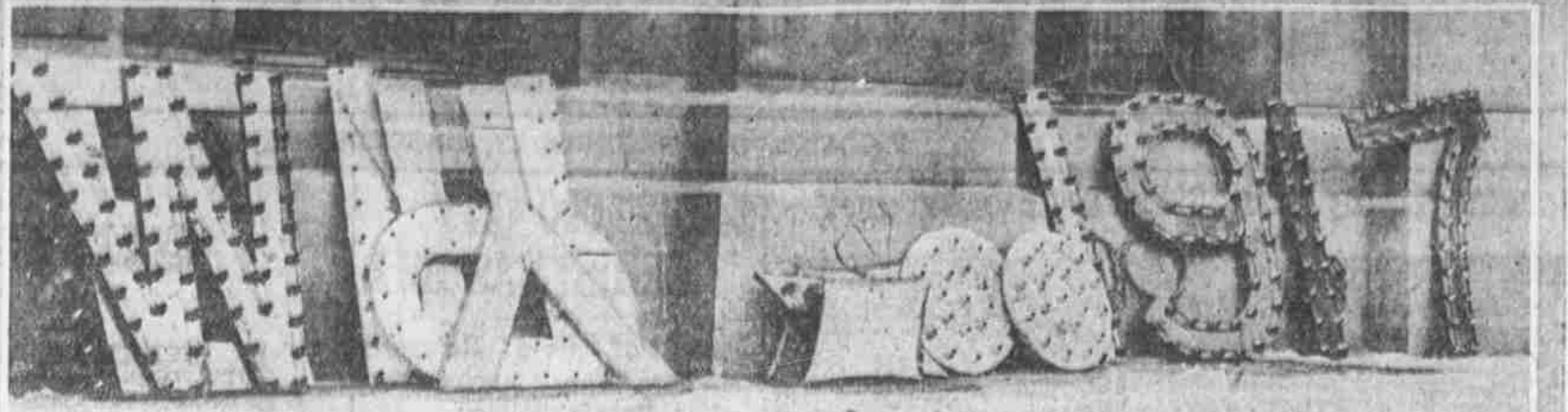


CITY HALL'S NEW YEAR SIGN BEING GROOMED FOR 1917'S ENTRANCE



On the sidewalk and leaning against the walls of City Hall a group of jumbled letters are awaiting their turn at the center of the stage. On December 31 they will spring to life and spell out the municipal greeting "Happy New Year, 1917."

WID'S RECEIVER MUST SHOW CAUSE

Friendly Appointee for Union Casualty Summoned by U. S. Court

BAD FAITH CHARGED

Judge Thompson in the United States District Court, Philadelphia, today issued an order calling on Samuel W. Cooper, an attorney in the Lincoln Building, to show cause why he should not give up his receivership of the Union Casualty Company to which he was appointed last Monday by Judge Thompson.

The order was granted at the request of Deputy Attorney General Joseph L. Kun. It was served immediately and the arguments will be heard January 2 at 10 a. m.

It is his intention to place two of the oldest and most experienced men in the department in charge of the details of the receivership.

"CLEAN UP" MILLION IN WILD STOCK MARKET

"Barney" Baruch, Daring Operator, Shares Sensational Glory With Burton Castles

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The most spectacular stock plunging in the history of Wall Street has been known in nearly two years has had its principals, Burton Castles and "Barney" Baruch, two of the most daring operators in the financial district, according to stories told by brokers today.

WILSON VISITS WILLIAMS

Wilson in Unconventional Call, Supposedly to Discuss New Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson paid an unconventional visit today to the home of Senator John Sharp Williams today.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

- List of names and addresses for today's marriage licenses, including John H. Wade, 2009 S. Lancaster st., and Mary E. Forno, 1114 Malvern st.

LONDON Press Tells Bryan to Sing Hymn No. 269

WHILE no reference has been made in official circles to the telegram which William Jennings Bryan sent to Lloyd George urging an early peace, London papers have commented on it.

Germany Sees Bluff in Stand of Allies

Continued from Page One. shly still is a long way off, there will be continued negotiations from time to time between the belligerents, undoubtedly paralleled in the reading of news, including the United States.

The next step will be Germany's, as soon as the formal reply of the Allies, which London dispatches say will be long, reaches Berlin.

Second, indemnity Belgium and Luxembourg and very likely extend to the restoration of Serbia and Montenegro.

Third, use her influence to permit Italy to retain the territory captured by it during the present war from Austria.

PEACE DOOR LEFT OPEN, OPINION IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Allies have not opened the door to peace, they have simply said to Germany: "Here are our terms; take them or leave them. It is your move—but don't come again at the door of a victor."

ORDNANCE CHIEF URGES 14-INCH GUNS FOR NAVY

Admiral Strauss Argues, Counter to Daniels' Plan, for Small Pieces on Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of ordnance of the navy, today reiterated his faith in fourteen-inch guns for warships instead of sixteen-inch guns.

W. W. GILCHRIST DIES; WAS NOTED COMPOSER

Winner of Many Prizes—Directed Choirs Here

Dr. William Wallace Gilchrist, dean of musicians of Philadelphia and a widely known American composer, died this morning at 7 o'clock at the Eastern Sanitarium, where he had been for several years under medical care as a nervous patient.

GAVE ORCHESTRA TO CITY

At the age of nineteen he began to study organ, voice and theory with Prof. H. A. Clark, of the University of Pennsylvania.

CAMDEN

CHRISTMAS LONGING FOR luxuries was the cause given by the police for the theft of \$600 cash from a chain grocery store by Harvey Vonnell, of 410 Walnut street.

A WIFE'S COMPLAINT against being found to live in a mill was the basis of the action brought before Vice Chancellor Leaming in the maintenance suit of Mrs. Belverdia Clark, of Clementon, against her husband, Lloyd Clark.

CAMDEN CHARITIES will lose a share of the \$30,000 estate left by the late Frank Harlan Smith, of Delaware, as the result of the action of Judge Boyle in the Camden County Orphan's Court, who set the will aside on the ground that it was improperly executed.

Transit Lease Plan to Be Known Today

Continued from Page One. The Finance Committee, Transit Director Twining and former Director Taylor.

Financial circles have heard that Mr. Stotesbury has made all arrangements for financing the equipment of the new system.

CREWS WANT MORE MONEY IN SHEHAN FEE CASE

City Iceboat Workers Will Take Demand to Councils

Members of the crews of the city iceboats want a raise and intend to carry the fight into Council to get it.

News at a Glance

READING, Pa., Dec. 20.—Michael Traford, employed at the Iron works at Hoboken, near here, had his left arm burned by the hose today when a torch exploded while he was attempting to fill it while lighted.

READING, Pa., Dec. 20.—Harry C. Fink, of Lebanon, Pa., and Miss Annie J. Linderman, of this city, were married here today by the Rev. J. F. Snyder.

READING, Pa., Dec. 20.—L. E. Korfs and H. W. Elombus were seriously burned on the hands and face today when an oil tank exploded at the plant of the Druppen Brewing Company, where they are employed.

MODESTO, Cal., Dec. 20.—After deliberating three hours a jury awarded Frank Grant a \$500 cash for an injury, \$100 damages, and \$1000 for attorney's fees.

MARYVILLE, Cal., Dec. 20.—Sheep Riddle, of Butte County, found himself with a strike on his hands when he eliminated meat from the bill of fare at the county jail because of the high cost of living.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

station agents will become employment agents, hiring all the labor needed in their districts. When they are through with the men the workers will be sent to a labor clearing house to be established in Broad Street Station.

INTERRED GERMAN SAILORS at Lockwood and received Christmas boxes from Humboldt Chapter of the Masonic Fraternity. About 715 boxes have been prepared.

A BLIND MISSIONARY, who will go to India in the footsteps of his grandfather and father, was ordained last night into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

THE FRENCH BENEVOLENT Society of Philadelphia at the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' Club elected the following officers for the ensuing year.

CHARLES GROOME, son of Major John C. Groome, of the State constabulary, is in Jefferson Hospital, where he will undergo an operation for an affection of the throat.

THE ROTARY CLUB will distribute a ton of candy and gifts to the poor this Christmas. The candy will be used in the distribution, and the packing and shipping of the 2500 packages will take place Friday and Saturday at 839 Chestnut street.

MR. AND MRS. E. T. STOTESBURY and the latter's son, James Cromwell, will give a Christmas party next Saturday night, at the Star Hotel, 2157 Locust street.

HENRY H. HOUSTON, 2d, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Houston, of Chestnut Hill, will sail for France on January 5 to join the American Ambulance Service.

THE SOUTH SIXTIETH Street improvement Association gave a Christmas entertainment to 250 children at 253 South Sixtieth street. Santa Claus distributed gifts from a Christmas tree.

CITY APPOINTMENTS today included Frank Kroh, 5740 Beechwood street, inspector, Department of Supplies, salary \$1200; Charles A. Quinn, 2104 South Eleventh street, clerk, Department of Supplies, \$900; Joseph H. Green, 21 East Linden street, translator, Department of Surveys, \$800; Charles Davis, 611 Marston street, engineer, Bureau of Water, \$1090; Edward H. Jenkins, 2430 West Thompson street, translator, Surveys, \$900; and Mary E. Stone, 2429 Lombard street, clerk, Bureau of Water, \$250 a day.

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JOURNALIST DIES AT BORDER

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City News in Brief

TWO BURGLARIES, committed last night, were reported to the police today. Burglars forced a window at the rear of Harry Kanevsky's store, at 224 South Third street, and stole 700 yards of overcoat cloth, valued at \$1000.

STRIKEN WITH APOPLEXY on a trolley car, Joseph Hartley, the conductor, is in St. Agnes' Hospital, where his condition is said to be critical.

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION Board today ordered F. Guy Meyers & Co., Inc., a \$1250 fine for a violation of the act of 1915.

DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON, Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania, was elected president of the Academy of Natural Sciences for the twenty-first consecutive year at the 1916 annual meeting of the institution last night.

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Young Gonzales was a member of the machine-gun company, Second Regiment, South Carolina National Guard. He was an editorial writer on the Columbia (S. C.) State, and editor of the Charleston (S. C.) State.

"DRYS" IN BAY STATE GET FOUR MORE CITIES

No-License Territory Extended, Though Sunday and Friends Fail in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Despite the determined fighting of the liquor interests at the elections yesterday, Massachusetts extended its "dry" territory. Four cities voted "dry"—North Adams, by 100; Fitchburg, by 78; North Andover, by 73; and Quincy, by 283.

John Harleyborn, however, will continue his residence in Boston. With Billy Sunday "on the job" and in spite of one of the bitterest fights by the "drys," Boston voted for license by the biggest majority since 1910.

Sunday today declared he did not regard the fight as lost yet. To his audience last night at the fairgrounds he said: "I'm a good loser. I learned that lesson on the baseball field. Don't think I'm blue at the outcome of the election. We'll soon have that bunch where they won't be able to wiggle their carcasses."

Not since 1892 had Boston ever been in danger before of being "dry." A license vote was taken for granted annually, the only campaign for the saloons being a small newspaper advertisement shortly before election, urging that "the policy that had withstood the test of years" be continued.

The liquor interests built up an organization in which porters, bartenders, waiters and waitresses, owners and brewers, politicians, collectors and trail-biters, clubs and Back Bay landlords fought side by side.

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And still there are many gifts to buy. No matter how inexpensive they may be they must express quality. Gifts for men bearing the Becker trade mark do just that always.

The Big Day is Almost Here

Phoenix and Everwear Silk Hosiery for Men, Women and Children OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

BECKER'S Ladies' Department in Our Widener Arcade Store 926 Chestnut St. Widener Bldg. Arcade 1338 & 40 South Penn Squares