

"A Civic Christmas"

The First Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 24, 1913

Washington, DC



40-Foot Norway Spruce



A faint solar halo observed at 11:05 AM

While it was sunny for the tree lighting, Christmas ended up being wet rather than white in the Nation's Capitol with 1.31 inches of rain between the 25th and 26th

20,000 Spectators



Temperatures Recorded



High: 46°F



Low: 34°F

