

Thousands Cheer Union Square Christmas Tree Lighting

PARK ABLAZE IN RECEPTION TO SAINT NICK

KPO Singers and Musicians Entertain Throng With Spirited Choruses

"I've a big week ahead of me," remarked Santa Claus, as he settled his red velvet cap firmly on his silvery head and drew on a new pair of white gloves. "I know just how President Hoover feels after a White House reception—my whole arm is lame from shaking hands with so many kids, bless their dear hearts."

The merry old saint was taking his ease in his armchair after the Christmas tree dedication in Union Square last night. The Mayor had made a speech and Supervisor Gallagher had said a few words about the spirit of Christmas, and B. C. Brown and John Cuddy had paid their tribute to the enterprise of the business men responsible for turning San Francisco into Christmastown nearly a month ahead of time.

SANTA IN HIGH GLEE

"That's as pretty a Christmas tree as I ever saw," Santa applauded when at the turn of a switch light leaped into the glimmering colored lights hanging from the branches. "And it's pretty fine music the Christmas fete committee has been giving us," he remarked in a quiet aside as chorists sent by KPO opened the beautiful musical program by chanting the old Christmas hymn, "Holy Night."

Thousands of people gathered in the streets around Union Square for the Christmas tree lighting, dedication and the music which followed. The square was ablaze with myriads of colored lights garded with ropes of evergreen between light posts and store fronts. The music by Eva de Vol, soprano, a male chorus and an orchestra ensemble, all artists from KPO radio station, was broadcast by electrical amplifiers and was heard all over the central business district.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Another week of the programs is ahead for San Francisco holiday celebrants. This afternoon the Municipal Band, directed by Phil Sapiro, and the George Kegg puppets will alternate in the two-hour program from the platform in Union Square from 2 to 4 o'clock. The band and puppets will be seen and heard again in the evening from 7:30 to 8:30.

Monday evening's program will be put on by the Boy Scouts of the city. The drum and bugle corps will give the calls used in the Scout activities on their heraldic trumpets, preceding the concert by the Scout band.

The Scout band of nearly 100

Branches Twinkling With Peace and Cheer



Myriads of colored lights cast their soft glow over Union Square last night when San Francisco's official Christmas tree was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Santa Claus Mayor Rolph and other notables. At the turn of a switch thousands of vari-colored lights burst into glow to the applause of the throngs. At the upper right is pictured a small portion of the crowd which witnessed the holiday ceremonies. At the left is the official Christmas tree.

pieces is representative of a group of church troops: Wesley Methodist, St. Peter's Episcopal, St. Stephen's Episcopal, First Methodist, Trinity Episcopal, All Saints Episcopal, Hamilton Methodist, Calvary Presbyterian, Trinity Methodist, Temple Emanuel, Lebanon Presbyterian and St. Dominic's Catholic. The band program will include "Heraldic March," "Gloria of the Trumpets," selections from "The Chimes of Normandy" with solo by

Robert Hill. "Adeste Fideles," "America the Beautiful" and overture to "Tannhauser." Two spectacular numbers in which electrical effects will be used include "The Jolly Coppersmith" and the "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore." The climax of the Christmas festivities will be reached Tuesday, December 24, when the orphan children of the city will be guests of honor at a great Christmas eve party. The youngsters are to be

taken to a matinee, served a Christmas dinner and then escorted to Union Square, where Santa Claus will give each child a stocking filled with goodies and toys from the Christmas tree. There will be a special Christmas entertainment for them in addition.

CITY HOLDS UP PERMIT FOR SEAPLANE BASE

Water Front Rezoning Plan Blocks Action on Transbay Flying Service

Application of the San Francisco Seaplane Base, Ltd. for a permit to construct a \$10,000 wharf at the foot of Buchanan street where it will establish a base for bay taxi planes, was held up yesterday by Building Inspector John S. Leonard.

Leonard acted upon the advice of President Timothy A. Reardon of the Board of Public Works, who said that the City Planning Commission had given him orders to prohibit construction work adjacent to the Marina boulevard between Webster and Laguna streets.

REZONING PLAN UP
The commission now has before it a proposal to rezone this part of the boulevard from industrial to residential, and fears that construction work would interfere with that plan.

However, when it issued the order, the commission probably didn't have in mind this sort of construction. E. S. Woodley, secretary of the commission, said yesterday.

Whether the company shall be granted a permit will be threshed out Tuesday at the meeting of the planning commission when it will again take up the proposal to rezone a section of the boulevard.

OPPOSED TO DELAY
Reardon said yesterday he will have Leonard attend the meeting and find out what's what. "I'm weary of this constant discouragement to industries from locating in San Francisco," said Reardon. "With such barriers thrown in their path, how can these firms be expected to put up plants here?"

The San Francisco Seaplane Base, Ltd. is a \$500,000 enterprise, headed by George W. McNear. On December 4 it filed articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State. The site which the company has purchased is just west of the transport docks on the Marina. It is known as Gas House Cove. The plan of the company is to carry passengers to and from airports about the bay.

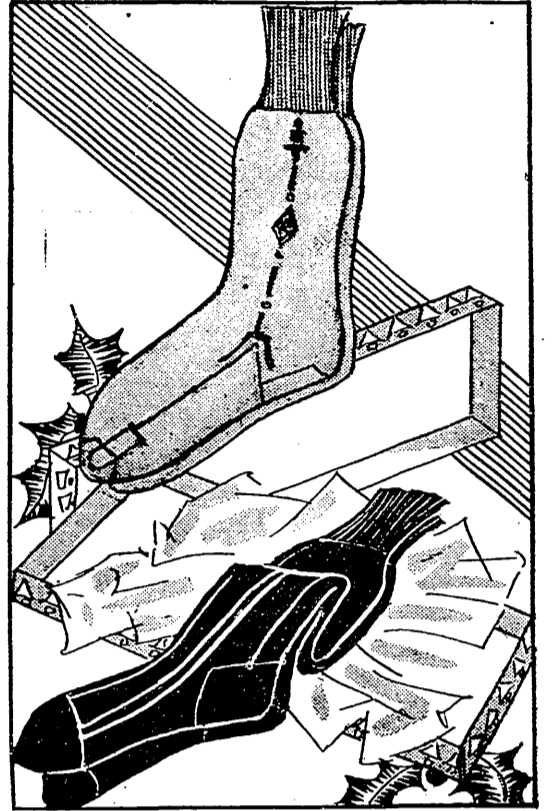
FOREST INSPECTION ENDS
Special Dispatch to the Chronicle
EUREKA, Dec. 7.—Earl Barron, State Forest Inspector, inspected Humboldt forests this week and left for Southern California.

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