

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



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AMONG THE CITY'S CRIPPLES Little Philip Penrose is discovered in the McCall School Annex working away on the gifts which he is making with his own hands for presentation to his friends



Holy Night

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

From warm, sweet depths of sleep Where little child-hearts keep Their faith until the morn...

-T. A. DALY.



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

QUICK NEWS

SHACKLETON SAILS TO RESCUE MAROONED EXPLORERS

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Dec. 23.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, famous Antarctic explorer, sailed for Port Chalmers today in an effort to rescue the ten members of his expedition marooned near Ross Barrier...

CONCOURSE LAKE CROWDED WITH SKATERS

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...

CHICAGO RESERVE BANK DECLARES DIVIDEND

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A dividend of six per cent per annum, covering the period from April 1 to December 31, 1915, has been declared by the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago...

TWO SHIPS AND CREWS LOST; ONE THOUGHT AMERICAN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—A large unidentified schooner has been lost off Dartmouth Point, Mahone Bay. All on board are believed to have perished...

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 announced today...

DANISH KING RATIFIES BILL TO SELL ISLES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—Only the financial details remain to be settled in the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States for \$25,000,000...

U. S. BOND ISSUE IN SPRING ALMOST CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A bond issue by the Government early in the spring appears to be a certainty, Treasury Department officials admitted today...

READING PLANS TO BOOST CITY EMPLOYEES' PAY

READING, Pa., Dec. 22.—Almost everybody on the city payroll, including the hundred members of the Police Department, presents today for the form of increase in salaries ranging from ten to fifty per cent in the budget for 1917...

WILL LAUNCH NATION-WIDE PEACE MOVEMENT HERE

A nation-wide peace movement will be launched in the Academy of Music on January 15, when leading pacifists from all over the country will gather to plead for peace and endorse President Wilson's policy to end the war...

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RULES OVER CITY

Most Prosperous of All Years Makes Happy Holiday Sure for All

MAKE THE POOR JOYOUS

The Christmas spirit which took root on earth 1916 years ago simultaneously with the birth of the Christ-child in the ancient city of Bethlehem, is in full bloom in Philadelphia today...

In Philadelphia that fine old message of the angel choir, "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men," is ringing out as never before...

Reinforced by the greatest era of prosperity in the history of the United States, the Christmas spirit has swept into homes, factories, stores, hospitals, asylums and prisons...

Thousands of workers who have secured bigger wages during 1916 than any previous year are utilizing their prosperity to make their holidays happy.

Today is the last day of the shopping rush. Last-minute shoppers are surging through the aisles of the stores, making a last effort upon the nearly depleted shelves of the merchandise mart.

None to be forgotten. Tonight the last curtain will go down on the shopping district, and tomorrow night Christmas Eve the entire city will make preparations for the annual reception to Santa Claus...

The city today is thrilled by the nearness of Christmas Eve. They are hoping and praying that nothing will interfere with the journey of St. Nick from the polar regions. Tomorrow night thousands of children in Philadelphia will hang up their stockings, and when their mothers tuck them away, and when their mothers tuck them away...

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued mild tonight, with lowest about 25 degrees; Sunday fair, with moderate temperatures; Monday increasing cloudiness and probably snow; gentle variable winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Day 11:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Night 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

At Dover, Del., 10:00 a.m. High water 1:00 p.m. Low water 7:00 p.m.

TEMPERATURES AT EACH HOUR

Table with 24 columns representing hours of the day and corresponding temperature values.

FIDELITY TRUST BUYS IN BROAD ST.

Acquires Property Bounded by Broad, Walnut, Sansom and Juniper

PRICE NOT DISCLOSED

The Fidelity Trust Company, of 523 to 527 Chestnut street, has acquired control of the property bounded by Broad, Walnut, Sansom and Juniper streets.

The announcement of the acquisition of the property was made by Vice President J. C. Neff at noon today. In the statement Mr. Neff said it was the intention to erect a large office building on the site.

Mr. Neff would not give the price at which the property changed hands. Plans for the new building have not yet been formulated, but it was stated by Mr. Neff that adequate room will be provided for the offices of the trust company.

Mr. Neff was very careful to state that 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 intended to move the main offices to Broad street and the old downtown offices would simply be used as a branch.

This property, which is known as the old Lippincott property, was at one time owned by Felix Ison 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 city.

FAIR CHRISTMAS PROMISED

No Rain or Snow, but Crisp Weather, Forecast

The Weather Bureau announced today a Merry Christmas. Predictions are that there will be no rain or snow Christmas Day, and just enough crispness to lend a real Christmas atmosphere.

It will be fair and cold, tonight and tomorrow, with increasing cloudiness.

Oliver Remembers Senate Pages

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania, and Senator Salisbury today distributed liberal checks to the sixteen pages in the Senate. Senator Oliver left Washington without making provision for his customary distribution, but wired the money to E. A. O'Toole, the chief page, today.

Week's Wage as Christmas Present

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Hamilton Watch Company, whose factory observes next week as a holiday, has announced that all of its 600 employes will receive a full week's wage as a Christmas gift. It amounts to \$10.00.

Refined Oil for Export Advances

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Standard Oil Company announced an advance of one cent, to be retained in force for export to 31.75c.

THE EVENING LEDGER

will not be issued on Monday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY



BOY SERIOUSLY BURNED LOOKING FOR SANTA

Childish Curiosity Gets Too Close to Fire in Investigating Chimney



ALBERT DI PHILIPP

With childish wonder as to the manner in which Santa Claus could descend the chimney at his home, four-year-old Albert Di Philipp, 913 South Fifth street, got too close to the kitchen fire, and was seriously burned this morning. The child was alone at the time, and his mother, hearing his cries, ran from an operatic room and attempted to tear off his burning clothes. She herself was burned about the hands, arms and face.

Policeman Wilson, of the Seventh and Carpenter street station, bearing the shrieks from mother and son, rushed into the house and threw his blanket over the boy. He took both to the Mount Sinai Hospital, where Albert is in a very critical condition.

In explaining the accident, the mother says the boy recently heard of Santa Claus and has been very curious about the manner in which the stout saint would enter the house on Christmas eve, and she thinks he opened the stove door this morning in his curiosity.

BLIZZARD KEEPS PENN IN BUFFALO

Severe Storm Cripples Traffic and Quaker Eleven Unable to Continue Journey

HANDICAPPED BY DELAY

By NEIL MATHEWS, Captain of Penn football team.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Buffalo is snowbound, and so is the University of Pennsylvania football team. The Red and Blue eleven arrived here late last night, several hours behind time and found that it was impossible to get out, as traffic is tied up west 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 or two.

This snowstorm is going to 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 men up and done them a world of good, but as it looks now, it will be impossible to make the time to my home town unless something unforeseen turns up.

Coach Powell said this morning that he rather would spend several 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 authorities we will stay anyway. Everybody in the party is very much peeved excepting Charley Hennings, who lives here, and it is lucky we have Lewis with us, as he can do more than an ordinary manager of a football team.

Several of the boys braved the storm to visit Hennings's home, but the majority were content to lumber up by walking about the stadium. Card playing and trying to mean fanning, have taken up the greater part of the time and everybody had a good time until we learned how tough we were behind them and that the storm was raging stronger west of Buffalo than the blizzard we ran into on the way here.

Woman Philanthropist Dies NEW CASTLE, Del., Dec. 22.—Miss Susan B. Spottedwood, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John B. Spottedwood, a lifelong resident and noted philanthropist, died of general debility. She was president and member of the Bible Union Society of America for many years. Her father was one of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. George F. Fisher, a prominent attorney of Philadelphia, is a brother-in-law of deceased.