COLD WINDS PIERCE FLIMSY WALLS; POOR AFRAID TO PROTEST

Tenement Dwellers Suffer, While Sinks Are Frozen and Windows Lack Panes. The Law Flouted.

Proof that the new Division of Housing and Sanitation created by the last Legislature and Ignored by Councils' Finance Committee was a necessity was found today through an inspection of the tenement house district made by the Philadelphia Housing Commission.

The homes of the tenement poor who within the last two days have renewed their appeals to Councils to grant appropriations for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation presented heart-rending and Sanitation presented heart-rending scenes.

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Many of the houses entered by Bernard
J. Newman, senetary of the Philadelphia
Mousing Commission, showed that landlords had talled to correct certain violations complained of more than a year ago.
In many of the dilapidated old red brick
tenements of the felth Ward, of which
State Senator McNichol is leader, mothers
as well as little girls are busy these days
covering up so-called windows with
sheets of wrapping paper. The windown
are broken. Landlords have delayed in
repairing them. In other instances landlords and real estate agents are taking
their time in putting in new window
panes in place of the shattered ones.

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When inquirles were made at different houses as to how long the present con-ditions had existed, the occupants sim-ply shrugged their shoulders. Others said they were afraid to make complaints.

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"Why are you afraid?" a gray-haired unbrella mender was asked. He lives in the heart of the 10th Ward.

"I owe a part of last month's rent," answered the man in a choking voice.

Since the cold spell set in occupants of Philadelphia's dirty, unventilated, windowless and kitchenlers houses, which Archhishop Prendergast recently referred to as "piague spots," have begun to dig into their hard-carned savings.

"Yes, it loo.s as if we must suffer for the sins of the property owners," said an intelligent mother, who is compelled to buy two buckets of coal daily to protect her children from the effects of the wind which penetrates through an old side

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The tenement poor do not buy their coal by the ton They would like to buy a ton at a time. They can't afford it. So the tenement poor 20 out daily and buy their coal at some corner coal store. Buckets of coal these days are selling at I cents. There is another grade of coal which sells for less. Buying coal by the bucket usually brings the price up to about \$14 a ton, which can be bought on the market for half that amount.

MANY SINKS FROZEN.

Frozen sinks are plentiful today. In the home of Mrs. Agnte Kim, on Spring street near 5th, there is a sink in the "kitchen" which hasn't furnished any water for three days. Mrs. Kim has two children, Michael, 5 years old, and Cathe-rine, 16 months old. Her husband, Harry, Is working at Jac.sonville, Fla.

"I can't get any water from the sink in my room," she said, "because it is frozen."

In the glare of a lighted match it was seen that a cake of ice had formed out of the water which became clogged up when the cold weather set in. "Where do you get water for cooking

"I have to go into the courtyard next for," answered Mrs. Kim. Mrs. Klin said that she had complained eral times to the man who collects her it, but that he simply told her that recomplaint was "on file." Within the last two days many appeals

or aid have been received by the Society of Organized Charities, at 419 South 15th treet. Many of the requests came from coupants of Philadelphia's tenements, fany of the applicants were ill. They fore atficken "living" in houses with amp walls.

EARCH INSTITUTED FOR MISSING REAL ESTATE MAN

Leander Marshall, of Lansdowne, Fails to Return Home.

A search is being made in this city today for Leander Marshall. 65 years bld, real estate man, ex-Councilman of Lansdowne, Pa., and a trustee of the Lansdowne Presbyterian Church, who left his office in the Franklin Building. 12th street above Walnut, yesterday afternoon, and has failed to return to his home at 105 North Lansdowne avenue, Lansdowne.

ansdowne. Dr. G. Victor Janvier, 20 Runnymede avenue, Lanslowne, a son-in-law of Mr. Marshall, and William T. Cooper, an attorney, with offices in the Penn Squara Building, called last night at detective headquarters and furnished the police with an accurate description of Mr. Marshall.

Deter Janvier told the police that Mr. Marshall was slightly melancholy re-ently because of business depression.

MISS DABNEY HALSEY A BRIDE Is Married to Harrison Cruikshank,

of Wilmington.

Miss Dabney Maury Halsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Halsey, too Seputh 12d street, and Harrison Cruik-abank, of Wilmington, Del., were married last night at the home of the bride. Only the immediate families and a few friends were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James Biddis Halsey, of St. Timothy's Church, Rexborough, a common of the bride. Mr. Cruikshank is a well known newspaperman.

The bride wore a gown of soft white asin, trimmed with old family lace and tuils, and a pearl-embroidered tuils will she carried an old-fashioned bouquel of white roses Miss Heloise M. Ralsey, a sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, wore a becoming light bine astin freek, trimmed with cream lace. The best man was G. Dars Hopkins, of Wilmington. of Wilmington.

CAMDEN TAK PAID PROMPTLY

Maceiver Says Unprecedented Sum fur This Date Has Come In.

Camden County is paying its real entate takes this year with a rapidity that belies all talk of bard times. The Receiver of Taxes said today that \$150,000 airrady had been received an unpreceisated amo for this date.

The taxes are not due until December to few complaints have been made to the County Board of Taxation, indicating that the appraisals have been sails failure.

AUBESTS IN BAFF MYSTERY Four Man Held in Connection With

Poultry Dealer's Murder. NEW YORK, Dec. II - Four men were could hast night and early today in massilim with the murder of flarmett and the big poultry dualer, and six liker suspects were remand after a CROW'S POLITICAL FUTURE PLANNED BY PENROSE

State Senator Assured a Voice in National Party Councils.

State Senator William E. Crow, Republican State chairman, is being groomed by Senstor Penross to become a national leader in the Republican party according to Republican State Inaders, He will take part in all important conferences at which the Republican Presidential campaign for 1916 will be planned.

Part of Senator Penrose's plan to make Senator Crow, who managed his campagen this fall, a national power in the party is to have Crow mrocced United States Senator Oliver when the latter's term expires in 1916, said these leaders

It became known today that Senator Crow also attended the conference. He went to New York with his aponsor, Senator Penrose, and remained until yesterday to confer with Mr. Hilles.

Senator Crow will belp plan the next national fight and will take a prominent part in managing the Republican campaign, according to State leaders.

WANT OF CLOTHING KEEPS 900 CHILDREN AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Figures Gathered by Board of Education in 10 School Districts—Outsiders Must Help.

Nine hundred boys and girls in Philadelphia are staying home from school loday because they have insufficient

Their coats and Jackets are too thin o too ranged: their shoes, if they have any, are too dilapidated; and their overcoatswell, there aren't very many. In one family a single frayed overcoat is doing duty for six children.

The figures were gathered by the attendance officers of the Bureau of Compulsory Education in the 10 school districts of the city. Each of the cases is one of real need. They all were investigated by the officers, and were reported to the bureau.

"The number of children who cannot attend school this winter because of lack of sufficient food or clothing is greater than in any previous year." said Henry J. Gideon, chief of the bureau. "The cause is scarcity of employment among the parents. When there are no jobs there is no money; no money in the family means no clothes for the children.

"During November the attendance was exceptionally good, because the weather was warm and winter late in coming, Mr. Gideon continued. "But now that this bitter cold weather has set in, the effect of it is felt in school attendance."

Absences of children from school because of lack of clothing are more numerous in the north and northeast sections of the city. In the 5th District there are 179 children with insufficient clothing, while the 8th District is sacond with 161. The children are all between 6 and 16 years old.

"Whatever is to be done to relieve the situation must come from philanthropic persons," said Mr. Gideon. "The Board of Education is not authorized to provide clothing or food for the school children, although there seems to be an opinion to the contrary. We merely can report such cases of need to relief so-clettes and other philanthropic organisations and the banded out to needy families.

MYSTERY OF SKELETON IN CITY HALL SOLVED

Bones Found in Cell Were Prisoner's "Meal Ticket."

An air of suppressed excitement pervaded central station in City Hall today, A human skeleton was discovered in cell No. 13. The occupant of this cell was Milton Cooperiawyas, and it was the turnkey who learned that he carried something with him bestdes nie name. It was a bundle from which protruded

a bony hand. The man of locks and keys who is used to mysteries, peeped cautiously. He saw the strange man shove the bony hand back in the bundle and stuff the bundle in a corner.

Ben the turnkey told two detectives if the incident. The sieuths opened the bundle and discovered the skeleton of a child apparently three years old. The age was decided up by Police Surgeon Wanamaker.

Cooperiawyas was immediately sweated According to the police matron and the turnkey, it is rumored that the suspect is alleged to hims confessed he brought "Little Charlie," as the skeleton was named, to this city to sell it to buy food and drink. The skeleton, it appears, belonged to the arthur of the skeleton in appears, belonged to the arthur of the skeleton. longed to the prisoner's father, who is a

Cooperlawyas said he came from Quakertown, and while waiting for the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania to decide upon a price for "Charle," went to a saloon. Policeman Doran later saw him stagger and arrested him at 12th and Market streets.

RED CROSS RECEIPTS \$5164

Report of Contributions by Emergency Aid Committee Division.

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The total amount of money received up to noon today by the Red Cross division of the Emersency Aid Committee, its Walnut street is alled B. according to a report issued by Miss Hanrietta R. Ely, chairman of the division.

Of hig amount flama if was received this week. The formation of an American dustribution sorvice in France, which will dispense all supplies sent from Philadelphia and sissewhere in the United States, was announced by Miss Ely.

Former Ambassador Merrice has formed the American Distribution Committee in Paris. The Rev. Samuel Watson. of the American Distribution Committee in Paris. The Rev. Samuel Watson. of the American church. Is chairmen, and George Murroe is treasurer. Hereafter all Red Cross supplies will be forwarded directly to this committee thereby saving delay and considerable confusion.

SCHOOLS AND COLUEGES PHILADELPHIA

EX-CONVICTS AIDED IN BIG INSURANCE FRAUD CONSPIRACY

Two of Seven Defendants in Delaware Cases Served Jail Terms, Federal Agents Say.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 17.-Federal agents assert they have exposed what promises to be one of the higgest bysurance swindles ever attempted following their investigation of the Home Fire Insurance Company, the Mercantile and Marine Insurance Company and the American Fire Insurance Company, of Dover, and the Equitable Fire Insurance Company, of this city, which resulted in the indictment of ex-United States Senator Richard R. Kenney, Ronald F. Brennen and five others.

In the nine months that these companies operated without assets it is claimed they took in \$10,000, and it is believed by Government agents that in the past few years Brennen, Clare Webster Anthony and possibly some others have benefited to the extent of at least \$100,000 from insurance frauds.

Kenney is one of the best known lawyers and politicians in the State and it was only recently he was being recom-mended for Ambassador to Mexico. Ridgely is also a prominent man of Dover and has been in the insurance business for years. He has been a member of the Legislature and has held other offices.

HIGH-SPEED MEETING TO BE HELD IN LOGAN TONIGHT

Director Taylor Will Tell Residents of Value of Real Rapid Transit,

The necessity for high-speed lines to connect Logan with other sections of the city will be pointed out tonight by Director Taylor, of the Department of City Transit, in an address before the residents of North Philadelphia, who will hold a mass meeting at the Logan Auditorium.

In addition to the citizens of Logan and other northern communities, the meeting will be attended by delegations from va-rious business men's organizations. The meeting will be held under the auspices

meeting will be held under the auspices of the Logan Improvement League and the combined committees on subways. R. N. Kelley will preside.

Considerable impetus has been given the movement for high-speed transit since the Evening Ledger's poll of Councils, which put every member of both chambers on record. As previously announced, only three Councilmen in the entire city voiced their opposition to the Taylor plan, and one of these. Peter E. Taylor plan, and one of these, Peter E, Costello, of the 41st Ward, had a plan of his own. The Costello plan was condemned by every business organization in Philadelphia for the reason that it was recognized as a sold-up, with nothing in it to merit consideration.

CAMDEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Giant Cedar, Laden With Gifts, Will Furnish Good Cheer.

60-foot municipal Christmas tree is being put in place today at the plaza of the Camden County Courthouse by a force of workmen, and City Electrician Kelly is preparing to fit into the big cedar from the Jersey wilderness hun-dreds of vari-colored electric lights. The tree will be lighted Monday night.

and every evening next week there will be carel singing by various Camden sing-ing organizations and a band will play. Christmas Eve there will be a big cele-

Hundreds of dollars worth of toys for the poor children of the city are to be distributed. Food has been supplied by

JOBS FOR 100 MEN

Grading and General Repair Work at Light House Farm.

The open forum of the Light House Association, 152 West Lebigh avenue, will begin this evening with an address on 'Industrialism in the United States' by Prof. James P. Lichenburger, of the University of Peansylvania. Tomorrow evening a song recital will be given by Mrs.

Harold E. Yarnall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. P. Bradford, supervisors of the Light House, announce that visors of the Light House, amounce that 100 men will be employed at the mission in grading and general repair work on the Light House farm, the money for this work coming from the \$50,000 appropriated for the use of the unemployed.

POULTRY SHOW AWARDS

Prize Winners and Champion Egg Layers Divide Interest.

Hundreds of persons, including bird fanciers and positry breeders from all parts of the East, attended the third day's exhibit of the Philadelphia Positry. Pigeon and Pet Stock Association in the First Regiment Armory today. Interest continues to be divided between the prize winners and champion egg-layers.

The first prizes yesterday wers. Columbian Wyandotte Cock—Blimer C. Hit-barn.

ern. Columbian Wyandotte Hen-Dr. J. S. Ritten-Columbian Wyandotte Cockerel-Eimer C. Hitten-Columbian Wyandotte Pullet-J. S. Hittenune.
Single-Cound Biff Orphigton Cook-Sanswickbildry Farm.
Single-Comb Hoff Orphigton Hen-Sunswick
After Farm.
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Single-Comb Hoff Orphigton Pullet-Sunswick
mailtry Farm.

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Brahma Cock William I. Cus.
Brahma Cockerol-Amandois Statler.
Brahma Pullet-Amandois Statler.

RESORTS POGONO MOUNTAINS, PA. TOBOGGANING at BUCK HILL THE WINTER INN BUCK HILL PAILS PA.

CHARLESTON, S. C. CALHOUN MANSION opens for explicitly partonnes, original Co-lenis; furnishings; decimen cooking pack-ing pur, tennis, for and Mrs. J. R. Bertolett JACKSONVILLE, PLA.

HOTEL BURHRIDGE

ST. AUGUSTON, MA. THE BARCELONA SECURE OF STATE Store Opens 8:30 A. M.

WANAMAKER'S

Store Closes 6 P. M.

TOMORROW AT WANAMAKER'S

Broad, Radiant Smiles Everywhere

Happy preparations are well under way in a half a million homes in and around Philadelphia.

The Christmas dinner in humble homes is more important and even more thought of because less frequent than the big dinner in stately mansions.

Everywhere and for almost everybody there will be some kind of a little gift.

The Cost of the Thing Is Not the Real Thing

In past Christmases the forgotten one has been heart-broken over disappointment.

Even a 25-cent gift or postal card might have saved the sob or sorrow of a lonely man, woman or child.

This Store stands out before you, between you and your friends, with great supplies of all sorts of little and inexpensive things for the making of happy Christmas time in every home.

December 17, 1914

[Signed] My Manueles

The Treasure Corner A Wonderful Place for Unique Gifts

French and Flemish Sixteenth Century Tapestries -both large and splendid hangings, and little pieces suitable for chair covers and so on.

Petit point-some of it modern and very inter-French porcelains-snuff boxes, vases and other

pieces. Gothic oak cupboards.

Hidden electric lights of grapes and acacia Lovely carved mantelpieces of wood and stone.

Fire-screens and other things of wrought iron. Collections of hand-made glass from France and England. (Fifth Floor, Chestust)

Freshly Reduced Dresses for the Christmas Fashion Salon

Anybody who saw the famous afternoon gowns we had a week ago to sell for \$25 will know what it means when we say that a few of them are now to be had for \$19.75. Still other evening gowns are taken out of our own

stocks and reduced to the same price. A hundred or so of afternoon and street dresses are also \$19.75. Velvets, broadcloths, serges and charmeuses,

many fur trimmed. Any of these will be boxed for gifts if desired. (First Floor, Central)

More Inexpensive Waists for Gifts

Three styles that we can hardly get enough batiste at \$1.85 and two voiles at \$2.50 and \$3.50. All three

are low-necked and long-sleeved. This is just one item out of this big Waist Store, so well provided with Christmas gifts. (Third Floor, Central)

Lillian Brassieres Boxed for Gifts

No end of women are buying them to give their inti-mates, and there is no end of styles here between \$1 and \$18. All-over embroideries and laces, or laces and embroideries combined, are generally used for them-and some-times the laces are lined with pink silk and trimmed with pink ribbon.

(Third Ploor, Chestnut)

A New Shipment of Women's Coats From London

The loose, comfortable, English coats for traveling, motoring and country wear generally-coats short and long, with huge pockets and raglan sleeves. Mostly Harris tweeds in delightful greens, browns,

Prices, \$20 to \$45. (First Picer, Central)

heather and other shades.

Women's Bathrobes Coming in Daily

As a matter of fact, we have shipments twice a daygood thing when you remember how everybody buying them for gifts wants them spandy fresh. Particularly attractive sorts at \$5.

(Third Ficer, Central)

"No, It Looks Like Fur, But It's Really Fur Cloth"

Maybe the garment in question is a beautiful fur cloth coat, lustrous and luxuriously warm, or it may be an entire walking costume, a stole and muff set or a smart little turban.

The finer fur cloths are used for all these purposes this Winter, and they are very fashionable. English astrakhans, \$8.50 to \$12 a yard. Seal plushes, \$4.50 to \$15 a yard. Fancy fur effects, \$8 to \$16 a yard.

A special black broadtail at \$3.50 is usually twice (First Place, Chestaut) as much.

125 Men's Fine Silk-Lined Overcoats Special at \$25

These are among the finest overcoats we sell, but this is a special lot and at reduced price.

They are staple black and oxford coats, full silk lined with silk velvet collars, and every one of them fresh from the tailor's bench.

A little windfall such as is unusual so early in the Winter. (Men's Clothing Store, First Floor, Market)

1800 Pair of Men's Fine Winter Shoes at Low Special Prices

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Lot No. 1-84 each for 400 pair of shoes, representing a surplus lot of the factory that makes more men's fine shoes than any other in the country. These are very fine goods, every pair representing a saving of at least \$2.

Lot No. 2-\$3 each for 250 pair of the same maker's factory-hurt shoes, reduced to this half price because of slight superficial injuries. Lot No. 3—\$3 each for 150 pair of sample shoes in size 7-B only. These are half price.

Lot No. 4-\$2.85 each for 1000 pair of gunmetal, calfskin on snappy lasts and glaced kidskin shoes, made over the Army last. You will save a dollar or more on each of these

(Main Floor, Market, and Subway Gallery)

Fitting Out Somebody's Desk for a Christmas Surprise

will give "somebody," whether it is a man or woman, a great deal of pleasure.

Brass desk sets are liked by many people; \$6.50 to \$35. Spanish leather desk sets are especially nice for the business man's or woman's desk, and come plain at \$16 a set and in period designs at \$35 a set. You can have mission, tan, green, maroon or Pompeian.

Book consols in good assortment, \$2.50 to \$10 a pair. (Jewelry Store, Chestuut and Thirteenth)

Lace Albs and Surplices to Give the Church

Many people also use them for gifts to priests and choir boys. The laces are the kinds designed especially for this purpose.

Priests' albs and surplices, \$15 to \$22,50. Choir boys' surplices, \$1.85 and \$2. (Main Floor, Central)

Certain Traveling Bags Santa Claus Approves

The way we know is that so many of these particular kinds are being sent out as gifts.

At \$5, a new style this year. Smooth, brown cowhide, leather lined, sewed corners and edges and brass trimmings. One of the best bags we have ever had at this price; 15, 16 and 18 inches,

At \$7.50, a splendidly wearing black barley grain cowhide, big and roomy, leather lined and sewed corners and edges; 16 and 18 inches. At \$12.50 and \$13.50, according to size, one of the best

walrus bags made. Extra large, leather lined and with hand-sawed corners; 18 and 20 inches: There are many other prices for men's and women's bags, all the way up to \$100 for a big English kit completely

(Main Finer, Christant)

JOHN WANAMAKER