

FATHER PENN SMILES
A HAPPY SMILE THIS
CHRISTMAS SEASON

Work Is Plentiful, Bread Line
Disappears and Few, Except
Beggars, Are With-
out Jobs

ONLY 20,000 NEED HELP

Individual Cases of Misery Are Re-
lieved by Generosity of Thankful
Workers

Father Penn, with his pockets lined
with sufficient money to take him com-
fortably through the holiday season,
views the arrival of Christmas with
more cheer and optimism than was the
case last year.

For there are thousands now working
in the City of Brotherly Love who were
jobless with the coming of the holidays
last year; thousands to whom Santa
Claus came in the guise of the proverbial
wolf, and who had a hard enough time
either to buy or get a Christmas dinner
for the family, let alone toys for the
kiddies.

But it is different this year. Factories
that were working only during the
regular hours last year are working over-
time, and those plants that were on part
time are resuming their regular stand-
ard, and few skilled workmen are seeking
jobs and the number of unskilled or
semi-skilled jobless has been reduced to
three-fourths.

That means that 20,000 (perhaps more
or perhaps have as many, the estimates
vary) will need to be cared for next Sat-
urday by Philadelphia who are able and
more than willing to help the unfortunate.
But the significance of just how well off
this city is this Christmas is shown by
the fact that the Inasmuch Mission has
abolished its bread line for the reason, as
the superintendent, George Long, puts it,
"There isn't any use for one." Not only
that, but the mission is receiving more
calls for labor than it can fill. The 200 or
more men who are living there all have
good jobs.

BREAD LINE IS GONE.

One year ago the great number of job-
less caused Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel
to establish a bread line at the Inasmuch
Mission by which hundreds were daily
given something to eat (some admittedly
lived by means of this); one year ago the
Emergency Aid Committee, realizing the
condition, met it squarely and spent \$200,
000 improving things; one year ago Frank-
lin Square, pulse of the stream of unem-
ployed, was dotted at night with a horde
of men dozing on the benches with news-
papers to protect them from the cold.

The Emergency Aid Committee is fairly
busy, only through broadening the
scope of its activities, while Franklin
Square, except for the theatrical people
coming and going, looks as deserted as
the Phillies' baseball park in the middle
of January.

True, there are still beggars. But this
condition, officials of the charity organi-
zations explain, is always with us. The
mendicants are included in the jobless;
some of them are skilled in trades and
could get a job and reduce the number
of unemployed if they would let "booses"
alone. For it has been said that if all
the 20,000 jobless men were skilled work-
men the majority of them would be
working hard and drawing good money
in their pay envelopes.

SOME PITTABLE CASES

Those cases of the persons without jobs
are just as bad as they were last year.
Individually, but collectively they fall
short of last year's misery, in that there
are fewer people out of work. In Ken-
sington some charity organizations report
the same number of applications for free
Christmas dinners as there was last year,
but the average throughout town is less,
much less. Charles S. Calwell, president
of the Corn Exchange National Bank,
places the Kensington condition partially
to the lack of dyestuffs, which are neces-
sary to keep the mills humming.

The appeal of the jobless 1 per cent.
here is being answered by the other 99
per cent, and has been for the last few
weeks. So, after the plum pudding has
been eaten, Father Penn may lean back
and smoke a cigar with the satisfaction
that comes only from having done a kind
act, and having done it thoroughly.

FIRE IN MINE; 12 STRICKEN

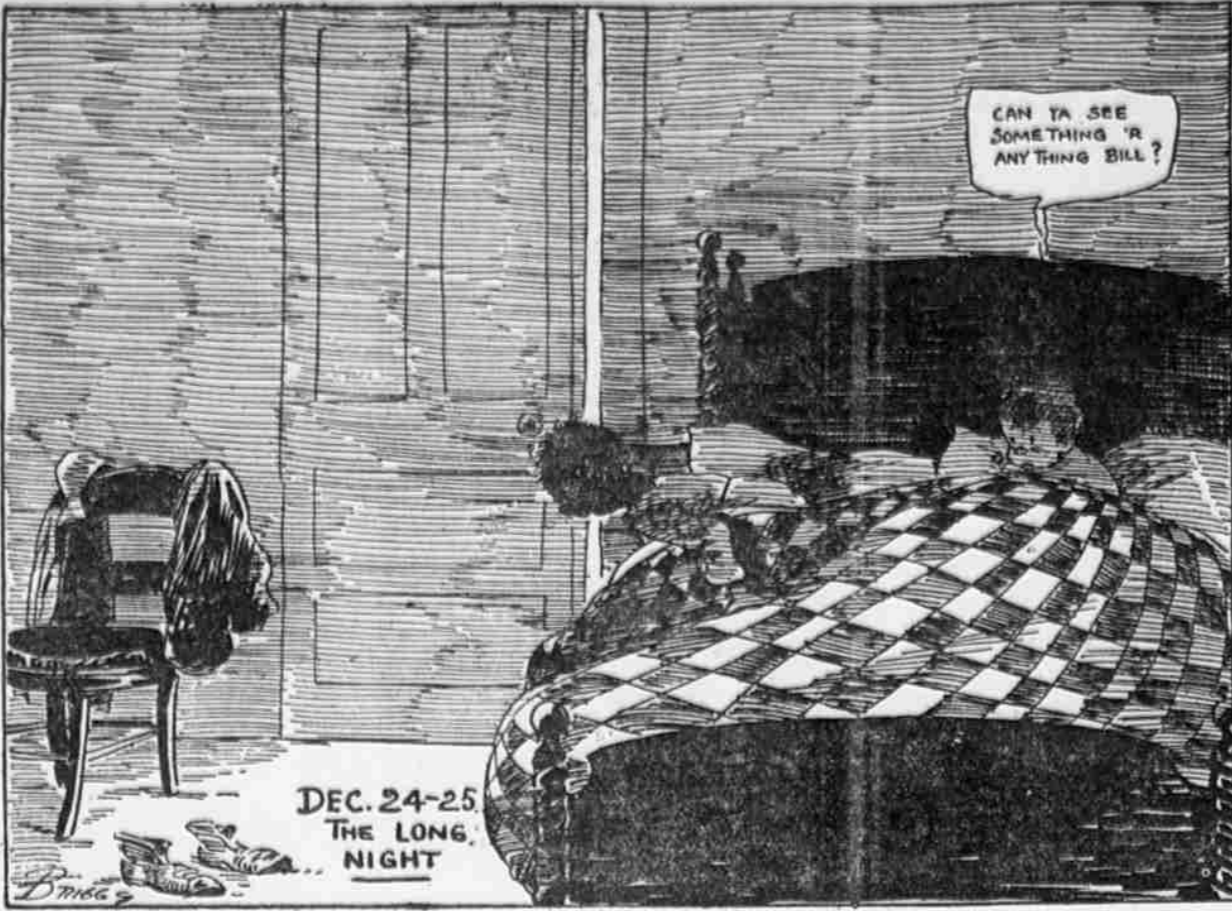
Black Damp Works Through Caves
and Overcomes Victims

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 21.—Fire is
again raging in the Red Ash mine at
Georgetown, and scores of men have been
set to work to fight the flames. Black
damp, generated by the fire, working its
way through caves, overcame John Her-
an, his wife and eight children. Mrs.
Daniel Thomas and Mrs. Maurice Dyes
were also overcome by the black damp.

The fire started last week and officials
believed they had it checked after five
days of fighting. Yesterday the fire broke
through the barrier which separates the
Red Ash mine from the Lehigh Valley
Coal Company's mine in Georgetown. The
Lehigh Valley sent a large force of its
workmen to the scene to aid in fighting
the blaze.

The homes of a dozen families are in
danger from the cave. There is also
great danger from the black damp, which
works its way through crevices into cel-
lars and into homes.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



DEC. 24-25
THE LONG
NIGHT

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT
CURTIS JUNIOR CLUB
WITH PACK TONIGHT

John J. Barnum, Fire Marshal
at Big Publishing Plant,
Will Make Young
Workers Happy

GIFTS FOR EMPLOYEES

Girls' Organizations Plan to Cheer
Invalids and Poor
Families

The blue uniform he wears as fire
marshal of the Curtis Publishing Com-
pany building will be laid aside tonight
by John J. Barnum for another uniform
of red with white trimmings. His ordi-
nary smooth face will be decorated with a
white beard and his black hair will be
covered with a wig of snow white.

For the time being he will not be the
fire marshal who insists on rigidly enforce-
ing the fire laws of the building. Instead
he will be Santa Claus.

Almost 20 boys, between the ages of
14 and 16, will profit by the good deeds of
this Santa Claus. He will have an enor-
mous pack on his back, filled with the
gifts that bring joy to the hearts of boys
at this season of the year. The gifts will
come from the Curtis Publishing Com-
pany and are especially for the members
of the Curtis Junior Club.

They will meet at the conclusion of
work today in the rooms of the club.
While they dine at a little banquet which
is provided for them every month, but
which this time will have a special holi-
day atmosphere and significance. They
will sit in the shadow of a big Christmas
tree all decorated with candles and trin-
kets and sparkling electric lights. And
when they get through with the dinner
Santa Claus will proceed to make them
happy.

ENJOYS HIS JOB.

Barnum, the Santa Claus of the occa-
sion, is something of an institution at the
Curtis Building. Although a grown man
now he does not forget that once he ran-
deranda, as a boy, for Cyrus H. K. Cur-
tis, and he has a warm spot in his heart
for the boys now employed in the build-
ing many of whom are helping to sup-
port families. He has been acting as
Santa Claus for six years, and he enjoys
giving away the gifts as much as the
boys enjoy receiving them. The members
of the Junior club will stay in the rooms,

playing games, until 9 o'clock. Then they
will put the treasured bundles under their
arms and trudge homeward.

The affair tonight will be the beginning
of the Christmas celebrations in the Cur-
tis Building. These boys will not be the
only ones made to remember that Christ-
mas is at hand. Every employee who has
not been late or absent during the year
will receive a gift.

There will be 90 prizes as rewards for
the faithful. For those who have been
neither late nor absent about 150 per-
sons will be given paintings or sets of
books or subscriptions to magazines. Many
have chosen books—books by such
authors, too, as Shakespeare, Stevenson,
and Victor Hugo. There are 25 who have
selected Bibles and 15 who have chosen
dictionaries.

Then there will be 650 who either have
never been late or who have never been
absent. They, too, will receive prizes,
only their gifts will be of a nature not
quite so elaborate as for the 150 with the
perfect score.

GIRLS HELP INVALIDS.

The young women in the employ of the
publishing company will demonstrate that
Christmas is a time to give as well as
receive.

For a year 100 girls have been paying 5
cents a week toward the support of a
little 4-year-old tubercular boy in a san-
itarium in Atlantic City, and this year
another group of 100 will start to support
a little 5-year-old girl who also has
tuberculosis of the spine, and is in the
same institution. This club is known as
the Elizabeth Club, in honor of the little
invalid they are supporting. The club
caring for the boy is known as the Bolso
Club.

The Independence Square Chapter of
the College Settlement will demonstrate
that it is more blessed to give than re-
ceive by giving six poor families a
Christmas dinner. They will meet Thurs-
day night to fill the stockings for these

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Ivory fittings. Fitted Bags
\$10 to \$15.
No. 80—\$5.00
Pin Seal Hand Bag, inside
frame and mirror, silk lined.
Different kinds \$2 to \$50.
No. 110—\$25.00
Crepe Grain Cowhide, silk-
lined, overnight case with 12
fittings. Fitted Cases \$15 to
\$100.
Bain
1026
Chestnut St.

HUGE AMOUNT OF N. J.
PROPERTY UNTAXED

Values Exempt Reach Stupen-
dous Total of \$243,-
946,009.97

TRENTON, Dec. 21.—The value of
property in New Jersey exempted from
taxation this year reached the enormous
total of \$243,946,009.97—a larger figure than
at any time in the history of the State;
and even with this very large total, the
State Board of Taxes and Assessments in
its annual report to Governor Fielder to-
day expresses the belief that it does not
nearly represent the full valuation of this
class of property.

In listing exempt property there is no
tax depending upon the valuation, there-
fore no gain or loss can result to any
taxing district or owner by reason of the
values arrived at by the assessors. The
board, therefore, expresses the belief that
it is reasonable to infer that in many
cases an approximate rather than a care-
fully determined valuation has been made
to answer for this class of property. The
attention of the assessors has been given
to that class of property upon which
public revenues are raised, with the re-
sult that if any class of property is
slighted in making the valuation it is
that which under the law is exempt from
taxation.

It is the opinion of the board that the
valuation even of exempt property should
be based on true value, as this course
would indicate the extent to which the

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owners of taxable property are contrib-
uting to the public expense on behalf of
that which is exempt. It is the inten-
tion of the board to instruct all assessors
that exempt lands and the improvements
thereon must be separately listed and
valued as is the case with taxable prop-
erty, and each building separately desig-
nated according to its use, which, in most
cases, would definitely indicate whether
the assessors have been correct in ex-
empting them.

The board feels that an institution may
be in one of the exempt classes, and yet
not all of its buildings on a given tract
might come within the exempting provi-
sions of the law. The report also points
out that in the case of public property
this accurate listing and valuation would
show the full value of the exempt hold-
ings of the taxing district or county.

Chestnut Street Grade Crossings to Go

Grade crossings on the Chestnut Hill
branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad are
soon to be abolished, the city and the
railroad bearing the expense of the work

jointly. Chief Webster has opened
for the preliminary work of grading
total involved in the abolition of
grade crossings will be \$70,000. The
orders were: R. P. Bennett, \$12,244.75;
Kerrick, \$4879; F. D. Buckler, \$17,500.

SANTY, FIND PAPA, ASKS CHILD

Pitiable Request of Little Girl
Wants Her Father

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Does
Claus find lost fathers? Little Albert
Shogorue, 691 South street, East, Al-
bany, Ohio, evidently thinks so. The fol-
lowing letter has been received by a local
paper today:

"Akron, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Dear Santy,
am writing to see if you could find my
papa and tell him I would send him
present. My mother said Santy knows
everybody. He did not wish to see me
three years. I made a wish on Father
last year. I would hear from him some-
time. His name is Frank Shogorue and he
is a dentist when he works. I have two
sisters. Good-bye, Santy."

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