WILSONS' SUITE CHRISTMAS BOWER; AWAIT RELATIVES

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Apartments Occupied by President and Bride Beautifully Decorated for Holiday

GUESTS PLAN AFFAIR

= HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 24 -- A force of decorators today transformed the presidential suite, occupied by President Wilson and his bride, into a veritable Christmas bower. Wreaths of holly and mistletoe were festooned over the walls and electric light fixtures, while a beautiful spruce tree was in readiness to be set up should the President so desirt. Preparations have been made for the entertain ment of any members of the families of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson who may come to stay here over the holiday. Meanwhile an effort was being made today to have President consent to being the guest of honor at the Christmas Eve celebration here in the hotel.

The President sent a very heavy bag of mail mack to Washington through a measenger who left here on the night train. It is understood that included in train. It is understood that included in the list was a batch of instructions for Colonel E. M. House, who sails for Eu-rope next week, and documents dealing with the Ancona case. It has been defi-nitely decided that the President and his bride will not return to Washington until Teausers. January 1. The rest and seclusion is greatly benefiting the Chief Executive, and he wants to stay away from Wash-ington until the return of Congress makes his presence there necessary.

PRESIDENT LAVISHES GIFTS ON HIS YOUNG FRIENDS

House Auto Filled With White "Goodies" for Children

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-There was the shrill alarm of an automobile horn. Children at play early today in front of their homes along Washington road. near the Washington Country Club, in Virginia, paused in their games. Other children in the houses came running out. They knew that horn well.

And as 50 youngsters, ranging in age And as 50 younsaters, ranging in age from 3 years to 12, ran, delighted, out to the curb a big White House limousine, "loaded to the guards" with toys of all kinds and candy and fruit of every de-scription, wheeled up. Packages were handed to each, and I. H. Hoover, White House head usher, added "Merry Christmas" to all.

It was the President's Christmas remembrance to some of his little friends. The little scene is enacted each year. The children are those who always run out and greet the President when he is on his way to the Wachington Country Club. They know the automobile horn of the White House car, and the Presi-dent always has it blown when he apdent slways has it blown when he ap-proaches the row of houses along \ ash-ington road where his little friends live. Back in the White House today two other youndsters play; unmindful of the preparations which are going forward to make their Christmas a happy one. They are the President's grandchildren. Miss Ellen McAdoo, aged 11 months, and Mas-ter Frends Sore who has neared the ter Francis Sayre, who has passed the

ter Francis Sayre, who has passed the age of one year. Tomorrow morning they will awaken to find a great Christmas tree awaiting them in the library on the second floor of the White House. It will sparkle with many beautifully colored lights, and the boughs will droop with mysterious pack. boughs will droop with mysterious pack-ages which Santa Claus, who will have come in the night, will have left. It will be the first Christmas these youngsters have spent together in their grandfather's big house

wranddaddy himself will not be there. He is on his honeymoon in the moun-rectains of Virginia with his bride, but







TAKE A TIP! THIS IS OPEN SEASON FOR "TIPPING"

Even the Artful Dodger Couldn't Elude Smiling Senegambians and Others Who Expect Trinkgeld, Pourboire, Backsheesh or Just Plain "Tip"

Apartment-house dwellers and renters (The enemy swoops down on him, picks lint off his coat, brushes his trousers for the 'steenth time and gives him the cor-rect talephone numbers of the persons of hotel apartments sympathize with the soldiers in the trenches in Europe. While no news would be more welcome to them who have called him up. than that Henry Ford had accomplished

Retreat or the evacuation of his presneutreat or the evacuation of his pres-ent position are allke impossible. While they shower favors on him he would gially, with a song on his lins, fell them with a stone axe. Deep in the murk of the main trench the Janitor crouches, awaiting his opportunity. The dumb-waiter attendant carols a light air as he sends the soon on its noward inurray. his ambition, still they have a war of their own on their hands now, which occuples them almost to the exclusion of everything else. They are not the only ones in the conflict, although they claim they hold the first line of trenches. Ressends the soup on its upward journey and offers in dulect tones to put the kitchen stove and the wash tubs on the dumbwaiter if the tenant so detaurant patrons, barber shop frequenters and just plain housekeepers are also in the throes of battle. The first-mentioned class is meeting sires.

with reverses at the hands of the Sene-The while the cowering tenant sticks gambian apartment house troops. As the timid tenant makes a desperate effort to slip into his trench without being a close to his trench as exigencies will permit. And in the very air courtesy floats like the poisonous gases of the noticed, the Senegambians expy him and cut off his escape. A shudder passes through him from his watch to his bank

Restaurant patrons are evacuating their sentry boxes, which they have occupied for months to avoid a hand-to-hand en-gagement with waitresses and waiters, G. I. M. Close changes his barber shon Well might he quall at the sight of a well might he quall at the sight of a uniformed bellhop or the brass buttons ornamenting the exterior of the smiling elvator man. Mr. I. M. A. Tightwad alinks through the corridor on the way to his apartment, but he is discovered. at this time to avoid being carved into steak next year. But housekeepers are obliged to stand by their guns-and come across.

CHRISTMAS EVE; WHOLE Children from the Taber Home and from the public schools will also sing. CITY REVELS IN JOY

\$100,000,000 FOR CHRISTMAS SPENT IN NEW YORK CITY

a limousine, followed by an older wom-an, bent and gray, also in furs. There were several packages, wrapped and Poor of Metropolis Will Have Merriest of Holidays "O hurry, mother," said the first wom

an. "We must get Jimmy's electric railway, and then see about the turkey." There was the same light in her eyes as NEW YORK, Dec. 24. - New York's oor will have the merriest Christmas hey have had in many a year. Kriss Gringle will have plenty of aid in seeing was in the poor woman's. And in both cases it was said as plainly as if they Aringle will have plenty of and in seeing that all the little stockings of the tene-ment districts are well filled. Almost every family without means will be the recipient of a Christmas dinner, while toys galore will be distributed among the

had spoken that Christmas is comdecorated with green. Christmas is coming there, just as it is in all other parts of the city. little ones of the poor. egion of the wharves has



awarded today to the men who n 50 years of service with Stetson's. have seen 50

BIG-HEARTED JIM'S WIDOW GETS PRESENTS

Many Send Money and Groceries to Family of Slain Waiter

Gifts of money and groceries kept com-Gatta of money and groceries kept com-ing all day to Mrs. Fitzsimmons, widow f Big-Hearted Jim, the waiter who was not dead a year ago when he protected bootblack who was being attacked by man with a revolver. Since Jim's a man with a revolver. Since Jim's death his widow has been in great dis-tress, was evicted from one house and was threatened with eviction from her present home at 1223 South Napa street. But several women who had read a re-port of this case in the EVENING LEDGER port of this case in the EVENING LEDGER paid the back rent, and others have been prompt to render not only the material assistance the hard-working woman and her four children require, but also the "makings" of some real Christmas cheer. A dollar bill came by mail with a note signed "Sympathy"; \$2 came from "G. R."; \$1 from "M. E. P."; groceries from Polly Evans, of the North American; \$1 from G. M. Powell; \$5 from a friend of Matthew Griffin, and \$5 and a basket of fruit from an anonymous donor who

fruit from an phonymous donor who drove up in an auto and hurriedly de-parted.

WOMAN GIVES \$15.

A woman who "wanted to give a little Christmas happiness where it was really needed" has contributed \$15 for Mrs. Fitzsimmons and for Mrs. McGonigle, of 1305 South Napa street. The donor stip-ulated only that her name be not used, and this is published to acknowledge receipt of the money. Mrs. McGonigle, a neighbor of Mrs. Fitzsimmons, aroused the compassion of the women who visited Mrs. McGonigie, asimmons, aroused

GETS CHRISTMAS WISH—A CELL 90 CHRISTMAS BABIES, 'Here I'm Sure of a Bed and Dinner, EACH ONE YEAR OLD, TO Judge," Says Man Who Faces Magistrate **OBSERVE CHRISTMAS**

fants Who Arrived Last

Yuletide

SORROW IN ONE HOME

Ninety bables, who made their entrance

into the world on December 25, 1914, will

celebrate their birthday anniversaries to-

morrow. In these ninety homes Christ-

It is expected that about 120 new babies

The 90 who will enjoy a new experience

tomorrow-the celebrating of their birth-

A Christmas baby is nothing new in the

family of 1-year-old Myrtle Mary Nece, 337 Chelten avenue, Germantown. Har great-grandmother was a Christmas baby

the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren

Myrtle is

orders.

mas will have a double significance.

year 104 bables were born.

Jim McGrath, a chronic prisoner in the Northeast, elected to spend Christmas in jail today when all his fellow prisoners were given their liberty by Magistrate Glenn, who was sitting in the 4th and York streets police station. Parents Plan Birthday Anniversary Celebrations for the In-

Eight men and two women were brought before the Magistrate and he released them all so that they wouldn't have to spend Christmas behind the bars. Jim McGrath, though, was not pleased. He requested the Magistrate to let him stay in the station house.

In giving the prisoners their liberty, the Magistrate remarked that among the other things they had to be happy for

will arrive in this city tomorrow. That was that the last municipal election 'had been won.' It meant, he said, a brighter, better Philadelphia. is the figure estimated by the clerks in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, by determining the usual number of births in proportion to the total population. Last

CHRISTMAS CHEER AWAITS KIDNAPPED BOY

Mother of Richard Meekins Has Toys and Tree Ready in Hope of His Return

The dancing bear which will not dance iny more, because the little boy who got it last Christmas broke the mainspring, was brought out today with all the other toys of Richard Meekins. The 8-year-old boy, missing for one month, is believed to have been kidnapped. But his mother, Mrs. Luke Meekins, of 2449 South fist street, is bringing his old toys out of closets just for the one chance in a thousand that Richard might come

She even bought him one present, a schoolbag that he wanted. The Teddy bear he got when he was one year old sits on the table beside the dancing bear and the schoolbag, and a tree is there and will be trimmed tonight.

MIDVALE STEEL GETS BIG WAR ORDER FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT

Contract Amounts to Between \$28,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Company's Volume of Business Large

FUTURE OUTLOOK GOOD

The Midvale Steel Ordnance Company has closed a contract with the French Government for 12-inch shells amounting to between \$28,000,000 and \$30,000,000. The statement is also made on very high authority that between now and Monday

authority that between now and Monday another contract with the same Gores-ment will be entered into, the amount of which will be considerably larger than the total just mentioned. Aside from this larger amount of we order business with foreign countra, the alidvale now has on its books al orders for domestic business, in fast the company's volume of business books is so large that orders are not now bein taken except for delivery well into in the company manufactures a very hig-srade steel which is used extensively fa-car axles and the demand for this parties. In class of its products has been as usually large for several months.

The fact that the directors of the Mitvale Company have authorized the su-penditure of several millions of dollars for additions to its plants is taken in indicate that its orders are substantia and that the outlook for the future is for a heavy increase in business.

Directors of the company do not re-gard the Midvale in any sense as a ver order proposition, expectations berg that it will enjoy a liberal and subtan-tial volume of business in normal times

STETSON WORKERS GET FORTUNE IN GIFTS

Continued from Page One being absent," he said. He sent good

wishes to all. The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector at Holy Trinity Church, said it was a happy thought of the management to have the 50th anniversary at this time, "because if it had not been for what Christmas stands for there would be no such cause for celebration today. In times that are to full of changes as the present, it is amag-ing that a concern should be maintained

with such unchanging ideals for half a century. Only a great leader can do such things. This company is an object lesson things.

of the recognition that true leadership should have." The gifts distributed among employee were 3074 turkeys, with an aggregate weight of 42,000 pounds; 4500 fiftheth anni-versary bronze medals, a pair of gloves and a pound of candy to each of 100 striand a pound of candy to each of 1100 girls 70 hats, s8 watches, 50 chains, 315 shares of stock in the Stetson Building and Loan Association, each share having a value of \$200 at maturity; bonuses to every em-ploye; to the more deserving, on the record, shares of John B. Stetson Com-pany's common stock, the present market

value of which is \$400 a share, and a life insurance policy for \$5000, known is "twenty payment life plan," going is M. H. Wright, advertising manager.

The shares of common stock wars d-vided among 25 employes, Sixty-one re-ceived building association stock J. Howeil Cummings, president of the com-pany, said in his address that there was pany, said in his address that there and only one person connected with the com-pany today who was associated with Mr. Stetson when he founded the busines-William F. Fray. "While none of us can boast of 50 years of service, there are a number who have been here 25 years and longer. The names of these persons 202 in sumber will be

of these persons, 232 in number, will be thrown on the canvas. A year are l urged upon you the necessity of keeping our organization intact during the period of extreme depression, so that we would be prepared to take advantage of the first signs of business awakening. I litthe realized then that by the end of the year we would be literally swamped with

"The orders for the last six weeks

show an increase of 70 per cent. as compared with the corresponding period of

last year, and are 11 per cent, more that

we have ever received during any corre-sponding period. Do not misunderstand me. I do not want you to get the im-pression that the business for the current

provements at this time with a view 19 increasing our facilities. "A feautre of these exercises is the payment of the bonus. By some it is referred to as a "profit-sharing plat," but, as I have explained several times, it is not profit sharing in the sense in which that term is generally used. We do not set aside a certain per cent of our profits for distribution to the em-ployes. The employe is paid at Christ-mas an amount based on what he or she has earned during the year, and this amount is included in the cost of operat-ing the department. The amount paid the employe has no relation whatever to our profits. The same per cent is not paid in all departments. It varies from a minimum of 5 per cent. Is a maximum of 20 per cent. "When the bonus plan was adopted if years ago, it applied to only one de-

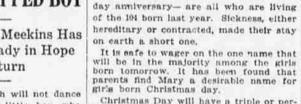
"When the bonus plan was adopted is years ago, it applied to only one de-partment. Since then other departments have been included in its operation. Last year I said that about 90 per cent of the skilled labor participated in the distribution, or about 75 per cent or mo-per cent, of our employes. This year all are included. Every man, woman boy

per cent. of our employes. This year are included. Every man, woman, say and girl whose name was on the payrell when we closed our books on the fast of October will today receive a certain sum in cash."

sum in cash." A luncheon was given after the sch-bration to Colonel Cummings and the other officers of the company at the Bellevue-Stratford by the salesmen as-

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

sociated with the Stetson Company.



event.

E. Nece.

Christmas Day will have a triple or per-haps a quadruple significance for 1-year-old George Warren Kaufman, Jr., who lives at 253 North 31st street. It will not only be his birthday anniversary, it will not only be Christmas Day, but it will be the occasion for a reunion of four generations of the family, which will join him in the celebration of the important

home tomorrow.

"Here I'm sure of a bed and a dinner, Judge," he said, "and I wouldn't have either outside." So the Judge granted the Christmas wish, and Jim went back to his cell. He took with him a box of candy like that every one of his fellows got from Magistrate Gienn.

from him hidden in the tree. Miss Ellen and Master Francis will

act as hosts to another young lady, Jo-sephine Cothran, of Philadelphia, grand-nicce of the President, who is here with her mother, Mrs. Anne Cothran, and the other guests of the youngsters at the - aristmas celebration will be their respective mothers and fathers, Mr. and Mrs. - illiam G. McAdoo, ar. and Mrs. Francis Sayre: Miss Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones and Pro-fessor Herbert Axson, brother of the former Mrs. Wilson, and the Misses Nona and Sallie McAdoo. Christmas dinner at the White House act as hosts to another young lady. Jo-

Christmas dinner at the White House will be in the state ing room in the evening. Today all of the employes in the White

House and executive offices are bearing home a large turkey, the regular Christmas gift of the President to those about

XMAS AT GERMANTOWN HIGH

Original Sketches, Songs and Recitations Given by Pupila

Two original sketches, written and acted by the pupils of the Germantown High School, were the features of the Christmas exercises held in the auditorium of the school at Germantown ave-nue and High street 'oday. Another feature on the program which attracted much attention was the Christmas tree dance, an original idea __ith several of the girls of the institution.

The sketches were entitled "The School Christmas Tree" and "The Redemption of Santa Claus." which was a musical skit in three acts. Dr. Harry Keller, principal of the institution, presided over the exercises of the boys' section, and Miss Mary Holmes assistant superintendent of the school, directed the girls' exercises. 'The boys' celebration was held at 3 o'clock and the exercises by the girls at 10:30.

Singing of Christmas carols, school songs, selections by the boys' orchestra and the giee club, and several solos and recitations were on the program. Among those who participated were Merritt Ul-bard, J. Douglas Trower, Albert C. Beatty and Miss Dorothy Elcombe. Short ad-dresses were made by Doctor Keller and Miss Holmes.

CITY EMPLOYE REWARDED

Turkey for Engineer Whose Work Was Commended

A big turkey for Christmas dinner was presented to H. M. Packer, an engineer in the Bureau of Highways, by Director Morris L. Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, today for work that brought the best letter of commendation for a city employe received in the year. for a city employe received in the year. The letter, which is from the Pennsyl-vania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuilles, says: "For several months during the current

year we suffered much annoyance and in-convenience by reason of drain water flowing into our building. It was diffi-cult to ascertain the cause, and the variaus bureaus in your department acted with great efficiency and cheerfulness in the matter, but it was not until late in the summer that the trouble was located want to particularly cull to your at-on the valuable services rendered by tant Engineer H. M. Packer, who

Down at League Island the warships are caught the fever of it. Stevedores haul at ropes and struggle with casks of oil and cases of clothing with a vim, for to-

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scaled, in the car.

The grimy

morrow will be a holiday. A "wharf rat," small and ragged, was watching a crane and shovel unloading coal from a barge, "What is Santy Claus goin' to bring

you?" asked a skeptical loafer, ironicnlly. "A bag of candy," responded the boy

comptly, "an' a little boat." "Where'll you sail it? On the river?" promptly

pursued the doubter. "Naw, at home," replied the gamin; Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury Plays Lady "in a tub." A "rat" with a home! Christmas is

there, too.

Christmas, though, will be dreary for the sailors of the Rhaelia and Prinz Oskar, the interned German vessels. They are standing today along the rail, looking down on the water as it moves between the wharves, and they are waiting for their second Christmas in exile from the Fatherland.

the ratheriand. To jump back up town, the rallway stations are humming with travelers, "boys and girls" going and coming home. The railroads report more traveling this and

Christmas season than ever before, and today is a busier one for the trainmen than was this day last year. It is a new type of commuter that sits in the waiting room or runs for his train; he car-ries a package or so instead of a suit-CILHe.

The markets, like the stores, are alive with "last-minute" customers, for the Christmas meal is important.

"More Christmas business than ever before," said George H. McKay, super-intendent of the Reading Terminal Mar-ket. "People are buying more than usual and money seems easier.

The "market will remain open until 9 o'clock and perhaps 10 o'clock tonight for the rush of actual "last-second" shoppars, which is expected to keep the pers. Which is expected to keep the straining clerks and salesmen of hundreds of stores and shops hard at work until both hands of the clock under Father Penn's feet, on City Hall tower, point straight to the zenith. And it will all be over as suddenly as the drop of a place of mortar down the chimner. With the dawn of day the hur-

the group of a piece of motial down the chimney. With the dawn of day the hur-rying crowds, the peddlers, the pseudo Santa Clauses, the hustle and the busits, the packages, the eager, worn faces-all will have been brushed from off the atreets as if by a broom.

TOWN OF SELLERSVILLE GIVES CHRISTMAS TREE

City Fathers Play Santa Claus to Kiddies Tomorrow

SELLERSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24. - All Seliersville will turn out Christmas morning at community exercises for fiellers-ville's second community Christmas tree. The tree is a magnificent for and is deco-rated with incandescent lights.

rated with incandescent lights. Last year a crowd from a radius of 10 mlies attended the exercises and even a greater crowd is looked for tomorrow. Tonight the Fidelio Maennerchor will sing under the tree when the lights are turned under the tree when the light are furned on and tomorrow morning, when the "kiddies" of the town are the Christmas guests of borough fathers and the gen-oral public, the Young Men's Choral Bo-ciety, under the direction of W. F. Day, will sing. The Sellersville Mocae Band will also make its first public appear-ence.

the job, and I feel that the satisfac-cultorne of the matter is due in a many of the institute of the matter is due in a many of the matter is due in a matter is due

Vincent Astor, Mrs. Helen Gould Shepd. Congressman Loft and others will stribute thousands of Christmas famlly dinners, while the many charitable organizations in the greater city have planned to feed thousands more.

The holiday spirit is everywhere in the dr. It is estimated that \$100,000,000 was spent in shopping. Thousands of dollars have been distributed among employes in the financial district.

MANY GIFTS TO POOR

Bountiful to 1800 Needy

Hundreds of poor mothers and children in Philadelphia are unuaually happy to-day. Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury, although unable to be present owing to a delayed train from the West, played the double role of Santa Claus and Lady Bountiful in spirit, at least, to the 1800 mothers and children who attended her annual Christmas treat in the Starr Garden recreation centre, 7th and Lombard streets, last night.

Any one doubting the success of the festival should make inquiries from the youngsters. Upon arrival each one of a ppy army of children received a boxful fascinating toys, candy and fruit, and second box containing ice cream and ke. The older boys and girls received suitable presents.

KENSINGTON'S "TINY TIM" DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

Ralph White's Many Friends Mourn Loss of Cheery Little Boy

"Tiny Tim." of Kensington, is dead of "Eny Tim." of Kensington, is dead of neumonia and was buried today. His amo was Raiph White; he was 12 years id and lived at 244 Frankford avenue. bid and hved at 344 Frankford avenue. He was a pupil at the Horatio H. Hackett School, York and Sepviva streats, where his average in study and examination was 50, but in disposition, in his daily contact with his playmates, schoolfel-lows and those within and without his home he maintained a constant average of 98 and a fraction.

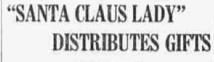
There was always a smile upon his lit-There was always a smile upon his lit-tle face and always a kindly, cherry word falling from his lips. Yesterday W. B. Lawrie, principal of the Horatio B. Hackett School, spoke collectively to all the pupils of the sunshine in Ralph's nature, and said he was well entitled to being likened to Dickans' immortal boy character, that he was glad the boy had been so known for many months past. "Tiny Tim" worked on Friday nights and all day Saturdays for his father, who keeps a tea and coffice store, and he carekeeps a tea and coffee store, and he care-fully put away the 50 cents he received for smillingly delivering tea to customers, with the idea of buying Christmas presents for "some little kids who wouldn't have much at Christmas." His father, to whom he had confided their names, will see that "Tiny Tim's" savings are spent after the funeral today in the way the boy intended.

Funeral services were held at the Emanuel Reformed Episcopal Church, opposite the school he daily attended. Mr. Lowrie, the principal, and many of the boys who knew "Tim" attended the funeral funeral

Cat's Grave Decorated for Christmas

A Christmas tree placed in Rittenhouse Square over the grave of Tom Ritt

the latter and saw that she was having as hard a struggle to support her four children as Big-hearted Jim's widow.



More Than 1000 Children Await Her at Ninth St. and Washington Ave.

Hundreds of children assembled at Ninth and Washington avenue today for the annual visit of the "Sante Claus tory. Lady." The youngsters, many of them scantily clad, but happy with expectation. walted patiently outside th. residence of

Mrs. Mary Kelhower, of 955 South Front street, where they were each given toys or candy-things necessar; to a real Christmas, but not always included where salarles are meagre and families large. Accompanied by her mother, her sister Dorothy and Miss Emma Bradbury, Miss Olive May Wilson, the "Santa Claus Olive May Wilson, the "Santa Claus ady," left her home at 5151 Morris street. Germantown, in a big automobile loaded with the toys and candy. The party pro-seeded to Front and Washington avenue, where the distribution began at 10:30 o'clock. More than 1000 children were the

happy recipients of the gifts. Misa Wilson received more than 25.000 toys and gifts of various kinds to be distributed this year among the work poor children. It has been the largest number ever received by her for the work, and has kept a corps of eight young women busy during the last few weeks, packing and shipping the presents. More than 9000 packages were sent outside of Phila-delphia and Pennsylvania day before yeaterday.

GET CHRISTMAS MONEY

Tardy Husbands and Fathers Yield \$5000 Under Legal Pressure

Hundreds of wives and children were the happy recipients today of special de-livery letters from the District Attor-ney's office containing money for Christ-mas. Nearly \$2000 was thus distributed. mas. Nearly how was thus distributed. The money was collected by the staff in charge of don-support cases, which literally squeezed and prodded the money out of wayward hushands and fathers to whom a joyous Christmastide for those dependent on them meant absolutely othing.

It was necessary to threaten the tardy It was necessary to investes the taruy husbands in many cases with a term on the county stone pile in order to get the money promptly. It is hoped to make another distribution of about \$2006 on New Year's Day.

Assistant District Attorney Fox takes Assistant District Afforney Fox takes the stand that there are fewer men out of employment this year than ever ba-fore, and is, therefore, using every effort to reath delinquent husbands. Nearly 400 letters containing money were sent to poverty-stricken families today.

Gives Scholarship to Worthy Boy

MERCERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.--H. B. Keiper, of Lancaster, Pa., has given to the Merceraburg Academy the sum of \$2000, the interest of which is to be used Square over the grave of rom Ritten-house, a cat that made its home in the square until its death is March 1814 is desorated for the Christmas season It was planted by Harry Truit, superin-tendent of the square, and tended by him since thes.

James, the younger brother of Richard, who wrote a letter to Santa Claus, will have as good a Christmas as ever, though he is constantly asking for brother, and runs to the door from time to time to see if he is coming

"HIGH JINKS" IN WALL STREET; "PROSPERITY CHRISTMAS" FUN

Stream of Gold Flows to Thousands of Employes

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Santa Claus drew rein in the financial district today and Wall street broke into one of the wildest prosperity celebrations in its his-

"High links" on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on the curb and on the Consolidated Stock Exchange marked the advent of Christmas.

Employes of the stock exchanges, armbration

A Christmas tree on the Consolidated Exchange was the centre of a "prosperity frolic." More than 1000 brokers joined hands and danced about the tree, and the tunes of a regimental band were drowned by the din of shouting volces, horns and whistles.

as yet are only a few months old, re-membered the most lowly of Stock Exchange workers. Scrub women, their tired faces wreathed in smiles, stood in line, mops in hand, and surveyed the antics of the crowd on the floor, while a committee gave them presents from the huge tree

J. P. Morgan & Co. is reported to have given employes 20 per cent, of their an-nual salaries as a Christmas gift. Scores of houses gave as much as 10 per cent. and one concern, the Central Trust Com-pany, distributed 50 per cent. of the annual payroll.

U. S. ARMY AND NAVY MEN TO HAVE CHRISTMAS FEAST

Celebrations Will Be Had on Every Ship and at Posts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- Every ship in United States Navy and every Army post and camp wherever located showed real signs of Christmas today. Decorating ships and army stations began today. Another and more important part of the

"heistmas program was that of preparing 150,000 pounds of turkey for the hundreds of ovens on man-o'-warsmen and at Army stations.

Sixty-five thousand pounds of the na-ional bird were required for the Navy tional bird were required for the Navy sione. Other items on the Army and Navy bills of fare were 6000 sallons of oyater soup. 80,000 pounds of celery, 600 gallons of cranberries, scores of barrels of sweet and white potatoes, 6,000 or more pumpkin and mince ples and 80,000 pounds of plum puddiag. The Navy men were to top off their Yuletids dinners with the best of class. At many Army posts in the Hawalian hismais, the Fhilippines, along the bodier approach for the United States, and on appreas of warships special programs were planned for temarrow night.

A really fine Christmas present awaits Mary Elizabeth Ruhnke, 147 North Salford street. Her parents decided when

who lived to be 101 years old.

she was born they would keep every coin that came to them bearing the date of her birth-1914-and put it away for her. Little Mary may not appreciate this she present now, but when she gets older he parents believe she will be quite grateful Other happy year-old Christmas babies will be Harry Breitenbach, 4319 North 9th street: Frances Mary Redding, 256 North Wanamaker street; Robert Warren Plank

year is going to show an increase in pro-portion to the increase in orders for the period just referred to. "The orders for the six weeks have 1545 North 62d street; Anna Marie O'Don-nell, 1837 Carpenter street; St. Chaire Stinson, 523 Newmarket street, and Naaveraged nearly 10,000 dozens per week, and while the prospects for the future are bright there is sufficient hazs in tallna Rancase, 1435 South Broad street. Over at least one of the Christman hathe atmosphere to make us feel that it would be unwise to make extensive im-provements at this time with a view to

bies a heavy shadow falls. It is the shad-ow of war and poverty. Harry Bluesten, 457 North 6th street, is the only source of joy in the home, where they are mourn ing the death of baby's two uncles, sol-diers in the Austrian army. His father is a reservist in the Austrian army and there is danger that he may have to go, leav-ing his baby boy behind.

HEAVIEST MAIL ON RECORD

500,000,000 Pieces Handled in Local Postoffice During Last Ten Days of Christmas Rush

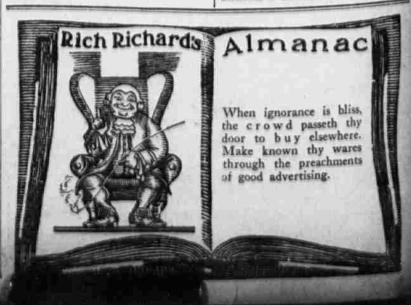
More than a half billion pieces of mail will have been handled through the local Postoffice Department by the time old Saint Nick gets ready to slip down chim-neys tonight. This is counting only the number of pieces received in the last ten days since the Christmas rush be-gan, said Postmaster John A. Thornton today, and the total volume of business exceeds that of last year by at least 40

today, and the total volume of business exceeds that of last year by at least 40 per cent, the heaviest on record. In the last few days there has been an increase of several million pieces a day over last year, according to the Postmaster. In spite of this huge increase the local staff has been able to keep abreast of the flow, and it was stated that the force was in no sense of the word swamped. This is partly due to the fact that more than 1000 extra clerks have been taken on for the holiday rush, and to the fact that two huge windows have been built in the main corridor, where packages in the main corridor, where packages can be weighed and mail received in large trays, thus doing away with the

old system, which required people to stand in line and mult their letters ons at a time in the slots. The office will be open all night and there will be one delivery at 7 a. m.

tomorrow

SATURDAY, JANUARY S, 230 KREISLER Tickets at Heppe's 75c to \$2. Boxes \$12.18. Direction, C. A. Ellis, Symphony Hall, itestes



ed with noise-making devices, added to the bediam when \$25,000 in gold was dis-tributed to them from a pool collected by the members. Hundreds of other emoves of financial institutions, nearly all of them rewarded by Christmas gratuities thronged the streets, joining in the cele-

The financial district was a gala spot.

"War millionaires," those whose riches