

CHRISTMAS APPEALS FOR POOR CHILDREN ARE SENT BROADCAST

Kensington's Needs Great, Says Mrs. Ketchum—Penny Savers Reap a Harvest

GIFTS FOR THE SAILORS

Including today, there are only seven more shopping days before Christmas.

Christmas is nothing at all if it is not the most democratic festival in all the year. It is meant primarily for the great class which includes those who just escape paying income tax and takes in with a generous sweep everybody down to those who haven't any money at all.

It would be a good thing if Christmas preparations were concentrated entirely on the children. Too many grown-ups who do not believe in Santa Claus will do believe in Santa Claus will get nothing. It is a crying shame.

She has issued another appeal for funds to give toys and dolls, food and clothing to children in Kensington, where the words "kind and caring" in the weather words are not read with enthusiasm by out-of-work. It being apparently one of the conditions of an industrial section that there is often no chance for many persons to be industrious.

She receives letters demanding instant help. The statement is often heard that one would starve rather than ask for help. The experiment of voluntary starvation is open to all.

The Boy Scouts are said to be having extra work on their hands because of the coming festival. Many of them have been employed by business firms to run errands in the last few days before Christmas.

It is a crying shame that in this time of Christmas, when the spirit of giving is so prevalent, that there is often no chance for many persons to be industrious.

After all, children do not drop dead of hunger in hundreds; no somebody must be feeding them.

The floating committee is doing everything in its power to give a good Christmas to the sailors in port and at the same time to impart to them (what is the same thing) a new lust upon the spirit of Christian brotherhood.

The Emergency Aid Committee will give a benefit musicale at the Bellamy-Stratford on Monday evening for post-Christmas presents for war sufferers in the allied countries.

The Orpheus Quartet has contributed its services for the affair. William S. Thunders will be at the piano and Hans Kinder will be the vocalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lillie, of Havertown, have been visiting friends on Morris avenue, Chelsea.

WOMEN PAWN GEMS TO BID AT AUCTION OF NORDICA'S FIRS

Rare Pieces Once Owned by Prima Donna Bring \$13,000

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—Men and women pawned their jewels in a loan shop in Academy street yesterday to bid in the administrator's auction sale of the \$30,000 sable and ermine furs of the late Mrs. Lillian Nordica Young, the prima donna whose will is now involved in litigation and who died in Java on June 11, 1911.

Thirteen cloaks, robes and shawls made of rare furs, appraised at \$17,000, and said to have cost originally \$30,000, were offered for sale by Henry E. Ackerson, Jr., administrator of the estate, pending the settlement of the suit over the will. Two of the most precious pieces were withdrawn by the administrator, who said that it would be a sacrifice to sell them for the price bid.

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CONSERVATION PROGRAM WILL BE PUSHED IN CONGRESS

Administration Will Follow Recommendations of Secretary Lane

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Immediate action on the Administration's conservation program was determined upon at today's meeting of the Public Lands Committee of the house. The committee followed recommendations made by Secretary Lane, the Interior Department, after numerous conferences with President Wilson.

The Administration has decided to press the principal conservation bills just as soon as they can be cleared in Congress. The three principal measures desired by the President and the Interior Department are:

The bill providing for the development of water power in streams under Federal jurisdiction.

The bill providing for the leasing of coal, oil, gas and phosphate lands in the public domain.

The bill providing for the granting of stock-raising homestead rights.

Boy Scouts Send Christmas Greetings

BIG FUTURE FOR NAVY YARD

Captain Russell Predicts League Island Will Be Greatest Ship-Builder

The great warships of the future will be built at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, which is destined to become the most important of any in the country, if the prediction made yesterday by Captain Robert L. Russell, the commandant, comes true.

"The Philadelphia Navy Yard of today is not the navy yard it will be in a few years," said Captain Russell. "For the reason that it is sure to be the greatest in the country because of its location and other attributes it possesses. Here will be built the great vessels of the future. It is the headquarters now of the Atlantic reserve fleet, and from this navy yard will go newer and bigger vessels that will be in accord with our country's greatness."

Alba B. Johnson, Captain Wells, of the Oklahoma, which is being built at the New York Shipbuilding Company's works, and Edgar McNaughton, of the Army and Navy Department of the Young Men's Christian Association, also spoke.

'PESKY' JERSEY SQUIRES MAY LOSE RICH TRADE IN FINES ON MOTORISTS

Atlantic City Automobile Trades' Association Plan Campaign Against Fee-Hunting Justices

HALL SITE UP TONIGHT

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17.—Shore dissatisfaction over rural "squires" and their balliffs, who systematically prey upon motorists bound for New Jersey resorts, is to be voiced aggressively by Atlantic City's newly organized Automobile Trades' Association.

Not only will the association do everything possible to promote better roads to the coast resorts, but reasonable complaints of every description will be carefully investigated. The association has adopted as its slogan a "Fair deal for every automobilist," and attorneys will be employed whenever necessary to defeat persecution under the guise of law enforcement.

Co-operation of hotelmen and other large interests will be enlisted through the Chamber of Commerce, and when a practical plan of campaign against fee-hunting justices is reached a large delegation will be taken to Trenton to delegate the adoption of laws to restrict the mores of "roadside magistrates."

An interesting question has been raised through an inquiry as to city's right to erect a convention hall outside the Boardwalk upon land dedicated for park purposes. If such a scheme is practicable under the terms of dedication the city will be enabled to save several hundred thousand dollars in the purchase of a site.

Congressman Vane, of Philadelphia, who is fighting to prevent Alexander Lambert, a neighboring owner, erecting a large cottage, shutting off his sea view at Berkeley square, Chelsea, now has resident property owners to contend with.

Lambert will marshal his forces at a public hearing before the City Commission next week.

Lewis Dixon, Mrs. N. Leipsiger, Miss Leipsiger, J. G. Miller and T. B. Rose are Philadelphians who recently arrived at the St. Charles.

J. F. Street has returned to Philadelphia after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. Pennington Endicott in Ventnor.

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\$100,000 MOTORDROME WILL BE BUILT HERE IF LAND DEAL IS SUCCESS

Project Hinges on Terms of Lease and a Decision Will Be Made on Monday

BIG RACES ARE PLANNED

A motordrome to cost \$100,000 will be constructed in this city, probably on a site now under advisement at 11th street and Erie avenue.

This became known today following a visit to this city by John M. Chapman, general superintendent of the bowl at Newark. Mr. Chapman has opened negotiations with James A. Patterson, of J. A. Patterson & Co., 120 South 15th street, real estate agents, who today verified the report that the saucer is to be built here.

"The gentlemen who approached me," said Mr. Patterson, "made it very evident that they want this plot of ground, and they will make a decision next Monday on whether or not they will accept the proposition I made for a lease of three or five years. I am not sure about the five-year lease. More probably it will be for three years."

"If at the end of that time the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company does not want the ground the gentlemen may have on extension. The plot of ground south is at 11th street and Erie avenue, next to the car barn."

John A. Roden, who has been general manager of the Point Breeze Park motordrome for sometime, is the man selected by the National C. R. A., to assume charge here. Roden has had a world of experience in the motor-paced and bicycle racing game and is well qualified.

Mr. Roden said today: "Yes, Philadelphia is at last to have a motordrome that will be within 5-cent carfare zone and accessible from every section of the city. The national officials propose to promote track and field work and bicycle racing in addition to motor and motor-paced events. Provided we can come to some amicable agreement next Monday with the Patterson Company, which is the real estate department of the F. K. T. work, will be started on the construction of the racing plant in February. I am not prepared to say exactly what the cost of the lease will be, but it will be around the \$50,000 mark. An additional \$50,000 will cover the cost of the erection of the motor and velodrome."

"The track will be four laps to the mile," continued Mr. Roden, "and the seating arrangements will be ideal. Seats will be provided for about 25,000 and the lighting system will be the best. Philadelphia hasn't a suitable place to promote track meets and this drome will supply the need. There will be a quarter-mile running track built and there will be a 1/2-mile straightaway. It is the present plan to have a grand opening on Memorial Day, 1916, when the local people will be treated to bicycle racing as well as motor and motor-paced. We have engaged the best riders in the world to appear here and such names as Kramer, Grenda, Clarke, Gould, Walthour, Carman, Linart, Serey and Wiley will appear on the programs. When in running order at least 150 men will be employed around the plant."

"It is the intention to promote two sets of races a week. Tuesday and Friday nights have been settled upon, and, of course, there will be plenty of amusement on holidays throughout the racing year."

The grounds will be really reached by the web of cross-town cars. The Philadelphia plant will rank with such motordromes as Newark, Boston, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago and Atlanta.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Mrs. John Gates, widow of the famous financier, is credited with having made \$5,000,000, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harold Lewis, with having made \$1,000,000 through the rise in Texas oil stocks recently.

John W. Gates was a heavy investor in Texas oil stocks, and at his death he left his holdings to his widow and his son, Charles W. Gates.

When Charles W. Gates died a year ago the stock was worth \$12 a share; now it is quoted at \$23.

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MRS. PHYLLIS BROOKS One of the famous Langhorne sisters of Virginia, who has won a divorce from Reginald Brooks, of New York, on the grounds of desertion.

LANGHORNE SISTER, FAMOUS BEAUTY, GETS DIVORCE

Mrs. Phyllis Brooks Accused Husband of Abuse and Desertion

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Phyllis Brooks, one of the famous Langhorne sisters, of Greenwood, Va., has been granted an absolute divorce from her husband, Reginald Brooks, New York clubman, on the grounds of desertion.

The divorce was granted here some time last month, but was a secret until accidentally discovered yesterday. An existing agreement, bearing date of February 24, 1912, providing an allowance for the support of Mrs. Brooks and her two children, was continued.

In her petition for partial divorce, granted a year ago, Mrs. Brooks declared her husband abused and harshly criticized her and that he frequently told her she was no longer loved and would be glad to see her die.

According to dispatches from London, published last spring, Mrs. Brooks, who then was visiting her sister, Mrs. William Waldorf Astor, in London, was beneficiary under will of two English army officers, Captain George Douglas-Pennant, of the Grenadier Guards, and Captain the Hon. William Reginald Wyndham, of the 17th Hussars, both of whom died last winter from wounds received on battlefields in France.

Pope Aids Explosion Victims ROME, Dec. 7.—Pope Benedict XV today donated \$1000 for the relief of victims of the powder mill explosion near Havre last Saturday.

CYRUS T. BRADY IS FOR SUNDAY MOVIES

A Lively Part in a Lively Debate in the Drama League Over the Photoplay

The movies and the drama got a pretty thorough hauling about at the Broad Street Theatre yesterday afternoon, when the Philadelphia Drama League held its first meeting of the new season. Half of the speakers were violently anti-movie. All three actors, Howard Kyle, Louis Mann and Elsie Ferguson, spoke fearfully, even bitterly, of the new entertainment which is not only attacking the theatre, but threatening to buy up their services with some fabulously tempting bribe.

The Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, author of 65 novels and the source of 29 photoplays, presented a good deal more than the case for the movies. He openly advocated motion pictures on Sunday. "They are the poor man's automobile," he said, "his golf club, his library. If I can take an auto ride for recreation on the Sabbath I don't see why the poor man shouldn't see a movie."

In between these extremes, came Commo Hamilton, author of "The Blindness of Virtue," with a frank statement of how surprised and pleased he had been at the treatment of his play in the movies, but with a word of caution for thoughtless producers. The dramatic editor of the Evening Ledger, Kenneth Macgregor, outlined the economic conflict between the movie and the theatre and attempted to show where the disastrous competition of the photoplay is forcing the theatre to a sounder business organization.

President Jayne, of the Drama League, interspersed the occasion with wit and wily remarks, conducted a quiet little election of new directors and announced some very interesting future meetings, including a symposium on stage and movie production. The dramatic editor of the Evening Ledger, Kenneth Macgregor, illustrated by two examples given by the Plays and Players, and the production of the Jayne Prize Play for children.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS MORE OF THE GRIP

Doctors See No End of Distressing Epidemic Until 50-Year Cycle Is Run

Philadelphia is now experiencing the worst epidemic of grip in all its history, said Chief Resident Physician Pratt, of the Jefferson Hospital, today.

No physicians hold out any comfort for the citizens; the epidemic is bad in quality and quantity and it will return for many seasons.

As Doctor Dars explained it, grip runs in cycles of 50 years. The present cycle is now in its 29th year, and that leaves 21 to come. The United States got it, he said, from Italy away back in 1857. Over in the Pacific's sunny climes the doctors called it "la gripette" and it was brought to this country in the form of an influenza.

In its first year here it affected the respiratory organs, then the intestines, then the heart, and so on until it came into the shape that it is taking this year, when it affects principally the throat and lungs.

Doctor Pratt at Jefferson said unqualifiedly that Philadelphia has never had as bad an epidemic of the grip. He said none of the medical folk knew how to explain it; that it was simply an exciting condition which they were meeting as best they could. He said further that the type was very malignant, although there had been no deaths that he knew of.

The epidemic has been no respecter of sections. All parts of the city have been hit, though opinions as to the quality of the disease differ. In the hospitals all the physicians pronounce the disease as being of a "malignant type." Those who handle private cases say it isn't such a severe attack.

The explanation by the doctors is that it is only the severe cases that get into the hospitals.

TROOP OF BOY SCOUTS FORMED IN FRANKFORD

Lads Want to Do Something to Help Somebody Else Every Day—Meeting Tonight

A troop of Boy Scouts has been formed in Frankford. The boys want to do something to help somebody else every day. That's why they joined the scouts.

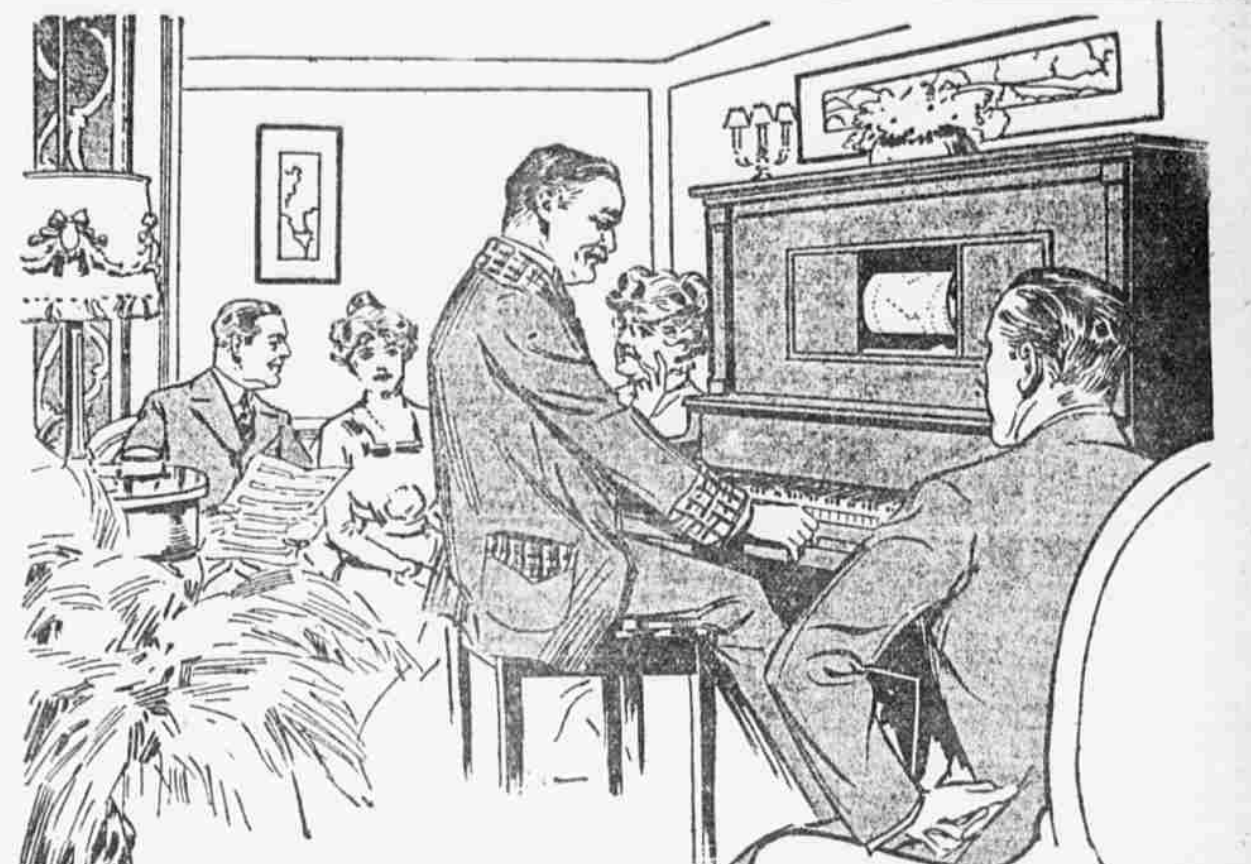
The troop will hold its first real meeting tonight at the Church of the New Jerusalem, at Paul and Unity streets, Frankford. The place of meeting has no significance. For the boys want it made clear that their organization is to be strictly a community troop and not to be backed by any specific organization such as a church or school.

The organization of the troop and the admission of the boys who are clamoring for membership will also be attended to at the meeting.

If there are those who happen to be relatives or friends of some of the boys who want to enter the troop and don't understand its purpose, or are doubtful in regard to its essential, W. O. Lever, one of the executives of the troop, will be on hand to enlighten them and tell them the real things the boys stand for. The date of another meeting will also be announced tonight.

Cold Reception Awaits Ford Party CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 17.—Scanty preparations had been made here today to greet the Ford peace pilgrims about the liner Oscar II. Because of the foregone conclusion here that the peace pilgrims would be able to accomplish nothing, various organizations which had been asked to participate in a formal welcome refused to do so.

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