

350,000 AWAITING FRENCH ORPHANS City Generously Responds to Appeal for Fatherless Children

"STARS" BEDECK TREES Adopted Little Ones Send Grateful Letters to Godparents Here

The Philadelphia committee of the fatherless children of France is succeeding in its effort to have this Christmas season a time of special giving for the French children whose fathers were killed in the war.

Already the committee has received \$10,000, and the stars which decorate the Christmas trees in the public squares of the city represent several hundred dollars already given at each tree.

Though the response has been generous, the Philadelphia committee feels residents of this city are in a better position to compare more favorably with the quota elsewhere.

At the beginning of the present drive only 3000 children had been adopted here in comparison to 150,000 in Chicago.

100,000 Await Adoption There are in France 200,000 fatherless children for whom the committee wished to make provision. Of this number, 102,000 have already been adopted, so that there are still 100,000 young candidates for adoption.

The children correspond with their godparents and send photographs of themselves. Many Philadelphia women have received interesting and appealing letters from the little orphans.

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DOCTOR MacCRACKEN DEAD Chancellor Emeritus of New York University

Orlando, Fla., Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Henry Alfred MacCracken, chancellor emeritus of New York University, died today in a hospital here. He was seventy-eight years old. His wife and eldest son, John H. MacCracken, president of Lafayette College, were with him at the time of death.

TRANSPORT SAILS WITH 3000 Princess Matoka Bringing Artillery and Other Units

Washington, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Sailing of the transport Princess Matoka from France on December 25, with 3000 men and 3000 tons of supplies, was announced today by the War Department. The ship will dock at Newport News on January 1.

DRY AMENDMENT ATTACKED First Court Action Taken in Ohio to Test Its Validity

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—The first step to test the validity of the Federal prohibition amendment in Ohio was taken today when attorneys representing both sides of a suit seeking to invalidate the amendment were heard by the Federal court here.

HARVEY DENOUNCES LEAGUE Declares Wilson Is in "Eager Pursuit" of Entangling Alliances

New York, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Assailing President Wilson's policy of entangling alliances, Col. George Harvey denounced the league of nations today in a speech before the New England Society of the city of New York.

BOOM CLARK FOR PRESIDENT Friends Say He Will Run, but the Speaker Has Nothing to Say

Washington, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Friends of Speaker Clark in Congress said today that the Speaker would be a candidate for the presidency in 1920, although he has not said so for some time.

BARNETT FOR SERVICE BOARD Friends of Former State Treasurer Urge His Nomination

Friends of Colonel James E. Barnett, a veteran of the Philippine War, are bowing him up for a place on the public service commission.

QUTS CELL FOR ANOTHER Term Finished Here, Burglar Goes to New York Prison

This will be a fine Christmas for me. This was the only comment made by Joseph M. Kelly, a burglar, when he was released from the County Prison here after serving a term of thirty days.

AMERICAN HONOR GUARD AWAITING PRESIDENT AT BREST



American soldiers forming a guard of honor for President Wilson on his arrival at Brest. The President has just taken his place in the first automobile. These are the first photographs to be received in America of the President's arrival in France.

City Opens Full Christmas Sock

Continued from Page One. The "Oh, Lady, Lady" company raised more than \$2000 worth of socks to be distributed to the boys of the city.

"ANIMAL CIRCLES" FEEL JOY OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Poor Horses, Dogs and Cats Well Remembered With Yuletide Feasts Today. W. S. P. C. A. Serves as Host in Many Stables and Kennels.

There was great rejoicing in "animal circles" at the announcement that Santa Claus today would visit the stables and kennels of the poor horses, dogs, and cats, as well as the homes of the poor.

RED CROSS TO CABLE GREETINGS TO TROOPS

Message Will Tell Soldiers of Rollcall Success—250,000 for Chapter COMMEMORATED FOR BRAVERY

A Christmas message will be cabled to the American boys in France and Germany and to the Allies tonight by the American Red Cross, telling them the nation stands solidly behind the Red Cross.

GIFT FOR DIRECTOR WILSON Bureau Chiefs Present Silver Service to Safety Head

Director Wilson of the Department of Public Safety was honored today by a silver service set today, a Christmas gift from the chiefs of the various bureaus under his administration.

Deaths of a Day

Marshall H. Smith, a well-known real estate operator, with offices in the Mutual Life Insurance Building, died Sunday at his home, 413 Chestnut street, Germantown, yesterday. He was thirty years old.

No Help for Russia Till She Helps Self

Continued from Page One. The entire day Friday, the day following President Wilson's arrival in England for his visit, will be devoted to a discussion by the President with the British War Cabinet of the terms to be proposed by Great Britain at the inter-allied conference preceding the Peace Congress.

BRITISH TO HAVE TERMS READY TO SHOW WILSON

London, Dec. 24.—It is expected that the British War Cabinet will have ready to show President Wilson the terms to be proposed by Great Britain at the inter-allied conference preceding the Peace Congress.

LONDON ELABORATELY DECORATED

The officials in charge of London street decoration in honor of the visit of President Wilson are aiming at architectural as well as brilliant color scheme. The decorations are being put up in a manner to harmonize with their architecture.

PHILADELPHIA SHIP IN DARING RESCUE

The central passage of this arch is only open for royal and state processions. President Wilson will be the first uncoronated head of a government to pass through the arch in state.

WILSON TO USE PULPIT FOREBEAR PREACHED IN

Carlisle, England, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—The visit of President Wilson to the town of Carlisle, in the grand old cathedral here, Sunday, will be a notable event in the city's history.

ANXIETY TRAPS HUSBAND

Alleged Embezzler Arrested as He Greets Wife at Train. His anxiety to have his wife with him for Christmas led to the arrest of Harry Himmel, twenty-five years old, wanted for embezzlement in Denver.

THRIFT TEMPER Generosity Here

Continued from Page One. As the month of December has been the busiest month this year and the greatest December in our history of more than 100 years.

\$2,000,000 IN GIFTS TO CITY WORKERS

Stetson Company Distributes \$300,000 to Employees in Auditorium

GIVING SPIRIT PREVAILS Insurance Policies, Presents of Cash and Bonuses Received in Every Quarter

Gifts amounting to more than \$2,000,000 were presented to workers in mercantile and industrial establishments today by their employers.

In many instances the presentations were made at enthusiastic meetings of the various plants and an emphatic spirit of loyalty prevailed at all.

It was a big day for the workers of the John B. Stetson Company. Gifts amounting to more than \$300,000 were presented to the employees at an enthusiastic meeting in the Stetson Auditorium, at which J. Howell Cummings, president of the company, presided.

War Heroes Honored. Tributes to the memory of fifteen employees, who died or were killed in the service, were an impressive part of the ceremonies.

For many years the Stetson Company has made it a practice to reward their employees at Christmas time. This institution has been steadfastly adhered to year in and year out, regardless of industrial conditions.

In reviewing the deeds of the company during the war, Mr. Cummings pointed out that the firm and its employees raised \$2,400,000 during the various Liberty Loan and war savings stamp campaigns.

Those who received life insurance policies are William Webb, Albert Temkovits, and James Johnson. Among other things distributed were 351 hats, 2446 turkeys, 928 pairs of gloves, 1170 pounds of turkey, 21 watches, 39 chains, and 430 shares of building and loan stock.

Employees of the Colonial Knitting Mills, Hunting Park avenue and Stokesley street, received as a Christmas bonus from the company 1 per cent of their salaries for the past year.

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY PERVADES PIER 19

Queer Looking Packages in Commander Graham's Offices. Whispering Groups Outside. All the mystery that usually haunts a happy home before Christmas is prevalent at Pier 19, North Wharves, where Commander W. J. Graham, U. S. N., is having all sorts of queer-looking packages stowed away in his office.

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MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS

Doylestown and Bucks County Will Establish Park at County Seat. Doylestown, Pa., Dec. 24.—As a lasting memorial to Doylestown and Bucks County soldiers, a soldiers park will be established at the county seat.

USED AUTOMOBILES

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BOLSHEVSKI WHIP ESTHONIAN ARMY

Capture Dorpat and Force Retreat—Germans March Toward Riga

SOVIETS BRING ORDER British Publication Declares Reds Are Effecting Restoration of Russia

London, Dec. 24.—Capping a growing wave of suspicion, evidenced in the liberal British press during the last month, the New Statesman makes the announcement in its Christmas issue that the Bolsheviks, supported now by many former opponents, are effecting a real restoration of Russia and Rumania.

The Bolsheviks have taken Dorpat. Our troops are retreating on the Wesenberg front. German troops are marching toward Fellin, en route to Riga.

The article has undoubtedly heightened the spreading impression that the Bolsheviks have not yet come out of Russia. Agitation is increasing in favor of compelling the Government to state explicitly its attitude toward Russia.

Food distribution is better organized than at any time during the whole war. Factories are rapidly starting up again, as fast as raw materials can be obtained. Management of the factories is being taken over by committees for various reasons.

Management by the Soviets, with consultative committees of employees, has obtained. Management with growing success. The Bolsheviks are cleaning the country of bribery and corruption.

The Red army has become a real disciplined force, with a new spirit of revolutionary and national support. Its numbers are uncertain, but there are at least 600,000 men in its ranks.

These are mostly property owners. Where the White guards (anti-Bolsheviks) temporarily occupied districts they have carried out a policy of terror. The Red guards never dreamed of "any government established by us."

The invading British army, which six months ago was in the East, has found many of its numbers are uncertain, but there are at least 600,000 men in its ranks.

SEEK ENTENTE AID TO UNIFY RUSSIA

Paris, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Prince Georges E. Lovoff and Vladimir N. Kokovtsov, both former Russian Premiers, are among the prominent Russians who have arrived in Paris to assist the movement for unifying Russia and restoring order there with Entente aid.

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