

WOODEN SIGNS URGE THRIFT STAMP SALES

Efforts Redoubled to Stimulate Purchase With Hope of Making New Record

BUYING FOR PRESENTS

Political, Commercial and Social Clubs Secure Great Quantities for Personal Gifts

Fifty big wooden signs urging the public to invest in thrift and war savings stamps were set up throughout the city today under orders of the war savings committee for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, which redoubled its efforts to stimulate sale of the stamps with every prospect of establishing a new record before sunset.

The new utilities section of the committee was organized and got down to work, and while its members were arranging to push the sale of stamps among all the public utilities workers, word came that the Postoffice had started out on another record-breaking sales day.

Joseph B. McCall, head of the Philadelphia Electric Company, accepted the chairmanship of the utilities section and named the following members:

A. E. Berry, division manager of the Bell Telephone Company; Edward M. Scola, vice president of the Keystone Telephone Company; R. B. Hamilton, vice president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company; and W. H. Marshall, controller of the United Gas Improvement Company.

Others will be added to the section. Sales for Thursday reported by the Postoffice were: War stamps, \$1,569,411.75; thrift stamps, \$1,569,411.75. At 1 o'clock today, the Postoffice reported an increased demand for stamps and said if the rate of sales continued all day the record would be smashed.

The Federal Reserve Bank reported as follows:

War savings stamps sold and paid for, \$418,927.56; consigned to agents of the second class, \$82,698.41; thrift stamps sold and paid for, \$128,242; consigned to agents of the second class, \$60,117.75.

Robert Kelso Cassatt, director of the war savings and thrift stamp sale for the eastern district of the State, has completed arrangements to have each county of the district report its sales weekly. Heretofore sales have been reported irregularly, so that it was impossible to state at any time how many stamps had been sold. Under the new arrangement Director Cassatt will be able to announce every Thursday the total sales by counties for the preceding week.

Many political, commercial and social clubs of the city have been buying the stamps in quantities, one organization taking as many as \$2000 worth today. This indicates that the clubs will give these stamps away to popular members and employes as New Year's surprises.

Pipe Organ Plays at Wedding

At the wedding of Dr. Harry Benson Bowen, 5201 North Broad street, last night, the musical pipe organ, for which Doctor Bowen had a house specially built, played the wedding march. The bride was Miss Amelia Schindler, of Bakinore.

Licensed at Elkton to Wed

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 28.—Pennsylvania couples taking out licenses at Elkton to marry were James O'Hara and Jessie Huff, John F. Weiss and Mary Clark, Mahlon Maulsberry and Anna Smith, Edgar Sumbler and Anna Reis, Alonzo W. Wilkins and Irene Thomeat and Charles J. Fissel and Edna Hall, all of Philadelphia; Roy W. Hoover and Elizabeth Beyer, Lancaster; Elmer A. Snyder and Margaret I. Haltzman, Allentown; and James J. Robinson and Wynona B. Hopkins, Harrisburg.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Walter E. Smith, 2001 Stuart, and Anna W. Powers, Hatfield, Pa.; Joseph Mallon, Schuylkill, Pa., and Jean H. Clowson, 523 Girard; Joseph L. Laughlin, 3541 Poplar, and Jeannette M. Miner, 415 N. 25th st.; Morris H. Parry, 1045 S. 5th st., and Fannie Golden, 819 S. 3d st.; Thomas V. Lennon, 115 E. Chelton ave., and Mary Martin, 1001 Howe; Willis Gagnep, 1620 Stiles st., and Annie Davis, 8216 Tenth; Frederick A. Toppel, 650 N. 15th st., and Caroline B. Kridel, 645 N. 15th st.; Paul E. Jackson, 821 S. Clifton ave., and Albertina Bierman, Reading, Pa.; Joseph McNamee, 214 S. Clifton ave., and Mae Miller, 8190 Mingo ave.; George P. Lavin, 308 Gordon, and Albino C. Fay, 3188 Memphis st.; Philip J. Heuser, 218 Grange st., and Susan E. Cook, 2012 Hartshorn; Douglas Woodruff, Auburn, N. Y., and Mildred H. Lane, 622 Market; Nathan W. Bard, League Island, and Jenny E. Lund, 622 Market; Dickvan Dabolan, 515 S. 60th st., and Elizabeth Kelen, 484 Chestnut; James Forte, 610 Clymer st., and Philomena Bury, 460 Morris; Franklin E. Grinnage, 1833 Sharwood st., and Blanche Smith, 1833 Sharwood st.; William E. Hall, Honesdale, Pa., and Henrietta Freed, Honesdale, Pa.; Luther Brown, 8 Stewart, 022 Clinton st., and Elizabeth S. Stewart, 022 Clinton st.; Ethel L. Lewis, 1914 Watkins st.; Alexander Jaquin, 304 1/2 Susquehanna; and Fannie Rosenbach, 1641 N. 37th st.; Owen E. Fullaway, Phoenixville, Pa., and Edna MacNeal, Phoenixville, Pa.; Philip Marks, 509 S. 4th st., and Ida Hreslow, 724 Moca st.; Richard Hill, 8 S. 15th st., and Leah Lane, 715 S. 15th st.; Clarence H. Decher, 1541 N. 12th st., and Pauline E. Heyman, 2721 W. Berks st.; Frank L. Henson, 2000 Locust, and Elizabeth McMeekin, 3883 Coral st.

CITE GIRARD ESTATE IN U. S. COAL PROBE

Committee Demands Statement Regarding Reported Increase in Royalty Charges

HOOVER OUT OF TOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.

Herbert Hoover turned the tables today on the Senate subcommittee investigating the sugar shortage. Three times Hoover was prepared to testify but the committee was "not ready" for him. Today the committee was ready to hear the food administrator, but Hoover is in New York at "an extremely important conference."

A letter from Judge Curtis H. Lindley, of the food administration, stated that Hoover would be willing to testify early next week.

T. A. Ellis was called and stated that Senator Reed told him last Saturday that Hoover would be called to testify today. Ellis said he had notified Hoover of this action. He said he assumed this was not "agreeable to Mr. Hoover."

W. R. Colver, of the Federal Trade Commission, then resumed his testimony on the coal situation.

Senator Kenyon read a letter from a man who termed himself "a low-down government clerk," inquiring why he had to pay \$9 a ton for bituminous coal. The Senator put the question up to Colver, who was unable to give an answer.

The committee asked Colver to prepare a statement of the dividends for the last four years of the large coal producing companies.

Colver explained to the committee that coal land owners have greatly increased their royalties. He named the Girard estate, of Philadelphia, as one owner of coal lands that had greatly increased the royalty charges. The committee asked for a detailed statement of the operations, charges and profits of the Girard estate.

BAN ON NEW YEAR NOISE

Usual Regulations Against 'Ticklers' and Other Nuisances Issued

The annual ban on firing revolvers and blowing horns was announced today in regulation for celebration of the new year issued by Superintendent of Police Robinson. The use of "ticklers" is also forbidden. These little brushes, which look innocent enough, were frequently carried by pickpockets who searched their victim at the same time that they poked the tickler under his nose.

The sale of boxes and barrels to spectators to view the mummies' parade from the sidewalks is also forbidden. This indicates that the clubs will give these stamps away to popular members and employes as New Year's surprises.

Musician Recovers His Health

Ludwig Frain, a well-known professional musician connected with the Philadelphia Orchestra and expert cello player, who suffered a nervous breakdown from overwork more than a year ago, has fully recovered and is now playing in the orchestra at the Lyric Theatre. After hearing the testimony of medical experts, Judge Ferguson, in Court of Common Pleas No. 3, today discharged the temporary guardian of the musician's estate.

Woman Held on Jewel Theft Charge

Mary Jean Franzin, a domestic employed in the home of Mrs. John Bromley, 725 Westview avenue, Germantown, was held under \$500 bail today by Magistrate Penock in the Germantown police station. She is charged with having stolen jewelry valued between \$1600 and \$1800. All the jewelry has been recovered except a diamond bar pin, which the domestic admits she sold for \$140 to a Chestnut street jeweler.

Hurt in Collision With Trolley

Thrown from his wagon in a collision with a trolley car at Fifth and Master streets, George Bryant, forty-five years old, of 230 South Warnock street, is in St. Mary's Hospital suffering from a broken arm and possible internal injuries.

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RAILWAY STATION IS DAMAGED BY FLAMES

Porter at Conshohocken Starts Fire in Stove—Building Nearly Destroyed

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 28.—Fire nearly destroyed the station of the Reading Railway at Conshohocken this morning. Several thousand dollars' damage was done.

The porter started a new fire in the stove in the office on the second floor, overlooking Fayette street near the canal. Then he went about his other duties. The excessive heat ignited either the woodwork or the waste paper basket. When the fire was discovered it was beyond ordinary control.

Two Conshohocken fire companies, the one from West Conshohocken and the Plymouth company worked from seven o'clock for three hours before the flames were extinguished.

While the burning was confined in the upper story, the lower story, in which are the waiting rooms and ticket and telegraph offices, was flooded with water and made useless for some time at least.

Those purveyors of gloom who thought it would be wrong to smile on next New Year's Day and frowned on the idea of having a Mummies' parade are doomed to disappointment.

The preparations made by the "shooters" show that they expect to live up to all traditions in the way of displays in the big carnival of fun. They have been working instead of worrying and all the clubs express confidence of landing some of the prize money.

H. Bart McHugh, Council's special agent, who will direct the parade, said today that from the standpoint of quality the size of the turnout would exceed that of former years. "Aside from the reward offered by Councils," he said, "the mummies are anxious to make a good showing and hope to break former records in the way of novelties and surprises. Instead of endeavoring to get a prize, large numbers of the various clubs have put forth every effort to have a quality show. The costumes and floats, both in the fancy and comic divisions, will have a definite meaning, and those who come to Philadelphia to witness the parade will be amply repaid for their efforts."

Incidentally there is likely to be some surprises in the way of prizes, and, judging from the plans made by the Camden clubs which will participate in the show, it would be well for the local organizations to stir themselves to their greatest efforts.

It is predicted that the Grays Perry Club, a new organization, will be a strong contender for first prize in the fancy division. This association has in its ranks a large number of veteran mummies who have been prize winners in other organizations, and many of these confidently expect to live up to past records.

As for the comic section, this will be one procession of thrills. It would not be fair to the contestants to divulge the name of the club which will offer the biggest surprises, but it would be well for all to stir themselves if they want to be up among the top prize winners. Up to the present time twenty-four clubs have obtained permits to parade.

WATCHMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

The Camden police are seeking the relatives of Henry Lockett, forty-five years old, a watchman of the New York Shipbuilding Company, who was found dead in bed today in his room in a boarding house at 587 Nichols street, Camden. Death was due to natural causes, according to Coroner Pratt. A membership card in the Loyal Order of Moose of this city was found in his pocket.

GRADUATION ADVANCED TO JAN. 1

Following a conference between Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, and George Wheeler, associate superintendent in charge of higher schools, it was announced that in future members of the senior class of the high schools may be graduated on January 1 instead of at the end of the term in February.

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