

ROOSEVELT REUNION.

Children and Grandchildren of Colonel at Family Celebration.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Dec. 25.—Preliminary to the reunion of the Roosevelt family at Sagamore Hill today, participated in by children and grandchildren of the Colonel, he attended the annual Christmas entertainment of Christ Episcopal Church Sunday School last evening and gave an interesting talk on his experiences last Christmas while hunting in South America. The Colonel was introduced to the large audience by the Rev. George L. Talmage, rector of the church, and with his usual smile extended a Merry Christmas greeting before making his address.

Departing from a usual custom, probably on account of the family celebration at Sagamore Hill, the Colonel and his family did not attend service at Christ Church, of which they are members, this morning.

SAILORS FEAST IN HARBOR.

Germans on Ships Interned Here Thoroughly Enjoy Yuletide.

The crews of twenty-eight German steamships spent their Christmas in New York Harbor instead of on the briny deep, as most of them probably would have done under normal conditions, and in spite of the war and rations being cut down on the interned ships the men thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas trees.

Among the German ships which held celebrations were the Vaterland, Kaiser Wilhelm II., George Washington, President Lincoln, Pennsylvania, President Grant, Koenig Wilhelm II., Pisa, and Allemania.

Punctually at noon, when eight bells was struck, Capt. Hans Ruser on the Vaterland, Capt. R. Dahl on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., Capt. Charles Polack on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie in Boston, and other skippers on German liners on this side of the Atlantic walked round their ships to inspect the trees and award a prize for the best one. Afterward the crews sat down to their turkey dinners, with ice cream and plum duff.

On the Lusitania, Adriatic, St. Louis, and Minnewaska the crews had the usual Christmas dinner of turkey, plum duff, and ice cream, with a bottle of beer added.

Christmas is kept on Italian ships at sea and in port, but they do not eat plum duff. Instead, each man has a double allowance of macaroni and wine, with a peg of brandy to aid digestion.

The ship's cook of a tramp steamer lying in South Brooklyn received on Christmas Eve half a bottle of gin from the steward to enable him to sit up all night and watch the duff boiling in the galley copper. He fell asleep, and in consequence when the duffs were cut at eight bells yesterday they were found to be like the composition that Col. Goethals used on the Gatun dam.

The indignant sailors and firemen fastened the cook up in the galley and then went on the upper deck and pelted him with chunks of duff through the galley skylight. The third piece stunned him and he remembered no more.

RICHMAN GIRLS PLAY SANTA.

High School Pupils Make 2,000 Dolls for Needy West Side Little Ones.

For 2,000 families on the lower West Side Santa Claus came yesterday in the person of beaming girls from the Julia Richman High School, 60 West Thirteenth Street.

The students decided that with everybody working to make the war sufferers at Christmas happy they ought to help. They were already equipped, for they had been sewing for Belgian sufferers for weeks, so they halted the war relief work, turned their sewing room into doll shops, and on Christmas Eve assembled 2,000 packages containing offerings—one from almost every girl in the school.

Besides the packages which the girls took out they made for the Board of Education many articles for its Christmas offering to homes of pupils known to be in need.

KILLS HIS SISTER IN PLAY.

Antonio Palmiere, 12 Years Old, Acted Cowboy with Pistol.

Antonio Palmiere, 12 years old, of 689 North Seventh Street, Newark, was playing yesterday with his sisters, Angelia, 10; Minnie, 7, and Lucy, 4, in the parlor of their home. The frolic grew tame for Antonio, so he went to his father's bedroom, took down a loaded revolver that hung over the bed, and went back to the parlor to disport himself as a cowboy. He was doing all of the approved Wild West stunts when suddenly a pistol shot came and Angelia dropped to the floor. The other children fled from the room and the parents rushed in.

The bullet had struck the child's right temple. Dr. Albana of Chester Avenue said the little one had been killed instantly. Antonio ran away and hid, but later the police took the boy and his father to the Fifth Precinct Station. After closely quizzing the boy he was paroled in the custody of his father pending a hearing today. County Physician McKenzie was satisfied that the shooting was accidental and granted a burial permit.