CITY CHEERFULLY AWAITS CHRISTMAS

No One to Go Hungry or Cold in Philadelphia Tomorrow, Organizations Vouch

DINE THOUSANDS OF POOR

"Merry Christmas!"

That's an old one. Nothing new about it—just the same old glad cry—bringing a world of new cheer and hope and warmth every year.

The city looks like Christmas. It has broken out in red and green. And smiles. And where there is so much holly and mistletoe there must be a lot of Christmas spirit.

This Christmas is especially bright and busy and full of expressions of kindness because it is the first since the war has been over, actually as well as in name. After the strain of two years of war and waiting, Christmas is going to be like old times.

The city is finishing great and open-hearted preparations for tomorrow. The public has thronged the stores for the past month and bought more presents than for any Christmas of the past. Municipal and private societies are planning to make this the happiest of all Christmasses for those of the city who cannot make their own happiness, the sick and the poor and the unfortunate. All the old customs of bringing holiday cheer into dark corners of the city will be renewed and new plans for doing away with the greatest possible number of bleak Christmasses have been laid. Right now, the new world spirit of giving a thought and a dollar, and an hour to the other fellow's happiness is finding its fullest expression. It gives another new meaning to the old "Merry Christmas."

Four Thousand to Sing Carols

Like voices of the past Christmas carols will ring out at 11:45 tonight all over the city. Four thousand trained singers will lead the community singing organized all over the city by the community service. In Rittenhouse Square a special service has been arranged by the Art Alliance, and in the various community centers there will be pageants and illuminated Christmas trees.

This afternoon the school children held their Christmas entertainments. They wore their Sunday clothes and recited "pieces" and sang Christmas songs, fidgeting in their seats the while and dreaming of the world's greatest "tomorrow."

In all of the hospitals Christmas parties will be held, some today and most of them tomorrow. There will be gayly decorated trees, crowds of visitors, presents and special music. The State Hospital will be decorated for the occasion.

The city playgrounds will have special exercises and huge trees, singing and games. This is the city's surest way of carrying Christmas into all the eager little hearts in every corner and all the places that might be missed.

Dinners and Baskets for Needy

The men's and women's clubs of the city will give Christmas dinners and baskets to the poor in all sections of the city. The Rotary and Manufacturers' Clubs and many others have collected money and looked up poor families to help out on the Merry Christmas proposition tomorrow. Many women's clubs are working in the same way.

No one in the city need go without a good dinner this year. The dinners will be there for the asking.

The Salvation Army will hand out Christmas baskets of food at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at its headquarters at Broad street and Fairmount avenue. The Volunteers of America will conduct a similar holiday dinner campaign from district distributing headquarters in all sections of the city.

Through the auspices of the Shut-in Society all the bed-ridden and crippled of the city will receive Christmas gifts of good things to eat, coal and other useful articles.

Orphans Not Forgotten

There will be Christmas parties and trees and presents of clothes and toys in all the orphans' homes of the city, and the little children will be given the best possible Christmas in their community homes.

The Prison Welfare Society will make the day as bright as possible for the prisoners in the state penitentiary and the other jails of the city. All the prisoners will have a big dinner and there will be special exercises and music.

There will be a Christmas party in the Municipal Court rooms in City Hall for the poor "kids" of the city tomorrow. They will get a look at a great decorated tree and receive candy and little gifts.

"Mother" Moore, the good angel of the League Island Navy Yard, has planned big parties for the "Jacks" who are in port or stationed in the barracks at the local yard. The boys are not going to be given any chance to feel that the people of the city have forgotten them.

Theatre Parties

The inmates of the Edwin Forrest Home for Actors, at Holmesburg, will be the guests of the Shubert management at the Christmas matinee at the Metropolitan Opera House.

This afternoon the members of the "Oh, My Dear" company gave a Christmas party to 2000 poor children of the city at the Chestnut Street Opera House. There was a special program of entertainments for the small theatre-goers.

The police of the various districts have been busying themselves in collecting contributions in their districts and making plans to help out the poor residents in various ways tomorrow. Poor families will be given food and other greatly needed necessities.

Even the animals will be remembered tomorrow. The S. P. C. A. will sprinkle crumbs for the bird guests of the city and will provide "spreads" for the four-footed tribes.

MUNYON COMPANY SUES

"Professor's" Son Asked to Surrender Remedy for Formulae

Munyon's Homeopathic Remedy Co. has filed a bill in equity asking that Duke Munyon, the late "Professor" Munyon's son, be compelled to surrender books of formulae marketed by the company. It is also asked that he be enjoined from using any of these formulae in any business he might undertake for himself, and from using the trade name of Munyon.

In its bill the company contended it had the sole right to the recipes, having purchased them from the "professor." Duke Munyon contends on his own behalf that the formulae were his father's personal property and given by him to the son to insure Duke Munyon's having a life job with the company. "Professor" Munyon left an estate valued at about $250,000.

GIFTS FOR POLICE OFFICER

Lieutenant Joseph Hillegas, attached to the Park and Lehigh avenues police station, was presented with a diamond ring, a smoking jacket and a meerschaum pipe from the patrolmen and sergeants of the station. The presentation of the gifts was made at midnight rollcall by Sergeant William Hartmen, on behalf of the men.

ROBBER IS CAUGHT AFTER PISTOL DUEL

Policeman in Running Fight With Thief, Who Pleads for Clemency in Court

FELLED VICTIM WITH GUN

James O. Boylan, of the Hotel Hamilton, Fifteenth and Locust streets, was held up, robbed and felled with the butt of a pistol early this morning at Uber and Norris streets. The attack was witnessed by Patrolman Farber, of the Twentieth and Berks streets station.

Benjamin Levin, Franklin street above Callowhill, was arrested by Farber after a chase of four squares, during which the patrolman emptied his revolver at the fugitive and Levin paused once or twice to exchange shots with his pursuer.

Levin, at a hearing before Magistrate Grells at the Nineteenth and Oxford streets police station today, pleaded that it was his first offense and asked for mercy in the Christmas season. He was held without bail for a further hearing next Tuesday.

Boylan appeared to testify against the prisoner. He exhibited a cut over his right eye, where Levin, he said, hit him with the pistol.

According to Boylan he had been visiting friends and was on his way to take a car at Fifteenth and Berks streets, when he passed two men at Uber and Norris streets, who jostled him.

Levin, the witness said, grabbed him by the throat, thrust a pistol against his stomach and ordered him to put up his hands. The other highwayman went through his pockets, taking about $50 in cash and a gold watch and chain, he said. Levin then, according to Boylan, grasped a diamond stickpin in his tie and tore it out, though it was held by a fastener. The torn tie and diamond pin were produced as evidence.

A moment after the watch and money had been taken the patrolman came into sight and one of the highwaymen took to his heels. Farber ran up with his revolver in hand. Boylan struggled with Levin, trying to hold him until the patrolman came up. Levin swung the pistol and crashed the butt of it in Boylan's face. Boylan fell and Levin ran.

FIFTY PRISONERS RELEASED

Camden Judge Frees "Short-Time" Men for Christmas

Fifty prisoners in Camden county jail were released today by order of Judge Kates, of the Camden County Criminal Court, so they could spend Christmas in their own homes. The prisoners were men who had only a few days or weeks more to serve for minor offenses.

The other prisoners will be given a big Christmas dinner tomorrow. Among the prisoners are three women and eight men, charged with murder.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Dec. 24.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to William J. Martin and Myrtle Douglas, Harry Umrath and Ethel Myers; Harlan Sunder and Sydney Bronson, George T. Hodson, Jr., and Myrtle E. Umlouf, George M. Gabriel and Anna J. Berney and Frank Flokhr and Florence Thompson, all of Philadelphia; Frank P. Devlin and Isabel McVeigh, Brooklyn; Harvey R. Ginler and Cornelia I. Mulvaney, Coatesville; Vernon D. Ewan and Mattie C. Lewis, Mt. Holly; Norman I. Kent, Kennett Square, and Florence D. Steele, Oxford; John H. Kirkner, Malvin and Alice B. Yarnall, West Chester; Moses F. Purnell and Violet Houck, Tamaqua; George L. Tyson and Martha Wheatley, Wilmington; Hamilton P. Duncon, Brooklyn, and Rebecca L. Mills, Pennsgrove; Simon Britto and Lucy Smith, Palmerton, Pa.; Golfrey C. Krammerer and Mary E. Carridy, Pitman, N. J.; Frank Warner and Violet Fatinger, Allentown; William G. Shaw and Louise G. King, Marcus Hook, and Horace Selby and Rachel Cooper, Eastville, Md.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harvard Hubbard, 423 E. Rittenhouse st., and Dorothy Lipcomb, 65 E. Sharpnack st.
Arthur Buchanan, 2332 W. Hunting Park ave., and Emily P. Rudman, 1941 E. Thayer st.
Charles J. Fletcher, 1256 N. 11th st., and Myrtle E. Clark, 1939 Darien st.
Gevel Jingesian, 2013 Fairmount ave., and Armonia Stamboulian, 152 S. 60th st.
Peter D'Ambrosio, Trenton, N. J., and Jennie Mariani, 803 S. 10th st.
Fred Weisen, Camden, N. J., and Emma Highley, 2567 E. Norris st.
Henry Strom, 1220 Luzerne st., and Minnie Yeutter, 328 Diamond st.
William F. Bachmann, 2418 E. Dauphin st., and Sylvia Thumm, 3332 E st.
Morris Gelman, 2315 Parrish st., and Annie Dolin, 235 Titan st.
George W. Hagoodt, 5074 Ruth st., and Irene Danvers, 3881 Witts st.
Howard W. Richardson, Baltimore, Md., and Lydia P. Stromer, 3454 N. 30 st.
John F. Daly, 2305 S. 3d st., and Margaret C. Ferrick, 2305 S. 3d st.
Alphonso Cesar, 2166 Sergeant st., and Frances Camgorodio, 2344 Coral st.
Samuel Rodansky, 525 Moore st., and Jean Fiscl, 1811 S. 6th st.
Percell Smith, 2117 N. Mervine st., and Annie Rice, 2642 N. Warnock st.
Hyman Leslie, 219 Vine st., and Bessie Weingrad, 1927 S. 6th st.
Lewis R. Hamilton, 3446 N. Mascher st., and Mabel A. Sypherd, 3332 N. 2d st.
Charles Blazer, Collingswood, N. J., and Ruth M. Bizelor, Phillipsburg, N. J.
John W. Sterling, Crisfield, Md., and Ada M. Danson, 840 S. 16th st.
Thomas Zutomer, 1532 W. Moyamensing ave., and Minnie Demers, 2709 S. 8th st.
Harvey J. Pittinger, 5523 Eastwick ave., and Goldie Barnes, Philadelphia General Hospital.
Joseph A. Cooper, 734 Fairmount ave., and Anna Kwatney, 719 Fairmount ave.
Philip Donofrio, 825 Kimball st., and Emma M. Busillo, 1211 S. Clarion st.
Max Krasitz, 318 Greenwich st., and Frances Saxer, 439 McKean st.
John H. Whitney, Ocean City, N. J., and Nona C. Gee, Boston, Mass.
John M. Clifton, 545 N. 42d st., and Clara M. Bobst, 1112 W. Diamond st.
Clifton Osburn, 3631 Filbert st., and Mary Woodson, 2223 League st.
Charles Sloan, 1929 Ellsworth st., and Sallie Gilliam, 155 Fairmount ave.
Howard A. Dietrich, Ridley Park, Pa., and Virginia Roberts, 203 N. 60th st.
John O'Neill, 6116 N. 21st st., and Louise Marks, 6116 N. 21st st.
Charles H. Gerhart, 723 N. 16th st., and Gertrude A. Blaseman, 723 N. 16th st.
Sam Samorofsky, 2524 S. Marshall st., and Yetta Ostroff, 2430 S. Franklin st.
Fred C. Hayes, Jr., 3150 Wendle st., and Eleanor Matlack, 3150 Wendle st.
Paxton Hedgman, 1634 N. Fawn st., and Jeneva Atkins, 2819 W. York st.
Charles A. Rosen, 1201 S. 54th st., and Elsie P. Schad, 733 S. Front st.
Herman C. Idler, 1509 E. Susquehanna ave., and Hilda E. Rauden, 2659 N. Mascher st.
John P. Smith, Bridgeton, N. J., and Bessie Keegan, Bridgeton, N. J.
Gordon Caldwell, 1114 S. 52d st., and Olive Bennett, 1115 S. 52d st.
Journey Graves, 7144 Hegeman st., and Elma Beale, 2112 N. 17th st.
Stanley M. Hirsh, 135 S. 46th st., and Gladys N. Stern, 2119 Green st.
Alvin J. Hall, Houston, Texas, and Esther E. Fink, 6156 Catharine st.
George E. Rohrs, Rittenhouse Hotel, and Louise Robinson, 826 Kingsley st.
Walter C. Stewart, 767 S. 15th st., and Bessie M. Naime, 767 S. 15th st.
John Holmes, 1531 Catharine st., and Mildred Coleson, 1523 Catharine st.
William H. Ream, League Island Navy Yard, and Blanche A. Davis, 2901 N. Marston st.
Arthur K. Brinke, 2051 N. Carlisle st., and Jennie M. Trambauer, Easton, Pa.
Enoch B. Campbell, Macon, Ga., and Josephine C. Roiger, Maryland.
Elias Sabb, 854 S. 11th st., and Ollie McKinney, 657 N. 34th st.
Fred Duerst, 615 W. Montgomery ave., and Bertha Hiebner, 615 W. Montgomery ave.
Walter Green, 1332 S. 19th st., and Hattie Cannon, 230 S. 11th st.
Emile Chappelle, Scranton, Pa., and Lealia Baker, 1909 Erie ave.
Thomas H. Green, 1204 Addison st., and Rachel Banks, 1204 Addison st.
Roland B. Graham, 50 Ashland place, and Edith M. Lincoln, 221 W. Mt. Airy ave.
William J. Parker, 8022 Ashwood ave., and Lydia M. Tyson, 8417 Tinicum ave.
George F. Douglas, 600 N. 64th st., and Regina T. Flynn, 1223 N. 6th st.
Raymond Lopez, 1116 Redman st., and Elizabeth Coopman, 362 Spruce st.
Matthew Caldwell, 1314 Reed st., and Marion Cesar, 1749 S. Bread st.

DISTRIBUTING BASKETS AT OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Ledger Photo Service

The Rev. Dr. H. Cresson McHenry handing out baskets containing chickens, groceries and a box of candy to needy families at the annual Christmas distribution by the Protestant Episcopal City Mission, at its headquarters in St. Paul's, on Third street below Walnut

Cellmate Swears 'Suicide' Was Beaten

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Mrs. Marie Stehlik, the dead man's mother, testified that the chin was black and blue, that there were finger marks on the cheeks, and scratches on the back of the hands. Mrs. Anne Kalina, another sister, swore that her brother's face was cut, and apparently an effort made to obliterate the mark.

The last letter received from the dead man, his family testified, was dated December 8. In only one of many letters was there any complaint, and in that one it was a criticism of the food. Several letters were sent to the coroner, from New York, by special delivery, but these had not arrived in time to be put into evidence.

Lafayette Taylor, an undertaker, swore that he had examined the body carefully, and had found only marks of strangulation and the cuts on the wrists.

There was a slight bruise on the left forehead, the undertaker testified.

"Did you see any cut you could put your finger into?" asked the coroner.

"No," answered th witness.

Cell Warm, Doctor Says

Dr. Louis J. Burns, 1906 Chestnut street, visiting physician at the hospital, testified he had seen Stehlick the day before he hanged himself, and that at that time he was perfectly well, and in a warm cell.

Dr. Horace Phillips, prison physician, testified to having examined the body after it had been cut down by a guard.

"Did you see any marks of violence?" asked Coroner Knight.

"None," answered the physician.

Joseph Osborne, Harrisburg, a convict released last Friday after serving twenty months for burglary, testified that he occupied the adjoining cell and had heard Stehlik groaning in the night.

"I notified one of the guards, but he only told me to go to hell," testified Osborne. He said he could not name the guard.

Contradicted by McKenty

Later, he said, he had looked through a crack and had seen Stehlik's body hanging.

"He could not look through a crack," said Warden McKenty, "because there is no crack." The coroner took the jury to see.

Edward T. Mitchell, of Buffalo, a convict serving a term for forgery, testified Stehlik, or "Whitey," as the dead man was called, had said the night before his death that he had been beaten with a hose.

Osborne, the former convict, was recalled and testified that on the same night he had tried to get into conversation with "Whitey," but received no response.

"I heard nothing but groans. He didn't answer me and he didn't talk to any one else that I heard."

It was testified that the convicts shouted to one another from their cells.

Mr. Menamin, attorney for the Stehliks, called a long list of convict witnesses. The men came in from an adjoining room, where they were waiting and smoking, dressed in their blue and white prison uniforms. There was no heavy guard and no display of clubs or pistols. The prisoner-witnesses all seemed anxious to testify to their own wrongs, but appeared to know little about the case.

Coroner Frowns on Publicity

Coroner Knight permitted no questioning on matters apart from the issue of the inquest.

"We want the publicity," Mr. Menamin answered when Coroner Knight on one occasion asked why he pursued a certain line of questioning.

"That is just the trouble," the coroner commented. "It is the publicity you are after."

Doctor Burns was recalled and testified that he had visited Stehlik and Berkowitz the day before "Whitey's" death. He had found Berkowitz shouting and pounding on the floor; Stehlig highly nervous.

"Stehlig said he was all right when I offered to give him a sedative, and said I need not bother to have Berkowitz taken to another cell. I ordered Berkowitz removed, however, and saw it done. There was no abuse of the prisoner. Half an hour later I returned and both men were in good shape."

Three Inspectors at Inquest

Among those who attended the inquest were William Dunlap, prison inspector, whose charges led to the present investigation, and two other inspectors, Ignatius J. Horstmann and E. J. Lafferty.

Before the inquest both Mr. Horstmann and Mr. Lafferty told newspaper men that they would be willing to take the stand.

"Mr. Dunlap spends less time in the prison than any other member of the board," said Mr. Lafferty. He added that he would make further allegations concerning Dunlap if called to the stand.

Christmas Cheer at Nursery

The Salvation Army day nursery, at 236 South Third street, is not to be behind in the efforts being made by institutions of this city to make this the happiest Christmas Philadelphia has ever had. They have planned a banquet for the little ones who have been in their charge throughout the year. Tomorrow the youngsters will have toys, candy and clothes presented to them. And a tree with all the trimmin's and everything.

POLICE REMEMBER POOR

Hundreds Get Cheer at Thirty-second and Market Streets Station

Hundreds of poor persons in the vicinity of Thirty-second and Market streets were assured a joyful Christmas today when they received armloads of good things from the police station. Following the custom of years, Lieutenant George F. Boston, aided by the patrolmen in his district, collected contributions from merchants and individuals and piled them high in the station.

There were turkeys, nearly a hundred of them; several hundred pounds of meats, potatoes, canned goods and fruits. There was even a ton of coal, which was distributed in twenty-five-pound portions.

LAUNCH VICTORY SHIP

Chateau-Thierry Leaves Ways at Hog Island

In celebration of the victory of the United States army and marine corps at Chateau Thierry in the war, the army transport Chateau Thiery was launched at the Hog Island Shipyard this afternoon, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of army, navy and marine corps officers.

The vessel was christened by Mrs. George Barnett, of Washington, D. C., wife of Major Beneral George Barnett, commandant of the United States Marine Corps. Mrs. Barnett is well known in this city, where she resided for a number of years, when her husband, then lieutenant colonel and later colonel of the marines was stationed at the League Island Navy Yard.

The Chateau Thierry is the fourth army transport and the seventy-seventh ship to leave the ways of the Hog Island Shipyard.

Lady Waldeck Pays 8 to 1 for Place

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three-year-olds and up, six furlongs:
Senator James, 110,
Money ..... 9 to 2 2 to 1 even
Mack Garner, 107,
Garner ..... 8 to 1 ½ to 2 6 to 5
Miss Wright, 107,
Pitz ..... 7 to 1 3 to 1 7 to 5
Time, 1:13 3-5. J. C. Cantrill, Keziah, Ruth Strickland, Jos. P. Murphy, Lady Leona, Mallowmont, Sincerity, Alonia, Milton Robbee, Verity and Lady Eileen also ran.

FOURTH RACE, claiming, purse $600, two-year-olds, six furlongs:
Grove A., 103, Roderiguez
Opra ..... 3 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Little Sandy, 110,
Tullett ..... 8 to 1 3 to 1 8 to 5
Rapid Stride, 109,
Wilda ..... 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 5
Time 1:15. Double Van, Battle Mountain, Biddie Dee, Cancion, Heads I Win, Clear The Way, Watersmeet, Viva Cuba and Col. Murphy also ran.

FIFTH RACE, claiming, purse $600 for three-year-olds and up, six furlongs:
Hidden Jewel, 102,
Wilda ..... 7 to 1 2 to 1 4 to 5
American Eagle, 113,
Walls ..... 3 to 1 even 2 to 5
Irish Maid, 110, Rodriguez
Rues ..... 10 to 1 3 to 1 6 to 5
Time, 1:12 4-5. Gen. Byng, Murphy, Napthalius, Sturdee and Burnette Lady also ran.

HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, purse $600, for three-year-olds, claiming, 6 furlongs:
Wynnewood, 108, McIntyre ..... 2 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Bee Box, 100, Magnan ..... 8 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Mike Dixon, 105, Brown ..... 5 to 1 2 to 1 even
Time, 1:15. The Gleaner, Pomeroue, Clip and Unwise Child also ran.

SECOND RACE, purse $600, two-year-olds, claiming, 5½ furlongs:
Hello Pardner, 116,
Connors ..... 7 to 2 7 to 5 7 to 10
Director James, 108,
Dominick ..... 7 to 2 7 to 5 7 to 10
Col. Lillard, 111,
Carmody ..... 7 to 2 7 to 5 7 to 10
Time, 1:08 4-5. Vain Chick, Little One, Marcelle M., Major Fisk and Captain Tony also ran.

THIRD RACE, purse $600, three-year-olds and up, 5½ furlongs:
Hasty Cora, 106
Roderis ..... 2 to 1 4 to 5 2 to 5
Duke Ruff, 101,
Weiner ..... 2 to 1 4 to 5 2 to 5
Lubelski, 109 Merritt
Mee ..... 20 to 1 8 to 1 4 to 1
Time, 1:08 2-5. Magic Mirror, Snow Queen, The Battle Wing, Anxiety and Theodore Fair also ran.

FOURTH RACE, purse $600, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 5½ furlongs:
Walter Mack, 106, Murray ..... 7 to 10 2 to 5 out
Blanchita, 101, Carmody ..... 4 to 1 8 to 5 3 to 5
Col. Harrison, 108, H. Garner ..... 3 to 1 6 to 5 3 to 5
Time, 1:07 3-5. Manganese, Iron Boy, Skyman, Assign and Blanche Donalton also ran.

LOST AND FOUND

HANDBAG—Lost, between Kresge's 5 and 10 cent store, on Market st., and Gimbel Bros., silver mesh handbag, initials E. N. B. Liberal reward. Notify H. S. Brown, 802 Chestnut st., Phila.

DEATHS

BENE.—Suddenly, Dec. 22, at 2409 W. Ontario st., LAURA E., wife of Howard F. Bene and daughter of Maria and the late Harry Phillingsberry. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral services, Fri., 2 p. m., from residence of Walter W. Conroy, 726 Buttonwood st. Int. private.

GATCHELL.—Dec. 24, HARRY A. GATCHELL. Due notice of the funeral will be given later.

ROBB.—Dec. 23, KATE SNYDER, wife of William E. Robb. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral services, Sat., 2 p. m., at husband's residence, 5148 Walnut ave. Int. private. Friends may call Fri., 8 to 10 p. m.

WEST.—Dec. 23, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. William P. Horn, 237 S. 42d st., MARGARET C., widow of William A. West, aged 78. Int. Lewes, Del., Fri., on arrival of train leaving Broad St. Station 7:25 a. m.

WENZEL.—ANNA MARGARET WENZEL (nee Collmar), daughter of the late Charles F. and Carolina Collmar, suddenly, Dec. 23, at Scranton, Pa.

ROCHE.—Dec. 23, PAUL VINCENT, son of John T. and Mary A. Roche (nee Brennan), aged 24. Relatives and friends, also Holy Name Society, invited to funeral, Sat., 9:30 a. m., from parents' residence, 838 E. Chelten ave., Germantown. Solemn requiem mass at Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11 a. m. Int. Holy Sepulchre Cem.

Hall Still Defiant in Fight for Gavel

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attitude of another Vare stalwart, David Martin.

"Senator Martin," said the sheriff-elect, "must be losing his political brains when he says he will not stand for reformers because they are not his type of Republicans. The senator does not seem to realize that his type of Republicans were rejected at the polls by a majority of the Republican voters last September, and that the new Council has a majority of members who are not of his type.

"Senator Martin came to see me a week or so ago and requested me to retain certain followers of his in the sheriff's office. If he is so bitterly opposed to my type of Republicanism, how can he expect me to be overly friendly to his type."

The sheriff-elect's statement aroused particular interest because of its issuance following the conference in the office of Mayor-elect Moore, at which the organization of the new Council was discussed. Lamberton would prefer the election of Burch as president, but it is understood that he will cooperate with Mr. Moore in all matters affecting the policy of the Moore laeders toward the old-line Organization leaders.

$500 IN CLOTH STOLEN

Typewriter, Hardware, Tools and Auto Taken in Other Thefts

Cloth valued at $500 was stolen from the store of David Glugach, 2008 South Seventh street, last night. The robbers forced an entrance and are believed to have carried away the loot in an automobile.

A typewriter valued at $150 was stolen from the office of William H. Clawson, northeast corner of Twenty-seventh and Diamond streets, during the night.

Thieves smashed the bulk window of the hardware store of Komens Bros., 533 Arch street, and stole tools valued at $26.

The automobile of Morris Schoenberg, 1900 Medary avenue, was stolen from Seventeenth street and Erie avenue during the night. It was later recovered at Thirteenth street and Pulaski avenue.

YULETIDE CHEER FOR BLIND

Two hundred families in which the breadwinners are blind received gifts of coal, provisions or clothing today and yesterday from the Blind Relief Fund of Philadelphia. Gifts were also taken to 200 blind children and others in the institutions of the city.

J. E. CALDWELL & CO.
JEWELERS—SILVERSMITHS—STATIONERS
CHESTNUT AND JUNIPER STREETS

GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Bracelets, Bar Pins, Bookmarks, Brooches, Candy Jars, Card Cases, Coin Holders, Coin Purses, Neck Chains, Cigarette Cases, Crosses, Rosaries, Crucifixes, Clocks, Dorine Powder Boxes, Eyeglass Cases, Fountain Pens, Hat Pins, Hand Bags, Overnight Bags, Lockets, La Vallieres, Lingerie Pins, Lip Salve Cases, Lorgnons, Lorgnon Guards, Mesh Bags, Penholders, Photograph Frames, Pencils, Potpourri Boxes, Sautoirs, Signet Rings, Sewing Sets, Thimbles, Tape Measures, Umbrellas, Vanity Cases, Veil Pins, Wrist Watches

STETSON EMPLOYES GET STOCK AS GIFTS

$290,000 in Bonuses Paid to Some Workers at Big Christmas Celebration

EVERY ONE IS REMEMBERED

"Merry, merry Christmas" The vast auditorium of the John B. Stetson Co. echoed and re-echoed with these words today, joyfully shouted by hundreds of employes of that concern who had gathered there for Christmas exercises.

The words came with sincerity prompted by the knowledge that a worthy task has been well done and just reward has been received.

The humblest apprentice boys rubbed shoulders with the chief executives as the spirit of democracy as well as that of the Yuletide pervaded the gathering place. And Santa Claus, in the guise of a concern that appreciates and rewards loyalty on the part of its employes, brought gifts galore and nobody was forgotten in the distribution.

The exercises opened with the anthem, "There's a Song in the Air," which was followed by an address by J. Howell Cummings, president of the John B. Stetson Co. Other addresses were made by N. H. Larzelere and Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore. Songs and special presentations completed the program of entertainment.

A memorial tablet erected in honor of the employes of the company who served in the world war was unveiled. The names of twenty men who died in the service were inscribed.

After announcements were made by Mr. Cummings of the winners of various prizes, the gifts were distributed.

There were turkeys, hats, gloves and candy. The married men received turkeys for their families. More than eleven thousand pairs of gloves were distributed among the women workers, and fifteen hundred pounds of candy. Apprentice boys who won prizes were given gold watches, chains and money.

Other older employes received gifts of more substantial nature. Common stock in the company with a market value of $350 a share was issued to trustees, to be paid for at par out of the dividends, 25 per cent.

Other prizes were 695 shares of stock in the John B. Stetson Building and Loan Association, policies of life insurance for $5000 each to Jacob Schaaf, Frank Hess and Albert Weigmann, cash bonuses approximating a total of $290,000.

Following the exercises Mr. Cummings was entertained at luncheon in the Bellevue-Stratford by the traveling representatives of the John B. Stetson Co.

PUBLIC SERVICE LIST

Lehigh Valley Electric Rate Cases Up for Friday

The following cases are listed for hearing before the Public Service Commission in this city Friday, in Room 443, City Hall, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.:

Alpha Portland Cement Co., Nazareth Cement Co., Coplay Cement Manufacturing Co., Whitehall Cement Manufacturing Co., Penn Allen Cement Co. vs. Lehigh Valley Light and Power Co. Alleged unjust and unreasonable increase in rates for electric service, effective October 19, 1919, and averring that such increase is in violation of contract entered into between parties.

Herbert Barber vs. John M. Drew. Alleged increase in rates for passenger service, effective December 26, 1919.

MRS. HOSTETTER'S FUNERAL

Fellow Members of Musical Clubs Attend Final Services

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 1820 Chestnut street for Mrs. Van Vechten Hostetter, who died from accidental asphyxiation last Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, of the Episcopal Church of the Saviour, conducted the services, which were attended by many members of the Musical Art Club and the Matinee Musical Club, of which Mrs. Hostter was the registrar.

Dr. Thaddeus Rich, concertmaster and assistant conductor of the Philadelphia Orchestra, played an "Ave Maria." The body is being taken to her home in Traer, Iowa, for interment.

HELD AS PURSE-SNATCHER

Man Accused of Grabbing Handbag From Woman Shopper

Henry Williams, a negro, Poplar street near Tenth, was held in $1000 bail for court, charged with attempting to take a purse away from Mrs. G. Tredway, of Paulsboro, N. J.

Mrs. Tredway was making some purchases in a store on Market street yesterday, when Williams is alleged to have snatched her bag from her. He was arrested after a sharp battle.

The campaign against pickpockets by reserve police and detectives has resolved itself into an attempted Christmas Eve round-up today of the pickpockets who are harassing shoppers.

NEW COUNCIL PLANS GIVEN COMMITTEE

Members Argue Over Advisability of Holding Open or Closed Meeting

INDEPENDENTS FOR SECRECY

Plans for the organization of the new City Council were presented this afternoon before members of the special committee on rules meeting in City Hall.

The tentative plans drafted by supporters of the Mayor-elect give the president of Council power to name the councilmanic committees and appoint most of the employes of the Council.

Considerable time was consumed in discussing the advisability of having the meeting an executive session or wide open. The independent members of the committee urged that it be executive, while the organization members advocated an open session.

Richard Weglein, who has the support of Mayor-elect Moore for the presidency of the new Council, said as he entered the meeting: "I insisted on an executive session out of deference for the other fourteen members of the new body not present. We should keep the rules secret until they have a chance to go over them. We have our plans complete. We are going to put our cards on the table and expect the others to do the same."

Among the questions decided at the meeting were parliamentary rulings, size of committees, methods of their selection and other details.

With Francis F. Burch, prospective finance chairman, presiding at the meeting this afternoon, the Council organization plans were presented by James S. Develin, councilman-elect from the Fourth district.

The president of the Council, under the proposed rules, appointed the members of ten or eleven committees which will consider legislative business.

The committees are to include transportation, taking in all street and steam railway affairs, law, health, finance, public works, utilities, public safety, commerce and navigation and municipal government.

The Council president, it is also tentatively suggested, will name all councilmanic employes except the sergeant-at-arms, the chief clerk and the assistant chief clerk. Sentiment seems to swing toward election of those officials by the whole Council.

SANTA ON BROAD STREET

Motorists Give Traffic Police Christmas Envelopes

A big touring car sped down Broad street this morning.

At crossing after crossing the portly occupant of the car flung a little envelope to the traffic policeman stationed there.

The policeman would rip open the envelope, peep at the contents with a grin, then wave after the departing motor with a lusty "Merry Christmas."

Many motorists remembered their friends among the traffic police on this day before Christmas.

HARRY A. GATCHEL DIES IN HOSPITAL

President of Photo-Engraving Firm Was Widely Known in Business

MEMBER OF MANY CLUBS,

Harry A. Gatchel, president of Gatchel & Manning, designers and photo-engravers, died this morning at the Lankenau Hospital, where he went for treatment from his home, 4032 Spruce street. He was fifty-six years old. He was one of Philadelphia's most widely known business men and was a member of many clubs and organizations.

Mr. Gatchel is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. C. Ertel, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. L. L. Wiltbank, of Garden City, L. I.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Francis Murphy Brooks, Jr., of Philadelphia; a grandson, Philip Ertel, of Philadelphia; and a sister, Mrs. Walter Brooks Smith, of Overbrook.

Mr. Gatchel was born in Philadelphia July 28, 1863. He attended the Friends' Central School and the Peirce Business School. At the age of twenty-six he started in business for himself as the Pennsylvania Engraving Co.

On May 1, 1896, the firm of Gatchel & Manning was formed, the partner being Frank E. Manning, who died several years ago. At the time of Mr. Gatchel's death his chief associate in the business was C. A. Stinson.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

Mr. Gatchel was a member of Olivet Lodge, No. 607, F. and A. M.; Harmony Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M.; Philadelphia Council, R. and S. M.; Philadelphia Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32d; Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Poor Richard Club, of which he was chairman of the membership committee; Rotary Club, Union League Club, Sales Managers' Association of Philadelphia, Chamber of Commerce, Associated Advertising Clubs of America, American Photo-Engravers' Association, Manufacturing Photo-Engravers' Association of Philadelphia, Aronimink Country Club, United Typothetae of America and Manufacturers' Club.

Woman Dies of Gas Poisoning

Fanny Murphy, fifty years old, 1710 Ingersoll street, died of gas poisoning last night at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was found unconscious in her room last Sunday morning. Gas was escaping from a leaky jet.

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