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YULETIDE SPIRIT OF NEW MEANING FILLS CITY HEART

Christmas Eve More Solemn as People Rejoice Over Peace

BOYS COMING HOME

Some Hearts Sad, but Even Sorrow Is Assuaged by Blessings Given

Christmas Eve! Its mystic charm and magic are everywhere, despite the driving rain. The hurrying crowds reflect it.

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Charity will be bountiful tomorrow. The poor will have a real Christmas. Many organizations and institutions distributed gifts today among the needy.

Salvation Army Distributes Food The distribution of 500 baskets, laden with food, took place at the Salvation Army Memorial Auditorium.

Gifts for Soldiers and Sailors Nearly 5000 men and boys are being distributed. The Emergency Aid, of Logan, mindful that the inmates of the Eastern Penitentiary breathe the spirit of Christmas.

Down at the Pennsylvania Hospital, frat hospital to be built in America, are ten children. Miss I. M. Downs and Superintendent Daniel Test took a peek at the tiny patients and decided that a tree will be filled with goodies.

At Starr Garden And we came awfully, awfully near forgetting the little tree staged this afternoon in the Chestnut Street Opera House.

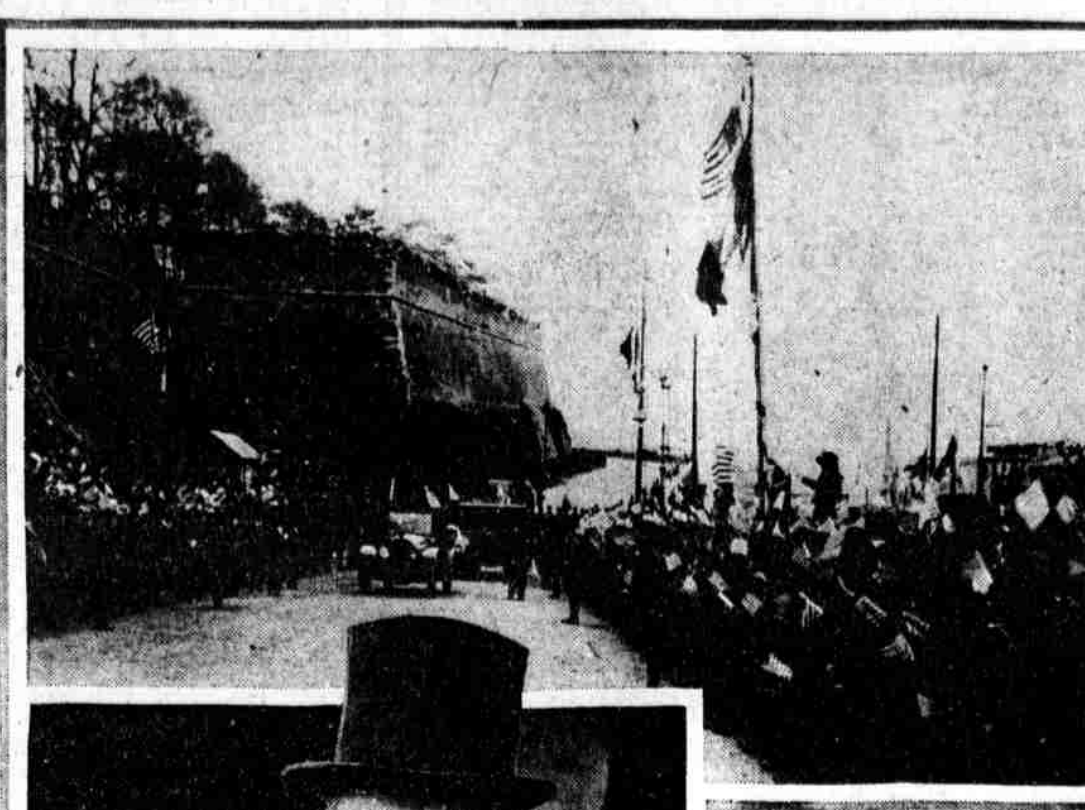
Mrs. E. T. Stotsbury has a legion of friends among the children of the Starr Garden Recreation Center.

RAIN FOR XMAS! DEAR ME! Sad but True, and Weatherman Can't Help It

Santa's coming under an umbrella! We're all awfully sorry, but it's going to rain tomorrow—Christmas Day—and the weatherman says he can't help it.

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FRANCE WELCOMES PRESIDENT AT BREST



(At top) The automobiles carrying President and Mrs. Wilson and the welcoming party at Brest leaving the dock through a guard of honor formed by American soldiers.

(Below) President Wilson seated in his automobile after his arrival in Brest, bowing and smiling at the throng.

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P. R. T. CO. DEFINES "NEWS," BUT WEBSTER DOES BETTER

Lesson V in Skip-Stop Correspondence Course Leads Us to Dictionary, and, as in Bible Study Case, Publicity Teacher Didn't Read Far Enough

Merely Christmas, children. Lesson V in today's skip-stop correspondence course on skip-stops, we will lay aside for the nonce our scriptural investigations to delve into the writing of one N. Webster, of unabridged dictionary fame.

Lesson V leads us into a discussion of "What is news?" brought about by the ultimatum of the P. R. T. that "It Isn't News if It Isn't True."

Lesson IV is still fresh in your memory as the biblical reference to Proverbs xii, 19, as proving that truth will eventually prevail and that a "lying tongue is but for a moment."

BOY KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE Two Lads Injured in Other Accidents

One boy was killed and two others injured in three automobile accidents last night.

PADEREWSKI ON TO POLAND Famous Pianist Arrived at Copenhagen, En Route for Danzig

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous Polish pianist and prominent in the work of Polish rehabilitation, arrived here yesterday on board a British cruiser that had been placed at his disposal by the British Government.

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SCHOOL "SANTA" IS BADLY BURNED AS SUIT IGNITES

Companions, "Making Up" Millbourne Boy, Sets Costume Ablaze

CLASS FETE IS SPOILED

Mishap to Eight-Year-Old Kris Kringle Mars Christmas Festival

In a little red suit and snowy white whiskers, Martin Chadwick, eight years old, went to the Kaystone School on the West Chester pike today to play Santa Claus.

A half hour later, he ran screaming from the building, his little red coat and whiskers in flames.

Although frightened at the sound of the gong, the children responded instantly to discipline, and were marching out of the building before the cause of the alarm was known.

When Martin arrived at the school there were shouts of laughter and joy among the other children over his little red suit and the stuffing that was put in front to make him fat like a real Santa.

Laughter over the plan they went, but the cellar was dark and they could find no lamp to give them light.

When the fire had finally been extinguished, Martin was attended by Dr. L. W. Broadbent, and taken home.

SAFE IN WAR, HURT BY TRAIN Brakeman Escapes Bullets, Near Death on Old Job

After having escaped German bullets, Edward Ewald, ninety years old, 512 Vine street, Palmyra, N. J., came within a few inches of death last night when he was struck by a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad Terminal, Camden.

THROUGH WINDOW TO DEATH Young Wife of Baltimorean Leaps From Fourth Floor of Hospital

Chicago, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Inquiry into the death of Mrs. Mabel Claire Beck, a young and accomplished pianist, was begun today by the Coroner.

LOYALISTS ROUT BOLSHEVIKI Decisive Battle on Ekaterinburg Front—Much Booty Taken

Washington, Dec. 24.—Defeat of the Bolshevik army on the Ekaterinburg front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians, was reported in an official dispatch to the Russian embassy from the Omak Government.

AIR ROUTE TO SHORE \$50 One Way, \$75 Round Trip, Here to Atlantic

Fifty dollars one way or \$75 for the round trip. It was stated today by officials of the Aero Transport Company, recently chartered in New Jersey, will be the cost of aerial transportation next summer between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. The service is to be established soon after Easter.

ROME WILL HONOR WILSON Votes to Bestow Freedom of City on President

Berlin Agrees to Retain Hindenburg as Army Head

Groener Also Keeps Post—Fleet Commanders Are Dismissed—86,000 Out of Employment at Capital

By the Associated Press.

An agreement has been reached between the Berlin Government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Groener, the chief quartermaster general, retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

It is reported from Berlin that parleys between the majority Socialists and the Independent Socialists concerning elections to the national assembly have failed and that the Independents have decided to nominate candidates in all districts.

Seizure of property owned by the Prussian royal family (the Hohenzollerns) would produce immediately the sum of 500,000,000 marks, according to figures compiled by the Frankfort Nachrichten.

Copenhagen, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Vice Admiral Hipper, commander-in-chief of the German high seas fleet; Vice Admiral Bachmann, commander of the Baltic fleet, and Captain Hintke, director of the dock yards at Kiel, have been dismissed, according to a telegram from Berlin.

Vice Admiral Hipper headed the German delegation which arranged the plans for the surrender of the German ships to the Allied navies recently in the North Sea. He succeeded Admiral Scheer as head of the high seas fleet, Vice Ad-

FRENCH AT FRANKFORT; GERMANS COMPLAINING COPENHAGEN, Dec. 24.—The chairman of the German armistice commission complains that the French commandant of troops that have occupied Nied, a suburb of Frankfurt, has ordered all males there who were not residents before the war to be interned.

DEMAND GERMANS BE EXPELLED FROM MOROCCO TANGIER, Dec. 24.—The French and British Ambassadors at Madrid are reported to have demanded expulsion of all Germans from Spanish Morocco.

THRIFT TEMPERS CAMDEN TO HONOR GENEROSITY HERE SOLDIERS TONIGHT

Saving Fund Deposits Break Record Despite Unprecedented Xmas Giving ECHO OF WORLD WAR

Philadelphia has filled the biggest and most costly Christmas stocking on record, but they are not "broke" and to fill the Yuletide sock it was not necessary to raid the banks.

Camden will give her returned soldiers a Christmas celebration tonight. A court of honor has been erected in front of the Court House on Broadway, and the entire city is expected to turn out to give the boys a Christmas welcome.

Emphasizes Growth of Thrift The right about face on the part of the people toward their bank accounts is a condition that is causing the bank officials surprise, but one that builds up their faith in the people and emphasizes that out of the world war there has developed the spirit of thrift.

Deposits, he asserted, "began to increase in volume on the day following the signing of the armistice, and we were surprised because in former years the month of December had been a record-breaker for deposits.

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MARINES FIGHT IN BERLIN Intrenched in Royal Palace After Battling Guard

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Munich marines, who revolted when ordered to march into the royal palace here after a battle with the military guard. Upon receiving their orders, several regiments of marines rioted, kidnapping the military commander of the city and holding him prisoner.

ALLIES DECIDE RUSSIA MUST SAVE HERSELF

Will Not Send Large Armed Force, Paris Press Announces

POLICY DETERMINED IN FORMAL MEETING

Muscovites Will Get Practical Help Only After Elections Are Composed

WILSON IN CONFERENCE

Calls on Clemenceau — Will Have Christmas Dinner Tomorrow With U. S. Troops

Paris, Dec. 24.—(By A. B.)—The Entente Governments are completely in accord in a decision to refuse to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia, according to Paris press accounts of conferences here yesterday in consideration of the Russian situation.

The conferences were convened by representatives of the Allies, American and the orderly patriotic factions of Russia, the Paris press reports, and were conducted in the Russian embassy.

Wilson See Hoover and Hurley Herbert C. Hoover, American food administrator, and Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, called on President Wilson by appointment late yesterday.

It is highly probable that the work of supplying food will be retained under one head in the interest of rapidity of action and efficiency. This head, it seems certain, will be Mr. Hoover.

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