shirts," "Neckwear," "Hosiery," "Underwear," "Pajamas," "Sweaters," "Gloves," "Handkerchiefs," and other "useful" gifts that are to be had at this "Live Store."

"The Real Christmas Store"

They've tried to coax "Old Santa" away from Doutrichs this year, someone asked ME why I didn't divide my buying more—Well you see, I can't find a very good excuse for not buying at that "Live Store" because they have everything I want in such enormous quantities and larger assortments that even if I wanted to go "elsewhere" I couldn't find a reasonable excuse for doing so, then too, I have a friend in there who told me that if I would spend most of my money at DOUTRICH'S this Christmas they could boast of having the largest Men's Furnishing Goods Department in Pennsylvania outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh — and "you bet" I am glad to see "it so," for everybody is talking about the Square-dealing and good treatment they get at DOUTRICH'S and they well deserve this recognition.



They are always busy at DOUTRICH'S — No matter when you go in or "look in" — and I figure it out this way, that it must be an unusual store— I heard a man say on Saturday that he could start a small store if he only got the overflow from DOUTRICH'S—No, No, You're Wrong! They all come back later—that's what keeps this "Live Store" in the limelight as Harrisburg's Most Progressive Store.

The question is, How near ready are YOU? — Have you completed YOUR Christmas Shopping? Probably "HE" will appreciate a nice



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