

Prepare for Service Men's Yuletide: Alien Question Still Puzzles Draft Boards: Fusion to Defeat Vares: Other News of the City

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Now's the Time to Prepare Them for Use by Santa Claus in France

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

Postoffice Men Sound Familiar Slogan and Warn of Uncertainty in Ship Sailings

By M'LISS

Just because your boy has gone from you, because he went marching away in khaki you don't know where, except that you address the letters "American Expeditionary Force, Somewhere in France," just because he is provided with his trench mirror and military brushes, and all the comforts of the comfort kit, is no reason for you to sit down and moan, because there's nothing more you can do for him. There is, too.

How about Christmas? It seems almost as long a way to Christmas as it is to Tippecanoe, but already the postal authorities are buzzing around with their incessant "do your Christmas shopping early" mutterings.

It's a long, long way that the American Santa Claus will have to go this year—and a devious one—to deliver gifts to the boys most deserving of them. How devious only a few persons in high places know. The Philadelphia postoffice officials are frank in their ignorance of the route the mail takes after it leaves their hands.

"We don't even know what ships it takes, when it sails or where it goes," they tell inquirers.

But they do know that all caution will be taken to safeguard Santa and his heavy sack of presents from submarines and attacks and Boche interference in general.

And they do know that now is not a bit too soon not only to be thinking about, but actually to be purchasing the gifts that you are going to send to your boy who will be hanging his stocking up in a foreign land, for the first time, perhaps, in his young life.

"A gift ought to arrive if mailed thirty days before Christmas," the official in charge of the postal service of the Expeditionary Force said, "but conditions are so abnormal that one cannot safely set an accurate date. Certainly the wise people will mail their gifts just as soon as they can get them ready. The packages might be marked 'not to be opened until Christmas,' so as not to spoil things should they arrive too soon. But it would be far better to have them get there beforehand than to have a lot of disappointed, homesick boys spend a giftless day."

Of course, no really human boy in normal times could resist a package marked "Do not open until Christmas." But the times aren't normal and the discipline of an army-trained lad is something marvelous to contemplate. And so if you write it in a big, bold handwriting that looks as fearsome as a gold-braided general's rebuke, perhaps for once the mandate will be regarded.

But some discretion in the choice of the gifts will have to be exercised.

You cannot send an automobile or a motorcycle, or all of your love, even, if it weighs more than twenty pounds. This is the maximum weight permitted. The regulations are precisely the same as those laid down for the domestic service, which means that you will be able to send Christmas goodies, such as fruit cake and cookies, which are bound to keep, even though the distance is thousands of miles.

Year after year the question, "What shall I give him this Christmas?" agitates.

This is the year to give him the best, most thoughtful present you have ever worn out shoe leather looking for. And the time to look is now.

BACHMANN CASE GOES TO JURY UNDEFENDED

Charges Against Nissley Abandoned—Other Accused Rest on Government's Evidence

Developments came with such rapidity this morning in the Government's prosecution of men charged with fraudulent sale of the stock of the International Gas and Electric Company that the case was concluded and is now in the hands of the jury.

One of the developments, which was not unexpected, was the abandoning by the Government of charges against Amos H. Nissley, of Steelton, Pa., of complicity in the alleged fraud. Other features were the closing of the Government's case shortly after court opened today, followed by the announcement of former Congressman J. Washington Logan, counsel for the other two defendants, Clawson Bachmann and Joseph T. Hayden, that no evidence would be offered by the defense, which would rest upon the Government's evidence, convinced that it had failed to prove the charges.

Bachmann and his codefendants have been on trial since Tuesday of last week before Judge Dickinson in the Federal Court, charged with conspiracy and using the mails to defraud in misrepresenting to investors the value and assets of the stock of the International Gas and Electric Company.

The International Company and its subsidiaries went into the hands of receivers in December, 1915. The company's failure, declared Mr. Logan, was due to a money turmoil about that period.

Nissley was included in the indictment because he was a member of the firm of Bachmann & Co., but as the trial proceeded the Government authorities became convinced that he was not culpable.

It was declared by counsel that Nissley had obtained subscriptions for about \$50,000 to the International Company stock from members of his family, and had put all his own money into the securities.

A. C. ASHMEAD'S FUNERAL

Druggist and Member of Prominent Family Died Yesterday

Funeral services for Alfred Croskey Ashmead, member of a family prominent in the city's history, who for thirty-five years conducted a drug store at Eleventh and Walnut streets, will be held tomorrow afternoon from the funeral parlors of Oliver H. Bair, 1820 Chestnut street. Interment will be private.

Mr. Ashmead died yesterday in a sanatorium at Chestnut Hill, following an illness of a year. He was a descendant of the Ashmead family, with the Pastors family, founded Germantown. He was a cousin of Dr. Henry van Dyke, until recently United States Minister to the Netherlands.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Maud Davison, whose maternal grandmother was a sister of "Light Horse Harry" Lee. Mr. Ashmead's home was at 1022 Spruce street.

Mutual Beneficial Society Elects

George W. Brown, of Philadelphia, has been re-elected general president of the Mutual Beneficial Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad Employees in convention in the Parkway Building, Arthur A. Roberts, of Pittsburgh, was elected vice president, Curtis M. Brinker, general secretary and Theodore M. Davis, Arthur M. Roberts and George W. Horton, were chosen directors.

The Public Pays and Pays: Then It Pays Some More

Table listing expenses for Mayor Hasskarl's appointment, including salaries for various staff members and a total of \$35,000.

FAMILY GROUPS RULE AT CITY HALL

Director Hasskarl Joins Majority by Getting Appointment for Brother

MAYOR LEADS, OF COURSE

Happy family groups, with Mayor Smith setting the example, are the rule rather than the exception in the city government. The latest addition to the various family circles came today when William S. Hasskarl, 643 Commissioner street, a brother of Joseph Hasskarl, Assistant Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, was appointed to the position of inspector.

Naturally the Mayor, who not only placed all his available relatives in fat jobs but his ice man as well, leads as a family head. Other departmental heads and bureau chiefs, however, are not far behind their leader, and the only thing that prevents the publication of a complete family roster is the difference in names, due to widespread family trees.

Among the more notable recent additions to family circles was the appointment of Harry Davis, Jr., to a place in the office of his father, Assistant Director of the Department of Public Safety. This was a particularly fortunate case, as all fathers are not able to have their sons so directly under their care. In some instances, father and sons are separated the length of City Hall or by many flights of stairs. Family names, with the Smiths well to the fore, are to be found on both city and court payrolls.

Other city appointments announced today were those of William Malton, 113 West Oxford street, clerk, Bureau of Police, \$140; and Howard Watkins, 428 North Seventh street, attendant, Bureau of City Property, \$720.

STATE CHARTERS FOR OIL AND GAS COS. ON INCREASE

Strong Demand for Both Products as Substitutes for Fuel and Lighting

HARRISBURG, Sept. 25.—Oil and gas companies are commencing to divide honors with coal companies in the chartering of new corporations in Pennsylvania. For months there have been more coal companies chartered than anything else, some of them having as high as \$50,000 and \$100,000 capital and some merely to buy lands underlain with coal.

Lately oil and gas companies have been increasing, notably in the northwestern section of the State. The reason given at the Capitol is that the demand for oil and gas for fuel and lighting is increasing so rapidly that operations which were not deemed profitable a few years ago are being taken up again.

OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OPENS

Student Body Is Cut Down Because of National Army Draft

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, Nineteenth and Spring Garden streets, was formally opened today with an enrollment of about eighty-five pupils.

Owing to the War Department's refusal to recognize osteopathic practitioners, about fifteen students of the upper classes were lost through the draft, according to Dean Arthur M. Plack. The freshman class, however, he said, was the largest for several years.

CAVALRYMAN IS ARRESTED

Soldier Charged With Breaking Into Hardware Store

Louis F. Kelly, eighteen years old, of Indiana, a member of Troop D, Eleventh United States Cavalry, was arrested today accused of breaking into the hardware store of George Troops, at Sixty-first street and Woodland avenue.

According to the police the window of the store was smashed early today and various knives and other articles valued at \$20 were stolen. Policeman Waldo, of the Sixty-fifth street and Woodland avenue station, arrested Kelly in a yard at Sixty-second street and Bulet avenue. The police say he was trying to hide the articles, which he admitted having taken.

Military authorities have been notified, Kelly said he was stationed at Newport News and that he was in Philadelphia visiting relatives. The police say that he said he became hungry through lack of funds.

GAINS IN MAYORALTY FIGHT

Lead of Mayor Mitchell, of New York, Cut Down by Bennett

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—William H. Bennett, claimant of the Republican mayoralty nomination, gained steadily but slowly on Mayor Mitchell today in the recount of votes cast in the primary election.

The Mayor's lead over Bennett was reduced to 219 when the Eleventh Assembly District had been half counted. This is a net gain for Bennett of 114 ballots.

\$4,500,000 War Order for Allentown

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 24.—The War Department has awarded a contract for 1800 Macke trucks to the International Motor Company of Allentown. It was announced by the officers of the local plant this morning. The gross value of the order is \$4,500,000. The trucks will be needed for the reconstruction of roads in France, and for road building in and about the cantonments for the National Army. Final deliveries are to be made in six months.

ASK LAWYERS' AID ON DRAFTED ALIENS

Local Boards Want Their Attorneys to Take Up Involved Question

STUDENTS STILL IN CAMPS

Judge Thompson Awaits Decision of Military Authorities on Acceptance of Convict

Lawyers for the different local draft boards are to be brought into the controversy over the status of aliens which is agitating Provost Marshal General Crowder, Philadelphia, advising them to insist that the draft subject has taken out naturalization papers or has voted in this country. They want their attorneys, appointed by Governor Brumbaugh, to look out for their interests, to defend their position.

Telegrams were received by the local boards from the State headquarters at Harrisburg advising them to be on the alert for persons who looked like aliens, and to take time to explain to them carefully just what they should do to prove that they were citizens of a foreign country and in the nature of filing exemption papers.

WOMEN BESIEGE APPEAL BOARD

Dozens of women, many with children, besieged the chief clerk of District Appeal Board No. 2 early today. Their husbands had either been sent to training camp regardless of the fact that their family was dependent upon them, or the men had failed to file claims through neglect or ignorance.

These women in many cases appeared with tears running down their cheeks, without a single idea where their next meal was coming from, being solely dependent upon their husbands. One woman had been ejected from her house by the landlord because she hadn't paid the rent. One woman was a stranger to this city and had no money at all.

The district board in virtually all of these distress cases communicated with the local draft boards, advising them to respond to cases. It is expected that this action will result in bringing the husband back from Camp Meade; otherwise their families will become public charges.

W. G. Murdock, connected with the State draft headquarters, came down from Harrisburg today and paid off the two district appeal boards and their clerical forces. He remarked that if these boards had filed out the proper blanks they could have received remuneration before.

District Appeal Board No. 2 opened its new quarters in the Record Building, 917 Chestnut street, today. The new rooms are spacious and adequate for the complex work connected with the filing, certifying and following up draft subjects. The board has a room suitable for its hearings, the clerical force has another room equally fitted for its particular work, and there is a third reception room where the chief clerk may receive applicants for appeal decisions.

District Appeal Board No. 2 announced today that it had certified back to local boards 5, 6, 7, 40 and 48 lists of men for military service numbering, respectively, 6, 10, 103, 31 and 16, or a total of 166.

MEDICAL STUDENTS NOT YET FREED

Exemption of medical students and internes will not be effective until sometime later, when the Adjutant General at Washington will have arranged with draft boards to provide for discharging these men. Many of the initial contingents, and probably those soon to be released, will have to be patient, awaiting arrangements for sending them back to their studies, the Adjutant General's office states.

The seeming contradictory action following the order of the President exempting medical students and internes has been caused, it is said, through failure of the Washington draft officials to send necessary blanks to the draft boards to permit of the proper exemption claims being filed in time to prevent going to the training camps.

Decision of the military officials as to whether they will accept for military service a person convicted of violating the Federal laws is keeping Albert "Buck" Meyers in suspense between jail and the trenches. He pleaded guilty to two indictments before Judge Thompson in the Federal Court yesterday charging him with possession of opium and its smoking accoutrements and with having opium in his possession as a dealer. Judge Thompson is waiting to hear from the military officials.

If Judge Thompson receives a favorable answer from the military officials, he will impose a nominal sentence, in order that Meyers might soon be released to report for duty. He was supposed to report last Saturday to entrain for Camp Meade, but he was surrendered by his bondsmen on Friday on the charges preferred by Revenue Agents Oyler and Beach.

PATTERSON ASKS EXEMPTION

Joseph M. Patterson, son-in-law of George H. Earle, Jr., is seeking exemption from military service on the grounds that his wife, formerly Miss Hansell French Earle, and child are solely dependent upon him for support. His local draft board in Montgomery county has asked him to submit statements from Mr. Earle and from his father as to whether either one is prepared to support Mrs. Patterson and her child if her husband goes to war.

BUSINESS MEN SEE HOPE FOR MAIL TUBES OF CITY

Believe Congressional Committee Will Recommend Their Retention as Result of Their Tour

Philadelphia business men are optimistic today over the impression given by the members of the congressional committee investigating the advisability of government ownership of the pneumatic mail-tube system in this city.

Officials of the various commercial organizations the city and Postmaster John M. Thornton accompanied the committee on its observation tour and made a strong argument for retention of the tube service on the basis that the financial interests are virtually paying the rental and that increasing business and the city's welfare demand it.

The congressional committee was given a luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel.

WOMEN WILL AID NEW LIBERTY LOAN

Secretary McAdoo to Sound Keynote at Meeting Tomorrow

PLANS WIDE CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will make the opening address at the Woman's Liberty Loan Conference, which will be held here on Thursday and Friday. He has changed other speaking dates in order to sound the keynote of the campaign of the women directed by the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee.

The conference will be attended by representative organized women from all sections of the country, and will develop a plan to make every woman in America an active worker in the Liberty Loan campaign and to sell a bond in every home.

Mrs. McAdoo will preside at the three sessions of the conference. The morning session Friday will be devoted to reports of chairmen and discussions of campaign methods. The program for the afternoon session includes addresses by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Bainbridge Colby, of New Jersey, of the Shipping Board; members of the committee and other speakers from official Washington.

Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, and Senator Smoot, of Utah, members of the Finance Committee of the Senate, and Representative Rainey, of Illinois, of the House Ways and Means Committee, will speak on the financing of the great war. Mrs. Antoinette Funk, vice chairman, will talk on the function and achievements of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee. Other speakers from the committee will include Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank and Mrs. George Bass.

Judge Dougherty's Funeral

Prominent members of the bench and bar will attend the funeral of former Judge D. Webster Dougherty, which will take place tomorrow. Solemn requiem mass will be celebrated at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Thirteenth street, above Chestnut. Interment will take place in the Dougherty family vault in St. John's churchyard. Judge J. Willis Martin, president Judge of the Court of Common Pleas No. 5; Judge Norris S. Barratt, Judge William H. Staake, Judge Charles Y. Audenrod and others will act as honorary pallbearers. Mr. Dougherty died on Monday at his summer home in Cape May, N. J.

Robs Woman in Full View

In full view of hundreds of pedestrians, a footpad robbed Mrs. Mary A. Jones, of 636 Somerville avenue, of a handbag containing \$25 in cash. Several persons chased the thief, but he escaped. Mrs. Jones is cashier for John Grenville, meat dealer at 818 Locust street.

MACKEY ADVISES EPPLEY'S MOTHER

Workmen's Compensation Board's Head Tells Her Provisions of Act

ENTITLED TO PAYMENTS

EPPLEY RELIEF FUND

Table listing names and amounts for the Eppley Relief Fund, including Rev. D. I. McDermott, Anonymous, and various individuals.

Steps to provide immediate relief for

Mrs. Theresa Eppley, mother of Policeman George A. Eppley, who was murdered in the factional fight for control of the "Bloody Fifth Ward," were taken today by Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, who has sent a letter to Mrs. Eppley acquainting her with the pension, application for a hearing will bring Mrs. Eppley relief in about ten days.

Licensed at Elkton to Wed

ELKTON, Md., Sept. 24.—The following marriage licenses were issued here this morning: Edward Singleton and Viola Ludston, Philadelphia; Horace McComsey and Nellie Mahoney, Chester; William A. Mehmel, New York, and Adeline Stevenson, Marcus Hook; William Simpson, Norfolk, and Esther E. Fowler, Newport News, Va.; William Ceresy and Addie Gersuie, Newark, Del.; Charles H. Hubbard and Nancy I. Prudaux, Wilmington; William C. Smith and Ella Sharp, Swedesboro, N. J.; Elmore Wright and Lena M. McCarty, Baltimore; William E. Finney, Downingtown, Pa., and Pearl L. Riley, Conowingo, Md.

ALLEGED ASSAILANTS OF GARBARINO ACQUITTED

Court Directs Verdict of Not Guilty in Trial of Four Men Accused by Secret Service Agent

Four men accused of assault on Frank Garbarino, of the local branch of the Department of Justice, in Dad's Hotel, Seventh street near Race, last April, were acquitted in Quarter Sessions Court today before Judge Martin. Harry McDonald, John Smith and George McDonald were acquitted on the direction of Judge Martin, who said there was not enough evidence against the defendants to warrant them offering a defense. William McCowan, the fourth defendant, was acquitted by the jury after a short deliberation.

It was not explained at the trial why Garbarino had gone to the hotel, but when they entered the place. At the time of the arrests the Government agent said he had gone to Dad's to get certain evidence in Federal prosecutions.

Norristown Draft Board Head Quits

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Sept. 24.—James J. Elms, Saul forwarded to Governor Brumbaugh his resignation as president of the Norristown draft board.



Advertisement for Strawbridge & Clothier, featuring 'To-morrow Clover Day' and 'ROOFING' services.

Large advertisement for Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing, featuring the slogan 'Take a good look' and 'It's a new Varsity Fifty Five suit'.



Advertisement for Rival Shoes for Men 4-6, located at 1225 Market Street.