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Fair tonight and Wednesday with a cold wave; temperatures will fall to 15 degrees by Wednesday morning.											
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CLEAN UP HOLMESBURG BY JAN. 1 STATE ORDERS

John Wanamaker Dies at Age of 84 After Brave but Losing Fight Against Death for Weeks

MERCHANT DIES, TWO DAUGHTERS AT HIS BEDSIDE

Native of City and Leader in
Business, Public and Religious Activities

MADE VALUABLE REFORMS AS POSTMASTER GENERAL

Worked Hard for 1876 Centennial and Suggested Holding of Sesqui Here

STORES HIS MONUMENTS

Daughters and Sons-in-Law Watched End, Hastened by Failure of Heart to Rally

John Wanamaker died at 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 2032 Walnut street. He was eighty-four years old.

Early in the fall Mr. Wanamaker had pneumonia, which tremendously undermined his vitality, and was followed by a general breaking-down.

The death of the famous merchant and former Postmaster General was heralded by a violent coughing spell at 5 o'clock.

After the paroxysms of coughing, Mr. Wanamaker's heart action began failing rapidly. Mrs. Mary B. Warburton and Mrs. Elizabeth MacLeod, his daughters, were summoned to the bedside.

Mrs. Warburton and her husband, Major Barclay H. Warburton, Director of Public Welfare, have been living at Mr. Wanamaker's home since his illness. Major and Mrs. Norman MacLeod live nearby, at 2009 Walnut street.

Mr. Wanamaker was unconscious when his daughters and sons-in-law reached his side. A grandson, Barclay H. Warburton, Jr., 2141 Locust street, also was present. Word was sent immediately to Mr. Wanamaker's son, Rodman, who is ill himself at his home in New York.

Heart Failed at the Last

The dying man's heart would not respond to treatment. His respiration was barely apparent, and his pulse fluttered feebly.

A half hour after that first violent coughing spell, those grouped about the bedside detected a flicker of consciousness. Mr. Wanamaker's eyes opened slowly and he seemed to recognize those who were with him.

He smiled faintly, but he did not speak. Then his eyes closed and he passed into unconsciousness once more. He was unconscious when he died.

Mr. Wanamaker was attended by Dr. Harvey Shoemaker, Dr. Alfred Stengel and Dr. William E. Quicksell. When the coughing spell began, Dr. Quicksell was summoned immediately, and he supervised the administration of oxygen. He remained at the bedside until the end came.

The shock of Mr. Wanamaker's death was all the greater for his family because he had appeared cheerful and seemed to be responding to treatment as late as 11 o'clock last night, the hour when Major and Mrs. MacLeod left his bedside to return to their own home.

Major MacLeod was on the steps of Mr. Wanamaker's home at 8:30 o'clock, talking with newspapermen, when several women passed.

"How is Mr. Wanamaker this morning?" one asked.

When he said that he had died a half hour before, the women were plainly deeply grieved. A little group gathered at 8:45 o'clock when an undertaker's wagon arrived in front of the house.

Old Friend First Caller

After Mr. Wanamaker's death, the first caller at the house was John K. Mohr, of the Wellington, Nineteenth and Walnut streets. He is an old friend of the Wanamaker family.

Shortly after 9 o'clock a small motor-truck from Mr. Wanamaker's Jewelers' shop, 1915 Walnut street house, a middle-aged man carried a box of flowers into the house. Up to that moment he had been unaware that the merchant had died. He was an employee at the suburban estate.

It was about the middle of October that Mr. Wanamaker expressed a desire to be at his town house on Walnut street rather than his suburban residence in Jenkintown. His bedroom there is on the second floor rear, adjoining a handsomely furnished library, filled with the books he loved.

In the early days of his illness he was able to go from his bedroom to the library, and he passed much of his time there. He re-read passages from

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Who not buy Eatmor Cranberries? Delicious cranberry jelly—40¢ a pound.

LATE PICTURE OF MR. WANAMAKER



Photograph by Dooneer

This is one of the most recent photographs of the merchant and civic leader, and was taken not long before the illness which resulted fatally

WANAMAKER STORE DID NOT OPEN TODAY

News of Merchant's Death Came While Sales Force Was Preparing for Business

BLINDS ARE ORDERED DRAWN

News of the death of John Wanamaker was received at the Wanamaker Store today when the salespeople were at their posts and preparations were being made for the opening of the business day. The store did not open for business, nor did the Ney York Store.

The big force was busy uncovering and displaying stock, in anticipation of the holiday rush.

It was a few minutes after 8 o'clock when a telephone message from Mr. Wanamaker's residence brought the news of his death to the manager's office. It threw the whole force into consternation.

Bulletins these last few days had been cheerful, promising a complete recovery. Though no one had expected to see Mr. Wanamaker's familiar figure in the store during the Christmas holidays, everyone agreed he would be about again before many weeks.

The salespeople heard the news of Mr. Wanamaker's death first as a rumor, sweeping rapidly from the business offices, where the word had been received. Then the heads of departments, who had been informed, reached the conclusion that the store would not open today. The doors were still closed, so there was not the problem to deal with of a crowd already in the store.

In the midst of the resplendent Christmas decorations an atmosphere of deep gloom and sorrow settled upon the sales force and executives. Even the youngest employees were familiar with the venerable head of the business.

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WANAMAKER DEATH SHOCKS WASHINGTON

United States Has Suffered Great Loss," Says Senator Read

Washington, Dec. 12.—The news of John Wanamaker's death came as a shock here today.

Representative Watson, in whose district Mr. Wanamaker had his home, said: "The country has lost the greatest merchant of modern times, the influence of one always interested in higher ideals of human conduct and welfare, philanthropy extended without discrimination."

Representative Darrow: "I knew John Wanamaker personally and was associated with him in many ways. In his death Philadelphia has lost one of its most prominent and beloved citizens."

He was a real philanthropist and, from one of the leading merchants of modern times. His life always was one focused on the higher ideals of humanity. It would be impossible for me to express to the full extent my sorrow over his death and my regret for the loss of the man."

Senator Read: "The City of Philadelphia, the State of Pennsylvania and the United States all have suffered a great loss."

MAY DIE AT PICKFORD

Lubitsch Said to Have Been Invited by "Our Mary"

Berlin, Dec. 12.—A German dentist will hereafter attend to the teeth of the American soldiers here. The reduction of the occupation forces resulted in the return to the United States of one of the only military dentists, and it was announced that arrangements had been completed to have a local dental surgeon do the work.

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WHO WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE?

The classified columns of the Evening Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in Used Cars on page 27.—Adv.

EGGED ON TO SLAY BRUNEN BY MOHR, POWELL TESTIFIES

Slayer Says Widow Suggested Exact Way in Which Crime Was Done

MURDER PLOTTED 4 MONTHS; WEAPONS BOUGHT IN PHILA.

State Unloads Heaviest Gun as Man Calmly Tells of Death of "Honest John"

Harry C. Mohr talked of nothing but the murder of his brother-in-law, "Honest John" Brunen, for nearly four months before the crime, according to the testimony today of Charles M. Powell, self-confessed murderer, at the trial in Mt. Holly, N. J., of Mohr and his sister, Mrs. Doris Brunen, wife of the victim.

Powell, chief witness for the Commonwealth, spent the morning on the stand, narrating in great detail the story of the murder of Brunen, a wealthy circus owner, in his home at Riverside, N. J., the night of March 10 last.

He declared that Mohr had first brought up the subject of Brunen's killing off some time after November 12, 1921, and had spoken of little else at any subsequent meeting with the witness.

For many weeks, Powell declared, they had debated using a pistol. Mohr argued that the circus man should be shot as he entered his garage, because the noise of the motor would drown the noise of the shot. Then, on the spur of a moment, Powell declared he bought two guns with money given him by Mohr and gave Mohr receipts for the price of the weapons.

Then, the witness declared, Mohr had taken him to a lonely spot to practice shooting.

Mr. Brunen was mentioned but once by Powell. When Mohr was away, the witness declared, Mrs. Brunen came to him and said she was afraid of her husband.

"She said," declared the witness, "she wished that while Brunen sat at the window somebody would shoot him."

It was thus he met his death a little more than a month later.

Powell Allowed to Testify

Before Powell was permitted to testify, there was a lengthy debate over the admissibility of his testimony. Walter Keown, counsel for the defendants, contended that he was insane and incompetent.

Mr. Keown based his argument on the probability that Powell's own defense would be insanity.

Justice Kalisch declared there was no authority for denying a man the right to testify because he had been insane at some previous time, and examined Powell himself.

The incident came within a few minutes of the opening of court at 9:30 o'clock this morning, and was only less dramatic than the recital of Powell's actual story of the murder.

After the lawyer's argument, the court decided to test Powell himself.

Pulling a chair closer to the witness and leaning forward, Justice Kalisch asked: "Where do you live?" "Indianaapolis."

"Were you born there?" "Yes, sir."

"What is your age?" "Thirty-one."

"Did you go to school?" "Yes, sir.

I went to common school, the grammar school, you know."

"Do you belong to any religious denomination?" "No, sir."

"What is the belief of your family?" "Presbyterian."

"Tell me of your business career."

"For fourteen or fifteen years I have been in the show business. I have been in it for twenty years. I hold concessions."

Ran "Lucky Wheels"

"Were you financially interested in those shows, or did you hold any contract?" "No, sir. I had wheels where people win dolls."

"Did you control them?" "No, I only had use of myself."

"Do you understand the nature of an oath?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you believe in a Supreme Being?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you believe in a future existence?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you know what perjury is?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you know that the law punishes perjury?" "Yes, sir."

"Mr. Powell, is your physical and mental condition the same today as when you were incarcerated in the Burlington County prison?" the defense attorney asked.

Passenger said that when the car came into view of each other through the window, the man had jammed on the air-brakes, but the cars were too close to avoid the collision.

An official investigation into the smash-up will be started at once.

STATE GRANGE IS BOOMED

McSparran Announces Increase of 3000 in Membership

Washington, Dec. 12.—An increase of 3000 members, bringing the total to 96,000, was announced by John A. McSparran, worthy master of Pennsylvania State Grange, in his annual address at the opening of the State convention here today. More than 1500 delegates were present. Mr. McSparran reiterated the demand for decentralization of governmental authority. He said taxation had gone beyond endurance and some relief must be afforded, but he believed taxes will not be decreased until the Government is split.

Efforts were immediately begun by Horner to regain possession of the busines

siness, and the committee sought to develop the judgment he had set aside in the higher court.

Electric trains from the towns regularly served by Horner's buses were unusually crowded, and many persons

were delayed in reaching their places of work. There is no trolley service to one of the towns.

600 PUPILS FILE OUT QUIETLY FROM FIRE

Drill Works Perfectly in Blaze at Eighth and Chestnut

Six hundred students of Strayer's Business School filed to the street in order at 10:30 o'clock this morning when the clang of the alarm bell told of a fire in the basement of the building at 807 Chestnut street. An armature in the exhaust band became overheated and started a violent fire.

A schedule of fire drills had so trained the students that there was not the slightest disorder when the smoke told of a real fire. At the first tap of the gong the boy and girl students divided into two bodies and marched from their classes by way of the two fire escapes in rear of the building.

The jewelry firm of L. Press & Sons shares the first floor of the building with the Quaker Tea Room. Customers of the jewelry firm and patrons of the tea shop made a hurried exit when the alarm sounded.

The blaze was extinguished before the arrival of a fire company.

DR. BALDY TELLS PRISON BOARD TO ALTER RULES

"Cleans Up" Prisons