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CHRISTMAS IS NOW **ONLY 100 HOURS OFF:** THE LAST RUSH IS ON

Savings of Pennies and What They Do - Municipal Trees-Last-minute Purchases

DANCE FOR HOSPITAL

Including today, there are only five more shopping days before Christmas,

There is a great deal being said about savings that have resulted in the reap-ing of Christmas nest eggs, reaping is not the right word, but it is the idea. Any-how, there is something to be said for the careless old spendthrifts who all the year have blown their pennics away, and their dimes and dollars, too, like thistle-down. down.

down. Spendthrifts are usually more lovable characters, and therefore more deserving of Christmus cheer than others, and as Christmus cheer does not depend on money-no, not in the least: it has noth-ing to do with money-they will probably enjoy themselves as much as the saving

ing to do with money-they will probably enjoy themselves as much as the saving mouls. Nobody really saves for Christmas they save for the pleasure of saving, and the habit of saving is no insidious that it is sometimes hard for savers to spend til is sometimes hard for savers to spend to even the savers, and a great deal of credit, too, especially if they have saved money for the purpose of spending it on others. A most remarkable saving scheme was invented by the Rev. C. E. McClellan, plastor of the Fairhill Rapitet Church, 5th street and Lehigh avenue. He got the children of that mill district to save their pendies. Three bundred and two score children have presented their deposit books to the mater and received \$200 of eavings.

This economy of the children will save the parish the necessity of providing many Christmas dinners for unlucky families, the idea being to put this form of charity on a self-respecting basis, as many of the children will apply the funds to their own families. Others will give to those in more need than themselves. Penny concerts will also be provided, part of these entertainments being moving pictures. . . .

Another saving feature of the season is that of the Starr Savinga Bank, 5th atreet below Lombard. The idea of the bank was that the usual deeplaced change bank was that the usual despised change of nickels and odd pennies would amount up to what some people call "sizable sums" in the course of a year. The his-tory of the bank is full of astounding economiations. One into a stounding

nulations. One junk dealer became a capitalist. He saved his pennies and now has \$5000

He saved his pennies and now has \$5000 a year. The trouble with this sort of thing is not that it is a bad thing to save pennies buy too little in this country. In some parts of the United States ne coins smaller than a nickel are ever seen. A remedy that has been suggested is to follow the example of England and Canada and make pennies big as half dollars. When a person spends a big coin like that he expects to get moro-for it than a little piece of chocolate or a few matches. In other words, 160 Amer-ican pennies, spent one at a time, are worth nowhere near a dollar. Whereas 12 ponce are worth every bit of a shilling. It is a good thing to save pennies, buy it would be better to have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so have them mean more than something that only has value to be better so thave them mean more than something that only has value to be better so thas the same something that only has value to be better so thas something that only has value to be better so thas the same something that only has value to be better so thas the same something that only has value to be the samed.

Four-year-old Mary McFadden is in a critical condition at the Methodiat Hospital, due to burns while trying to light more than something that only has value in being saved. . . .

You are right on top of Christmas; or, rather, Christmas is right on top of you. It is not a question of days—it is a ques-tion of hours now. There are only about 100 hours before Christmas. There is

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still a chance for you not to shop on Don't think twice about what to buy for presents; just buy the first thing you see. If it's a man, buy him a pipe, not a cheap one. Or else, if not an expensive one, then a very cheap one. The virtue of pipes is at the extremes. One that costs \$1.69 is good. So is a clay pipe that costs 1 cont. The 25-cent briars are not as good as the penny clays or the 5-cent corncobs. ing Daughter of Germantown

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balls will gleam on the branches, which will be lighted by the city's electric

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This is what the Salvation Army will do in Philadelphia: Give dinners to 600, a children's entertainment with toys, candy, etc., for 1000, new shoes to 100 children and clothing for many grown-

Christmids will be observed at the Drexel Biddle Bible class home, 1917 Mt, Vernon street, by distribution of gifts to members who call during hours ap-

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cent corncobs. If it's a boy get him a thousand and one building blocks, or an air rifle, or a pair of skates, or good detective stories like "Sherlock Holmes" (but he's probably read those), or a sewrater, or a tennia racket-just the most obvious and desira-ble thing you can think of, because the obvious things are always the best things for gifts, "thoughtfulness" not being a good thing when it comes to gifts. Gen-crosity is careless and is not afraid of waste or harmless folly. Rector in Note to Him 'Hannily married. We are now on out oneymoon somewhere in the United tates. Your loving daughter, Mrs. terenson H. Walsh."

Stevenson H. Walsh." This little note is the only intimation the girl's father, the Rev. Archibald C. Knowles, restor of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Germantown, has of the where-abouts of his daughter, who was Miss. Margaret L. Knowles. She left her teme, 55 Pelham road. Germantown last Saturday morning without telling where she was going, and the first her parents how about what

Then for girls get things for them to put on-things that are of the metals and the gems, the beautiful things, always the beautiful and the useless, and rarely the practical. Christmas is the birthday of all our hopes-it is not a miner's bargain counter. the first her parents knew about what she had done was through the Key. Ellot White, rector of Sr. Mark's Episcopal Church, to whom the young giri first ap-

Church, to whom the young girl first ap-plied to the the knot. She was finally married at St. Michael's Church to Storemon H. Walsh, who is a coal dealer. living at 1820 Pine street. "My daughter and Mr. Walsh have known each other for some time," said Mr. Knowless today. "I dol nor want them to marry till next summer, as I thought they were too young, but I will forgive them for eleping. My chief objection is to the attitude of Father White, who knew I did not want my daughter to marry and sent her to another church when he should have notified me." "We don't care how we spend our money," say the sailors, safe in port after a long and dangerous voyage. Such is Christmas for humanity, a joyous pert, where mensy should flow like water. Not because it is valuable, but because it is the least valuable thing in the world at Christma time.

BENEFIT FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Concert in Academy of Music Tonight to Help New Club

A benefit concert in behalf of the Busi-ness Women's Christian Leagues of Phila-delphin will be given in the Academy of Music tommit Thadkeiphia Orchestra, will be supported by Mrs. Dorothy Johnstone Encoder, the harpist, Nonh H. Swayne, 2d, the simurr, and the Strawbridge & The barnes results one sector and the Strawbridge & The barnes results one sector and the strawbridge &

will see the next stage in this develop-ment. Chester will have a trea this year, and it is said they will come to it option a real display of communal, municipal patriotism. Thousands of vari-colored

Clothier Chorus. The league recently opened a spacious and artistic clubbouse at 100 Girard street, and already has a mombership of 1200 women employed in the downtown section of the city. Hundrods if women and girls have enrolled to the various classes in dresonaiding, millinery and gymnasium. Tickets for the concert may be obtained at the clubbouse or at 621 Witherspoon Bailding.

Wilson Trades at Bride's Store

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. - Home in-dustry was partonized by the President and Mrs. Wilson in the enstraving of an-nouncement cards of their marriage, received by official and social Washington today. The cards were engraved at the jewelry store owned by the bride.

The Rev. William J. Higgins will de-liver the sermon at the Christmas morn-ing Mass at the Cathedral in Logan Square. Archbishop Prendergast will be the celebrant of the Mass, which will be-gin at 5 o'clock. The proceeds of a Christmas entertain-ment to be given on December 70 of the

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Delaware Shipbuilding Boom

The Department of Commerce reports that the number of vessels contracted for at the various Delaware River yards between July 1 and December 1 and the total number under contract on the latter date at the various Delaware Biver yards were as follows: Cramp Company, Philadeiphia, 9 ships, of 59,700 tons; 13 ships, 78,909 tons. New York Company, Camden, 3 ships, 28,610 tons; 22 ships, 120,773 tons. Chester Company, Chester, 3 ships, 1460 tons; 3 ships, 1890 tons. Harland & Hollingsworth, Wilmington, 10 ships, 41, con tons, 15 ships, 65,752 tons, Fusey & Jones, Wilmington, 3 ships, 1384 tons; 5 ships, 1384 tona-

Crew Levick Capital Increase Stockholders of the Crew Levick Com-pany, an independent oil producer in the

Pennsylvania neid, wil hold a special meeting at moon tomotrow, in the office of the company, to voic upon increasing the company's capital stock from \$2.909.one to KANDANN. If the increase is ap-proved, then the stockholders will vote upon creating part or all of the new capital in the form of preferred stock.

BANKERS OPTIMISTIC

Greater Demand for Anglo-French Bonds Expected With Turn of the Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-The bond market during the past week was somewhat quiet as compared with the past month or so. There were no new important developments in this connection, although there were a number of significant happenings in the investment situation. including new issues that were offered for subscription. Among these were the stock of the Ajax Rubber Company. which was brought out at \$51 a share was underwriting syndicate over-subscribing the lasue by a substantial amount. The \$16,000,000 of stock of the White Company, which was brough out at \$51 a share, which were brown bounded. Both issues were listed on the curb and commanded premiums over the offering quotations at the close of the week. In the municipal market there was very little doing, prices showing but small change as compared with the previous week.

with the previous week. Bankers as a whole are optimistic over the outlook for business in this country, and predictions are made that there will and predictions are made that there will continue a good demand for securities throughout the current year. Attention is called to the very large amounts of cash which are unemployed throughout the country, and it would seem fair to assume that a considerable part of this surplus will be utilized in the purchase of securities.

of securities. Bankers predict a much greater de-mand for the Anglo-French five-year bonds with the turn of the year, espe-cially as the issue failed to fail to the lower levels expected by many with the dissolution of the underwriting syndi-cate on Docember 15. The action on the bonds marketwise was satisfactory to those who had entertained more or less uncashess over the outcome of the synuncasiness over the outcome of the syndicate dissolution.



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