

Volume of Holiday Travelers One of Greatest Ever Handled On Week End at Union Station

Terminal Converted Into One Great Confusion of Hurrying Feet, Ponderous Luggage and Hum of Conversation—All Trains and Extra Sections on Time

The whirl and jam of holiday crowds returning to and leaving the city took possession of Union station last night converting it into one great confusion of hurrying feet, ponderous luggage and hum of conversation. Train after train poured its human freight into the station, extra section and extra cars adding every few minutes to the seemingly endless stream of humanity. With almost perfect weather conditions, the trains virtually all were on time. "On time, on time" read the bulletins until they became monotonous.

College girls and young men formed a large part of the hustling throngs. The concessions did a rushing business. Hot drinks, cold drinks, candy, newspapers and magazines were eagerly snatched by hurried patrons.

Here and there stood those eagerly awaiting the arrival of somebody. Porters dashed to and fro under the weight of from one to six suitcases and traveling bags. Taxicabs dashed to and from the depot in never-ending lines. Private cars of every color, size and description stood until bags were flung into them and families or other groups hurried inside and slammed the doors, and the cars chugged away.

The biting cold hurried footsteps as the travelers reached the outside air. Lines of pedestrians walked at almost a run to street car and bus stops.

At 7.29 the crowded station was filled to overflowing as in rapid succession three sections of the train from New York came in. The 7.02, with five extra cars already had left its load of returning travelers and most of them had hurried on their way.

Babies cried, parents looked around for straying small children and grasped their hands tightly, young men piloted young women dexterously through the crowd, old men and old women followed as rapidly as possible, the porters carrying their baggage.

Classmates reunited after the holidays gathered in little groups talking in excited staccatos and displaying Christmas gifts. Girls stopped for a dab of powder and a thrust at straying locks. Collegians slapped each other on the back and exchanged hearty greetings. College colors were in evidence on suitcases, banners and neckties. There were the purple of Holy Cross, born by many waiting for trains to Worcester; the Maroon and White of Massachusetts Agricultural college, and the purple and white of Amherst college. Trainloads of girls bound for Smith college peered out of the windows and waved their banners. There were also seen the red and white of Springfield college as hundreds rushed from the trains; and on board crowded cars were to be seen the blue and white of New Hampshire, the royal purple of Williams, cardinal and black of Wesleyan, the famous Dartmouth green, New Hampshire's blue and white, Vermont's green and gold, the red and white of Norwich, and the red and blue of Middlebury. Trains for the terminals of all these colleges passed through the city and the customary hum and bustle of travel was enlivened by college songs and occasional yells.

Many of the colleges in this section of New England are opening today, including Amherst, several of the colleges of Boston university, Holy Cross,

M. A. C. and Springfield. Others opening today are Bates, Bowdoin, Brown, Colby, Connecticut Agricultural college, Emerson, Maine, Mount Holyoke, Norwich, Providence, Simmons, Trinity, Tufts, Vermont, Wesleyan, Wheaton, Worcester Polytech, and Yale. Colleges and universities opening yesterday, following the holidays, included Clark, Harvard, M. I. T., Middlebury, New Hampshire, Northeastern business, Rhode Island state and Smith.

A few openings will be tomorrow, including Connecticut, Dartmouth and Wellesley.

Special Amherst Train

Hundreds of Amherst students traveled on a special train arriving there at 9.15 last night. Extra cars were carried on trains for Northampton, which bore crowds of returning Smith and Mount Holyoke college students.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad operated a dozen or more extra sections into and out of this city, and as many more between New Haven and New York. The 6.32 p. m. New York express arrived in two sections from Boston, three from this city and four from Hartford.

The North Shore limited left this city at 7.16 p. m. and was in two sections from Boston to Albany, while 12 other Boston & Albany trains carried extra sections. An extra section was also made up for the 4.57 p. m. Boston express to handle the augmented traffic.

Dartmouth students will be provided with a special train leaving New York this afternoon for Hanover, N. H., and due here at 6.35, and another special train was run to Wellesley, carrying 12 sleeping cars, to accommodate the returning Wellesley college students, today, leaving New York at 1.30 this morning.

The volume of travelers was said to be one of the greatest ever handled at the Union station, and with the trains on time, was carried in and out of the city almost exactly according to schedule and special holiday plans of the three railroads.

GIRL'S CONDITION REMAINS CRITICAL

Helen Romeo, 13, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dominic Romeo of 70 Norwood street, was still in a critical condition at Springfield hospital last night, as the result of eating pork which had not been thoroughly cooked. Hospital authorities reported that the girl's condition was unchanged and that her name still remained on the danger list. Tony, eight, and Amelia, 10, brother and sister of Helen, are seriously ill at home from the same cause. Thomas, oldest son of the Romeos, died at the hospital Wednesday. It was reported that complications caused by eating the pork caused his death.

Mr and Mrs Romeo became ill after eating the pork, but have recovered. Inspectors, who investigated the sources through which the pork was bought have given both the butcher and farmer a clean bill of health. Meat in the store was found to be properly stamped with the inspector's seal.

It is expected that inspectors will make an inspection of the stock on the farmer's farm this week.