THE WEATHER
Mostly cloudy tonight, Sunday and probably Monday; little change in temperature; moderate south to west winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
34	36	37	38	37	38	38			

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER

NIGHT EXTRA

VOL. IX.—NO. 87 Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Postoffice at Philadelphia, Pa. Under the Act of March 3, 1879 PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1922 Published Daily Except Sunday. Subscription Price $6 a Year by Mail. Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company. PRICE TWO CENTS

FASHIONABLE AREA UNDER QUARANTINE DUE TO SMALLPOX

Square Bounded by Fifteenth and Sixteenth, Spruce and Pine Streets Roped Off by Police

TOURAINE APARTMENTS INCLOSED BY CORDON

More Than 4000 Persons Examined for Proof of Vaccination

Nearly 1000 persons, including many who belong to prominent Philadelphia families, were vaccinated today in the square bounded by Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and Spruce and Pine streets, following discovery of a case of virulent smallpox in the block.

Within half an hour after the case was reported to the authorities, police roped off the entire block, and, as a double precaution, a cordon of eighty police, under Captain James Carlin and Lieutenant Wagner, of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, stood guard between 3 A. M. and 7 A. M., and allowed no one either to leave or enter the area. The inspection was completed soon after 10 o'clock.

Vaccination Proof Demanded

Everybody in the block, whether of high or low degree, had to show proof of successful vaccination, or undergo treatment. This was done either by the city physicians or by medical men summoned by families under the quarantine. The Touraine Apartments at 1520 Spruce street, with its many well-known residents, was one of the places affected.

This is how little Bayard Chandler, three-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy M. Chandler, received the sore arm he will have over Christmas. The banker's son had never been vaccinated, so before Mrs. Chandler could leave her apartment in the Touraine the family physician had to be summoned to innoculate the boy. Mr. Chandler, a banker, was in New York.

Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, who has an apartment in the Touraine, was also away. None of the employes in the transit offices on the top floor of the apartment house were vaccinated, as all could show marks.

Other prominent persons who have apartments in the Touraine are Dr. D. Roman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Butterworth, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hagedorn, Alexander McCall and John S. Latta.

It made no difference to Lieutenant Wagner who the person was, be he street cleaner or banker, social leader or merchant, statesman or politician. That person, if he resides within the prescribed area, had to produce a certificate from his physician, or show evidence of vaccination to the medical inspectors before he could leave.

Many Pass Muster

The family of Congressman George W. Edmonds, which lives in the Touraine, passed muster, and did not have to undergo vaccination again. The Congressman and Mrs. Edmonds waited until the quarantine had been lifted, then hurried out to attend to some belated Christmas affairs.

Charles J. Cohen, high in the counsels of the Chamber of Commerce, also passed muster, and was not held up for very long. State Senator Samuel W. Salus and Mrs. Salus, also residents in the Touraine, were also held up for a short time. Neither had to be vaccinated, however, and off they hurried, as soon as the quarantine had been lifted.

The entire household of Thomas Ridgway, 1525 Pine street, were vaccinated. Dr. S. W. Moorhead, 1525 Pine street, and J. C. VanHorn, 1533 Pine street, were only slightly inconvenienced by the quarantine as it was lifted early enough to permit them to leave for business as usual.

At 7 o'clock a corps of forty physicians arrived in the quarantined area and under supervision of Dr. Andrew Cairns, medical inspector of the Bureau of Health, began vaccinating every man, woman and child who had not already been vaccinated. Nearly 4000 persons reside in the square, Dr. Cairns estimated that fully 1000 of that number had never been vaccinated.

Disease in Virulent Form

The man responsible for the quarantine is John Pinckney, a Negro, of 340 South Hicks street, who has been in the employ of John T. Boas, a contractor. According to Dr. Cairns, Pinckney has been suffering from a most virulent form of smallpox since December 14, and the fact that his case was so late in being discovered makes the situation all the more dangerous.

"However," said Dr. Cairns, "we can assure the people of Philadelphia that there will be no epidemic. For the last twenty-five years we have been fighting this disease, and in that time there has never been a real epidemic in the city.

"We do not propose to allow anything of the sort to happen now. We will therefore see to it that no one living in the quarantined area leaves it until vaccinated."

Dr. Cairns said Pinckney's case is directly traceable to a Negro workman who came recently to Philadelphia from a Southern State. That workman took a room in West Philadelphia and developed symptoms of smallpox. While in that condition he is said to have visited Pinckney and communicated the contagion along to him. In the same house with Pinckney live several of his relatives. All of these have been removed to a hospital for observation.

264 IRISH RELEASED

Mount Joy Prisoners Swear Allegiance to Free State

Dublin, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Two hundred and sixty-four Republicans, held prisoner in Mount Joy Prison, were released today, having signed a declaration of allegiance to the Free State.

Four of those released were women.

DO YOU WANT A JOB? THERE ARE plenty of them advertised in the Help Wanted columns today on page 21.—Adv.

BURNED AT ARCTIC BALL

Miss Isabelle Vaughan (full-length picture), in costume she wore at ball of Fine Arts Academy students last night, and which caught fire. Miss Vaughan, however, was only slightly injured. At top is Miss Helen Walker, whose dress also took fire, and at bottom is Mrs. Niez Livingston Delaney, also a victim of fire mishap. The accidents caused brief thrills, but when it was known their hurts were not serious, the jollity was resumed

SPIRIT OF YULETIDE GRIPS ENTIRE CITY

Happiness and Cheer Planned for Poor and Suffering in Homes or Institutions

CAROL SINGING REVIVED

The early picturizations of St. Nicholas show the old gentleman without the flowing white whiskers he wears on Market street. Evidently they were added by the later-day artists as giving a touch of still greater kindliness to the old face.

Preparations for Christmas Day in the city this year have been going along quietly for weeks, and the fruits of the labor and generosity of kindly and sympathetic hearts will burst forth today and tomorrow and Monday with a joyous crash of sufficient force to instill happiness into the souls of all.

The preparations for joy-giving in Philadelphia have been upon such a tremendous scale that no individual, no family need be overlooked.

The offerings of the fortunate to the less fortunate will be generous and largely in the nature of useful things—clothing, food—little comforts that make living brighter. Of course, for the children yet so tender of age that play seems to be the all-important thing, there will be stockings of toys and the little knic-knacks and geegaws that bring joy to the juvenile heart.

Organizations Are Active

Charitable organizations to a large extent are assuming the task of searching out the needy and distributing the wares for the over-burdened Santa Claus. Social service workers have given themselves over to the efforts in preparation for the day, exultant themselves with the joy born of taking happiness to others.

Many individuals have taken it upon themselves to steal out silently from the comforts of happiness of their own homes to share with others who might otherwise have to do without.

In the hospitals throughout the city thousands of individuals and organizations, with the happiness of patients and nurses at heart, have combined to prepare a Christmas celebration second to none.

A glance at the brief little notices that have been sent out give some indication of the vastness of the preparations in this corner, as well as in others—all completed in time—every one waiting for the great moment when the strings to the cornucopias may be unloosed that Lady Bountiful may pour forth her gifts.

Majority "Shopped Early"

Probably never before have the Christmas preparations been carried out with so much foresight as in this year. The crowds in the stores today are hardly greater than those of normal times. To those who accept conditions without wondering why, it might seem that Christmas this year would be thin and sparse, but the business of the season exceeds all past records by far. The slogan of "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early," which has been sung for years, has at last borne its fruit and preparations seem to have been complete in every quarter days in advance of the usual schedule.

Unusual Christmas celebrations will be held in every quarter, and an ancient custom, that of carol singing, will be revived Sunday night in all the beauty and splendor and picturesqueness of old. In many quarters of the city little groups and big groups will gather to sing praise to the Christ whose birth is

Continued on Page Three, Column Two

BISHOP BARS ISADORA

Classic Dancer Prevented From Church Appearance

New York, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Bishop William T. Manning intervened recently to prevent Isadora Duncan, classic dancer, from appearing at the Episcopal Church of St. Marks on the Bowery, a notice to Episcopal publications from the bishop's office today revealed.

DREXEL HILL WANTS NO SALOONS THERE

Women Organize Committee to Oppose Granting of Two Applications in Section

KEEP OUT, IS COMMAND

The peaceful Christmas spirit of Drexel Hill has been jarred into indignation by the application for two saloon licenses.

Word of this action spread throughout that quiet, conservative community today and there was a tinge of gloom in the Merry Christmas greeting passed among the residents.

Added spark was given to the indignation of the citizens by the fact that the present community center is to be the site of one of the saloons providing, of course, that the application is granted.

A report that two residents of the place had applied for saloon licenses reached the Drexel Hill Community Club, which held a meeting last night in the community center headquarters, otherwise known as Weber's Hall.

A meeting was called for the purpose of discussing action in the matter, but before it got under way W. Clarence Devoe, a real estate dealer, interrupted the proceedings with a notice that took all the spirit out of the gathering.

Gasp of Astonishment

Mr. Devoe handed the following notice to Charles Wagner, secretary of the club.

"This will serve to notify you that Annie P. Conahan, of this place, has purchased the premises where you are holding this meeting and is desirous of possession of the same at the conclusion of the present meeting."

A unanimous gasp went throughout the hall when the notice had ben read. Murmurs of indignation quickly followed.

Many of those present said it was the purpose of the purchaser to turn the community center building into a saloon, as she had made application for a license in the Media court.

As another resident had also made application, a resolution was quickly adopted embracing both cases.

The resolution follows: "It is the sense of this club that it stand unalterably opposed to granting licenses for two saloons at Drexel Hill."

Committee to Fight Move

The resolution was presented by Mr. Wagner. Plans for sending a delegation to Media when the applications for the licenses are heard to voice the opposition of the community were discussed and the following committee was appointed to make further arrangements for the fight: Fred J. Gourley, Charles J. Duke, Arthur S. Garrett, William H. Howland and Frank H. Taylor.

Since Drexel Hill has been established efforts have been made to keep it a purely residential community, and encroachments of business have been stubbornly fought. Recently it was learned that four business men had bought properties in which they proposed to open stores. That news brought keen disappointment. Now that two saloons are contemplated—well, indignation is no name for it. "It simply mustn't happen" is the way the residents feel about it.

Mrs. Conahan has nothing to say.

NOTRE DAME FIRE CAUSED BY LEAK IN GAS MAIN

Quebec Officials Find Altar Candles Started Blaze

Quebec, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Authorities seeking the cause of the fire which yesterday destroyed the million-dollar Notre Dame Church, today turned from the theory of incendiarism to another. Fire department officials learned that last Thursday there was a leak in a gas main outside the church. The fumes became so dense that employes in a store nearby were sent home.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY be found in the Help Wanted columns on page 21.—Adv.

GIRLS IN FLAMING COSTUMES THRILL ART BALL THRONG

Filmy Dresses Take Fire While Hundreds Dance in Revel at Academy

DASH THROUGH DANCERS IN A FRENZIED RUSH

None of Three Injured Seriously and Mishaps Fail to Mar Jollity

Folly and beauty vied in a snowland of swirling rainbow colors at the Arctic ball of the students of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts last night. Snow maidens swayed in arms of Harlequin lovers. Romance called. Revelry held sway. It was a carnival of life and color.

Into the midst of the gayety there suddenly stalked tragedy. Girls raced in filmy dresses that were made of flames.

"Get that woman," some one cried.

Out in the refreshment room where Mrs. Inez Livingston Delaney's costume had taken fire from a cigarette there was confusion. She ran ten feet through the crowd a living veil of flame. With the clothes burned completely off the upper part of her body she sank, a crushed white heap, on a pile of scenery in the property room.

They bore her upstairs, a doctor in a clown suit—Dr. William Hartz and a nurse who a little while before had been dancing as Pierrette. Pete Boyle, who, in his French-Canadian costume, had convulsed the spectators in one of the stunts a few moments before, ran out for a first-aid kit.

With Mrs. Delaney, and burned slightly by the same chance live ashes, was Miss Isabelle Vaughan. The girls, both blond and very pretty, both wore Arctic costumes of buntant white oilcloth skirts and flimsy bodices.

Tragedy Stalks Again

The dramatic moment of the narrowly averted tragedy came just after the first two numbers on the stunt program had been given. In an endeavor to draw the attention of the crowd from the excitement other stunts were now hurriedly put on. Then, as the spirit of the crowd gradually mounted, the dancing was in full swing again. There came that mad, jolly moment of the futuristic Paul Jones. The northern lights played fantastically on the merry-making crowd. Music sounded. The snake-danced this way and that and then the dance subsided to a waltz.

While the strains of the violin were filling in the narrowly averted tragedy played its second visit of the evening. This time, though, no one on the dance floor knew.

Miss Helen Walker's orange tutu dress shot up in flames. Walter Joseph, lately home from France, tore the dress from her, thus burning his own hands. A lighted match held carelessly near caused this second burning which was the more serious of the two. Miss Walker was in the locker corridor with a few others. She was caught between two benches when her dress took fire, and it was hard to reach her. Dr. Leon Felderman and Dr. Green attended her.

She was taken at once to the Hahnemann Hospital. Mr. Joseph walked there and had his hands dressed. He lives at 5908 Green street. With him went O. J. Tatter, of 622 Washington Square, whose hands also were burned in brushing out the flames.

Miss Walker, whose home is 2146 North Thirty-second street, is a commercial artist. She was burned about the legs and body. Her injury was the most serious of the three, although none of the burns was pronounced dangerous.

Feels Like Sunburn

Mrs. Delaney made light of her experience this morning at her studio 524 Walnut street.

"The burns were not severe," she said; "in fact, it feels like a bad case

Continued on Page Four, Column Five

PAYMASTER SLAIN, BANDITS GET $20,000

Christmas Payroll for Pennsylvania Miners Stolen

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Ross Dennis, paymaster for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, was mortally wounded and $20,000 stolen by masked bandits on a lonely road ten miles south of this city today. The robbers escaped. Dennis died while being taken to a hospital.

Dennis was riding on a motorcycle in front of an automobile which carried the Christmas payroll for the Harrison mine at Beadling and was guarded by company clerks. As they drove through a hollow in the hills two masked men stepped into the road and without warning emptied their shotguns at Dennis, who was knocked off his machine. They were quickly joined by four other masked men who opened fire on the automobile, damaging the steering gear.

They drove the clerks from the car, and while one seized the money, others were busy wrecking the mechanism of the pay car and the motorcycle. One of the bandits noticed that Dennis, who was bleeding from a dozen buckshot wounds, was trying to draw his pistol. The bandit rolled him over and fired his shotgun into Dennis' back.

Almost immediately an automobile came tearing down the road, and stopping, picked up the bandits and the money and drove rapidly away.

ONE EXCHANGE OPEN

Commercial, With Chicago Board of Trade, Doing Business Today

The Commercial Exchange of this city and the Chicago Board of Trade were about the only principal markets of the country remaining open today. Business on all the other stock exchanges and commodity markets was suspended until Tuesday morning.

DO YOU 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 21.—Adv.

Bitten by Camel

MISS ELEANOR BOARDMAN
A former Philadelphia model and actress, who, physicians fear, may lose her right arm as the result of being bitten by a camel while engaged in producing a moving picture at Indio, Calif., yesterday

PHILADELPHIA ACTRESS VICTIM OF CAMEL'S TEETH

Miss Eleanor Boardman, Former Model, May Lose Arm as Result

Miss Eleanor Boardman, actress and former Philadelphia model, was bitten severely by a camel at Indio, Calif., yesterday. Miss Boardman is leading woman of a moving picture company and the camel was being used in the production. Physicians fear the loss of her right arm.

Miss Boardman, a native of Philadelphia, left this city about two years ago to go on the stage. She first appeared in "A Very Good Young Man." Recently she took up screen work and several months ago was reported engaged to Charlie Chaplin.

Miss Boardman is well known among Philadelphia artists, having posed for F. X. Godwin when he made the fairy tale series for the PUBLIC LEDGER, and she has posed for most of the Philadelphia artists. She is well known also in a series of advertising pictures as the girl on skis, and in other familiar poses.

Mrs. G. W. Boardman, mother of Miss Boardman, of 4017 Baring street, said that she had received word from her daughter, concerning the accident, but did not know how seriously Miss Boardman was injured.

'WHITE CHRISTMAS' OFF

Weather Forecaster Can Promise Only Few Snow Flurries

A snow flurry at noon brought joy and hope to youthful hearts, but only a smile and a negative shake of the head from the weather forecaster.

A "white Christmas" is extremely improbable, though not impossible, according to the weather expert.

Temperatures are too high for the snow to be lasting. The lowest today was 33 at 7 o'clock. It was 38 at 11 and one degree lower at noon. It is expected to hover between that and 40 for the rest of the afternoon, and tomorrow's and Monday's temperatures are likely to duplicate those of today.

RECOVER $1000 LOOT

Police Arrest Former Servant Charged With Robbing Employer

Clothing valued at more than $1000, which detectives say was stolen from South Philadelphia homes, was recovered early to day when police of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station arrested Sadie Craig, a Negress, living at 1235 Rodman street.

She was arrested on complaint of Louis Finkel, of Passayunk avenue near Thirteenth street, who employed her three weeks ago as a maid. While members of the family were away yesterday, he said, she took several fur coats and other articles of clothing and disappeared.

Henry Crawford, a Negro, living at the Rodman street house, was also arrested. They will have a hearing today.

COAL ON TRUCK CATCHES FIRE AS WATCHERS MOURN

But Noble Work of Firemen Saves Most of It

Imagine the spectacle of a truck loaded with two tons of stove coal wrapped in flames in the center of Broad street and a coal-hungry populace stopping stark in its tracks and mourning at the sight.

It occurred just before noon today at Broad and Huntingdon streets, and "noble work" was the verdict awarded the men of Fire Engine Company No. 50 for their effort to save the fuel.

The truck was one of the fleet of the J. A. Harris Coal Company, 1003 Diamond street. It was on its way to divide the two tons of fuel between four families when it backfired, and spectators who have been shivering in heatless houses moaned and groaned.

Boys climbed up on the wheels and attempted to fill their hats. A woman with a market basket said to the stranger beside her: "I wish I could fill my market basket. I need the coal more than I need food."

The truck was badly damaged, but most of the fuel was saved.

COUNTER-REVOLUTION FEARED AT ATHENS

Agitation Reported Against Military—King George in Favor

Malta, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.)—Information just received here from a reliable source in Athens is to the effect that trouble is brewing there with unmistakable signs of a big counter-revolutionary movement.

The population of the Greek capital is said to be at a highly nervous pitch with many of the prominent participants in the late revolution leaving the country.

The movement, it is stated, is not against King George, who continues in popular favor, but against the military.

Malta is the cable station first receiving cable dispatches direct from Athens to outside points and is in a position to be well advised concerning developments at the Greek capital.

Rodman M. Wister Suicide by Gas; Had Lost on Stocks

Recent Business Reverses Believed Responsible for Act of Member of Old Philadelphia Family, Cousin of Novelist

Body Discovered by Friend Who Had Dined With Him Last Night and Says He Was Depressed

Rodman Mifflin Wister, member of an old Philadelphia family, was found dead at 9 o'clock this morning in a gas-filled bathroom of a fraternity house at 3453 Woodland avenue.

He was clad in his pajamas and was lying face downward on the floor. An electric light was turned on and gas was flowing from an open jet. Deputy Coroner Blum says Mr. Wister committed suicide.

Mr. Wister was depressed last night and told a friend he had sustained financial reverses recently. He was employed by a motor sales agency, but had not reported for duty for more than a week.

Last April he eloped to Elkton with Helen Beverly Bowden, daughter of Mrs. Jane Bowden, the midnight marriage creating a mild sensation in Philadelphia society.

Police and relatives this afternoon were trying to locate Mr. Wister's

RODMAN M. WISTER

wife, who is said to be in Atlantic City with her mother. A business acquaintance said Mr Wister and his wife quareled several weeks ago.

Mother Now in Europe

He was a son of Mrs. Rodman Wister, 1206 Locust street, who is now traveling abroad and is said to be in Rome for the Christmas holidays. He was a brother of Langhorne Wister, of Ardmore, and a cousin of Owen Wister, the novelist.

Herbert T. Edwards, a senior in the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, was the last man to see Mr. Wister alive, and he discovered the body this morning.

The young men dined together last night and parted in the fraternity house about 1 o'clock this morning. Mr. Edwards occupied a room on the third floor and Mr. Wister's room was on the second floor.

During the conversation before they retired, according to Mr. Edwards, his

Continued on Page Four, Column Four

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

SOCCER SCORES

Westmoreland	3	1—4	Kensington	1	0—1
Hissey	0	0—0	Happy Hollow	0	0—0
Cohocksink	1	0—1	Whitehall Commons	0	0—0

MAYOR ORDER ARBUCKLE BAN CONTINUED

Mayor Moore today instructed Director of Public Safety Cortelyou to continue the present ban prohibiting the showing of Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle motion pictures at any of the Philadelphia theatres. Director Cortelyou said that the Mayor's orders, which were telephoned from Washington, where he is spending the Christmas holidays, would be carried out.

NEW LIFE INFUSED IN PLANS FOR FAIR

Advisory Executive Committee Just Appointed Will Press for Quick Action

E. T. TRIGG AT HEAD

The newly appointed Advisory Executive Committee intends "infusing new life" into the Sesqui-Centennial movement, Ellis A. Gimbel, one of the committee, said today.

Mr. Gimbel was one of four appointed to the committee yesterday by Colonel Franklin D'Olier, who presided at a directors' meeting in the Bellevue-Stratford. The other members of the committee are Ernest T. Trigg, chairman; Jules Mastbaum and David A. Ludlam. A fifth member will be chosen later.

Mr. Gimbel took occasion to criticize the inactivity of members of committees appointed months ago.

"The trouble with many of the committees appointed previously," Mr. Gimbel said, "is that they have been inactive. Many of their members have spent too much time on vacations. We, who have been appointed to the Advisory Executive Committee, intend, with the co-operation of the board and friends of the fair, to make the Sesqui-Centennial in 1926 a success. Mr. Trigg, Mr. Mastbaum and Mr. Ludlam are capable men and, I am sure, will serve efficiently."

Discusses Definite Plan

The committee members held their second meeting since their appointment today in the Bellevue-Stratford and discussed a definite plan they intend to follow. Their first meeting was held late yesterday afternoon immediately following the board meeting. Mr. Trigg said then: "There is nothing to report yet. You must give us time to get organized."

The committee will be responsible for action on several programs outlined by the Committees on Plan and Scope, on Finance and on Ways and Means.

The permanent Executive Committee has been hampered in its work by the absence of many of its members, and the permanent Finance Committee has

Continued on Page Four, Column Six

Monday being Christmas, the Evening Public Ledger will not be published on that day.

ONE KU KLUX KLAN VICTIM IDENTIFIED

Louisiana Troops, Armed With Rifles, Guard Two Bodies Recovered From Lake

MORE STATE GUARDS ARRIVE

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 23. — The wire-bound and mutilated bodies of two men recovered yesterday in Lake La Fourche by State troops, believed to be those of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, who disappeared after being kidnapped by masked and white-robed Klansmen, today were viewed by Richards' widow. J. L. Daniels, aged father of Watt, and a score of relatives and friends.

Identification of at least Watt Daniels is complete, according to authorities, because of the initials "F. W. D." found on a belt buckle and a buckle Daniels is said to have worn at the time he was spirited away.

The bodies are lying in the Masonic Temple, where they are guarded by a detachment of Monroe National Guards. The guards are armed with automatic rifles, and were instructed by Captain Cooper to shoot persons who may attempt to spirit away the bodies.

The inquest probably will be held late this afternoon, according to advices received here from Dr. Freek Patterson, Morehouse parish coroner, who returned today to Bastrop.

A special train, carrying two companies of National Guard troops ordered out yesterday by the adjutant general to augment the Monroe company now on duty in this parish, arrived in Bastrop today and the military men pitched camp on the courthouse square. The baggage car and caboose were loaded with machine guns, rifles and field equipment.

The special started out from New Orleans last night with Machine Gun Company D and picked up Infantry Company A at Alexandria.

Attorney General A. V. Coco and two eminent pathologists of New Orleans accompanied the troops.

Upon his arrival at Bastrop the Attorney General set January 5 as the date for the open hearing in connection with the kidnapping case. The Attorney General had a conference with Judge Fred M. Odom, of the Sixth Judicial Court, and the date for the hearing, which will be before Judge Odom, was fixed at tha itime.

It was reported here that the arrests of several men believed to have been ringleaders of the August white-robed mob will be made today.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? PERhaps the very person you want is advertising under Situations on page 21.—Adv.

HERRIN MURDER DEFENDANTS GET CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Shots Fired Outside Courthouse to Mark Arrival of Holidays

BULLETS WILL PUT OUT TREE LIGHTS ON JANUARY 1

Trial Recesses for More Than Week—Killing of Union Man Narrated

By a Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Marion, Ill., Dec. 23.—Christmas spirit touched the Herrin massacre trial today. The five defendants are toting gifts from sympathetic friends. One of them, Bert Grace, is proud of a new watch, chain and fob.

Shots are heard in the streets—which is Williamson County's peculiar way of celebrating the approach of a holiday. Among the spectators are new faces, those of farmers and their families who have come a long way on a double mission—to do their Christmas shopping and to witness part of the trial. Over at the hitchback, behind the town, stand their rigs and horses, in the biting cold, resigned to a day of it.

Outside in the court square is a giant evergreen with a splatter of colored electric lights. Folks here say that New Year's is the day when revelers break the tree lights with expertly directed bullets.

Ed Crenshaw, former union miner, who testified yesterday that he saw Jordie Henderson shot by armed guards the day before the rioting, admitted today on cross-examination that Jordie may have had a gun: "I wasn't sure," explained Crenshaw.

Crenshaw said that some armed men collected around his house, one-half mile from the mine, "about a hundred of them," on the afternoon of June 21.

Volley Fired From Mine

"Bullets all at once came from the mine. The men at my house dropped down. Then they got up and came into my house. I heard shooting but I did not see any shooting from the men outside my house."

"What are you being paid for testifying?" was the parting shot of Otis F. Glenn, who conducted the cross-examination.

"I don't know," said Crenshaw.

The nearest approach to a disturbance during the trial occurred today when George Dangbar, eighty years old, who is quite deaf, had a tilt with Glenn.

Dangbar answered direct questions by the defense amiably, but he snorted at State's first query.

"I don't want to be cross-questioned," cried the old man.

"No, you don't want to answer any questions but the defense's, do you?" sneered Glenn.

"No," snapped the aged witness, and Glenn excused him.

The old man testified that two armed guards from the mine came into his yard the day before the rioting and asked for water. He gave them a drink. The guards, he said, showed their guns to him.

"I could stand off 500 men with that rifle," Dangbar testified that one of the guards said, and the other was reported to have added, "Now, old man, if you'd have refused us that water, you'd have been the first one we'd have plugged."

Dangbar said he complained about the guards to Sheriff Thaxton. "I was afraid of my life," he said.

Adjourn Until January 2

The court adjourned the trial today in the forenoon until January 2. Judge Hartwell apologized to the jury for their long detention.

"This adjournment is going to be hard on you fellows, and I'm sorry for that," said the Judge.

The last witness today was Oscar

Continued on Page Four, Column Six

FIRE DAMAGES PIER

Blaze Is Confined to Small Section of Oregon Avenue Structure

More than three hours' effort by firemen was required to extinguish a blaze this morning at the Oregon avenue piers of the Philadelphia Tidewater Terminal. The fire, however, was confined to a comparatively small section and the loss was slight.

Discovered by a watchman at 6 A. M. the blaze was found to be raging in a pile of burlap bags stored on the third deck of the pier.

NO TREE AT WHITE HOUSE

Christmas Will Lack Color Owing to Mrs. Harding's Illness

Washington, Dec. 23. (By A. P.) Christmas at the White House will lack much of the usual spirit of times gone by because of Mrs. Harding's illness.

There will be no house guests and no Christmas tree. Neither the President nor Mrs. Harding has made any holiday plans. She may come downstairs in her wheelchair and preside at the table for Christmas dinner, but otherwise the day will be like any other since she was taken ill.

To add a little cheer, the White House has Yuletide wreaths in the windows, and there will be a profusion of flowers.

Richard Washburn Child
Ambassador at Rome and United States official observer at the Lausanne Conference, has written
"The Vanishing Men"
A novel of mystery and romance centering about the strange disappearance of the lovers of a beautiful woman.
Begins today. Page 16.
Evening Public Ledger