ARE YOU PROUD OF THE 315TH?

The "Strictly Philadelphia" Regiment Plans Fun at Christmas

CITIZENS TO SEND GIFTS

Thirty-two hundred young men from Philadelphia are wondering if the people of Philadelphia will remember them on Christmas Day. They are the boys who make up the 315th Infantry Regiment, stationed at Camp Meade, at Admiral, Md. Every mother's son of them calls Philly his home town. There isn't another regiment in the whole United States army which, like "the dandy 315th," is made up exclusively of Philadelphians.

A lot of these boys aren't going to get home for Christmas. It may make some of them feel doggoned lonesome, too. But they aren't kicking out loud, and never will. They are going to get up a Christmas party all by themselves, the whole blessed 3200 of 'em, down there at Camp Meade, and chase out any homesickness bug that tries to sneak past the sentry. All right, so far, but——

A number of Philadelphians got together the other day—men like Dr. Thomas H. Fenton, ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Judge Norris S. Barratt, and so on—and what they said, in effect, was this:

"Say, are the people of Philadelphia going to forget their own boys? Isn't everybody in Philadelphia proud of her sons in khaki? Where do you get that noise? Say, if We, Us & Co. don't dig down right now and get up a piece of change that will buy some sort of a Christmas present for every last man in that Philadelphia regiment, why, we ought to be shot at sunrise, that's all!"

So they formed, forthwith, a committee to raise the fund. They want $2000. They want it quick. They want some share of it, no matter how small, to come from everybody in Philadelphia, so that the regiment can see that it is the whole city which is sending Christmas greetings to the boys. Any amount of money will do, from a thin dime on up, so long as it carries with it a warm-hearted Christmas wish for the boys who answered the draft so smilingly.

With the $2000 the committee will buy a present for each man in the regiment. The presents will be distributed at the regimental Christmas party at Camp Meade. The party is going to be held in the big Y. M. C. A. building in the camp, which, big as it is, is just big enough for the whole 3200 men of the regiment to squeeze into, at one time.

The date of the party hasn't been settled exactly as yet, but as Christmas falls on Tuesday, it will probably be held either on the Sunday or the Saturday evening preceding, so that even the men who get leave to go to their homes for Christmas may have a whack at the fun. The scheme has the full approval of Colonel O. B. Rosenbaum, commanding the regiment, who is just as proud of his Philadelphia boys as any one else could be. Colonel Rosenbaum has served twenty-seven years in the regular army, with a splendid record in active service in Cuba and in the Philippines, but he has never seen such a Christmas party as this one is going to be!

After the regiment marches into the Y. M. C. A. "hut," which will be specially decorated for the occasion, an informal entertainment is to be staged, with the men themselves supplying the musical and theatrical talent. The 315th is chuck-full of amateur and "profesh" performers in any line you might mention. Just for example, there's the Happy Quartet, from Company K, which "Soldier Bob" mentions in his letters, made up of Johnny Lyons, George Batten, Bill Kennedy and Frank Smith. Then there's a full-sized orchestra, with J. C. Painter, regimental band leader, well up in the foreground. And there's such monologue artists from Company I as Corporal Billy Albright, Privates Jesse Buck, Herbert Krumbach, Joe Davidson and Sam Van Dusen. From Company F there's Herbie Fitzgerald, who graduated from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, in 1915, and who is rounding up all the 700 "Penn" alumni in the camp to come across with a bunch of college songs and Mask and Wig stunts. These are not a tenth of the "stars." And then there'll be "eats." Oh, boy!

But would the party be any good without your contribution to the Christmas remembrance fund? So, send your contribution—at once—to the West End Trust Company, Broad street and South Penn square, in care of John M. Strong, treasurer. Mark the envelope or the check "for the 315th Infantry Christmas Fund." If you prefer, send your contribution to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, which will forward it to the West End Trust Company.

The full membership of the local committee in charge of the fund is Dr. Thomas H. Fenton, chairman; Judge Norris S. Barratt; ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, John Gribbel, president of the Union League; George P. Morgan, Samuel Bell, Jr., A. M. Sheppard, Kenneth Blakiston, William B. Sinn, A. G. Hetherington, John M. Strong, Frank M. Douglas, Edwin L. Atlee, H. B. Gill, Frank E. Weston, Joseph Mellors, William E. Helme and Charles F. Buchanan. Lieutenant S. C. Hetherington, of Company D, 315th Infantry, will have charge of the entertainment at Camp Meade.

Remember the boys of the 315th Infantry—they're from Philly, all of them!

WOULD GIVE WAR STAMPS INSTEAD OF GOLD COIN

Robert K. Cassatt's Suggestion to Corporation Directors—Vanderlip Here Tomorrow

The suggestion that banks, trust companies and other corporations that have monthly meetings of directors and make it a custom to hand each director a gold coin for his services, give their directors war-savings stamps instead for meetings in December and thereafter, was indorsed today by Robert K. Cassatt, director for Eastern Pennsylvania of the war-savings-loan campaign.

"As far as I am personally concerned, I will insist upon war stamps in corporations in which I am interested, and I feel sure all others will furnish them," said Mr. Cassatt.

Mr. Cassatt reported that the demand for both varieties of war stamps has been so great that it was necessary for the Federal Reserve Bank in this city to telegraph to Washington for another supply.

Frank A. Vanderlip, chairman of the National War-Savings Committee, will spend all of tomorrow in Philadelphia. He will arrive here at 11:30 a. m. and will be the guest of the City Club at luncheon at 12:30 o'clock. At 3 o'clock he will attend the first meeting of the Pennsylvania county chairmen, and at 6 he, with the chairman, will dine with Mr. Cassatt at the Bellevue-Stratford. Mr. Vanderlip's busy day will conclude with the meeting at Griffith Hall, 1420 Chestnut street, beginning at 8 o'clock, when he will deliver an address on War-Savings Stamps and Methods of Conducting the Sales Campaign" to the workers. Four-minute speeches will be made by other speakers.

SCOUT FUND PASSES GOAL; GET $137,589

Boys Go "Over the Top" in Final Day of $125,000 Campaign

PARADE IN CELEBRATION

Workers Bring in $30,000 Today. Many Big Donations Are Made

The Boy Scouts "went over the top" in a final charge which brought their total pledges for subscriptions to their fund for work in this city during the next three years to $137,589. They had aimed for only $125,000.

Dr. Charles H. Hart, chairman of the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said, in announcing the total at the luncheon of the canvassing teams at the Bellevue-Stratford, that the sum was "the largest gift ever made to the Boy Scout work."

Up to noon yesterday the teams had collected $92,722. Today they reported an additional $24,747 in hand, while the campaign executive committee brought in $5110, making a grand total of $122,589 already in hand. An additional $500 is expected from promises already made to the executive committee, and the 192 Boy Scout troops in the city who are still to report their success will each bring in not less than $25, or still another $10,000, Doctor Hart said.

Tremendous cheering broke out from the team members as the announcement was made, and, following the luncheon, they formed a jubilant parade to celebrate their success. Headed by a Boy Scout band, they marched from the Bellevue-Stratford up Broad street to the Land Title Building, where the figure of a Boy Scout, ten feet high, was balanced on a wire crossing the street to the Real Estate Trust Building. While little "Billy" Tompkins, of Boy Scout Troop 61, let out the rope, the dummy scout was pulled across the street clear beyond the goal marked "$125,000." Then the joyous paraders marched on to the Boy Scout headquarters at 925 Walnut street.

Among the individual gifts reported at the luncheon was one for $1 from a former Philadelphia Boy Scout now serving in the Army Field Hospital at Augusta, Ga., and who sent the money to the team captained by H. W. Buse. C. W. Churchman, captain of another team, reported that Scout Troops Nos. 8, 30, 162, 90, 161, 113 and 170 had themselves contributed to the fund, one boy from Troop 170 giving $5 which he had for Christmas money. Golf caddies at the Philadelphia Cricket Club gave $30 through Dr. P. Samuel Stout's team.

Among the larger gifts reported was one of $5000 from E. T. Stotesbury, treasurer of the local Boy Scout Council; another for an equal amount from Mrs. William G. Warden, and gifts of $2000 each from Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Joseph Widener, Jr., George E. Widener and William G. Warden. Joseph J. Snellenburg reported that the Sun Shipbuilding Company had subscribed $1000 through the team captained by Ellis A. Gimbel, and that prospects of $2000 from other subscribers were in sight, which would bring the team's total for the campaign to about $25,000.

"Tom" Daly, of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER staff, was applauded uproariously when he recited his poem, "Since Patsy Shea's a Scout," written for the campaign.

The team collections for the day follow:

1. H. M. Hart	$4365.50
2. J. H. Harp	587.00
3. Harry H. Davis	670.00
4. S. Seaville, Jr.	350.00
5. George I. Bodine	297.00
6. Ira J. Williams	3533.00
7. Dr. P. Samuel Stout	474.50
8. C. E. Cornelius	1682.00
9. Radcliffe Roberts	2885.00
10. J. W. Daniels	484.00
11. S. G. Friedman	1597.50
12. Ellis A. Gimbel	3000.00
13. C. W. Churchman	1442.00
14. H. W. Buse ($1—Field Hospital Augusta, Ga.)	186.50
15. Reginald Rosevear	297.00
16. Henry W. Lee	660.00
Rotary Club Squad	2571.38
Executive Committee	5110.00

MAIL MAN HELD AS THIEF

Sunbury Carrier, Caught by Decoy Letter, Sent to Jail

SUNBURY, Pa., Dec. 6. — Otto C. Buyers, thirty-six years old, a mail carrier, was arrested today accused of embezzlement. It is alleged he took money from mail in his charge. He was caught by postal inspectors, who used a decoy letter, and confessed, they said, to stealing for more than two years. He was committed to jail in default of $1000 bail.

Buyers has a wife and five children. He was a mail carrier for more than ten years.

Samuel S. Phoebus Dies

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 6.—Samuel S. Phoebus, one-time proprietor of the Windsor, the Wiltshire and the Rossmore Hotels here and chairman of the Boardwalk committee of City Council prior to the commission plan of government, is dead in New York. His father established the Hotel Chamberlain at Old Point Comfort.

UNCLE SAM WARNS ALIENS FROM BARRED ZONES

United States Marshal Frank J. Noonan tacking up the first of the posters issued by the Federal Government warning enemy aliens from river fronts and other places prescribed as forbidden areas. The first consignment of these posters for the eastern district of Pennsylvania reached Marshal Noonan today.

SEARING AND TYPIST ON TRIAL FOR FRAUD

Contractor and Girl Accused of Conspiracy to Beat Insurance Companies

Frederick Roe Searing, formerly a builder and contractor of this city, who disappeared at Atlantic City on August 17, 1915, and was supposed to have been drowned, and Elizabeth Rendell, his stenographer, were placed on trial today before Judge Carr, in Quarter Sessions Court, accused of conspiring to defraud two insurance companies out of more than $18,000 in life insurance on policies taken out by Searing shortly before his disappearance.

On April 29, 1916, the wife of Searing obtained a verdict for $18,720 against the Equitable Life Assurance Company and the Continental Life Insurance Company on suits for the amount for which her husband had been insured. In their attack on Mrs. Searing's claim, the insurance companies contended that sufficient proof had not been made of the death of the builder and intimated that he had disappeared so that the money could be collected. A new trial motion was overruled.

In October this year the insurance companies, in an appeal to a higher court, declared that Searing had been found in New Orleans, living with his former stenographer, Miss Rendell. At that time the assertion was doubted, but when the pair were arrested and brought to this city on October 12 Mrs. Searing identified her husband and the suits were dismissed by the higher court.

In outlining the case to the jury Assistant District Attorney Gordon said the prosecution would show that Miss Rendell met Searing under the boardwalk and gave him clothes and that they subsequently came to this city, where Searing boarded a train for the South. Miss Rendell remained in Philadelphia and continued in the employ of Searing's concern. Later, however, she took a month's vacation, and, Mr. Gordon said, went South to see Searing. Shortly after her return from this trip she testified in the suit brought by Mrs. Searing.

After the insurance suits had been tried, Mr. Gordon said, Miss Rendell left this city and went to New Orleans, where she joined Searing, and the two, living under an assumed name, represented themselves as man and wife. In the southern city the pair were known as Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Up until a year prior to his disappearance, Searing's life was insured for $3000. He then started taking out additional policies and named his wife as beneficiary in all but one, which was in favor of Miss May Rendell, a sister of Elizabeth Rendell. The insurance companies do not say Mrs. Searing had any knowledge of her husband's whereabouts.

SAFETY LAWS LOWER CIVIL COURT ACTIONS

Municipal Tribunal Report Also Credits Compensation Act and General Prosperity

The adoption of the Workmen's Compensation Act, the "Safety First Campaign" and the general prevailing prosperity, are the determining causes for a slight reduction in the number of civil suits, according to the report of the Civil Division of the Municipal Court for 1916 prepared by Joseph P. Bartilucci.

"The Compensation Act has relieved all the courts of all cases involving an employer's liability," the report declares, "and the Safety First campaign has resulted in commendable traffic regulations, in the extension of the closed trolley-car service and in the general introduction of safety appliances, all of which factors had a direct influence in reducing litigation.

"Another reason for the decrease is the fact that a suit is not so needed now to compel payment by tardy debtors, who, because of the crowded conditions of the trial lists, were able, until this hope was made futile by the speed with which the Municipal Court reached trial, to delay or compromise otherwise good claims."

During the year 1916 the suits brought totaled 6145, which with 287 reinstatements and the 2037 suits pending from 1915, made a total of 8469 cases to be disposed of. Of these, 6550 were disposed of and 1911 remained with 529 at issue and awaiting trial.

Of the concluded cases, only 31 per cent. or 2034, involved jury trials, and 34 per cent. or 2250, were disposed of amicably to all parties involved. But 4 per cent. or 89, of the 2117 actual trials were appealed.

In concluding his report, Mr. Bartilucci declares: "We should set ourselves to the task of attracting with simplified practice the thousands of cases now to escape the annoyance and cumbersome pleadings and heavy costs. To this end I make bold to recommend legislation authorizing the Board of Judges to fix its practice and procedure, including fees and service, by rule of court in all cases involving $100 or less, revoking all statutes to the contrary notwithstanding."

Driven to Suicide Through Strike

Financial worries, caused by his participation in a strike, drove Thomas Reese, fifty-two years old, of 2310 Dickinson street, to suicide, according to his sister and the police. Reese cut his throat in the bathroom of his home with a razor. His sister, Mrs. Ida Poff, found the body and beside it a note from Reese, saying he was despondent and cared to live no longer. Reese was one of the striking employes of the Philadelphia Rolling Mill, Twenty-third street and Washington avenue. The strike had almost exhausted his savings.

Fire Brings Darkness

Fire at the top of the electric-light pole at Fortieth and Locust streets last night put out the lights in residences in sections of West Philadelphia for more than an hour. The fire was caused by crossed wires.

KEITH'S OPENS DOORS TO HELP RED CROSS

Patriotic Matinee Tomorrow Will Be Theatre's Boost to Noble Cause

The ancient shade of Aristophanes got ready today to help down the Kaiser's satraps.

Aristophanes, you know, was the old Greek who invented comedy long before any one ever heard of Falstaff, Puck, Eddie Foy or William Collier. It isn't comedy that he's staging, but really grim business.

It is one of the biggest benefit performances ever held in Philadelphia—the American Red Cross morning matinee at B. F. Keith's Theatre tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock.

Patriotism for humanity's sake will be the theme of the speakers, the musicians and the cartoonists in the special program that will be presented in addition to the regular show. E. T. Stotesbury, the eminent financier and Red Cross workers, will deliver the chief address. Rapid-fire patriotic sketches will be dashed off by three famous cartoonists, De Mar, of the Record; Sykes, of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, and Chamberlain, of the Telegraph. The United States Marine Band, from the Philadelphia Navy Yard, will give a concert before the show and will play for the singing Miss Ethel DuFre Houston ("Madam Butterfly") will sing for the first time here a patriotic ballad, "Our Summer Boys," by Willard Spenser. All of the artists on this week's bill have volunteered—Bessie Clayton and company, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Barry, Katherine Dana's "Fantasia," Lyons and Yosco, Venita Gould, Sports in the Alps, Alexander, O'Neil and Sexton and Valentine and Bell.

The co-operation of every school in the city in the big campaign of the southeastern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Red Cross for 500,000 new members by Christmas was assured today. Mrs. Emma Tindall, president of the School Teachers' Association and principal of the S. Weir Mitchell public school, at Fifty-sixth street and Kingessing avenue, announced that through the association every public school teacher in the city would ask the thousands of pupils to urge their parents to take out $1 memberships. The Tindall plan was indorsed by Superintendent of Schools Garber, who said:

"We want to co-operate in every way with the Red Cross. It is part of the school's duty to teach the children good citizenship and patriotism."

REPUBLICANS TO PUT ON A "NEW FRONT"

City Committee Headquarters at Eleventh and Chestnut Streets to Be Remodeled

The Republican City Committee tomorrow will start to "put up a new front." The city authorities have ordered it. The building of the city committee at Eleventh and Chestnut streets, is the only structure on that thoroughfare that extends beyond the building line, since the old Chestnut Street Opera House is being torn down.

The city committee today arranged to have the present front of its headquarters torn down and a new front to the building erected five feet further back. The headquarters will be closed tomorrow, when work will be started, and will remain closed until the building has been altered. It will be completely refurnished before it is reopened.

Mail Truck Damaged by Fire

Fire on a United States mail truck at 1 o'clock this morning caused considerable excitement at the corner of Third and Market streets. The fire was caused by the ignition of the oil on the motor. James Grady, the driver, turned in an alarm and the flames were soon extinguished with slight damage.

VARE FACTION SPENT $143,162 IN ELECTION

Unpaid Debts and Obligations of Organization Amount to $25,000

SENATOR GAVE $15,700

Town Party's Expenses $114,463, Leaving Balance—Committee Fund Listed

The Vare faction of the Republican organization spent $143,165.78, in addition to unpaid debts and obligations approximating $25,000, in the recent election.

The Republican City Committee's account was filed this afternoon with Thomas W. Cunningham, clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions. Today was the last day for filing accounts of the expenses for the election held on November 6.

The Town Meeting party filed its account at noon. Theodore J. Lewis, treasurer of the Independent party's campaign committee, took it to City Hall. The Town Meeting party account showed receipts of $119,162.20 and expenditures of $114,463.61, leaving a balance of $4698.59.

A feature of the Town Meeting party report is the list of men and women contributors whose names are rarely if ever seen among the names of those giving funds for political campaign purposes. The largest contributors were E. A. Van Valkenburg, James Elverson and Cyrus H. K. Curtis, who gave $20,000 each, William L. McLean gave $10,000; Powell Evans, $4000; George H. McFadden, $1250, and Hugh McCaffrey, Mr. and Mrs. Burnham, dr., Arthur H. Lea, Frederick H. Strawbridge, W. G. Warden and S. S. Fels, $1000 each. There were more than twenty contributions of $500 each.

The Republican City Committee's receipts were $144,685.10, most of which was contributed by officeholders. Kendrick, Sheehan and Shoyer, the Organization's candidates for county offices, gave $1000 each. The largest contributor was State Senator Edwin H. Vare, who gave $15,700 to the machine's "war fund."

Most of the assessments levied against the directors of the city departments and their assistants averaged $600. John H. Maurer, Assistant District Attorney, who, with Mercantile Appraiser James A. Carey, was blackballed in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward on primary election day, contributed $225.

Thomas W. Cunningham, who recently was elected chairman of the Penrose Republican alliance campaign committee, and who has succeeded the late Senator James P. McNichol as leader in the Tenth ward, contributed $480.

The largest item for expenditure listed by the Republican city committee was $15,729.99 for advertising. Salaries and wages totaled $13,433 and printing $10,176.20.

For the first time in the history of the Organization the amounts of the money paid to the various Organization ward committees on the night before election were announced. They follow:

First Ward, $1000; Second Ward, $1200; Fourth Ward, $1500; Sixth Ward, $450; Seventh Ward, $1000; Twelfth Ward, $1500; Thirteenth Ward, $2500; Fourteenth Ward, $2000; Fifteenth Ward, $2500; Sixteenth Ward, $2000; Seventeenth Ward, $1800; Eighteenth Ward, $1500; Nineteenth Ward, $2200; Twentieth Ward, $1500; Twenty-first Ward, $1800; Twenty-second Ward, $1000; Twenty-third Ward, $2500; Twenty-fourth Ward, $2000; Twenty-sixth Ward, $1000; Twenty-seventh Ward, $1200; Twenty-eighth Ward, $2100; Twenty-ninth Ward, $2500; Thirtieth Ward, $2000; Thirty-first Ward, $2800; Thirty-second Ward, $2000; Thirty-third Ward, $2500; Thirty-fourth Ward, $2500; Thirty-fifth Ward, $1000; Thirty-sixth Ward, $2000; Thirty-seventh Ward, $1820; Thirty-eighth Ward, $2100; Thirty-ninth Ward, $1000; Fortieth Ward, $2500; Forty-first Ward, $1000; Forty-second Ward, $2500; Forty-third Ward, $2500; Forty-fourth Ward, $2420; Forty-fifth Ward, $1000; Forty-sixth Ward, $3500; Forty-seventh Ward, $2300; Forty-eighth Ward, $1200.

U. S. Civil Service Examinations

Open competitive examinations for the positions of marine inspector, $2500 a year; dairy husbandman, $1800 to $2500 a year, December 6; preparator in nematology, $660 to $1000 a year; junior engineer, $900 a year; assistant engineer, $1500 a year; third-class steam engineer, $800 a year; analyst, $1020 to $1200 a year, on January 9; power-plant engineer and assistant, at $6 per diem and $5.04 per diem, January 2; assistant inspector of wooden equipment, $1500 to $2000 a year, January 8, are announced by the United States Civil Service Commission. Dates of examinations for income tax collector, inspector and agent will be announced in a few days. One thousand vacancies in the internal revenue service are to be filled. Positions pay salaries of $1200 to $1500 a year.

SEES GREATEST PANIC IF MONEY IS HOARDED

Richard A. Foley Tells Advertisers Money Must Continue in Circulation

The danger of practicing extreme economy was pointed out by Richard A. Foley in addressing business men and advertisers at the Bellevue-Stratford today.

If the people took all the advice printed by amateur economists who suddenly found themselves in the limelight, he said, in a year the country would have a panic compared to which that of 1907 would be as a slight chill compared to an epileptic fit.

The speaker pointed out that there was a marked difference between thrift and suicidal money-madness. Mr. Foley said among other things:

"If readers of newspapers were to decide not to purchase automobiles or clothes or to support restaurants or to do any of the normal things they have been doing, what about the hundreds of thousands of people who gain their livelihood through these various lines? How could they subscribe to Liberty Loans? What about the taxes that the Government expects to collect from them, if they have no money? There should be no extravagance, but people should adhere to normal methods of living in order to keep business going, and to make money, and to pay money to the Government. Every firm can put its unused surplus, its undistributed profits, into Liberty Loan bonds, can consider it as capital with a capital allowance thereon, and may escape the 10 per cent tax on undistributed surplus."

After giving a number of illustrations to show how the blocking of money circulation would act as a boomerang, Mr. Foley said in conclusion:

"Gentlemen, remember that. Christmas is coming. You have good newspapers in Philadelphia. Yell, and let the people know what you have.

"Let them know that they are not burning the money when they spend it, but they are passing it along."

MAYOR SAYS GAMBLING AND VICE MUST CEASE

But Real Old-Timers Are Not Being Disturbed, Declare Detectives

Gambling and vice must depart from Philadelphia, according to a statement by Mayor Smith, who declared that he would fight these evils as long as he was head of the administration.

The anti-gambling "war" of the Mayor is being conducted by ex-Captain of Detectives Souder, the Mayor's personal investigator. Every evening he and his squad clean out one or two "joints." Three places raided Saturday night were found to be in operation again, with the telephones reinstalled. The real "old-timers" are not being disturbed, according to the comment of detectives today, in spite of the Mayor's assertion that he had withstood political pressure for leniency toward poolroom proprietors and bookmakers. Detectives complained that most plain-clothes men are being used to watch the police and get evidence of troublemakers.

The Mayor, in his statement, said that any evidence of vice or gambling presented to him would be acted upon at once.

"I don't hesitate to say that I like a game of cards pretty well with some good fellows and I like to put down a little bet on a horse race when I go to the track," said the Mayor. "But what Tom Smith the man likes to do and what Tom Smith the Mayor is going to do and will do are different; and as long as I'm holding the reins at City Hall the gamblers have got to obey the law."

TAILOR, IN MIRROR, SEES CUSTOMER TRY THEFT

Watches Man Try to Hide Cloth Under Coat—Caught After Chase

Albert H. Reier, a tailor, of 1821 West Girard avenue, carefully watched the movements of a customer in a mirror when the man's manner aroused suspicion. After his reflection in the glass showed the customer attempting to hide two rolls of cloth under his coat, Reier caused his arrest. The prisoner, John Smith, twenty-five years old, 229 North Third street, said to be a paroled convict from the Trenton Penitentiary, was held by Magistrate Neff, in the Eighth and Jefferson streets police station, for a further hearing.

According to the police, Smith, who was arrested after a chase of several squares by Policeman Morris, who fired at him several times before he captured him at Sartain and Thompson streets, went into the store on the pretext of buying a suit. When Reier turned his back he attempted to put the cloth under his coat.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET DELAYED

Presentation of Appropriations Measure to Councils Is Postponed

TO DECIDE PAY BOOSTS

The city budget, totaling more than $46,000,000, will not be reported to Councils today, but will be left open until next week, so that all proposed salary increases can be included before the bill finally appears in Councils. The one big financial measure scheduled for passage this afternoon provides transfers approximating $150,000 to replenish exhausted salary items to a point permitting the last payments of the present year.

Councils may "ear-mark" the $1,000,000 balance of revenues for 1918 by setting it aside for some specific purpose rather than take chances on its being used to pay outstanding mandamuses which now total $1,800,000. The plan pursued last year was to set balances aside for some safe purpose and where the money could later be transferred for any purpose Councils decide to use it for. This plan is likely to be resorted to again to prevent endangering the balance.

The big question that remains to be decided is whether or not police and firemen are to be granted any increase. With the money in hand, Councils will finally pass upon this question when the annual budget comes up for passage later in the month. If the 3700 policemen seeking an increase in pay to $1400 a year, or an additional $200 each, were given this advance, $700,000 of the surplus would be used. If an increase should finally be allowed the 1050 firemen, an additional $200,000 for this payroll would have to be supplied from the balance. These two items would nearly exhaust the item now labeled as balance.

When the Finance Committee agreed to a resolution proposed by Charles Seger to not consider pay increase for salaried men getting more than $1800 a year it was tentatively understood that higher paid places would receive consideration early in 1918. A part of the million dollars was counted upon to care for salary increases for the higher paid officeholders, but should the firemen and policemen make impressive enough demands increased pay for the high salaried places will have to be found in some other manner or go over for another year.

Among bills scheduled for passage today are a number of measures providing for highway improvements that had been let go until near the close of the session. Many that have long lain dormant will be put through between now and the first Monday in January, when the present bodies die and a new Councils is organized.

LANTERN FIRES BUILDING IN COURSE OF ERECTION

Damage Also Done to Adjoining Structure Near Second and Walnut

An exploding lantern in a small frame construction shanty on the second floor of a building that is being erected at 222 Walnut street by the Raymond Raff Company, builders, set fire to the shanty and caused about $1000 damage to the building and stock of the Nuff Petticoat Company, adjoining at 218-220 Walnut street.

According to the police, the lantern was dropped by a watchman shortly after 3 o'clock. The shanty, being built of light wood, immediately burst into flames, which in a few minutes had communicated to the second and third floors of the Nuff Company building. The watchman, whose name the police were unable to learn, turned in an alarm after he had leaped ten feet from the burning shanty to safety.

JUDGE CARROW'S SITTING

Winter Schedule of New Jersey Circuit Announced

Judge Howard Carrow, of the New Jersey Circuit Court, when notified of motions will sit the first and second Saturdays in the Camden Courthouse and the third Saturday at the Law Library, Atlantic City, at 10:30 o'clock. Motions may be made for other times and places. The winter circuit schedule is as follows:

Salem, from Tuesday, December 18, to 22, inclusive.
Mount Holly, from Wednesday, December 26, to January 4, inclusive.
Mays Landing, from Tuesday, January 8, to 26, inclusive.
Cape May Court House, from Monday, January 28, to February 2, inclusive.
Bridgeton, from Tuesday, February 5, to 15, inclusive.
Woodbury, from Wednesday, February 13, to March 1, inclusive.

Judge Carrow can be seen at his office, 207 Market street, Camden, any day at 10 o'clock when he is not on the circuit, and when he is on the circuit letters directed to his office will be forwarded to him.

Plan Cut of Girard College

Plans for the opening of Twenty-second street through Girard College grounds will be ready within two weeks. If found practicable in the opinion of the board of directors of the Northwest Business Men's Association, they will be submitted to the Mayor before going to the Board of City Trusts for approval.

SEES GIRLS' MORALS THREATENED BY WAR

Danger of Hysterical Hospital Mentioned at Luncheon to Mrs. Rockefeller

War's menace to millions of American girl workers was pointed out today to prominent Philadelphia women, representing the most influential women's organizations in the city.

The warning that unless means are provided to care for the girls their safety and the efficiency of the nation's fighting forces will be impaired came at a luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in honor of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Mrs. James S. Cushman and Miss Maud E. Minor. The hostesses were Mrs. Robert K. Cassatt, Mrs. John White Geary, Mrs. Frank T. Griswold, Mrs. George McFadden, Mrs. Randall Morgan and Mrs. John S. Newbold.

"Is wrecked womanhood to be the toll of victory?" was the question by which Mrs. Cushman, who is chairman of the War Work Council of the National Board of Young Women's Christian Associations of America, began discussion of the necessity of raising a large fund for the care of girl war workers.

"It would be an empty meaningless victory if won at the frightful cost of our womanhood," said Mrs. Cushman. "In France the moral conditions among women munition workers are alarming. In a year in this country there will be 2,000,000 girls engaged in war work. Unless provision is made for decent living conditions these tired, friendless girls, without means, may become a menace to our fighting forces.

"If you don't keep your good girl good you are going to have an avalanche of recruits for the vampires of the underworld," she continued amid prolonged applause. Mrs. Cushman said that commanders at the army camps wanted the Y. W. C. A. hostess houses because of the "hysterical hospitality" that had developed toward the soldiers in the small towns. The social problem about training camps is difficult, she said, [illegible] that the Y. W. C. A. was an [illegible] in the [illegible] more good heretofore. It will be tested [illegible] materials.

SKELETON MAY SOLVE FOUR-YEAR MYSTERY

Police Believe Finding of Auto May Explain Lyman's Disappearance

The recovery of a skeleton in the Delaware River if identified may clear up the strange disappearance of J. Walter Lyman, the automobile tire dealer who disappeared more than four years ago. The discovery and raising of an automobile which has been identified as Lyman's yesterday recalled to the municipal authorities today that on November 2 a skeleton was raised from the Delaware near Fitler street wharf, not far from the spot where the automobile was found. This skeleton was buried in potter's field. At the time of its discovery anatomical experts had estimated that it was the skeleton of a man about thirty-five to forty years old, which would be the age of Lyman.

The Coroner's men are going to dig up this skeleton and try to have the family of Lyman identify the body by the teeth. Friends of Lyman in this city will also be asked to try and recognize the teeth of the skeleton.

The authorities are now trying to get in touch with Lyman's wife, who lives in Akron, O.

ISSUE NEW ARMY SHOE

Delivery of 10,500,000 Pairs Under Contract Is Begun

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The new marching and trench shoe soon will be given American soldiers in France and those training in this country. Delivery of 10,500,000 pairs has begun, it is announced, and will continue until May.

The new shoe is regarded by leather experts as one of the best ever turned out and by officers as superior to any other army shoe in the world. Although manufactured at less cost—$4.65 a pair—the new shoe is much sturdier than those used heretofore. It will be tested [illegible] materials.

WOULD LET WOMEN FIGHT IN BIG WAR

Hulbert Introduces Bill When War Department Turns Down Ruth Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.

Women will be eligible for enlistment in the army "for any service the Secretary of War may designate, and may receive commissions as officers in the aviation service," under a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Hulbert, of New York.

Hulbert's bill was prompted by refusal of the War Department to commission Miss Ruth Law, noted aviatrix, for foreign service.

Just before the House met at noon Hulbert escorted Miss Law to the House chamber where she mounted Speaker Clark's rostrum. Sitting in the Speaker's chair she pounded the gavel and called to the silent chairs for "order."

She then held an informal levee in the lobby. A score of members gathered around questioning her on her aeronautic feats.

She was dressed in full air costume, including a heavy leather coat and puttees.

Drowned Chinaman Identified

The body of the Chinaman found in the Delaware River yesterday has been identified as that of Lee Ling Guy, 908 Race street, by a number of residents of Chinatown. It is believed that he committed suicide because of the death last Tuesday of Joe Lee, his cousin and life-long friend, with whom he lived at the Race street address for a number of years.

PLAN ALLIED NAVAL DRIVE IN ADRIATIC

Believed Greatest Effort Will Be Made Against Austro-Hungarian Bases

PARIS, Dec. 6.

An allied naval drive in the Adriatic Sea is under contemplation, it was learned today.

Belief is expressed that the new naval council of war will give immediate attention to this project, and that a great effort will be made against Pola, the Austro-Hungarian base at the foot of the Istrian peninsula, and against the Austro-Hungarian naval stations in the Dalmatian Archipelago.

With the United States getting deeper into the war every day, it is likely that the time is not far distant when American warships will be replacing great numbers of British and French craft, which will be able to participate in a sea offensive against Austria-Hungary.

LA FOLLETTE QUIZ DELAYED

Minority Only of Committee Appears to Hear Disloyalty Charges

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The La Follette disloyalty investigation again was postponed today because eight of the fifteen members of the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee were absent.

La Follette notified the committee that his lawyer would be busy next week. This probably will force postponement of former Secretary of State Bryan's appearance before the committee next Tuesday.

$200,000 BLAZE AT NEW CASTLE

Wilmington Fiber Specialty Company Plant Is Badly Damaged

NEW CASTLE, Del., Dec. 6.

This morning shortly before 3 o'clock a fire at the plant of the Wilmington Fiber Specialty Company damaged the machine and shipping departments to the extent of nearly $200,000.

The Goodwill Fire Company of this city failed to quench the flames and help was obtained from the Wilmington Fire Department, which sent over three engines. After three hours of strenuous work the flames were gotten under control.

In the shipping department were thousands of dollars' worth of products ready for shipment today for points in the West and South and for South American ports. They are now beneath the twisted and burned iron and steel.

President J. Wesley Morris began at once to adjust matters to care for the trade and resume operations. More than 125 of the 375 employes will be out of work for a short time.

MANSFIELD, JR. ENLISTS

Son of Famous Actor Abandons Stage Career for War

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6. — Richard Mansfield, Jr., son of the late actor, has forsaken a promising stage career to enlist in the British army, it was announced here. The youth, who made a remarkable debut here recently in "The Man Who Stayed at Home," will make his farewell appearance in a short time, when he will perform for charity.

Driver's Skull Fractured

Thrown from his seat on a delivery wagon when it was struck by a motortruck at Nineteenth street and Girard avenue, Theodore Griffith, thirty years old, Hunting Park avenue near Seventeenth street, received a fractured skull. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital.

ARSENAL WORKER IS HELD IN $5000 BAIL

Naturalized German Accused of Spoiling Shells—Others Under Suspicion

William Letkouski, a naturalized German, employed at the Frankford Arsenal, was today held in $5000 bail for court by United States Commissioner Long in the Federal Building, accused of ruining shells in the process of manufacture for the Government.

Special Agent Gabarino, of the Department of Justice, said that several other men employed at the Arsenal are under suspicion, and that Letkouski had indicated that others were doing the same thing, but refused to name them.

It is the belief of the Government agents that Letkouski's case may have a bearing on the recent investigation which followed the discovery that many of the shells in the hands of General Pershing's army were found to be defective.

Letkouski, according to the Federal agents, worked on piece work and took the wrappings from the fuses, known as "timings," which rendered the shells useless.

MAGISTRATE CONVICTED

Found Guilty With Constables of Extortion of Autoists

MAYS LANDING, N. J., Dec. 6.—Magistrate Wilbur Speece and his two constable appointees, Daniel Huff and Harry Burris, of Egg Harbor township, Atlantic County, on trial before Judge Shinn for three days on a charge of conspiracy to extort money from automobilists, were found guilty and will be sentenced next Wednesday.

I. W. W. Leader Arrested Here

John Walsh, said to be a member of the "inner circle" of the I. W. W. plotters under indictment in Chicago, has been arrested by agents of the Department of Justice in Philadelphia. He will be taken to Chicago for trial.

THE size of the order does not measure the size of