CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Joyous Celebrations All Over More Than 1,000,000 Parcel Post City-Santa Claus Popular as Ever With Tiny Pupils

SONG, SPEECH AND STORY

Members of Education Board Take Part in Exercises at Several Buildings

Christmas exercises were held today in amost every public school in the city, with about 175,000 beys and girls participating.
A spirit of freedom and festivity peryaded the classrooms even during the lesson nours that preceded the entertainments, as there will be no sessions after today uctil January 3.

Christman carols were ming at the ever cies, little men and women made speeches. and, if the belief in Sama Claus among children is disappearing, the fact was not evident, for there was as much talk as ever sbout the jolly old maint.

At several schools addresses were made supervising principles also spake, but theadliners' were the calldyen them-

Proud mothers were there to hear the many future Presidents of the United States recite "The Children's Hour," the "Bad Boy's Christmas" or "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck," and the old standbys were as popular among the adults as the

AT THE HIGH SCHOOLS

At the Girls' High School. Seventeenth and Spring Garden, streets, 2000 volces sans the "Adeste Fideles" and hymns in German and French. At the Northeast High School, Eighth street and Lehigh avegue, Dr. Andrew J. Morrison, principal, led the exercises of 1500 students. After a musical program Dr. Forrest E. Dager, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Broad and Venango streets, addressed the school on "Be Prepared."

At the West Philadelphis right Schools the programs were especially elaborate; Bewise in the Germantown High Schools An "old-fashioned celebration" was carlied out af the South Philadelphia High School for Girls. The Yule icg and traditional boar's head were carried into the auditorium while the boar's head chorus

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At the School of Practice, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, several entertainments were held, each adapted to the age and grade of the pupils. Several Christmas hymns, composed by Robert L., Galley, supervising principal of the Hunter Echcol. Mascher and Dauphin streets, were sing. A cantata was sung by twenty-five children, under the direction of Miss Katherine Weiner, member of the faculty, and the pupils were addressed by Miss Hertha Lowenburg, of the Free Library.

A Christmas surprise party was given to the pupils of the kindergarten department of the James Wilson School, Twelfth and Wharton streets. More than one hundred foreign children participated.

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Each pupil was given a stocking full of mys, candy and other useful and entertaining presents. Many of the loys were made by the boys of the manual training class.

have been devoting an hour a day to work for several weeks.

Widow of Upper Merion Rector Dies NORRISTOWN, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Harriet Warple, widow of the Rev. A. A. Marple. The for many years was rector of Christ Issdes' Church, Upper Merion, died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. R. Wills, 901 De Kalb street, after a short ill-



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DELUGE OF MAIL SWAMPS POSTOFFICE

Packages Today-Forty Times the Average

The postoffice department in this city is today being awamped with the biggest landslide of Christmas mail in the history of the department. Before night it is expected that the parcel post packages alone will total more than 1,000,000. They exceeded the 500,000 mark yesterday.

The normal daily average of parcel post packages is about 19,000. T. P. Johnson, superintendent of mails, said that there are thirty or forty times more parcels this year than last. Stamp sales yesterday were in the yiemity of 75,000. The stamp sales for December 1915 futaled \$1,000,000. Mr. Johnson said that the etamp sales for December, 1916, would run \$100,000 ahead of the sales for December of last year.

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More than one thousand extra clerks are helping to keep moving the unprecedented bulk of mall. In obtaining this army of helpers both the substitute and eligible lists were exhausted. Postmaster Thornton was obliged to call in college students and others to help out.

Mr. Thornton said that the great influx of today convinced him that Philadelphians were responding to his appeal to do their Christmas mailing early. He said that the only delay was in weedern mails, which had

Christians maling early. He said that the only delay was in wedern mails, which had been held up by heavy snows. He stated that matter mailed as late as tomorrow night would be delivered on Christmas hight would be delivered on Christman morning. There will be but one mail delivery or

Christmas Day Stamp and registry windows in all postoffice substations will close at 1 a m. The etanip and registry windows in the central station will remain open the control station will remain open to the control of th

ASKS STREETS FOR COASTING

Recreation Board Wants Safety Director to Set Aside Grades

Permission to set aside certain streets in various sections of the city for the exclusive use of coanters will be asked of Director of Public Safety Wilson, as a result of a meeting of the Board of Resrestion this afternoon in City Hall.

The idea was proposed by Friest L. Tustin, president of the board, who urged the board to support it. He said such streets as may be suggested would naturally be of a steep grade, and when covered with lice or snow would be of little or no use for

lee or snow would be of little or no use for traffic anyway, and if given over exclu-sively to boys and girls, they could coast without the slightest danger of an accident.

91 ESCAPE INSTITUTION FIRE

Only One Missing After Flames Raze Masonic Home

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 22.—All but one of the ninety-two inmates of the Kansas Masonic Home, which burned here today. have been accounted for. An aged Mason by the name of Deck, who recently went to the home, is missing. The fire started in the basement and

spread rapidly. Frozen water plugs pre-vented the firemen from checking the fames. Many inmates dashed out into the bitter cold with scant clothing and suffered

they are selling.

VISITORS TO LEDGER SANTA CLAUS



Standing under the sign of St. Nick at 608 Chestnut street

IN CHASE ON HOUSETOP

Alleged Thief Run to Earth and Friend Found Hiding in Looted Store

An exciting chase over a roof at 124 North Twaith street reluited in the ar-rest of William Johns, eighteen years old. 1228 North Eleventh street and William Waish, seventeen years old, 248 North Mar-vine street, both of whom, the police say were attempting to remove some shirtwalists from the fourts near of the Milgrim Manufacturing Company, 122 North Twelfth atreet. Each was held under \$200 hall for a further hearing December 25 by Magnitrate Collins at the Eleventh and Winter streets police station.

Policeman Worff tried the door of the Milgrim Company last night on his rounds and found R open. Going to the fourth floor, he found Johns, who, upon being discovered, jumped nine feet across an alleyway to the roof at 124. Johns went down through the house to the rear yard, where he was caught. Upon going back, Worff discovered Walsh hiding pear where he had found Johns. On a fire escape was found a suitcase and two sample cases packed with about \$150 of the Milgrim Company's wares. Policeman Worff tried the door of the

New Appointment by Vatican

ROME, Dec. 22—Appointment of Mon-signor Lorenzo Lauri, now vice chancellor of the Church of Home and well known in the United States, as Enterminate to Peru

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Police Probe Strangulation of Boy Forther investigation is being made to-day of the death of six-year-old Charles Berrat, of 142; South Opdi street, who was strangied to death while at play in his home year-day. According to the police, the lad was playing with a strap in the form of a boom around his neek. He had tied one end of, it to a door knob and strangied to death after he had stumbled. The police may it was purely an accident, but detectives are making an investigation.

Murder Verdict of Coroner's Jury CARLISLE, Pa., Dec 22. — A Coroner's jury gave its verdict that A. Michael Ury, a construction foreman, who died from the effects of the blow of a shovel, was murdered by James Anthony, a southern negro, now in sail here. Anthony will be indicted for murder at once, and will be tried in February, when the case of Archine Miller, another negro, who shot and killed L. L. Belazer, Lemoyne, a railroad detective, about two months ago, will be heard.

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WANTS JUST A DOLLY! BUT "DADDY" IS SICK

Somebody Has an Opportunity to Be a Santa Claus Where He's Wanted

Caroline and Billy and Mrs. William Balley, all of 508 South Fourth street, stopped outside the Ledger Santa Claus Club late yesterday afternoon. They didn't go in, but they stopped long enough for a staff photographer is got a picture. Yesterday when Mrs. Bailey had washed the dishes and Caroline had put them nway and Billy had swept all the crumbs off the floor all three of them came uptown to

and Billy had swept all the crumbs off the floor all three of them came uptown to see the toys. Caroline and Billy had both heard that Santa Claus is on his way to Philadelphia, and for a week they had "wanted to know." Neither Caroline nor Billy knows much about toys. From the way things look at present they won't know any inore about them on Christmas morning. That is because "daddy." who normally is employed as a rigger at the Midvale Steel Works, is sick in bed with ton-militis and bronchitis. The doctor tells him he will not be able to work intil after the New Year. New Year.

"Santa Claus has got to visit so many little boys and girls that he doesn't dare come where there's tons'tts." explained

After Caroline and Billy and Mrs. Ballen and looked in the shop windows and pointed out to one another all the things they would give "daddy" if they had the money they started to walk home. It costs money to year to buy Billy an automobile and five cents more for a big fed balloon for Caro-line. That means less to eat for dinner today.

A reporter found them looking at the dolls in the window of the Santa Claus Club at 608 Chestnut street. With some urging Mrs. Bailey was induced to tell her What do the children want for Christ-

man' she was asked.

"Billy is always talking about a horste and Caroline just wants a dolly," she said. Besides Caroline, who is just five, and Billy, who is two and a half. Mrs. Balley takes care of little Ainle Moscow, two years old, whose care of reserve are dealy. ld, whose parents are dead.

Does the story interest you? Phone Miss hompson, the Santa Claus Lady, Wal-

BURIED GEMS RESTORED; GIRL'S DEATH THE CLUE

Stolen Treasure Dug Up in Reading Owned by Tennesseeans

READING, Pa., Dec. 22.—Last October jewelry and aliver worth \$500 were found buried in a field at Wyomissing, a suburb, while excavations were being made for a house. The toot included bracelets, watches, stickpins and other articles.

Irela F. Impink, of Wyomissing, started investigation. The word "Castner" was on some of the jewelry, and when Impink read in a Philadelphia paper an account of an accident in which Catharine Castner had been killed by an automobile truck he corresponded with the father of the child, Samuel J. Castner, who said the jewelry did

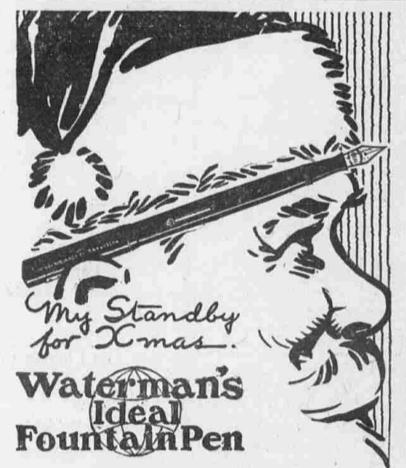
responded with the father of the child. Samuel J. Castner, who said the jewelry did not belong to him.

A close examination disclosed the word "Tennessee" on the jewelry, and new intercest was created, as Mr. Castner had relatives reading in that State. Impink then wrote to Mrs. Catharine Castner, and received a letter from her in which she described the articles. They were sent to be the castner of the cast

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