

CHRISTMAS RUSH AT STORES BEGINS

Toylands Are Swamped by Joyous Youngsters Ready for Santa Claus

EVERYBODY'S BUYING NOW

The spirit of Christmas surges high in Philadelphia today. On the streets it is just as joyously busy, stirring old dreams and quickening new hopes...

There's a reason for it. Today is the first Saturday in December, the psychological moment when all thinking of the season, clutch subconsciously at their pocketbooks and discover that the great drama Christmas is under way...

The holiday toy departments, the jewelry counters, the places where children's books, handkerchiefs and men's ties are sold and all other popular holiday departments have been under a steady and early morning rain of popularity...

Children Rush in Stores Being Saturday, thousands upon thousands of children were brought to town for their Christmas shopping...

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Have Silver Wedding



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POLICEMAN TO CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING TODAY

Lieut. Stichel and Wife Will Have Big Family Reunion

Lieutenant John F. Stichel, of the Seventh police district, Third and Fairmount Avenue, and Mrs. Stichel will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary today at their home, 883 North Randolph Street, Lehigh and Mrs. Stichel were married on December 4, 1895, and have lived the twenty-five years of their married life in a house where they went as bride and groom.

A reception and family reunion at the Stichel home will mark the celebration. Three married daughters and three grandchildren, all of whom live in the immediate neighborhood, will be present besides other relatives and many friends.

Lieutenant Stichel has a fine record of twenty-seven years police service, all of which has been in the Seventh district, in which he has served as patrolman, sergeant and lieutenant. He is in receipt of many congratulations at the station house, where he has so long been known.

COMPANY NOT LIABLE

Judge Dismisses Damage Suit Because U. S. Was in Control

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TENSION IN POLITICS OVER SPEAKERSHIP

It Is Believed Penrose Is Determined to Name Man for Legislative Post

BATTLE SWINGS WESTWARD

A tension was apparent today in the fight to win control of the next Legislature through the election of the speaker of the State House of Representatives.

Senator Penrose's remark yesterday that he "wants to get out and tell some people what I think of them," is edifying through the stream of Pennsylvania politics.

The general interpretation of the remark is that Mr. Penrose is determined to name the next speaker. Governor Sprout and State Chairman Crow are pushing Major Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester county, for the speakership.

The battle swung today to the western end of the state. Senator Crow is now in Allegheny county lining up representatives there for the Sprout-Crow program.

Both Sides Claim Allegheeny Interesting in that connection is the claim that twenty-two of the twenty-four representatives from Allegheny county will vote for any candidate desired by Senator Penrose.

The speakership prize is sought so eagerly by the forces of Joseph H. Grand and those of Governor Sprout and Senator Crow because of the immense power vested in the presiding officer of the House.

The speaker names all committees and frequently decides what committee will receive a particular bill. Committee domination means control over the legislative machinery, moreover, can be pushed through quickly, killed with negative votes or allowed to die of old age.

Penrose Sees Tax Relief Senator Penrose does not believe revenue legislation at the short session of Congress will be possible. He made this statement yesterday following a conference with Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana.

Business men still view the expression of opinion as relates to revenue legislation with interest, for they have indicated the hope the burden of excess profits tax would be relieved to aid retention of millions of money in business.

As far as I am concerned," said Senator Penrose, "I do not see how it will be possible to pass any substantial revenue legislation in the short session. Wilson still is President, with the power of veto, and so far as I know there is no hope of cooperation with him on revenue, or any other legislation."

CHRISTMAS TO BE "DRY"

Alleged Bootleggers Wanted to Spread Holiday Cheer

3 BANDITS ROUTED BY TRENCH FIGHTER

Druggist's Son Uses Counter as Shield When Store Is Held Up

SISTER CALLS PATROLMAN

Trench-fighting methods learned in France routed three bandits last night from the drug store of William F. Kalesse, Clarence and Jasper streets.

William F. Kalesse, Jr., son of the druggist and an overseas veteran, was alone in the store when the three bandits entered and gruffly ordered him to throw up his hands.

Kalesse figured that the space behind the counter was as good as any hiding place he saw in France or Flanders. He ducked, then moved rapidly to another room and obtained a big army automatic that could punch holes through a dozen bandits.

Margaret, the young man's sister, called a police whistle and blew a shrill alarm. The whistle and the noise of the former soldier returning to the shop were too much for the would-be robbers. They fled without obtaining anything.

Patrolman William Becker, who lives at 2022 East Toga street, near the drug store, was off duty and sitting in a shoeless case when he heard the blare of the police whistle. He ran in a flying foot to the drug store, but the bandits were gone.

Charter Study Near End Attorney General Schaffer, chairman of the State Constitutional Revision Commission, has written to members of the commission asking that they study the "parallel column" report of the committee of the whole so that the work of the commission may be expedited when it meets December 14.

Strange Creed Blamed for Boy's Defalcations Youth Who Took Employer's \$2500 Had Become Agnostic

Walter Hawkins, the sixteen-year-old youth who is held at the House of Detention on a charge of embezzling \$2500 from Bayard F. Brogan, a Sanson street jeweler, is believed by those investigating the case to have been under the influence of some sort of revolutionary creed that led him to feel that he was doing no wrong in appropriating the money.

In a period of two weeks' employment he impressed Brogan as everything a business college had represented him to be, and, according to the police and his own confession, he so manipulated the books that he was able to embezzle at least \$2500.

Investigators have learned that the boy was brought up in a strict religious family, but that lately he had developed agnostic and revolutionary tendencies which seemed to have completely possession of his mental mind. He is known to have been the associate of an older boy whose name the authorities do not know, and the two of them are said to have made numerous revolutionary speeches at public gatherings.

After a short questioning, the police say that he confessed to making false entries in the books and obtaining money on bogus checks. It is the belief at the House of Detention that he had an idea he had been cheated of an education and many of the luxuries of life and thought it was not doing wrong in taking the money.

Hawkins lived with his mother in an apartment of Woodland Avenue near City street, where he was arrested. He had a loaded revolver in his room and books on anatomy, bacteriology and criminology.

Business Executive for local college and hospital. Must be capable accountant, correspondent and buyer. Reply in detail, confidential. B 103, LEDGER OFFICE

WELLESLEY OPENS DRIVE FOR FUND

College Club Begins Local Campaign With Annual Luncheon at Bellevue

\$2,700,000 IS SOUGHT

The local campaign in support of the \$2,700,000 endowment fund desired for Wellesley College began today at the annual luncheon of the Wellesley College Club in the Bellevue Stratford.

The major part of the endowment is required for salary increases at the college. Two million dollars has been "ear-marked" for the building of a new dormitory, \$300,000 for a students' dormitory and \$200,000 for an alumnae building.

Mrs. George Bacon Wood, campaign chairman for eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware, said the alumnae building is a vital necessity. Since the principal building at the college was destroyed by fire several years ago the college has had no hall large enough to accommodate all the students at one time.

Dr. Mabel Elizabeth Hodder, of the history department at Wellesley, touched on the overcrowded condition of the college at the present time. She denied that Wellesley was exclusively a "rich girls' college." Ten per cent of the undergraduates, she stated, continue in college through their own efforts.

497 DEATHS IN WEEK

Health Record Improves Over Figures of Year Ago

Deaths during the week were slightly less than during the corresponding week of last year and in excess of the deaths of last week.

During the week 497 deaths were recorded, or thirty-nine more than last week when the death number was 458. Five hundred and seven deaths occurred in this city during the week ended December 3, 1919—ten more than the deaths of the present week.

The deaths and their causes follow: Typhoid fever 1, Influenza 43, Pneumonia 43, Cancer 43, Organic diseases of heart 40, Erysipelas 39, Bright's disease 35, Venereal disease 35, Suicide 3.

Arnold School Leads in Savings According to a report, now being compiled by Irving Superintendent of Schools Wheeler, the pupils of the Arnold School, Twenty-second and Dauphin streets, have the best record for savings, with a total of \$5125.

Morton School, Sixty-third Street and Elmwood Avenue, has a total of \$2750, and Fairhill School, Marshall and Somerset streets, a total of \$1449.



William F. Froley, Captain of fire truck No. 16, who is in the Hahnemann Hospital suffering from wounds received at the fire at Second and Calowhill streets on Tuesday night

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Advertisement for Jacob Reeds Sons gloves. Text includes: 'Gloves Extensive Variety of Approved Styles', 'Everything desirable in gloves from the leading foreign and American manufacturers. This year the assortments and qualities are excellent, and we can undoubtedly serve you to entire satisfaction.', 'Special mention is due the following interesting numbers: Mocha in various weights. In gray, beaver, cordovan and tan. Outseam or P. K. finish, \$5 and \$6.50. Cape gloves. Tan, gray, cordovan and tobacco colors. Spear point and black embroidered, \$4.50 and \$5. Deer skin, gray or tan, \$8.50. Buckskin gloves. Unequaled for warmth and durability. Outseam, spear point or embroidered. Button or fastener, \$5.50 and \$6.50. A special quality, guaranteed washable, "rip-proof" seams. Gray or tan, \$7.75. Chamois gloves. Pliable, soft, well-feeling. Spear point or black embroidered, \$3.50 and \$4.50.', 'JACOB REEDS SONS 1424-1426 Chestnut Street'

Advertisement for Sun de Luxe restaurant. Text includes: 'Where to Dine A Directory', 'American and Chinese Restaurant Serving Wonderful 55-Cent Luncheons!', 'One entree, 2 vegetables, bread and butter, tea or coffee.', 'The Finest Cooked Chinese and American Food in Philadelphia', 'FULL COURSE DINNER \$1.25 per cover', 'MUSIC-DANCING at Luncheon, Dinner and Supper', '1023-25 Market St. Open From 11 A. M. to 1 A. M.'

Advertisement for Wong Kew restaurant. Text includes: 'WONG KEW Chinese and American Restaurant 1209 Market Street', 'Special Sunday Dinner, 1.25', 'Orchestra Band from 10 to 12 P.M.'

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Advertisement for Kelly's Oyster House. Text includes: 'KELLY'S OYSTER HOUSE 12 N. 9TH ST. OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE OPEN ALL NIGHT'

Advertisement for The Eagle restaurant. Text includes: 'The EAGLE 23 N. 11th St. Eat, Drink, and Regret Here You Won't Regret It! Chicken Dinner, 75c'

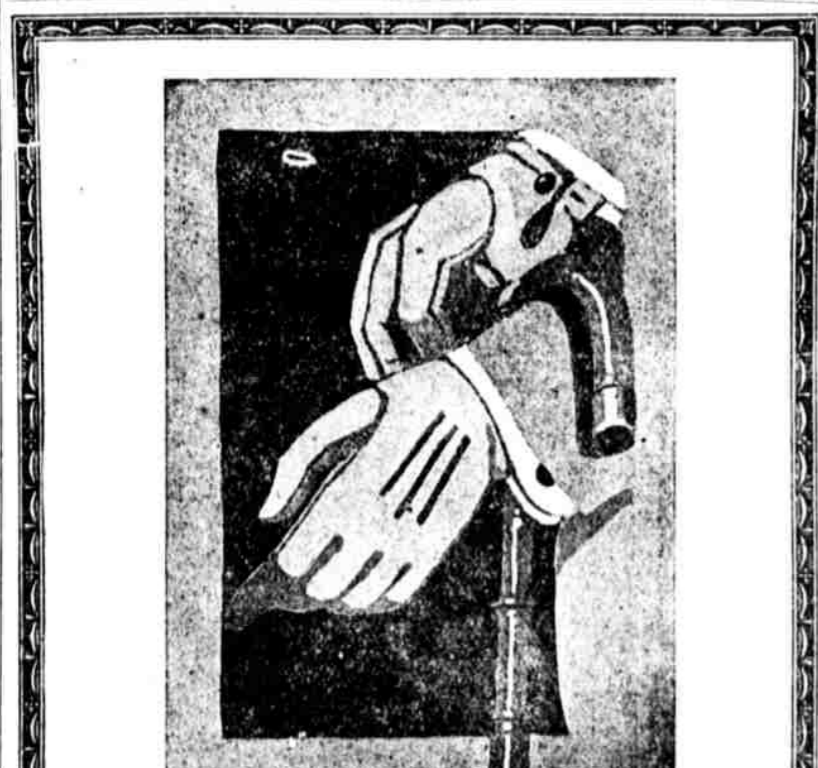
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Advertisement for Hotel Pennsylvania. Text includes: 'This is your paper', 'When you wake in Hotel Pennsylvania (or in any Statler-operated hotel), you find a morning paper under your door—but you never find a charge for it in your bill.', 'That little thoughtfulness is typical of the way your comfort and convenience are served at the Pennsylvania—just as typical as the more spectacular features of equipment, the glass-enclosed sun-room on the roof, or the two complete Turkish Bath establishments (one for men, one for women, each with its own swimming pool).', 'In Pennsylvania Station give your bag to a Red-Cap, and take elevator to the hotel's lobby—without going up to the street.', 'HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA Opposite Pennsylvania Terminal, New York Associated with HOTELS STATLER, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis'

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