### 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 Philadelphia today. On the streets is just whimsically busy, stirring old dreams and quickening new hopes; but in the department stores, with recand crowds cheerfully jostling their way through holly-decked aisles, the boliday urge has leaped to real carnival heights.

nival heights.

There's a reason for it. Today is
the first Saturday in December, the
psychological moment when all thinking citizens pause, clutch subconsciously
at their packethooks and discover that e great drama Christmas, or at least in the department stores there is no mistaking the truth of their discovery.
The stores themselves, with their glittering holiday decorations and their atractive wares look like gigantic Christtractive waves look the grant mas trees, and the throngs of shoppers in them have that jolliness of mood and that frantic purpose of eye which come only once a year and can never

me only mistaken.

The hewildering toy departments, the tree places where welry counters, the places where hooks, handkerchiefs and stationery books, handkerchiefs and men's ties are sold and all other pemen's ties are the state of the morning, with the palm of popularity going undoubtedly to the toy depart-

Children Rush in Stores

Saturday, thousand upon of children were brought in town for their yearly visit with Santa Class and all the wonderful things that believe in Santa Claus it's

o go in.
isn't hard to have faith up ny up on the third floor or the our or wherever your favorite tment happens to be. All you do is stand perfectly still and Sure as Christmas some little up your mind for you. il say. "Mother, he said hello to I good and I said I was—" will be awed. It will belong her hat and cont to make her at home toyland or it will be the property of mail rambunctions boy whom nothing oom but the great Santa Claus But nwe isn't lasting long up there

Toyland. There are too many a do. One department store real race track with real live for the children to ride. And hen there are the electric trains with oplanes whizzing through e air, and battleships scooting around real tanks into which small boys can all their arms when their mothers en't looking.

"Big Children" on Hand

surse, everybody who goes up it toy department isn't little or hasn't me little with them. It is rumored at persons go up there who flush up when you ask them why they came and then they say: "Why, I don't know, I t of drifted in—that is I'm buying Mary's baby." Some say that and sen there are others who are honest, her just come right out with it. they say, "I'm a perfect

kids, wandering around up only trouble is once I get can never get out of it. do with gifts in the way novelties. Department toys and novelties. tore heads agree that the tendency to buy practical gifts, born during the lean years of war time, still persists. The rowds throng persistently in the departments where anything to wear is

one store official said, they seem to be buying practical things that range all the way from a twentyfire-cent tea strainer to a \$500 piece

The hard times that are reported to The hard times that are reported to have more or less lightly descended on the country are not affecting in any way the holiday buying, department store heads say. One store reported that its sales during November broke all previous records for that month.

This was attributed to the slow consistent Christmas shopping of those provided sails who did their buying tarix. But it is taken to indicate that the real enriest holiday buying that began in December will be untarialleled.

Motorbus Service to Shore

Atlantic City by motorbus for 5.50, og from Atlantic City to this city by \$1.50. The Delaware and Atlantic Transportation Co. has been formed to perate motorbus routes between Philadelphia and Atlantic City, and handle bath passengers and freight, at rates which will be materially lower than tallway rates. Hendquarters of the new company will be in Atlantic City. company will be in Atlantic City.
Hourly passenger service, in buses carrying thirty passengers, will be instituted.

Deaths of a Day

FRANK HILLARD PIERSON

Night Manager of Standard News Association is Dead

Association is Dead

New York, Dec. 4.—Frank Hillard
Pierson, night manager of the Standard
News Association and formerly a member of the New York Herald staff for
more than thirty years, died last night
in the bome of his son. Seymour Pierson, 170 East Seventeenth street,
Brooklyn, from a complication of discases, Mr. Pierson had been in ill
health for several months.

Rorn in Newark, N. J. August 20.
1862, the youngest son of Colonel John
Lacy Pierson and Grace Robertson
Thompson, Mr. Pierson moved to
Painesville, O. in his youth and entaged in newspaper work in Cleveland.
He returned to New York latter, and
obtained work as a reporter on the New
York Herald. In the course of his
hirty rears with that newspaper he
held various editorial positions, inchaing that of city editor. He also
mas for a time managing editor of the
While a reporter, Mr. Pierson

While a reporter, Mr. Pierson

While Telegram

seeing Telegram.

While a reporter. Mr. Pierson was sained to go aboard the first Holland shearine, which had a trial run at the feet of Seventy second street and the fluston river. The submarine substantial street and the fluston river. The submarine substantial street and became tangled in heavy schor chains and was held below the strate more than an hour.

Mr. Pierson married Leora Brown serious, of Wichita Kan. Dec. 6.

Hillard Pierson, who is on the staff the Morning Telegraph, and a sister, in george P. Steele of Painesville, in Fierson was president of the New Yan, Euron was president of the New Yan, Furran services will be considered. The body will be interred in





Lieutenant John F. Stickel and wife who are celebrating their silver wellding today. He is in charge of the Third street and Fairmount avenue station

POLICEMAN TO CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING TODAY

Lieut. Stickel and Wife Will Have Big Family Reunion

Lieutenant John F. Stickel, of the Seventh police district, Third and Fairmount avenue, and Mrs. Stiekel will that Senator Philander C. Knox would remain a senator and not enter Presiversary today at their home, 883 North Randolph street, Lieutenant and Mrs. of opinion as relates to revenue legisla-Stickel were married on December 4, tion with interest, for they have 1895, and have lived the twenty-five cated the hope the burden of excess 1895, and have lived the twenty-five profits tax would be relieved to aid years of their married life in a house business. Repeal of this tax would where they went as bride and groom. A reception and family reunion at the in business. Stickel home will mark the celebration. Three married daughters and three Three married daughters and three Senator Penrose, "I do not see how it grandchildren, all of whom live in the will be possible to pass any substantial ent besides other relatives and many

Lieutenant Stickel has a fine record of twenty-seven years police service, all of which has been in the Seventh district, in which he has servel as pa-trolman, 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 Be-

cause U. S. Was in Control Same . Rixon's suit for damages against the Western Union Telegraph Co. was thrown out of court today by opping to- Judge McCullen because the company was under government control when the

alleged injury occurred. Rixen claims that on October 5, 1918, he was knocked down and hurt by a bicycle ridden by a Western Union mes-senger boy. Judge McCullen ruled that the company then was under government control and that the government had made no provisions for payment of damages to persons injured through the negligence of company employes,

### Have Silver Wedding TENSION IN POLITICS

OVER SPEAKERSHIP

Legislative Post

fight to win control of the next Legislature through the election of the speaker of the State House of Repreentatives

Senator Penrose's remark yesterday "wants to get out and tell some cople what I think of them," is eddy ing through the stream of Pennsylvania

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

of Chester county, for the speakership The battle swung today to the west ern end of the state. Senator Crow i now in Allegheny county lining up rep

Both Sides Claim Allegheny

Interesting in that connection is the claim that twenty-two of the twenyfour representatives from Allegheny county will vote for any candidate desired by Senator Penrose, The Sproul-Crow force say at least nineteen of the representatives are pleased to their

vested in the presiding officer of the House.

will receive a particular bill. Commit-tee domination means control over the

Penrese Sees Tax Relief

Watson, of Indiana.

Senator Penrose expressed the belief hat Senator Philander C. Know would be the senator Philander C. Know would be

dent-elect Harding's enbinet. Business men will view the expression permit retention of millions of money

"So far as I am concerned," said venue legislation in the short session, must be borne in mind that Mr. Wilson still is President, with the power of veto, and so far as I know there is no hope of co-operation with him on revenue, or any other legisla-

"At the best, there will be a very slim Republican majority in the Senate in the short session. I expect to go to Washington soon after the Christmas holidays. I plan to call hearings before the Senate finance committee in advance of the next session of Congress after that, so that some light may be shed on this and other important ques-

VAUCLAIN SPEAKS SUNDAY

Will Address Don't Worry Club at Scho

the Globe Theatre Samuel M. Vauclain, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, will address the Cheer-Up-Don't-Worry Club at its tenth consecutive Sunday meeting

errow at the Globe Theatre. It is the aim of the club to entertain. instruct and inspire those who attend.
Membership is open to all creeds and
races. At the close of each meeting
enrollments to membership are received.

#### CHRISTMAS TO BE "DRY"

Two alleged bootleggers, who said they lived in Philadelphia, were arrested today in Camden making a Two alleged bootleggers, who said ouse to house canvass and taking or-ers for "Christmas whisky." The men It is Believed Penrose is Determined to Name Man for

were distributing samples of liquor in little cologne bottles, "just a tantalizingly small drink," the police say, in each bottle. Their method was to call

as Shield When Store later and take orders on the strength or quality of the joy contained in the

samples.

The men gave their names as John BATTLE SWINGS WESTWARD Tatem, 2637 Hollywood street, and Da-vid Watkins, 1206 North Sixth street, SISTER CALLS PATROLMAN A tension was apparent today in the bail for court by Recorder Stackhouse,

# **WELLESLEY OPENS**

College Club Begins Local Camhind the counter was as good as any
trench he saw in France or Flanders.
He ducked, then moved rapidly to
another room and obtained a big army
automatic that could punch holes

resentatives there for the Sprout-Crow

The local campaign in support of the be robbers. They fled without obtaining \$2,700,000 endowment fund desired for anything. Wellesley College began today at the annual luncheon of the Wellesley Col-lege Club in the Bellevne-Stratford. The speakership prize is sought so engerly by the forces of Joseph R. Grundy and those of Governor Sproul and Senator Crow because of the imtory and \$300,000 for an alumnae

hall large enough to accommodate all \$2500 from Bayard F. the students at one time.

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

Senator Penrose does not believe revenistory department at Wellesley, touched on the overcrowded condition of the college at the present time. She denied that he was doing no wrong in appropriating the money.

In a period of two weeks' employment Penrose everything the large through their own efforts.

497 DEATHS IN WEEK

Five hundred and seven deaths occurred in this city during the week after a short questioning, the police ended December 5, 1919—ten more than the deaths of the present week, entries in the books and obtaining money The deaths and their causes follow:

Arnold School Leads in Savings According to a report now being compiled by Acting 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 avenue, has a total of \$2750, and Fair-hill School, Marshall and Somerset streets, a total of \$1449.

# Alleged Bootheggers Wanted to 3 BANDITS ROUTED

Is Held Up

Trench-fighting methods learned 'rance routed three bandits last night rom the drug store of William F. Ka sse, Clarence and Jasper streets.

William F. Kalesse, Jr., son of the ruggist and an overseas veteran, was alone in the store when the three bandits entered and gruffly ordered him to brow up his hands. Automatic revolvers emphasized the demand. Kalesse figured that the space be

through a dozen bandits. \$2,700,000 IS SOUGHT

Meanwhile, the young man's sister,
Margaret, got a police whistle and blew
shrill alarms. The whistle and the
moise of the former soldier returning to

Patrolman William Benckert, who lives at 2022 East Tioga street, near lege Club in the Bellevne-Stratford.

The major part of the endowment is required for salary increases at the blasts of the police whistle. He ran in bandits were gone.

the shop were too much for the would

STRANGE CREED BLAMED FOR BOY'S DEFALCATIONS

Dr. Mabel Elizabeth Hodder, of the investigating the case to have been investigating the case to have been been always and at Wellesley, touched under the influence of some sort of som street jeweler, is believed by those

to be, and, according to the police and his own confession, he so manipulated the books that he was able to embezzle

Health Record Improves Over Fig. at least \$2500. Investigators have learned that the Deaths during the week were slightly family, but that lately he had developed ess than during the corresponding agnostic and revolutionary tendencies which seemed to take complete possesweek of last year and in excess of the sion of his youthful mind. He is known deaths of last week.

During the week 497 deaths were boy whose name the authorities do no recorded, or thirty-nine more than last know, and the two of them are said week, when the deaths numbered 458. to have made numerous revolutionary speeches at public gatherings.

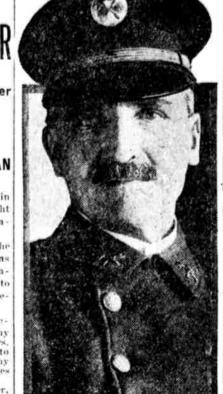
After a short questioning, the policy

for Women on bogus checks. It is the belief at the House of Detention that he had ar idea he had been cheated of an education and many of the luxuries of life and Candy Jars thought he was not doing wrong in tak Toilet Sets ing the money.
Ilawkins lived with his mother in an

apartment of Woodland avenue near Fifty-eighth street. When arrested he had a loaded revolver in his room and books on anatomy, bacteriology and criminology.

capable accountant, correspo

B 103, LEDGER OFFICE



WILLIAM FROLEY

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

Charter Study Near End Attorney General Schaffer, chairman the State Constitutional Revision

amission, has written to members of commission asking that they study the "parallel column" report of the committee of the whole so that the work The speaker names all committees and frequently decides what committee chairman for eastern Pennsylvania, will receive a particular bill. Commit-southern New Jersey and Delaware. will receive a particular bill. Committee domination means control over the legislative machinery, measures can be pushed through quickly, killed with negative votes or allowed to die of old hall learn enough to accommodate all southern New Jersey and Delaware, southern New Jersey and the action taken last May, the respective on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons with the report of the committee on style seasons Brogan, a San- expected to finish the work next month, new assessors,

### CHANGE IN ELECTION : LAWS IS PLANNED

Conference Called to Map Out Amendments—Assessment System Under Fire

WOULD PREVENT WASTE

Revision of the election laws, including the possible abandonment of the assessment system, will be the subject of a conference among the county commissioners, the registration commissioners and the legislative committee of City Conneil.

This was announced today by George F. Holmes, a county commissioner, who said the discussion would be held after Council disposes of the 1921 budget, changes was given by the failure of 130 assessors to obtain the necessary books or a canvass of their divisions. Mr Holmes believes the small sessors was responsible for this

In giving his personal views of the sessment system, Mr. Holmes said he feels that the personal registration of voters covers the ground adequately. It is an open question, however, he continued, because the jury lists are made up from the assessors' books. Op-ponents of a change, he said, coul ponents of a change, he said, could argue that voters could dodge jury ervice by refusing to register in the jury lists were prepared from the registration lists.

Another question to be discussed will e a proposed change in the law governballots must be printed for every ar- the excess ballots are wasted.

May. Mr. Holmes said the delinquent as-



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