

SANTA CLAUS STORE-HOUSE NOW LOOKING LIKE TREASURE SPOT

Poor Kiddies' Appeal Meets Instant Response From City's More Fortunate Youngsters—Tables Piled High.

Santa Claus' Store House at 608 Chestnut street, though only one day old, and a fearfully rainy, sleazy day at that, already has taken on an appearance of a real treasure room.

The appeal of the poor children at home, whose plight is not nearly so spectacular as that of the little Belgium youngsters, but is quite as real, has met with an instantaneous response, and yesterday the Santa Claus Lady had all she could do to take care of the numerous precious bundles which the poor youngsters and the express company employe tumbled out of their wagons.

CHILDREN SHOULD COME AND SEE. Every child in Philadelphia is invited to come to the Store House and see the gifts which Santa is going to have distributed on Christmas morning in the Public and Evening Ledger automobiles.

Yesterday Charles and Dorothy Young, children of Charles W. Young, sent a huge box containing a half-dozen dolls, a 20-cent for a real baby, a pretentious fort and a wonderful menagerie. From a practical youngster from the North, J. came two sweaters, a pair of rubber overalls and several sets of woolen underwear.

Little Dorothy Parker, who, according to a letter from her grandmother, is "an invalid who cannot walk very much, taking two to help her in her chair or to put her at the table and has very little use of her hands or arms" has contributed several beautiful dolls, which she dressed all by herself after much painstaking labor, and a collection of books that she packed for "the poor little children."

And little Sara and Ethel Stafford, who evidently had no toys left from their last year's supply, sent a whole dollar to the Santa Claus lady, requesting her to buy some nice new toys for the poor little girls and boys.

A TINY INQUIRY. An incident which shows how eagerly some of the kiddies are looking forward to a Christmas which is going to be a real Christmas to them—perhaps the first they have ever had—was demonstrated yesterday when a mite of a boy walked into the Store House and asked what he would have to do to get a new toy. He was sure of "gettin' somethin' from Santa Claus on Christmas morning?" He had no umbrella, but had come a long way in order to ask this important query. "Be a good boy," said the Santa Claus lady, taking his name, "and I am sure he will bring you something."

"I'd like it to be that horse and cart," he said, and his big brown eyes glistened themselves on a wonderful toy on the table, "but of course if there ain't enough of them to go around, I'd take something else."

So that there will be enough toys to go around every child is asked to give some little contribution to Santa's Store House—a penny, a nickel, a discarded toy—so that this Christmas will be a less one-sided affair than is usually the case, so that it will be a day for all children instead of just for the chosen few.

PENN CHARTER STUDENTS SELECT TIMELY PLAY

"The Commuters" Vehicle for Annual Production.

Students of Penn Charter School will produce "The Commuters," by James Forbes, next Friday night in the auditorium of the Bellevue-Stratford. The play will be the twelfth annual dramatic production by the students.

The cast is composed of Lloyd R. Leaver, who has two years' experience in leading male comedy parts; W. Roy Bell, who was one of the hits last year as Lord Babbarth in "The Merry Widow"; O. Mason Pollard, Benjamin Allen, Ed. and John S. Williams, who will take the leading female comedy parts; William E. Welsh, Ed. Earl A. Shuman, Alben I. Reichner, Jack B. Keller, Joshua M. Holmes, Jr.; Wilson N. Durham, J. Marshall Plesol, Henry P. Van Dusen and Frank H. Ledyard.

WOODLAND AVENUE SITE FOR CITY STADIUM OPPOSED

Northwest Business Men's Association Adopts Formal Protest.

The proposed site for the municipal stadium in a ravine in Woodland Cemetery, as suggested by George E. Nitsche, recorder of the University of Pennsylvania, was opposed last night by a committee of the Northwest Business Men's Association. The committee drafted a formal protest to be sent to the Mayor and Council, and this was authorized by the association.

Besides opposing the Woodland Cemetery land as a site for the proposed stadium, the committee reported unfavorably on the plan to use one of the Commercial Museum buildings for the convention hall. This was suggested as part of the plan of the Army and Navy Committee presented by E. J. Barlet at the Jovian League meeting last Thursday.

Satisfaction was expressed that the Army and Navy Committee had chosen the same site as that recommended by the Comprehensive Plans Committee, north of the Girard avenue bridge. The George E. Nitsche plan, "entirely ignores the Snyder's Woods site, 23d and Oxford streets, recommended by the Comprehensive Plans Committee." It was pointed out in the association report. No fault was found with the plan to locate the Commercial Museum in a new building on the Parkway.

STOCKHOLDERS DISSATISFIED

Owners of Philadelphia and Gulf Steamship Company Meet Today.

Stockholders of the defunct Philadelphia and Gulf Steamship Company met this afternoon in the office of Henry C. Thompson, Jr., 205 Land Title Building, for the final adjournment of the accounts of the receiver, E. P. Walsh, Jr.

They declare they are dissatisfied with affairs of the company and will express their dissatisfaction at the meeting. Mr. Thompson has been appointed special examiner by the United States District Court for the audit of the company's accounts.

The meeting marks the ending of the only independent corporate steamship line backed by local capital ever to see from bankruptcy. Its failure, it has been charged, was due to certain mismanagement.

SCHOOLBOYS WHO WILL BE IN COMEDY CAST



Lloyd R. Leaver as Larry Brice, Benjamin Allen as Carrie, and O. Mason Pollard as Hetty Brice. They are three members of Penn Charter School Dramatic Club, who on Friday night will give a performance of "The Commuters" in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS PLACE BAN ON BUNS TO BRING XMAS JOY

2000 William Penn Pupils Taboo "Cinnamons" and Pickles to Buy Gifts for Poor.

Two thousand girls, students at the William Penn High School, will deny themselves pickles and cinnamon buns until Christmas, so they may have funds to buy toys for an equal number of kindergarten pupils.

This will be in accordance with a "personal sacrifice" plan devised by the Students' Association, of which Miss Reba Kline is president. Homes that would otherwise be devoid of sunshine will be illuminated through the efforts of this army of Misses Santa Claus.

"Pickles and cinnamon buns! These are the most important elements in a high school pupil's luncheon, but without hesitation the 2000 girls have reached the heroic conclusion to fast from them. In consequence there will be a drum for Charlie and a baseball bat for Jack and dolls for Kitty and Anna.

The matter of dressing will be left to a committee of experts. And each imbecile baby will be garbed in laces, for this is to be no mean affair. The instructions of Miss Kline were that it should all be kept a secret, but girls sell and the entire affair "leaked out" today through a dozen different sources.

In the distribution of the presents the girls will have the co-operation of Miss Anna W. Williams, supervisor of kindergartens, and her assistant, Miss Virginia Jacobs. They will tell what each child needs most, what kind of doll will appeal most to Mary and whether Elizabeth prefers candy to a miniature piano.

In South Philadelphia there is a lame boy who won't need a hockey stick, so Miss Williams will see he receives a pocket electric light. His four-year-old sister will be treated to a coach one of those big ones that looks as if it belonged to a real baby. It will have a large canopy over it, made of satin, and embroidered.

Dr. William D. Lewis, principal of the school, declared today he had no doubt the expectations of the most enthusiastic of us. "I possess my own piano, my own typewriter, my own car," he said, "I am just wise enough not to interfere with the plans of so serious a project. Miss Viola Godfrey and Miss Alma Waldie, members of the faculty, have been asked to act in an advisory capacity. Just watch 2000 girls at work and then wait for the result. It is going to be the largest, happiest Christmas that these young women have ever experienced, and think of the 2000 surprised children.

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WANAMAKER ADVERTISEMENT

THE MAN BEHIND SANTA CLAUS That's "Dad"



Because you live with him all the year 'round he doesn't seem like a romantic figure. But without him there wouldn't be any Christmas.

He pays—for the turkey, the tree and the trinkets. Sometimes it comes a little hard, but he "doesn't like to disappoint the folks."

When you ask him what he wants for himself he says: "Oh, don't bother about me. There isn't anything I want. Better save your money or spend it on some one else."

And too often you do spend it on some one else.

Don't take him at his word when he says he doesn't want anything. He wants many things, but he is leaving a loophole of escape for people small enough to crawl through.

The Wanamaker Stores for Men are filled with things men like—not the things women think men like but the things men buy for themselves. As gifts, they cannot be surpassed, for besides telling of your regard they save a man the expense of getting them some other time.

Good Looking Gloves May Be the Answer

- Men's capeskin gloves, tan, \$1.15 to \$2.50 a pair. Mocha, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Chamois, natural, outseam sewn, \$1.50. Chamois, natural, with black stitching, \$1.75. Kidskin, pique sewn, tan, \$2.25. Reynier chevrette, tan, \$2.50. Capeskin, silk lined, tan, \$1.50 to \$2.50. Mocha, silk lined, gray and tan, \$2.25. Capeskin, fleece lined, tan, \$1.50; knitted lined, \$2 and \$2.25; lambs' wool lined, \$3.25 and \$3.50. English buckskin, rabbit lined, \$3.50; squirrel lined, \$5. Dress gloves, \$1.50 to \$2.25. (Main Floor, Central and Market)

A New Suit Would Be a Substantial Gift

and would show your appreciation of what Father does for the family, not only at Christmas but all year 'round. The finest ready-to-wear suits in America are right here—\$15 to \$35. Or an overcoat, of which there is a great assortment between \$15 and \$200—the last for a fine fur-lined coat. (First Floor, Market)

The Men's Wear Store Is a Mine of Gifts

We recently received a very unexpected shipment of Angora goods from Vienna. Jackets, \$15 to \$22.50; vests, \$10; scarfs, \$5. French wool vests, \$5. Redleaf, London, silk reefers for motor, street or dress wear, \$5 to \$10. Shirts of various fabrics, including a very fine showing of silk shirts, 95c to \$5. Neckties—with as large a selection of Redleaf ties as if shipping was normal—50c to \$3.50. (Main Floor, Market)

Silk Hats and Fur Caps Are Very Welcome

Silk hats include the incomparable Lincoln-Bennetts, from London, \$8; Redleaf hats, made in London for Wanamaker's, \$7, and Wanamaker Special hats, made in Philadelphia, \$6. Opera hats from Paris, \$6 and \$8. Leather hat boxes, \$6 to \$30. Fur caps in a large assortment of furs, \$5 to \$35. (Main Floor, Market)

Half Hose for His Appearance

Beginning with the best, we name the aristocrats of half hose—French Derby ribbed silk in black, white and colors, \$5 a pair. French vertical striped silk, black and colors, \$4. French three-cord clocked silk with lisle soles, black and colors, and black and white shot silk, with contrasting clocks, \$3. Accordion ribbed silk—most popular of all—50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3 and \$5. Paris novelty Hae, \$1 to \$1.75. (Main Floor, Market)

Underwear for His Comfort

Fine silk underwear, \$3.50 to \$15. Guaranteed all-wool unshrinkable underwear, \$2.50 to \$3.75. Merino union suits in various styles, \$3. Union suits of 50 per cent. wool, special at \$1.15. (Main Floor, Market)

Shoes and Slippers for Outdoors and In

A pair of fine dress boots or dancing pumps or stout storm shoes would make welcome gifts. So would a pair of house slippers of leather or felt, with leather, felt or soft padded soles. Slippers range in price from 75c to \$6. (Main Floor, Market)

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