

FAKE "SANTAS" DOOMED IN CITY

Commerce Chamber's Charities Bureau Says They Defile Christmas Legend

"VOLUNTEERS" AGREE

The street-corner Santa Claus—the pseudo St. Nick with the unkempt hair, whiskers, cotton eyebrows and padded round stomach, will be absent from the thoroughfares of Philadelphia this Yuletide, if the efforts of the Charities Bureau of the Commerce Chamber to procure his elimination are successful.

One charitable organization, the Volunteers of America, has agreed to co-operate with the charities bureau and abolish the street-corner St. Nick, and others are expected to fall in line before the opening of the Christmas shopping rush.

One of the principal reasons that M. D. Griffith, head of Charities Bureau, wishes to banish forever the fake St. Nick of the Christmas shopping season is because he is convinced that these fake Santa Clauses defile the prettiest legend of childhood.

"Some persons claim," said Mr. Griffith, "that these street Santa Clauses give a bright Christmas touch to our streets during the holiday season, but I tell you, we are paying extensively for this touch. In condoning the street Santa Claus custom we are helping to beamish one of the finest legends of childhood.

"It is like defiling a fine painting, or throwing mud at a beautiful piece of statuary.

The average normal four-year-old boy who thinks much around Christmas time of the coming journey of Santa Claus from the house-top to his pack of toys is not fooled by these fake Santa Clauses on our streets. His little soul is entranced by the beauty of the legend and he pictures the prancing reindeer and the puffing and grunting of stout Santa as he squeezes down the chimney.

"Then the boy's mother takes him into the shopping district before Christmas to look at the toys. The boy sees the fake Santa Claus on the street corner. The fake Santa Claus has cheap whiskers which maybe make a poor job of concealing a black mustache underneath. The fake Santa has on a cheap checkered suit and has cotton stuck on his eyebrows.

The small boy began to smell a rat; he has a suspicion that he has been deceived and a wonder after all the whole story of Santa Claus is not just a fairy story. Thus the whole legend tumbles about its ears.

"We do not wish to curb the spirit of giving, but we believe that the whole idea of the street Santa Claus is economically wrong. The plea has been made that the street Santa Claus jobs are given to men out of work, but no longer holds good with the present great scarcity of labor. There are now jobs for everybody who is willing and able to work.

"Colonel Christopher C. Herron, head of the Volunteers of America, has responded quickly and intelligently to our plea that the street Santa Claus be abolished. We made the same request of the Salvation Army and of an organization known as the American Rescue Workers. The Salvation Army replied that it did not have street Santa Clauses. Officers of the organization pointed out that they placed their public places to solicit on the streets at Christmas time. But the principle is the same, in so far as it involves street solicitation, and we hope that the Salvation Army will fall in line. The American Rescue Workers station false Santa Clauses on the streets. Officers of that organization have ignored our request but we hope that public sentiment will force them to emulate the fine example set by Colonel Herron, of the Volunteers of America.

Colonel Herron's letter to the Charities Bureau, agreeing to co-operate with the bureau regarding the abolition of street Santa Clauses, follows:

Secretary Charities Bureau, Commerce Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sir:—In reference to our conversation in your office, I herewith beg to confirm my statement that I am personally opposed to street solicitation for Christmas efforts in Philadelphia by the placing of street Santa Clauses in corners and in the business sections. I believe that the system is extravagant, as the net amount received after deducting incidental expenses is so small as not to be worth the effort.

The chief reason advanced in behalf of the system is that it furnishes employment for the thousands who would otherwise be out of employment. In view of the unusual demand for men in Philadelphia today there is no occasion for any system of street solicitation of this character at the holiday season.

Very truly yours,

COL. CHRISTOPHER C. HERRON.

The idea of a street Santa Claus originated in Philadelphia sixteen years ago, and since then the system has spread all over the United States. It is considered interesting that the first city to abolish the custom should be the first to agitate for its abolition.

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STREET CORNER SANTA CLAUS TO GO

The red-clothed men with horse-hair whiskers and cotton eyebrows are new memories of the past. Agitation by the Charities Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce to drive the fake Santas from the streets of Philadelphia is meeting with success.



\$1.20 CITY TAX RATE FIXED BY FINANCIERS

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said, were arrived at by lopping \$10,700 from the budget estimate overnight. After he had read his estimate, showing a surplus of \$8000 left by adoption of the \$1.20 rate, Select Councilman Ira D. Garman, of the Forty-sixth Ward, and Common Councilman John H. Baisley, of the Thirty-ninth Ward, asked him if it would be possible to "skin through" with a \$1.15 rate.

"Only by borrowing," replied Chairman Gaffney. "The committee has carved the rate as low as it possibly could. At \$1.20 it is down to the bone. We cannot pay as we go if we reduce it to \$1.15. We should then have a deficit of \$800,000, and the only way to remove that deficit would be to borrow it. We pledged ourselves—the Mayor and I—to go to the Legislature to get relief for the property owners."

Mr. Gaffney concluded by pointing out that in the event a deficit was wiped out by borrowing the city would pay not only the principal but eighty per cent besides. This was contrary to the Administration's pay-as-you-go policy, he declared.

Further mild opposition was encountered from Common Councilman Fred Schwartz, Jr., of the Forty-sixth ward, and Select Councilman Edward J. Buchholz, of the Nineteenth ward. They recommended a \$1.25 rate, but later voted for the \$1.20 rate.

Just before the meeting Mr. Seger gave indications that the Penrose-McNichol faction would not block the measure for a high rate by declaring himself in favor of a \$1.25 rate. His opinion was based on Chairman Gaffney's figures, which, before their revision and correction, showed a slim margin over expenditures.

Previous to the meeting of members of the finance committee to take up final discussion before including a rate in the bill that will be favorably reported to Councils this afternoon, Select Councilman Harry J. Trainer was in secret conference with Senator James P. McNichol and it was rumored that an outline for an attack upon the Administration's plan was decided upon. This fight, it was said, would be waged with a view to having the Controller's surplus item of \$1,410,000 included in the revenues, thus cutting the need by fully nine cents' worth of the rate value.

Councilmen Trainer and Seger were expected to lead the fight against any large increase in the rate on the ground that should the surplus and all possible revenues be included in the count no large increase would be needed other than to give the Administration a big surplus that could be used for politically strategic moves during 1917. They were also counted upon to lead any opposition that may arise in Councils next Tuesday, when the tax rate is taken up for final passage.

Five reasons why the tax rate should not be increased are given in an opinion sent to the Mayor, to the presidents of Select and Common Councils and to Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils, by a special committee of the North Philadelphia Real Estate Brokers' Association.

The committee, which signed the letter consists of George Beck, Ernest Berry, Sylvester A. Lowery, G. A. Wick and Charles H. Von Tagen, chairman.

The members offered as their first reason the argument that the rate of April, 1914, under which the tax system is regulated, was antiquated and not adapted to present conditions. Methods of assessing real estate in Philadelphia are "unjust and intolerable," according to the "second reason."

An increase in tax rate will result in higher rents, thus affecting the working class. It is urged. Upon completion of the high-speed transit system there will be an exodus from the city to the suburbs, if the people are burdened by higher taxes. This was the "fourth reason."

The "fifth reason" declared that higher taxation was not in accord with modern thought and that an increase would be of no benefit to the great mass of Philadelphia.

The concluding paragraph of the communication read:

"Finally, we desire you to give this letter your serious consideration, for we are persuaded that any action by Councils that will result in the increase of rents in the city of Philadelphia will not pass unresented by its citizens."

Common Council this afternoon, in order to clear the calendar, will pass several bills in addition to receiving the report of the Finance Committee on the tax-rate measure.

The measures scheduled for passage include the new water meter rate bill, which is expected to increase revenues \$400,000 annually; a bill leasing city-owned property in Delaware County to the Federal Government for use as an aviation school, and a bill authorizing the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries to construct a pier at the foot of Wolf street and a recreation pier at the foot of Conly street.

LEAVES \$1000 TO CHURCH

Lutherans Get Fund Through Will of A. S. Gaumer—Other Bequests

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Twenty-second and Columbia avenue, is benefited to the extent of \$1000 by a provision in the will of Allyn S. Gaumer, 2717 North Sixteenth street, which was admitted to probate today. The remainder of the estate, which is valued at \$22,100, goes to a brother and other relatives of the decedent.

Other wills probated were those of Mary Huber, 5843 Addison street, which in private bequests disposes of property valued at \$30,000; Oscar W. Durgin, 897 North Twenty-fifth street, \$7000; Franz J. Schneider, 526 Rockland street, \$4500; Thomas C. McGuire, 413 West Mount Airy avenue, \$1030; Eunice Coll, 625 North Sheddwick street, \$2750; Matilda J. Hunt, 328 Thompson street, \$2700; Nachman Goldblatt, 117 Pine street, \$2000; C. David Lehman, 4348 Paul street, \$2000.

Young Harpist to Play Tonight

Miss Mary Warfel, a young harpist, whose professional debut in New York recently met with the approval of musicians and critics, will be heard tonight with other soloists in the Baptist Temple concert. Miss Warfel, who is the daughter of a newspaper publisher of Lancaster, Pa., and locally prominent in that city, has been a devotee of the most ancient of stringed instruments since her early childhood and is reputed to have remarkable skill in execution and a sympathetic understanding of the poetic beauty of the harp.

A. F. OF L. SEEKS TO JOIN FORCES WITH JAPANESE

Plans Perfected at Baltimore Session for World-Wide Union

TO MEET AMBASSADOR

Labor of Britain and Germany Expected to Unite After War

BALTIMORE, Nov. 23.—While jurisdictional disputes took up the time of the convention of the American Federation of Labor today, plans for establishing an entente with the labor movements of Japan and of Latin-America were perfected by the leaders.

The California delegates arranged to go to Washington tonight to meet the new Ambassador from Japan. The invitation was conveyed through Bunji Suzuki, fraternal delegate from the Laborers' Friendly Society of Japan, who is in the good graces of the Mikado's Government. The Ambassador is understood to look upon Suzuki's activities here as serving his own desire to convince the American public that Japan has no unfriendly intentions toward this country.

Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, went before the convention's committee on international labor relations yesterday and asked that President Gompers be sent with him to Tokyo next spring to assist the Japanese trade union movement. This request will probably be granted.

Carlos Llovera, delegate from the trade unions of Yucatan, is here with plans for a great labor federation of all the Americas. An international labor congress of Chili and Peru, according to Llovera, has been successful in convincing differences between those countries. It now seeks co-operation from the other Latin-American countries.

A report favorable to establishing a Pan-American federation of labor will be made by committee.

Two hours' debate today resulted in sending to a special conference within ninety days jurisdictional claims of the marine engineers over ship work when in port. Buffalo appears certain to be awarded next year's convention over Fort Worth, Texas.

Pledge that "when the present bloody business is over" the British workers would offer a fraternal hand, without reserve, to the workers of Germany and Austria, in their common course, was made by William Whitefield, one of the two fraternal delegates from the British trade union congress. He was speaking in acknowledgment of the presentation of a watch by Mr. Gompers. Harry Gosling, the other British delegate, and Thomas Stevenson, of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, were given rings. Mrs. Gosling received a diamond.

SPECIAL TRAIN, YALE-HARVARD GAME

Special train, Yale-Harvard game, Station 10:25 p. m., November 24. Arrives New Haven 7:00 a. m., November 25. Leaves New Haven 10:00 p. m., November 25. Sleeping cars and restaurant car. Fare, \$17.75 way, \$9.54 round trip from Philadelphia.—Adv.

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"BUTCH" FELICITATES WOODROW

"McDevitt Ticket" Candidate Open for Job—May Go to Pottsville or Vaudenville

"Butch" McDevitt, millionaire for a day, hall-of-fame aspirant generally and candidate for President on the "Butch McDevitt ticket," today conceded the election of President Wilson and incidentally sent congratulations.

McDevitt says he had a conference with Charles Evans Hughes by telephone last night, and on hearing that the official count in California gave the President some 3000 votes less by a landslide and he immediately sent the President the following:

To the Hon. President Wilson, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Mr. President—I had partly decided to await the official count of California and Minnesota before congratulating you on the success that appears to be yours. I spoke to Hughes last night over long distance, and we agreed to concede defeat. Mr. Hughes will forward you telegram with congratulation during the week. Yours, JOHN JAY McDEVITT.

P. S.—What have you in my line, something about \$4 per day? Let me hear from you at once, as I have an offer to go on the local police force.

Hughes Congratulates Wilson and President Wires Good Wishes

To the President, Washington—BECAUSE of the closeness of the vote I have awaited the official count in California, and now that it has been virtually completed, permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

Charles E. Hughes, Laurel-in-the-Pines, Lakewood, N. J.

I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulation. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come.

WOODROW WILSON.

Mr. Hughes's message was sent from Lakewood, N. J., at 8:25 o'clock last night. The President replied at 9:35 o'clock this morning.

PITTSBURGH ELOPERS WIN PARENTS' CONSENT

Married After Telephone Calls From Home Town Ended Long Waiting

A Pittsburgh couple who eloped to this city yesterday morning waited until late last night for parental permission before Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, of the Keneseth Israel Congregation, would perform the ceremony. The consent was finally given over the long distance telephone, which lowered several telegrams between the local clergyman and the Pittsburgh homes of the young people.

The bride was Miss Florence Rothschild, daughter of Max Rothschild, head of the Rosenbaum department store in Pittsburgh, and the groom Richard Denawager, an architect. When they appeared at Rabbi Krauskopf's office they were accompanied by Henry Wessel, Jr., and Jerome Bennett, both attorneys in this city, who were claimants of the groom at the University of Pennsylvania.



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Globe Talking Machine Co., 1211 Point Breeze Ave.
Lupinski, Antonio, 730 S. Seventh St.
Miller, E. L., 431 West Girard Ave.
Musical Echo, The, 1 Zehner, Prop., N. E. Cor. 8th and Belvidere Sts.
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TIME TABLE CHANGES

On November 23 a Central change will be made, as follows: 10:00 a. m. train from Philadelphia to New York will be changed to 10:10 a. m. and the New York train to Philadelphia will be changed to 10:00 a. m.