

COMMUTERS' BRIEF PUT IN FINAL FORM FOR STATE HEARING

Attorneys Consult With University Professor and Engineers in Preparing Arguments for Public Service Commission.

Final details for the argument against the proposed increase in passenger rates by the railroads...

A QUESTION FOR THE READING. The Reading Company will be asked to show why it has continued to charge passenger fare on a basis of 50 miles to New York city...

JERSEY COMMUTERS' PROTEST. Governor Fielder, of New Jersey, yesterday announced he had appointed Attorney General John W. Westcott to appear before the Interstate Commerce Commission...

BELL TOLLED 90 TIMES. Memory of Aged Kensington Woman Honored by Friends. Kensington's new bell, placed in the tower of the East Montgomery Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church...

WOMEN'S WILLS FILED. Estates of Elizabeth Brooks and Charlotte Breunig Distributed. Elizabeth Brooks, late of 2322 Ontario street, bequeathed her estate of \$6000 among relatives and friends...

RESCUES THREE CHILDREN. Man Carries Them to Safety From Smoke-filled House. Three small children, dead in their night clothes, were rescued from a house burning early today...

MADDOX'S SON RECOVERING. Francis Maddox, 24 years old, son of the Secretary of the Treasury, who was injured in the German Hospital yesterday, was reported today to be recovering.

Do your Christmas shipping early and please Uncle Sam. Parcel Post Man Asks Shoppers to Prevent Unnecessary Congestion in Mails.



FREDERICK FUNSTON His nomination as Major General sent to Senate by President today.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES FUNSTON MAJOR GENERAL

Advanced in Recognition of Services at Vera Cruz—Other Nominations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Brigadier General Frederick Funston, who commanded the American troops at Vera Cruz, was nominated Major General by President Wilson today in recognition of his services in Mexico.

NAPIER HEADS GAME BOARD

New Jersey Commissioners Re-elected President and Distribute Trout. TRENTON, Dec. 9.—Ernest Napier, of East Orange, was re-elected president and William A. Lopus, of Bridgeton, treasurer at the annual meeting of the New Jersey Fish and Game Commission today.

DEMAND FUNDS FROM COUNCILS

Fortnightly Literary Club Wants Housing Conditions Improved. Resolutions calling upon Council's Finance Committee to appropriate funds for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation, which was created by an act of the Legislature, were passed last night by the Fortnightly Literary Club of West Philadelphia.

MARRIED AT ELKTON

Philadelphians Among Visitors to Maryland's Greta Green. ELKTON, Md., Dec. 9.—The following persons were married in Elkton this morning: Arthur Jackson and Mae Elizabeth Carr, Harry A. Scholtz and Mary M. Mitchell, William J. Mark and Anna Zachary, all of Philadelphia; Francis J. McHugh and Margaret A. Keaten, and George B. Johnson and Anna J. Sharp, Camden, N. J.; Samuel P. Carsey and Mary S. Kriebel, Conshohocken; Robert L. Clark and Lena L. Ray, Baltimore.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Man Found Unconscious in Room in Hotel. Patrick J. Behan, who brought a large consignment of sheep to this city yesterday from his stock farm in Friendship, Pa., is in a critical condition in the Pennsylvania Hospital today suffering from illuminating gas poisoning.

SAILING SHIP CHARTERED AS FREIGHTER

Security of steamships to carry ocean freight is making an improved market for owners of sailing craft. An unusual charter was made this morning when the five-masted schooner, 'Fronquis' was contracted for to carry a full cargo of coal from this port to Rio Janeiro. This is the first time in many years that such a charter has been consummated.

SAVE ON JEWELRY

Under normal business conditions I would have disposed of my stock of gems and jewelry long ago. Now, to meet these conditions, and effect a complete clearance, I have made Reductions of 20% to 50%.

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DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHIPPING EARLY AND PLEASE UNCLE SAM

Parcel Post Man Asks Shoppers to Prevent Unnecessary Congestion in Mails.

PARCEL POST MAN'S DONT'S

Don't rush into the Postoffice three days before Christmas with a package addressed to Seattle or Shanghai and expect it to arrive on time. Don't wrap your packages in such a way that an inspection would be difficult...

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHIPPING EARLY

This is the advice which Thomas McLeister, chief of the Parcel Post Department in Philadelphia gives to all who are going to call on Uncle Sam to do the Santa Claus act for them.

Incidentally he is an ardent advocate of the "shop early" movement, because, says he, when people shop early they usually ship early and that helps a lot to relieve the almost unmanageable congestion which prevails in the Postoffice three or four days before Christmas.

Exclusive of today, only 13 more shopping and shipping days remain, and already little placards and pamphlets are being put out in an endeavor to educate the public in regard to sending Christmas gifts.

To mail early, to wrap securely and to address plainly, said Mr. McLeister, "are the three bits of advice which we are trying hardest to get people to take, but, from my past experience, I can honestly state that the dear public is most difficult to educate—along these lines, at any rate."

Another thing concerning which shippers should use their heads is in the matter of sending perishable goods. On Thanksgiving a large quantity of edible stuff passed through our hands, and we are proud to say that the only thing which was spoiled was a chicken that came all the way from Washington State.

But ordinarily it is not wise to send perishable goods beyond the second zone, that is to say, the area of 50 to 150 miles from here.

The mother who wants to send her boy in the Philippines his Christmas dinner may have the best intentions in the world, but the postoffice advises her against it.

BRUMBAUGH AND TENER NIGHT IN BOHEMIA GUESTS

Governor-elect and Governor to Attend Pen and Pencil Entertainment. Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh and Governor John K. Tener, who will appear together in public for the first time since election, will be among the prominent boxholders at the long-anticipated "Night in Bohemia" of the Pen and Pencil Club tomorrow night in the Bellevue-Stratford.

The event promises to be the most brilliant of the many gay affairs which brought the Pen and Pencil Club members to Philadelphia as entertainers. Besides an elaborate theatrical program in which acts from the best-known playhouses in the city will be given, there will be a concert and dance in another room while the entertainment is on. Through the courtesy of the management of the Bellevue-Stratford, the Clover Room and the Red Room of the hotel will be at the disposal of the club members and their guests. Side-walk cafes of the type which made Parisian boulevards famous will be reproduced in the Clover Room and between acts in the Red Room there will be dancing under the direction of one of the best-known Philadelphia teachers.

ARSON CHARGE FAILS

Grand Jury Refuses to Indict Man Who is Re-arrested. NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 8.—The Grand Jury today ignored a bill charging Daniel Kelly, of Conshohocken, with burning a barn on the farm of J. N. Supplee, in Lower Merion, and put the costs on Supplee. Kelly was re-arrested on the old charge and held by Magistrate Long, of Norristown.

LINE AND CROCHET HANKYERCHIEFS

For a few days only we make these unsold hankies.

MILLIONAIRE AND GIRL WHO ACCUSES HIM OF "WHITE SLAVERY"



Colonel Charles Alexander, of Rhode Island, who has been arrested under the Mann act, and Miss Jessie E. Cope, of Los Angeles, who likewise has been arrested on a charge of attempting to bribe Federal agents to obtain \$50,000 from Alexander. The case has created a sensation in social circles, where both were widely known.

PERSONS OF ALL FAITHS AWAIT "BILLY" SUNDAY

Work With Enthusiasm in Interest of Big Revival. Philadelphia is already in the grasp of a great revival. The spirit of "Billy" Sunday seems to have come ahead of him from Des Moines, Ia. Men and women who have been inactive in religious and church work for years are out working for the success of the campaign.

Into almost every home in the city invitations have been carried by church people for the attendance of the residents at the semi-weekly prayer meetings. The number of men in the Bible classes of the Sunday schools has been more than doubled in the last month. The revival spirit in the old members, stirred up by the approach of January 3, when "Billy" Sunday is to come here, is responsible. The Rev. George G. Downey, general secretary of the Philadelphia Sabbath School Association, led in the work of organization.

In the heart of the Tenderloin 23 homes have been offered for these services. One of them in which services were held last night has been a "house of vice." The invitation to hold the meeting in the house was received by a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Home, 611 Vine street.

Everywhere the people are at work as "advance agents" for the services to be held in the Tabernacle on Logan Square. Not a few men and women have already been converted in the prayer services. Prominent church workers believe he will win more than 100,000 converts during his ten weeks' visit.

AMERICAN TROOPS GUARD WAR-DISTURBED BORDER

Artillery and Cavalry Massed at Naco, Arizona. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The massing of artillery and additional cavalry at Naco, Ariz., was believed here today to be incidental to a demand by the United States that the warring insurgent factions fighting just inside of the Mexican border stop firing in the direction of the international boundary line. General Tasker H. Bliss is now en route to Naco from San Antonio.

Reports say Governor Maytorena, the Villa commander, is preparing to attack General Hill, Carranza's representative in force. Such an attack would mean that the American town of Naco would be badly raided and that probably many additional Americans would be killed.



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GIRL SOLOIST AT BOYS' SCHOOL

Miss Rawlings Plays for Students of Central High. They all sat in the assembly room of the Central High School, at Broad and Green streets, today. The roster showed that the entire student body was present. Their eyes were fixed upon Elizabeth Rawlings, 15 years old, of 1418 North 15th street, who is a student in the William Penn High School.

Miss Rawlings, who is a freshman, was at the Central High School to return a treat which the students of that school had given to her school companions a year ago. A year ago a delegation of students of the Central High School went over to the William Penn High School and sang for the freshmen. Recently Miss Rawlings announced that she would sing for the boys of the Central High School. Miss Rawlings today played several piano solos. When she was through she was cheered.

LETTERS FOR SANTA CLAUSE

Postmaster Will Send Them to Jolly Saints' First Aide. All the Santa Claus letters dropped in mail boxes for "Santa Claus, North Pole," by children in this city, with requests for Christmas toys, will not be sent to the old white-whiskered gentleman, but turned over to his first assistant, Miss Olive May Wilson, "The Santa Claus Girl," 201 West Avenue, Jenkintown. This announcement made today by Postmaster John A. Thornton.

Already the pile of "Santa Claus" letters is beginning to assume great proportions. Two hundred or more have been received at the Postoffice and it is expected that the pile will steadily grow bigger and bigger as Christmas approaches. The postmaster said that while Miss Wilson would receive most of the letters other organizations who wished to get in touch with needy children could have some of the letters in order to make the little ones happy.

THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

"Link the Americas Cruise" to South America. S. S. "FINLAND" leaves New York January 27th, and Baltimore January 29th, 1915. This magnificent steamer flying the American flag will include in the itinerary every place of interest in South America, returning by way of the Panama Canal. The first complete circular cruise of South America, arriving back in Baltimore May 11th and New York May 12th. An unparalleled opportunity for the business man and tourist.

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YOUNG WOMAN ACCUSED BY AGED BENEFACTOR

Complainant, Who is 88 Years Old, Says She Was Debauched. A bent, white-haired old woman testified today before Judge Audenried that a young woman she had befriended and given a home had defrauded her of real estate and securities valued at nearly \$30,000 by inducing her to sign papers the contents of which she was ignorant. The complainant is Sarah J. McCormick and the defendant Miss Edith L. Yearicks, both of 2965 Bridge street, Bridgeburg.

Miss McCormick, who is 88 years old, denied statements in a formal answer filed by Miss Yearicks that it was understood the latter was to get her estate when she died. She declared she signed papers conveying the property and securities to Miss Yearicks with the understanding that the young woman was to act as her trustee.

The aged woman testified in a voice so weak that her statements had to be repeated to the court by her attorney. She declares the papers she signed made her absolutely penniless and that she is now dependent on Miss Yearicks for support.

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The Land of Opportunity "Link the Americas Cruise" to South America. A. Schmidt & Son English Sheffield Tea Tray. Fine, big, comfy ulsters, \$20 up. Long tourist Overcoats with roll-up storm-coolers, \$15. Winter Suits for Men and Young Men, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25.

3 HURT AS AUTO AND CAR COLLIDE ON OLD YORK ROAD

Members of Party on Way to Dance Victims of Accident Which May Cost One Life.

Three persons were injured, one of whom may die, and several others escaped with bruises when a trolley crashed into an automobile driven by Wesley Harting, 22 years old, 20 West York road, Germantown, at Old York road and the Northeast Boulevard. The accident occurred last night.

The injured are: EARLE C. HERMAN, 25 years old, 2611 Newhall street, concussion of the brain, fractured arm and lacerations of the body, May die.

MISS EMILY W. BALL, 20 years old, 823 Musgrave avenue, a daughter of Chief Ball, of the Bureau of City Property, lacerations of the hands and scalp.

WESLEY HARTING, 22 years old, 20 East Johnson street, bruises of the head and body.

All three were treated at the Jewish Hospital. Herman's condition was so critical last night that an operation could not be performed, and physicians stated this morning that he may die. The party in the car was en route to a dance at Easttown. Harting was driving the machine. The trolley car was coming south and as the machine crossed the tracks at Old York road the collision occurred. The auto turned turtle, burying Herman beneath it. Motorcycle Policeman Kemmlie was unable to obtain an ambulance and placed the injured on the trolley car and sent them to the Jewish Hospital. Mrs. Antoinette Vacharicke, 60 years old, and her son William, 15 years old, 120 Hunting Park avenue, were run down and injured by an automobile delivery wagon last night as they were crossing Hunting Park avenue in front of their home. Both refused to go to a hospital.

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