"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" It was on these rolling hills nearby that the shepherds watched their flocks by night.

"Peace Be Within Thy Walls and Prosperity Within Thy Palaces"



Little Philip Penrose is discovered in the McCall School Annex working away on the gifts which he is making with his own hands for presenta-tion to his friends

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RULES OVER-CITY

Years Makes Happy Holiday Sure for All

The Christman spirit which took root on of Bethlehem, is in full bloom in Phila- Sanson and Juniper streets delphia today, extending its wonderful in-Frame to every nock and corner of the

In Philadelphia that time old message of the angel choir, "Peace on Earth and erect a large office building on the site. Good Will Toward Mon," is ringing out as borr before. For days the faces of men, Mamen and children throughout the city have been illumined by the spirit which was born with the Habe in the manger, more han 1900 years ago. The glory of giving and the splendor of self-sacrifice have been exemplified in Philadelphia this Yuletide

Never has Philadelphia exhibited such In the for the widow, the orphan, the warfar, the invalid and the unfortunate of entry class and condition of society. Resifered by the greatest ere of pros-

with in the history of the United States, in Christman spirit has awept into homes, letwiss, stores, hospitaly, asylums and the na. In manufacturing plants and busias establishments heads of big business larg responded to the irrestable message from abclent Bethlehem by distributing bo-They will enter on Christman with De foyful satisfaction that their employes all ware in the prosperity of the last rist. Thousands of workers who have somed bigger wages during 1916 than any ferrious year are utilizing their prosperity to make others happy.

Totay is the last day of the sliopping ran Last-minute shoppers are surging Brutch the alales of the stores, making a lest sessuit upon the nearly depleted form of the merchandise maria

NONE TO BE FORGOTTEN Toright the last curtain will go down on he shopsing district, and tomorrow night Elefrinas Evel the coline city will make reputations for the annual reception to Claus. Every little boy and girl in e mis today is thrilled by the nearness Christman Eve. Thur are hoping and faring that nothing will interfere with Tomorrow night thousands of chli-ms in Philadelphia will hang up their cause, and when their mothers tuck

Cuttinued on Pass Thirteen. Column Six THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadslabia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight, with lowest bout 25 degrees; Sunday fair, with interests, temperatures; Monday invasing cloudness and nrabably arms; gentle variable winds.

LENGTH OF DAY DELAWARE RIVER TIME CHANGES

White ... \$ 00 a.m. Migr. water 17 17 p.m. PERPERATURE AT MACH MOUR

FIDELITY TRUST **BUYS IN BROAD ST**

Most Prosperous of All Acquires Property Bounded by Broad, Walnut, Sansom and Juniper

MAKE THE POOR JOYOUS PRICE NOT DISCLOSED

The Fiffelity Trust Company, of \$23 to with 1916 years ago simultaneously with 231 Chestnut street, has acquired control is birth of the Christ-Child in the ancient of the property bounded by Broad, Walnut.

The announcement of the acquisition of the property was made by Vice President J. C. Neff at moon teday. In the state ment Mr. Neff said it was the intention to

for the offices of the trust company

it was not the intention to abandon the present property of the company at Fourth and Chestnut streets. It was inferred in the financial district that the company in tended to move the main offices to Broad street and the old down-town offices would

This property, which is known as the old Lippincott property, was at one time owned by Felix Isman when he was prominent in the real estate business in Philadelphia,

The action of the Fidelity in moving to Broad street follows the action taken by many other concerns which have for years been located in the eastern section of the

FAIR CHRISTMAS PROMISED

No Rain or Snow, but Crisp Weather, Forecast

creasing cloudiness.

Week's Wage as Christmas Present

Refined Oil for Expert Advances

will not be issued on

CHRISTMAS DAY

BOY SERIOUSLY BURNED

Childish Curiosity Gets Too

Close to Fire in Investigat-

ing Chimney

ALBERT DI PHILLIPI

With childish wonder as to the manner

in which Santa Claus would descend the

thimney at his home, four-year-old Albert

Di Philippi, 913 South Fifth street, got too

lose to the kitchen fire, and was seriously

burned this morning. The child was alone

at the time, and his mother, Searing his

crise, can from an operales room and attempted to tear off his burning ciothes file herself was burned about the hands arms

pital, where altert is in a very critical con-

In explaining the accident, the mother

says the key recently heard of Santa Ciano

and has been very curtous about the men-

ner in which the stout saint would exter the

come of L'azirimus was was the thinks

LOOKING FOR SANTA

Mr. Neff would not give the price at

which the property changed hands. Plane for the new building have not yet been formulated, but it was stated by Mr. Neff that adequate room will be provided

Mr. Neff was very careful to state that

simply be used as a branch.

The Weather Bureau announced today Merry Christmas, Predictions are that there will be no rain or snow Christman Day, and just enough crispness to lend a real Christmas atmosphere. It will be fair and cold innight and tomorrow, with in-

Oliver Remembers Senate Pages WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 Senator Oll-ver, of Fennsylvania, and Senator Sanis-bury today distributed liberal checks to the sixteen pages in the Senator Senator Oliver inft Washington without making pro-visions for his customary distribution, but wired the money to E. A. O'Toole, the chief cases teday.

LANCASTER, Fa. Dec 23.—The Ham-ilion Wairh Company, whose factory ob-serves hast week as a holiday, has an-nounced that all of he 660 employes will receive a full week's sugges as a Christian gift. It amounts to \$10,000.

Peticeman Wilson, of the Seventh and Carpentag alreads station, hearing the shrieks from noother and son rushed into NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Standard Oil onpany announced an advance of one cent remand oil in cases for expert to 11.75c. the notice and threse his overcuit over the buy. He took both to the Mount Blend Hor-

Evening watch Ledger

Monday, December 25,

From warm, sweet depths of sleep famous Antarctic explorer, sailed for Port Chalmers today in an effort to rescue the ten members of his expedition mareoned near Ross Barrier. These men had only a scanty supply of provisions when the exploration ship Aurora broke her moorings in a gale nearly two years ago, and the gravest fears are felt for them.

Nor wisdom of the star! -T. A. DALY.

Holy Night

The earth's shroud is embossed With gems of twinkling frost; The heavens snap with cold.

A wind mysteriously thrills, Above the sleeping hills, With music sweet and old. The stars sang one December

And shake with music yet;

For aye they will remember, Although the world forget, The God-child's birth-cry ringing

From out a lowly place That set the planets singing In farthest fields of space.

Where little child-hearts keep

Their faith until the morn.

Their hopeful dreams ascending

Beyond the sunset bars

To shake the farthest stars

Another song is borne.

In waves of music flow,

With that of long ago.

With song the night is teeming.

But, oh, how mute we are,

Who have no faith for dreaming

A joyous chorus blending

BLIZZARD KEEPS PENN IN BUFFALO

Severe Storm Cripples Traffic and Quaker Eleven Unable to Continue Journey

HANDICAPPED BY DELAY

By NEIL MATHEWS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Buffalo in mowbound, and so is the University of Pennsylvania football team. The Red and Blue cleven arrived here late last night, several hours behind time and found that t was impossible to get out, as traffic is tied up went of here, and no trains are being run' out of Buffalo. It is one of the most severe storms in years, and Ed Lewis, who is managing our party as a representative of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, announced today that it looks as if we will be stuck here for a day of two.

This anowatorm is going in prove a mighty severe handicap to us unless it lets up soon, as we probably will miss connections in Chicago and be forced to remain there another day. If this should happen we would have only three days' practice after a long ride, and it would stiffen the

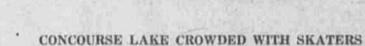
boys up.

When we left Philadelphia we had made arrangements to practice in Chicago today. This would have limbered the man up and done them a world of good, but as it looks now, if will be impecable to waste the time in my home town unless something unforceseen turns up.

Coach Poliwell said this morning that he rather would spend saveral hours in Chicago, where we could practice, than to get the extra day on the coast, and if arrangements can be made with the railroad suthorities we will stop anyway. Everybody in the party is very much peeved excepting Charley Hafmings, who lives here, and it is tucky we have Lewis with us, as he can do more than an ordinary manager of a feetball tasm. Several of the boys braved the storm to visit Henning's home, but the majority were content to timber up by walking about

Card pinying and lying I mean faming, have taken up the greater part of the time and everybedy had a good time until we learned have much we were behind the and that the atorm was raging stronger west of Buffalo time the blizzard we ran into on the way here.

Woman Philanthropist Dies NEW CARTLE, Def. Dec 11 - Miss Suran R Spottswood, dataginter of the late Ray and hive John R. Spottswood, a lifelong real-dart and noted phisinthropist, died of general debility. Byte was president and a number of the fithie Union Society of America for suray years. Har fither was paster of the Piece Presidentia, Cherch furly-the rests (Lourge Pieces, a general and particular and presidential Cherch furly-the rests (Lourge Pieces, a general and a decidential cherch and a decidential cherch



There is skating today on Concourse Lake in Fairmount Park. An army of devotees invaded the vast expanse of the lake the moment the Park guards took down the danger signs. Centennial, Gustine and other lakes are not considered safe. as yet, but may be thrown open to the skaters later in the day.

QUICK NEWS

SHACKLETON SAILS TO RESCUE MAROONED EXPLORERS

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Dec. 23 .- Sir Ernest Shackletor,

CHICAGO RESERVE BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 .- A dividend of six per cent per annum, covering the period from April 1 to December 21, 1915,, has been declared by the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The dividend is payable to stockholders of record De-

TWO SHIPS AND CREWS LOST; ONE THOUGHT AMERICAN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.-A large unidentified schooner has been lost off Dartmouth Point, Mahene Bay. All on hoard are believed to have personed. Another wreck, believed to be the American schooner William Mason, is at Irish Ledge, near Yarmouth. The body of one man was lashed in the rigging.

BRITAIN BUILDS MANY FREIGHT SHIPS FOR AFTER WAR

LONDON, Dec. 22.-The British Government will shortly let contracts for the construction of a large number of freight ships of standardized cargo, the Times nnounced today. They will be put in the Government service. (The foregoing dispatch indicates that England is anticipating Germany's program of mercantile marine expansion. The dispatches from German sources have stated that the German Government is building a mighty fleet of commercial ships to be put in commission after the war.)

DANISH KING RATIFIES BILL TO SELL ISLES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23. Only the funncial details remain to be settled in he sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States for \$25,000,000, King Christian has approved the treaty providing for the sale following the passage of the vatification bill by both houses of Riguday (Parliament). The ratification will be sent to the United States.

U. S. BOND ISSUE IN SPRING ALMOST CERTAINTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-A bond issue by the Government early in the spring appears to be a certainty, Treasury Department officials admitted today. The ba ance in the general fund of the Treasury is declining at the rate of about \$25,000,000 month. The actual net balance in the fund is now little more than \$40,000,000. Panama Canal bonds, rather than one-year Treasury certificates, will be issued, it is understood. Secretary McAdoo favors the canal bonds if it is necessary to raise money in such a manner.

READING PLANS TO BOOST CITY EMPLOYES' PAY

READING, Pa., Dec. 23.-Almost everybody on the city payroll, including the undred members of the Police Department received Christman presents today in the form of increases in salaries running from ion to fifty per cent in the budget for 1917, which was laid before Council for adoption. Increases amounting to about see soo a year have been agreed upon in the 1917 budget, the advances in the Police Department alone amounting to \$12,000 a year.

WILL LAUNCH NATION-WIDE PEACE MOVEMENT HERE

A nation-wide peace movement will be launched in the Academy of Music on the novembers needs to have been lifted lanuary 15, when leading pacifiets from all over the country will sather to plead and the spice are brisk. Detters cold that for peace and indones President Wilson's policy to end the war, according to a dis-patch from Washington, today. After the movement has been started in this city, best account of Diana assessed of tuckens which was selected for its "brotherty love" spirit, meetings of a similar character will uphed in all parts of the country. While the movement will uphed the mont was 610 to arrive how support days position of Prondent Wilson, he has no compection with it. The man behind the age, but many in the frequence of the pro-decrease.

MORE FRIENDLY TO PEACE NOTE

French and German Press Particularly "Interested" in Wilson Plan

BRITISH CHANGE TONE

London Papers Say U. S. May Have Special Information From Berlin

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The London press took a new tack today n figuring out why President Wilson sent his peace note. The first outburst of me dignation baving died down nomewhat, editorials today began speculating on the belief that the American President has "some-

thing up his sleeve. Some had the idea that the note was based on special information which President Wilson had obtained as to the exact terms which Germany is willing to make, and note-was not an indication anti-Ally sentiment.

The two statements by the American Secretary of State Langing were held there oughly bewildering, but the editorials agreed they were a side issue,

All newspapers expressed the hope that

the President's bint that peace may be "just around the corner" might have been based on secret information from Germany. PARIS, Dec. 18.

While the French Foreign Office considers the note of President Wilson and exchanges ideas with her allies, the press is pointing out that the document may force Garmany into the open with definite peace terms,

A moticeable feature of the press comment is the friendly tone.

The Temps, a newspaper that wields considerable political influence, admits that the people want peace, but declares that they are unwilling to lay down their arms until victory is assured, in view of the fact that "war was forced up them."

L'Intransigeant says it will be impossible for Germany to sidestep the request of President Wilson that the terms of peace

BERLIN, Dec. 22. Margart interest mixed with jubilation over the raviving prospects of peace was aroused here by news of President Wilson's peace note. Newspapers subordinated the war news and lengthy speculation as to what the British Premier meant in his speech of Tuesday on the Berlin proposal. The move came when editorial comment reflected the public view that peace was far off, in view of the Lloyd George speech. The Tageblatt had aptly expressed the ganeral belief in its editorial, concluding, "the abyes between Lloyd George's stardpoint

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PRICES OF TURKEYS NOW SLIGHTLY LOWER

'Fancies," However, Bring 38 Centa. Big Shipment May Come Bigger Slump Later

Turkey prices ranged from thirty to hiery-eight cents a pound today, with the best grade hirds seiling at thirty-four to histy-five cours from the "rensumable" dealers. The "Landy" trade paid the highest price, but there were obsparatively few

cales at that figure. In consignance of prices Mover than tall Thanksgiving, the unorganised Seposts of