HOLIDAYS MAKE FIREMEN BUSY

Christmastide's Record Is One of Darkest Tragedy in Department Annals

A "SMOKE-EATER'S" STORY

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Battalion Chief Michael Walsh, comsending the district embraced in the northsen portion of West Philadsliphis, has had
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fire He has come to be regarded as one
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known as the "fire belt."

"Christman and the Christman period being no holiday to the firemen," raid Chief Waish today, "Under the system pravailing is Philadelphia the day when other citizens are at home encying themselves compels the fireman to stick closed to his job," for it to the property of the property De fireman to stick closed to his job, for it needs an unwoust number of what we know as preventable firen. These are often little blace, but they call us out, so we must be ready for them. They are due for the met part to carelessness on the part of bushbolders who still use inflammable decidations on their Christmas trees or fail to exercise proper caution in setting up and leating their trees.

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WARNINGS WITHOUT EFFECT The notices of warring sent out by the fire marshal against Pigited candles an Caristmas tree decorations seem to be withest effect. Yet there is no more dangerous practice, nor one which ought to be more averally punished. In my estimation, it seems of might be not be that in the age of mightenment hespite parses in using these ages of crisis of the first they are tuking.

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"One of these candles burns down or serturns, the tree is alliane, and then we are sent for. An the brunches of the tree grow drier the danger of ignition increases, and at the same time the watch kept upon the tree itself occurs to lessen. An insults overright in this connection may mean the loss of a home or of one or more liver.

"Another too frequent causeof Christman tree fires is defective wiring. Electric lights in themselves are far safer than candles for in themselves are far saler than candles for illuminating purposes but not every person who uses them knows how they should be strong. At improperly insulated or maked wire comes into contact with a damp it of the tree, there is a short circuit and a fire. Not every purson who strings the sites or attaches the battery to a Christmas free is an electrician. If they were not tree this cause might be almost entered the cause might be almost entere tirely prevented ...

These are some of the reasons why bristman is no holiday to the fremuch he public dorsn't take into consideration the state of affairs that its carelengues im-

"Chief Murphy has bested an order granting us an extra hour for our Christmas din-her. We'll get that if we are not called but to respond to an alarm during our mealtimes.

CHRISTMAS' DARK RECORD The boon a freeman for thirty years, in that period I have been home on just far Christmas days. At that I have been sure fortunate than other near who have both the companies I served with. I was the Engine Company No. 20, at Tenin and Company of the company o and Christmas time generally found us will be one in the nospital.

The greatest calamity in the history of the Fire Bureau, the Friedlander factory blaze, or the Hodine street disaster, research right on the eye of Christmas. We all thirteen men in that accident and reads 100 were injured in the collapse of the building and the subsequent attempts tracula the poor fellows who went down with the first crash. That the occurred on the right of Docember 21-22, 1910, exactly at years ago. Christmas that year was anything but merry for the members of the Fire Sureau and their families.

Then there was the care of George Wests, of Engine No. 5. He was thrown from the heave wagen, while responding to an starm and died on Christmas Day, 1912. an alarm and died on Christmas Day, 1912, from the injuries he received. These tragedus are but a few of the sort of incidents that make a freeman's thought turn closer to creee than to evergreens at this time. Thu our first duty is to seve life and property, and if we have our own that is to be expected. Perhaps, though, with the people awakened to some of the conditions under which we have been working and a knowledge of what other cities have done for their freemen, there will be such a disagre as will not place all the burden and responsibility on the men of the bureau, but



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will result in a reorganisation. Then we may be able to enjoy what we have never had an ruper amount of time at home and a majory proportionate to the importance and peril of the work purformed. Such a change, I believe, would repay the city lifelif in a more efficient department and would benefit the morale of the bureau, as the men would feel that the long period of apathy to their condition—a matter of some forly-five years—was at an end. The present commuter is directed to that

The present campaign is directed to that end, a recognition of the Bureau of Fire from the viewpoint of justice and fair play, and on those grounds I do not see how it can lose out, or how any person of fair mind can honeatly oppose us."

\$49,425,000 City's Christmas Bill

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People invariably bring their Christman money to the fur man."

The plane dealers declars that such unprecedented business has been done this year that they have been unable to fill orders and that in many insurances, esenticates had to be given, the pianes having by the thousands will also be given as Christmas remorpheaness

be the thousands will also be given as Christmas remembrancis.

What recks it that the turkey struts more proudly than ever? He reads in the newspapers about how much he costs and thinks therefore he is as esfe as the Hope diamond or the King's crows. But he is a doctored hird. There is a price on his head. Nothing is safe that money can buy.

The man who deals in electrical appliances wears a broad grin.

"They are doing their Christmas buying electrically," he confided, "to the time of \$298,000 or thereabouts."

"A car," declares the auto man, "is the ideal family gift. When a man has bought everything he can think of for the individuals of his family he steps in here and rays. "Well, now. I'll get something that all of us can snice,"

CHRISTMAS "PLUMS" FOR BANK EMPLOYES

Many of the City's Leading Financial Institutions Will Award Bonuses

FROM TEN PER CENT UP

Christman or New Year house plums will fail for employes of banking and brokerage firms of the Philadelphia financial district as thick as December snowflakes. None of the institutions or houses called n for information would dany that some form of extra pay would be or had been recently given, although some officials modently refused to amover the question affirmatively, preferring not to advertise matters that they considered private between the firms and their employer.

Drews and their employees.

Drews a Co. Fifth and thesituit streets, will make a distribution on January 1, no one knows how much, as an official said today, but it will probably be larger time in former years. Last year, he said, the distribution, made an a basis of term of service, equaled thirty per cent of a year's majary for employes of more than ten years' continuous service and twenty for those of less than ten years' service.

The Philadaphy Trans Comment Add.

BETTER THAN EVER.

"Books?" queries the bespectacled man. "West, almost everybedy gets a base in his stocking nowadays. The world is becoming educated to basks. A million and a quarter is conservative for basks."

To the girl behind the glove counter the universe is just one higs hand pawing at lies.

"Never sold so many before," is her terse comment.

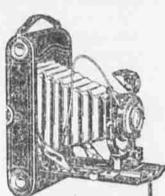
Orchida are going just as though they were Illub buttercums. Candy likewise! One would think the sugar maris would be exhausted for years.

It is mild lighter has become high since ine war, jet the leather man looks like the cheerful cherub. "Rusiness better than ever before," he says.

That is the phrase every one is echoing, and with business better than ever before and this side of the Atlantic, at least—better than ever before." Chandler Brothers & Co., 1528 Chestnut

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their cost of operation is very small-something less than one-half cent per hour. The \$5.00 reduction is good only up to and including Saturday, December 23rd. We would advise ordering immediately; the Electric Shop will deliver the articles

when and where you say. Your order may be left at the Electric Shop or at the most convenient District Office; or you can cut out and mail the coupon on page twenty-two of the December Philodelphia Elec-tric "Bulletin" with the necessary amount.

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TERSE TALE OF A TRUNK TANGLE. BUT BALK BENEFITS BRAVE BELGIANS

Receptacle, Sent to Made-in-America Bazaar With Society Woman's Donations, Emptied and Rushed Across the Wintry Seas by Mistake

Somewhere out on the briny blue is a robust expensive trunk going to the relief of the Belgians. Some of these days it is going to arrive in the middle of a food riot, or a "slave" slot. Folks versed in international affairs agree there will be trouble.

Meanwhile. Meanwhile...

About three weeks ago Mrs E. Burd Crubb, of Eurlington, sent the trunk full of donations for the Made-in-America bassar, held at Horticultural Hall last week. The centents were sold and Mrs. Grubb duly thanked. The trunk stood around idly for a time and in the course of events was placed on a ship and started blithely for the Belgians. No one put the Belgians wise what to expect.

Mrs. Grubb was the growth of the Belgians.

Mrs. Grubb ment her maid around to in-quire after the receptacle, and Mrs. Bay-aril Henry, the head of the Belgian com-mittee, started a search, which disclosed the fact that it had been shipped along with other goods for the use of Europe's unfortunates.

Mrs. Grubb was inclined to laugh at the

Then there were Arctic explorers who lived on leather food—but stop, 1/p at a certain restaurant they have steams that

might have been-that's enough Meanwhile the trunk is tripping the trough toward a people about whom the Duke of Southwark or some of his peers once remarked. Them guys—you shouldn't

VETERINARIANS IN MEETING

Pasteurization Discussed at Schuylkill Valley Association Meeting

READING, Pa., Dec. 10. - Veterinarinas from Pennsylvania cities participated in the annual meeting of the Schwylkall Valley Veterinus and Medical Association which opened here today. Dr. Frank V. Fernsier, of Lehamm. Pa. presided a number of papers were rend, particularly with reference to the panesuristion of 1970.

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The Philadelphia Trust Company, 413 heatout street, gave a binus one week go in the nature of an extra pay day. The natural waves, gave a binus one week go in the nature of an extra pay day. The amount ware not revealed, but it was the said that the employes were satisfied with what they got.

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GARBLED GOBBLER GOES ON A CHRISTMAS TEAR

Tag on His Crate Lands Him in Hospital-A Mistake, He Escapes and Starts Inspection of City

A large male Christmas turkey is stalk-ing about the city today, perhaps with the garbled or gobbied thought that this nation was conceived in fiberry and dedicated to the principle that all turkeys were born free and equal. He came to the city by express this morning from Harrisburg. Pa., and his crate was addressed to "Doctor Lewis, German Hospital, Corinthian and Grard avenues."

The expressman found no "Doctor Lewis" there. He carried the crate into an ante-reom of the borphin office, and for an hour all the nurses and internes came in and gave him the C. C. and examined the address on the crate to see if by some chance "Doctor Lewis" did not really mean "Doctor Ludwigsteinmets," or whatever else their respective names might be

During a short histon, in which the en-pressoran had give on another call and the nurses and internes quit calling at the office antercom, the large male Christonia turkey stepped through a large crack in the crate and walked out of the hospital, the scending the steps and the front walk with a nonchalance that seemed to tell that he was not burdened with any fatalistic turker philosophy and was really thinking of an-other ultimate destiny than that of New Year's hash.

Bryn Mawr Couple Wedded 50 Years The fitteth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stillwagon was celebrated by their children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends at the Stillwagon home. 21 Summit Grove avenua. Bryn Mawr. Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon were born and have lived on the Main Line all their lives. Their children are Howard E. Stillwagon, of Ardmore, Magistrate and former clerk of Montgomery County Courts; Edward H. Stillwagon, of Newtown Squars, and William P. Stillwagon, of Bryn Mawr.

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