#### CHRISTMAS RUSH ON IN STORES OF CITY

Santa Claus Holds Forth in Every No Prosecutions So Long as Public Shop; Many Buy For Sufferers Abroad

Busy times are on at the local stores. The Christmas rush is on and nerchants believe it will continue without any abatement until December

werenants believe it will becember 25. Stores throughout the city are assuming a holiday appearance. Increasded crowds are noticeable in the business thoroughfares, and additional help has been provided in all stores.

In all the big department stores the Christmas tree and other Yuletide decorations indicate the near approach of Christmas. While there has been no arrival of Christmas trees reported from the mountains in Maine and elsewhere, for sale, local merchants were taken care of early from nearby mountain districts. Varied colored electric lights are also a part of the decorations. In nearly every store Santa Claus is holding forth and the little folks are having their happy days, visiting the toy departments.

None of the stored will be open in Anotable feature of the shopping at all stores is the interest manifested by local shopper in the sufferers abroad. Many articles of clothing are being purchased to be turned over to the proper persons for shipment to Belgium and other European countries.

ROBBED AND MURDERED Scranton, Pa., Dec. 2.—Thomas Ross, 28 years old, of Jessup, was held up, robbed and murdered by highwaymen early to-day. Louis Shambrone, 23, has been arrested, charged with the robbery and killing.

## Thursday & Friday **Bargains**

Where your money does double duty — only a few specials mentioned, but many, many more, at sacrifice prices. Early shoppers Thursday and Friday get bigger bargains than ever. Remember, hundreds of more bargains not mentioned. Note each item carefully. Come here for values.

Women's \$3.00 Wool Dress Skirts

with deep Russian tunic. All sizes up to 30-inch belt ...

Children's Asand corduroy Caps. Worth 50c. Each.....

Boys' 50e and \$1.00 Rah! Rah! Hats.....

Thursday only.
Morning Sales, 9
to 12 o'clock.

Clark's best O. N.

One lot Ladies'
\$3 values, Silk
Velvet Trimmed
Hats. Prices
slaughtered regardless of cost.
Your pick Thursday

Misses' \$16.50 Tailored Suits. Best satin lined. Thursday only

\$10.00 Women's and Misses' new College Coats with belts. The correct styles. Thursday only

with belts. Thursay only. Each

Girls' \$2.00 and vet Trimmed Hats. Thursday only

Thursday only, Morning Sales, 9 to 11 a. m., Girls'

Thursday only, Morning Sales, up to 1 p. m., Wo-men's \$4 full 52-inch Long Rain-coats. Each .....

Thursday only, Women's ready-to-wear Cloth Dress Skirts. Correct style. Less than cost of making. Each,

Thursday only,

new Norfolk Suits. All sizes.

Men's 50c Cor-dwroy Caps.

Thursday only .... 25C

**SMITH'S** 412 Market St.

### INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU LENIENT

Is Reasonably Responsive to Tax Law

By Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 2.—Internal reveue collectors throughout the country nad notice to-day from the internal nent does not intend to prosecute any one subject of the war revenue law who shows a willingness and readiness who shows a willingness and readiness to buy the new tax stamps. The notice was sent to allay fears on the part of thousands of persons all over the country who yesterday besieged the internal revenue offices in attempt to obtain revenue stamps to comply with the law and who because of their inability to do so became frightened over what might happen in the event they were not on the minute with their stamping.

No Ground For Fears

There was no need for such fears and this was made clear in a telegram which Commissioner Osborn of the Internal Revenue Bureau sent to all collectors. The telegram was in response to frantic calls from collectors who toid of crowds rushing to their office demanding stamps and it was hoped by officials to-day that the notice would relieve a situation which gave indications of causing embarrassment to thousands of persons and which also might have resulted in considerable confusion to railroads asd shippers.

The telegram is as follows: "Date all special tax returns November 30 until you are able to handle applications promptly, unless you have information that no effort was made to file same prior to that date. If unable to supply demands for documentary stamps for bills of lading permit shipments to go forward, have record kept and affix or cancel stamps when received. Notify railroads."

Mistake of Congress
Officials of the Internal Revenue
Bureau here explain that while everything possible had been done to get
ready to enforce the law they have
been hampered in their work because
of the failure of Congress to appoint
additional money for that purpose.
While the stamps have been shipped
away as fast as they could be turned
out by the Bureau of Engraving and
Printing, failure of some collectors to
heed suggestions from Washington
that all applicants be given supplies
sufficient to last a few days and not be
permitted to have large quantities, had
complicated the situation. Mistake of Congress

PLANS FARM-TO-TABLE SERVICE

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2.—The American Express Company completed plans to-day to establish a farm-to-table serv-ice. The company will use its 10,000 agents from coast to coast to gather up produce and drum up purchasers.

WRITERS TO SEE REAL WAR

London, Dec. 2.—The official press bureau announces that the exclusion of newspaper men from the allied ar-mies, which was enforced recently out of deference to France's wish, has been relaxed. The British military authorities have arranged to allow a party of selected correspondents to visit the lines.

G. O. P. CONTROL SEEN FOR NEW JERSEY IN 1916

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 2.—Complete Republican control in New Jersey from the governorship down in 1916 was predicted by Senator William T. Read, of Camden. The prediction was made at a joint conference of the Republican members of the next Legislature and was subject only to the qualification that the Republicans should be on their good behavior for the next two years.

WILSON TO PUSH SHIP BILL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—President Wilson indicated definitely to-day that he intends to insist on the passage of the ship purchase bill at the coming session of Congress. Other measures to be included in the program for the next session are the Philippine independence bill and the general dam bill.

GLASS RATES REASONABLE

By Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 2.—Freight rates on window glass from factories in West Virginia to principal markets all over the United States, attacked by the manufacturers, were pronounced not unreasonable to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

LINERS HELD BY FOG

New York, Dec. 2.-A fleet of 15 ocean liners rocked at anchor in a heavy sea to-day at the entrance to New York harbor, fog bound in the thickest mist that has mantled this section of the eastern sea coast for fifteen years.

DEMAND \$20,000 OF DR. BLISS

By Associated Press
London, Dec. 2, 4.19 A. M.—According to advices from Beirut, Syria, the Turks have demanded \$20,000 from Dr. Bliss, principal of the American College there, says a dispatch to the Times from Cairo. The Turks declined Dr. Bliss' offer of \$5,000 for a full settlement of the claims they made.

#### Political Reformers as Sam Hudson Sees Them

By Col. Sam Hudson

The political reformer, conspicuously he of the tribe as described by Sheriff Wes. Guffey as having "reached the hair oil stage." is ever changeful like some women's moods, ever inventing, ever tinkering, rever truly and beaty conditions. Like taxation and death he is an itch which we always have he has succeeded in changing what is presumed to be a fixed law of nature. He has made the tail to wag the dos, political talent into granting him alleged panaceas that he has prescribed, and the five dispensary and of the muse with present the conditions. The test is an itch which we always have he has succeeded in changing what is presumed to be a fixed law of nature. He has made the tail to wag the dos, political talent into granting him alleged panaceas that he has prescribed, and there is the muse with the must be a supposed by the people to swallow his nostrums. He pan; he can make four to into five three times and two over; he can make a "business and instruction" insult the pan; he can make four to into five times and two over; he can make a "business and instruction is better the subject to the contract of the contract of the panaceas that he he are do the three times and two over; he can make a "business and instruction is an instruction of the contract of the

Where Civil Service Fails

Civil service is a direct contravention of the biblical injunction that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." It establishes the new axiom in politics that the party 'hustler shall work for nothing and board himself.

And furthermore, when the nation changes its political work clothes the big fellows, mark you, fix themselves, the little 'fellows are kindly permitted to "go to the devil" and are referred to the shingle on the window sill of the United States Civil Service Commission.

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And furthermore, when the nation changes its political work clothes the little 'fellows are kindly permitted to 'go to the devil' and are referred to 'go to the devil' and are referred to the shingle on the window sill of the United States Civil Service Common May the good Lord preserve us from Vodka!

The contention was that the law is unconstitutional in that if a citizen pays a tax he cannot be disbarred from through an age limit, senlity and physical infirmity alone preventing, that it makes a class distinction and physical infirmity alone preventing, that it makes a class distinction and physical infirmity alone preventing. It is a noteworthy fact that the Supreme Court has never been asked to pass upon the constitutionality of this gigantic film-flam. We are in doubt whether it is sound law or not One of these days there will company and in its craw" to stave the system to death and in that is our Great White Hope.

As to the Ballot

The Australian ballot system, the second flamboyant film-flam for the American people, was pilfered, of course, from Australia, the home of many fads in politics, and wen the surpresque unit in city politics, as the "Botany Bay" system, Australia baying been the during regard the scheme died.

Frond Recollections

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many fads in politics, and when it was imported was characterized by Joe Nobre, a picturesque unit in city politics, as the "Botany Bay" system, Australla having been the dumping ground for England's cut-throats and criminals of all grades.

It first found a congenial home in this land of the alleged free in the sovereign state of Massachusetts, breeder and hothouse of many political man immediate beating of tin pans was set up for the engraftment of this new or old discovery upon our political system, and the noisy minority was again successful in frightening the politicians of the various states into an acquiescence.

Dr. Bliss' offer of \$5,000 for a full settlement of the claims they made.

FOUR DIE IN FIRE

By Associated Press

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Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 2.—Four members of the family of A. H. McNeill were burned to death here late last night when fire destroyed their home. The dead: Hannah McNeill, 21; Amelia, 11; Waiter, 8, and Wade, 3. The parents and one child escaped.

DEATH OF MRS. GRONINGER

Special to The Telegraph

Port Royal, Pa., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Anna Eliza Groninger, wife of H. A. Groninger, died on Sunday. She is survived by her husband and eight children, H. F. Groninger, of Altoona; Miss Mary B., at home; Mrs. Irvin Dunkleberger, of Harrisburg; Sara, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Margaret and Cora, at home; Jacob B., of Port Royal, and Roy R., of Moscow, Idaho. Burlal was made in Churchill Cemetery here this afternoon.

BAD TEETH CAUSE SICKNESS

landed in the State Senate and sigan alized his advent by regaling the entire ensemble of the Legislature with a
wine dinner at the old Lochiel tavern,
at which there was more champagne
than there was dinner. The nextmorning breakfast at the Lochiel was
late because it took the deck hands so
long to truck the drunks out of the
dining room. I was a "two-bottle
man" at that festivity myself and must
admit that I have never seen its like
Years after Chris Magee emulated Dh.
Roberts with a similar affair held in
Russ Hall and which was a high roller.
After the death of Dr. Roberts Delamater had his ambition gratified by
an election to the State Senate and
the feud was off.
The Crawford county system was
adopted by several other counties and
after a trial was discarded, having
proved unsatisfactory, as it had in
Crawford itself, so, as I say, this system of direct voting for nominations
was not a new thing in Pennsylvania,
It has again failed under its new guise,
as the reformers are admitting themselves that it "don't reach the spot"
and they are getting ready to "shift
arms."

The mugwump press has begun to

arms."

The mugwump press has begun to complain that the various patented election reform devices have proved failures, as for one thing too costly, and upon this phase I shall be back

LODGE 13 YEARS OLD

READ THEM ALL---EVERY ONE IS VERY

# nea STORE OPENS THURSDAY ONLY 8 A. M.

Women's and Misses'

SUITS

Newest Fall styles, in

serges, cheviots and crepes.

Women's and Misses'

**CONEY MUFFS** 

WORTH UP TO \$5.95.

Splendid shape muffs.

Black and brown coney,

satin lined.

All colors in every size.

Girls' Winter Coats

WORTH UP TO \$2.50.

Desirable style and material. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

**DRESSES** 

Women's and Misses'

WORTH UP TO \$6.50. Made of good quality neavy serge, colors black and brown. Neath navy trimmed. Newest styles

Women's and Misses' RAINCOATS

WORTH UP TO \$7.50. Made of heavy Rep, rubberized. Cut full. Colors tan and navy. All sizes.

MEN'S \$10 **BALMACAAN COATS** Only 15 Handsome Bal-

macaans in neat patterns. Sizes 35 to 40. WOMEN'S

**HANDKERCHIEFS** 

Important swiss, all-over edge embroidery. Assorted

MEN'S \$3.50 CORDUROY COATS

Just 25 heavy winter coats, made extra strong. All sizes.

Only 75 button-to-theneck winter overcoats. Sizes Women's and Misses' COATS

Closes 5:30 P. M.

Heavy winter coats in desirable materials, styles and colors in every size.

Women's and Misses' CLOTH DRESS SKIRTS

WORTH UP TO \$3.95.

Made of good quality serge, plaids and shepherd checks. Newest yoke and tunic style.

WORTH UP TO \$1.00

Percale and gingham ma-

terials.. Neat patterns and

WOMEN'S

SILK PETTICOATS

\$2.50 VALUES

Made of Messaline silk, cut full. All colors.

cut full. All sizes.

**HOUSE DRESSES** 

**GIRLS' RAINCAPES** 

Rubber faced material. Guaranteed to shed water

Have attachable hoods

Sizes 6 to 14 years.

WOMEN'S WAISTS

Only 85 to sell, made of laces and nets. All sizes.

> WOMEN'S **PETTICOATS**

VALUES TO \$1.25 Made of good quality of muslin, 15 to 18 inches, Embroidery ruffle. Cut full.

BOYS' \$3.50 Chinchilla Overcoats

21/2 to 10 years.

**MEN'S \$1.50 CORDUROY PANTS** 

Only 50 pairs of goodwearing, heavy corduroy pants. Belt loops, side

> YOUNG MEN'S \$7.50 OVERCOATS

Just 22 odd winter overoats in black and oxford. Sizes 14 to 17 years.

|"H" of Blue and Gray

Not to Be Made a "C"

Members of the Central High 'varsity football team, with the athletic directors, will be guests of the Orpheum Central players will occupy boxes, which have been decorated in High School colors. A number of students from Central have engaged front seats and will help along the noise.

Reports that a proposition was under way to change the 'varsity letter from 'H' to "C" was denied this afternoon by members of Central High School faculty.

NOVEMBER GLOOMY

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There were only seven clear days in November, according to the monthly Weather Bureau report of Harrisburg and vicinity. Of the remaining twenty-three days there were six that Old Seldin't get a look at the city and seventeen that were partly cloudy. The temperature took all kinds of turns. On November 4 the mercury went from 45 degrees to 74. This was the highest temperature of the month also. The lowest was on the 24th, when 21 degrees was recorded. Slight traces of snow are recorded.



Democratic Tax Receipts First Day Above \$3,000

There was no let-up in the rush toay for war tax stamps. Local collectors have been so busy that they

lectors have been so busy that they were unable to give any definite figures as to the total of stamps sold in Harrisburg yesterday. A conservative estimate fixed the amount of sales yesterday at \$3,000. The sales would have been much larger had it been possible to meet all demands.

Stamps delayed in shipment had not reached the local offices to-day at noon, but were expected by this evening. It is the opinion of Deputy Revenue Collector William S. Bricker that the rush will be over by Saturday.

It is the belief of Postmaster Frank C. Sites that eventually all special revenue stamps will be placed on sale at the Post Office. Local bankers were to-day informed that sight and time drafts were not included in the stamp tax provisions.

SAMUEL JONES FUNERAL

simplified system, popularly known as the "short," or the "vest pocket" system. The political parties provided and miss Mary B., at home; Mrs. Irvin Durkleberger, of Harrisburg; Sara and Pado for their own party ballots and the candidates; their stickers. Even the newspapers printed tickers. Burklar and Roy R., of Moscow, Idaho. Burklar and Roy R., of Moscow, Idaho. Bad Teerth Cause and Roy R., of Moscow, Idaho. Bad Teerth Cause Sickness By Ausociated Press

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Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2—Bad teeth cause one of the most serious health problems of the day, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of Washington, D. C., who discussed that subject here to day in an address before the American Public Health Association.

NOT READY FOR PEACE

Washington, Dec. 2—Henry White, former ambassador to France and which recently returned from Germany, dischediff, in the case of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the strength of the case of the strength of the case of the strength of the control of the strength of the case of the strength of the case of the strength of the control of the strength of the case of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the control of the strength of the control of the control of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the control of the strength of the strength of the control of the strength of the control of the strength of the strength of the strength of the control of the strength of the strength of the strength of the strength of the stre

WEST END ELECTION DEC. 29

Nominations for officers were made by members of the West End Republican Club last night. Further nominations will be made at each weekly meeting, until December 29, when the election takes place. The meeting last night brought a large crowd to club headquarters, 1410 North Third street. Committees in charge of arrangements for the annual ball, sixth annual banquet, and for participation in the inaugural ceremonies in January reported last night. The date for the ball and banquet will be announced next Tuesday. Nominations made last night were: President, Harry A. Douglass; vice-president, H. C. Sponsler; secretary, J. S. Miller; treasurer, H. W. Miller; trustee for three years, A. A. Pelfer; membership committee, W. R. Shuey, I. D. Meals, E. G. Hoffman, Harry Hoffman, H. J. Boyer, J. G. Church, Jr.

TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HOSTS

To-morrow the Lincoln Fire Company of Perth Amboy, N. J., will send a special messenger here to present to the Citizen Fire Company a token of appreciation of the treatment accorded the New Jersey firemen while they were in Harrisburg as guests of the Citizen Company in the great firemen's display of October 8. This model company led the Citizen division in the parade and made a fine appearance. A special meeting of the Citizen company has been called for to-morrow evening.

ENTER MEXICO CITY TOMORROW

By Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 2. — Provisional
President Gutlerrez will enter Mexico
City to-morrow and be installed in
the National Palace there according to
official telegrams to the State Department to-day.

GOLD BADGES FOR SCOUTS

By Associated Press

London, Dec. 2, 1.30 P. M.—The
American ambassador, Walter Hines
Page, to-day presented in behalf of
the American Boy Scouts gold badges
to 25 English Boy Scouts who assisted
the American Relief Committee dutling the rush following the declaration
of war.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE hicago, Ill., Dec. 2. — Board or rade closing:
Wheat—December, 1.14%; May, 1.2116.
Corn—December, 63%; May, 69%,
Oats—December, 47%; May, 52%,
Pork—January, 18.02; May, 18.33.
Lard—January, 9.60; May, 9.87.
Ribs—January, 9.62; May, 9.85.

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