

AUTO ROBE THEFTS ARE CHARGED UP TO TRIO

Police Arrest Two Men and Woman When Goods Are Found in Trunks
Two men, giving the names of John W. Barry, of Chicago, and Elliott Buckner, of Baltimore, and a woman, described as Dorothy Nichols, of Miami, Fla., have been arrested under circumstances which the police believe point to the perpetrators of a number of thefts of expensive automobile robes in this city.

CHRISTMAS HARVEST REAPED BY THIEVES

Loot of Various Robberies Ranges From Silks to Butter and Eggs
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PHILADELPHIAN PRESENTS AMBULANCE TO RED CROSS



TODAY WINS THE RACE OF 1917 FOR BREVITY

December 22 Comes in Victor by Narrow Margin of 20 Seconds
By a scant twenty seconds today victory of the hours of being known as the shortest day in the year 1917, is declared final, Saturday is already done of justification since December 21 usually wins the title.

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE; ONE IS BADLY INJURED

Take Cash From Store and Escape, Leading Wounded Man
Four robbers, using an extra heavy charge of dynamite, blew open the safe in the Bell Company store at Pleasant street and Elm avenue, Montgomery County, early today, escaping with \$225.25 in cash. So heavy was the charge used to blow the safe that the door was ripped off and one of the sides shattered.

CHARGE CAMOUFLAGE IN FIGHT ON TUBE

Albrecht Declares Burleson and Moon Seek to Hoodwink Congress
An intention to hoodwink Congress is charged by Representative Burleson and Chairman Moon, of the House Post-office Committee, by Emil P. Albrecht, who describes the arguments of those officials against the proposed tube mail service for New York, Philadelphia and Boston as "mere camouflage."

\$6,000,000 SHOE ORDER FOR RUSSIA HELD UP

St. Louis Firm's Contract for 1,500,000 Pairs Closed Under Kerensky's Regime
A short time before the overthrow of Kerensky's regime, a company, on behalf of the Russian Supply Commission and through the offices of the Council of National Defense, ordered from the Brown Shoe Company, of St. Louis, Mo., 1,500,000 pairs of men's and boys' shoes.

SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT STARR GARDEN KIDDIES

Children of Recreation Center Will Be Guests of Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury
All the youngsters in the neighborhood of Sixth and Lombard streets are looking forward to the big Christmas party which will be given on Monday night by the children of that vicinity by Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury at Starr Garden Recreation Center.

SHEEHAN CASE GOES TO THE SUPREME COURT

Register's Claim Involving \$300,000 Fees Appealed by the County
Alexander Simpson, Jr., attorney for the County of Philadelphia, has taken an appeal in the Supreme Court No. 1 dismissing the motion of the county for judgment against James B. Sheehan, for withholding the verdict in his favor, in the county's suit to recover more than \$300,000 in fees paid by Mr. Sheehan as his permanent compensation for collecting for the State the collateral inheritance tax.

DESCRIPTS COLOR PHYSICS

"The Physics of Color" was the subject of a lecture given by Dr. Arthur W. Godspeed, professor of physics and director of the Ketchikan Laboratory of physics of the University of Pennsylvania, this afternoon in Houston Hall.

THEATRE TICKETS FOR ENLISTED MEN

The United Service Club, Twenty-second and Spruce streets, will give to enlisted men of the army, navy and marine corps 500 tickets for the performance at the Chestnut Street Opera House Monday night. The tickets will be given out tonight and tomorrow at the club.

JAMES IN RACE FOR STATE SENATE

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 22—Edward J. James, of this city, elected to the State Senate from the Hazleton District in 1908 and defeated for reelection by A. M. Dewitt, of Pymatton, Democratic, in 1914, has announced himself as a Republican candidate for the office next year. Dewitt is in the field for the office of Mayor.

WILL CONSIDER NIGHT DELIVERY OF FREIGHT

Railroad Car Service Committee Will Discuss Subject at Meeting Monday
The proposition of Messrs. Bush, which was recently laid before the Board of Trade, to remove the freight congestion in Philadelphia by leaving open the freight depots and making the delivery of freight at night, will be taken up by the committee on car service of the railroad, composed of representatives of the various roads entering the city when that committee meets on Monday.

JOHNSON WILL PRESIDE

President Trigg Upheld by Progressives Who Oppose Kelly as "Obstructionist"
The Live Wires of the Chamber of Commerce clash with the Old Guard at a postponed meeting today of the special committee of the executive committee to consider the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Chamber of Commerce to elect the board of directors and place it directly with the membership.

BRIEF ILLNESS FATAL TO PENROSE R. PERKINS

Eric and Western Transportation Company Official Dies in Jefferson Hospital
Penrose R. Perkins, general manager and treasurer of the Eric and Western Transportation Company, a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died of a brief illness at the Jefferson Hospital, after a brief illness at the Jefferson Hospital, after a brief illness at the Jefferson Hospital.

SANTA WILL SURELY APPEAR

Will Be at Manufacturers' Club Christmas With Presents Galore
Those who hope to see Santa Claus will find out Tuesday that their assurance are false.

SONS OF NEW ENGLAND TO VENERATE ANCESTORS

Forefathers' Day Will Be Marked by Annual Dinner Tonight
More than 400 sons of New England living in this city will attend the thirty-seventh annual forefathers' day to be observed by the Sons of New England at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

STOREKEEPER FOILS THEIF

Dismers Negro, Then Holds Him Until Policemen Arrive
Frank Pollard, thirty-eight years old, a negro, of North street above Sixteenth, was held by Magistrate Pennock in the Central Police Station without bail for a further hearing on account of a storekeeper who had been robbed of a quantity of goods.

CHARGE FOUR STOLE AUTO

Policeman Says He Found Them Riding in Naval Officer's Car
Four young men describing themselves as Charles Smith, Milton Street, above Twenty-second; Samuel Duthrie, Fitzgerald street above Nineteenth; John Brennan, Ritten street above Eighteenth; and Charles E. King, 1000 Chestnut street below Jackson, were held in \$1000 bail each for court by Magistrate Imber today on the charge of stealing an automobile.

FIRM TO ENTERTAIN EMPLOYEES

The employees of the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company, Twenty-fifth street and Hunting Park avenue, and their families will attend an entertainment given by the company at its plant on Monday night.

OHIO BANK ROBBED OF \$12,000

WEST SALEM, O., Dec. 22—Safe-brokers early today dynamited the safe and vault of the Farmers' Bank, which escaped in an automobile with \$12,000 in papers and bonds. The explosion jammed the inner door of the safe and prevented the robbers from getting at many thousands of dollars in cash.

EARTH TREMOR RECORDED AT N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The Fordham seismograph yesterday recorded a violent earth tremor lasting nearly one hour. The disturbance occurred at an estimated distance of 3400 miles from New York. It began at 1:20 p. m. and ended at 2:15 p. m.

COMMERCE CHAMBER RIVALS FACE TO FACE

"Live Wires" and "Old Guard" Clash Over Reforms at Committee Meeting
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GIMBELS LEASE PART OF BUILDING

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AN APPEAL TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC

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TRANSPORTATION FOR THESE MEN MUST BE PROVIDED CHIEFLY ON LINES WHICH ARE ALREADY MOST SEVERELY TAXED

The transportation for these men must be provided chiefly on lines which are already most severely taxed in the effort to move promptly the greatly increased traffic—both passenger and freight—due to the war.

IN ADDITION TO HANDLING THE SOLDIERS WHO ARE GRANTED HOLIDAY LEAVES OF ABSENCE, OTHER TROOP MOVEMENTS MUST BE SIMULTANEOUSLY CARRIED OUT.

Meantime, the transportation of industrial workers engaged in factories executing Government orders must not be impeded, even temporarily. Thousands of such workers are carried daily by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and no traffic is of more vital importance to the Country.

TO MEET THIS SITUATION SUCCESSFULLY, THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD THEREFORE EARNESTLY REQUESTS THAT, AS AN ACT OF PATRIOTISM, PLEASURE TRAVEL DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD BE SUSPENDED, AND THAT RAILROAD TRAVEL BE VOLUNTARILY RESTRICTED TO NECESSARY TRIPS ON THE AFFAIRS OF BUSINESS.

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