

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR RAILROADS

Experience Congestions Early Today; Passenger Trains Lose Schedule Time

Christmas will be anything but a quiet day on the railroads. Indications are that it will be the busiest day in all branches, officials have experienced in a year. To-day finds the yards of the Pennsylvania and Reading companies jammed with freight. Schedules for passenger trains were lost sight of at intervals.

Early morning passenger trains brought many people to Harrisburg, and they took hundreds away. The express and parcel post business has gone beyond all expectations.

Engineer Seeks Rights as Brotherhood Member

A fight of long standing between the Pennsylvania Mutual Beneficial Association and the Pennsylvania Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be taken up in Dauphin County Court.

RAILROAD NOTES

An average of 1,500 cars are being shipped from the Reading mines each day. Railroad brotherhood officials who were in conference here last week.

Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division—113 crew first to go after 3:45 p. m.; 201, 207, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

FORD SOLICITS QUILTS PILGRIMS

Henry Ford's departure from Europe apparently marks the termination of the special form of the monetary of the many movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war.

Mrs. Schwimmer Leading Figure The Women's International Peace Association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at the Hague last Spring and appointed delegates to continue her work for peace.

Before the peace ship Oscar II reached the other side there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached the island he was met by the peace delegates and he was told that he was not to go on with them.

GENERAL CLEMENT HEADS STATE GUARD

known on Capitol Hill and throughout the State. He has had a long experience in the Guard and is a student of modern military methods. The general is prominent in Masonic circles and has been actively identified in the affairs of the Harrisburg diocese of the Protestant Episcopal church ever since its creation.

Major Clarence E. Foreman of Williamsport, was to-day reappointed major of the Subsistence department, and Major James E. McNary, of Pittsburgh, of the Inspector general's department, were to-day retired.

CONFERENCE SOON ON BIG HIGHWAY

of the cross-State highway will be held in this city early in the new year. As is generally known, perhaps this highway will cover a route between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, touching Harrisburg, Lewistown, Huntingdon, Altoona, Ebensburg, Johnstown and other points.

Secretary McColligan has received from the Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce some suggestions for the proposed conference in response to the circular letter of the Harrisburg chamber. All along the line the local authorities are more than interested in the fact that the Chamber of Commerce here has taken the initiative and as a result the several organizations between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh will send representatives to a conference for a general discussion of the whole matter.

As an outcome the William Penn Highway Association will be formed. E. M. Africa is chairman of the Huntingdon committee which also comprises J. B. Kunz, John Langdon, C. H. Miller, C. A. Vuille, E. E. C. Gibe, G. W. Fisher, E. M. Greene and R. G. Miller. Others who have been in correspondence with the Telegraph and the local organization are F. M. Graft, of Blairsville, and A. P. Grier, of Elmington.

Chairman Africa in his letter to the Chamber of Commerce here suggests as a result of the Huntingdon committee's consideration of the proposed conference that there be formed an association with suitable officers and directors, the association to provide for annual or life memberships. A suitable pennant is also suggested.

SANTA CLAUS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Ten Little Stockings Will Be Hung Tonight by Relatives of President

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—I. H. Hoover, chief usher at the White House who is playing Santa Claus here this year in the absence of President Wilson on his honeymoon trip to Hot Springs, Va., was a busy man to-day.

Early to-day in a White House car loaded with presents Hoover left for the Virginia side of the Potomac river to remember fifty little friends of the President. They live along the Washington Road between the river and the Virginia Club, where he often plays golf.

When Mr. Wilson first assumed office the children began waving greetings to him from the roadside and they and the chief executive became chummy. Before leaving for Virginia Springs the President admonished Hoover not to forget them at Christmas.

Ten Little Stockings This was just the beginning of Hoover's work to-day. Up in the Library of the Executive Mansion, on the second floor, he found a large Christmas tree on which ten little stockings were to be hung. It had to be trimmed for all of the McAdoo children, Sally and Nona and the President's grandchildren, Ellen McAdoo, seven months old; Francis Bowes Sayre, one year old; grandson of the President and Josephine Cathron, a grandniece of 12 years who are to spend Christmas at the White House.

Besides the children, Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, Mrs. Anna Cathron, Professor H. H. Woodrow, Mrs. Ann Howe, Miss Margaret Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones are at the White House for the holidays. Secretary Tumulty will spend the day with his family.

Every White House employe to-day received his customary Christmas gift of a turkey from the President.

Full line of Granolas and Columbia records. Spangler, Sixth, above Maclay.—Advertisement.

CROPS WORTH \$173,473,720

Pennsylvania Farmers Reap Vast Sums From Cultivation of 7,797,000 Acres

Eight of Pennsylvania's crops, to which 7,797,000 acres were devoted in 1915, realized \$173,473,720 for the farmers of this State, according to the calculations made by the statisticians of the State Department of Agriculture from reports furnished by township crop reporters as of December 1.

Of these eight crops, hay was the most valuable, the crop being estimated at 3,558,000 tons, worth an average of \$15.90 per ton or a total of \$56,572,200. There were 3,015,000 acres known in the State. The next most valuable crop was corn, worth \$41,641,920 followed by wheat, worth \$26,174,900. Potatoes, to which 273,000 acres were devoted, were worth \$16,401,600 and tobacco with an acreage of 31,500 produced a crop worth \$4,567,500.

The department also issued some comparisons of prices for the principal articles of food, showing that there has been a decline in the price of live stock and poultry. Under the head of livestock and poultry, it is shown that lambs have advanced from \$12.00 to \$13.00, the price per pound of steers and other food animals is either the same or a cent lower. Live chickens are \$1.00, ducks are 12 cents, a drop of a cent, turkeys are 12 cents and turkeys one to two cents higher.

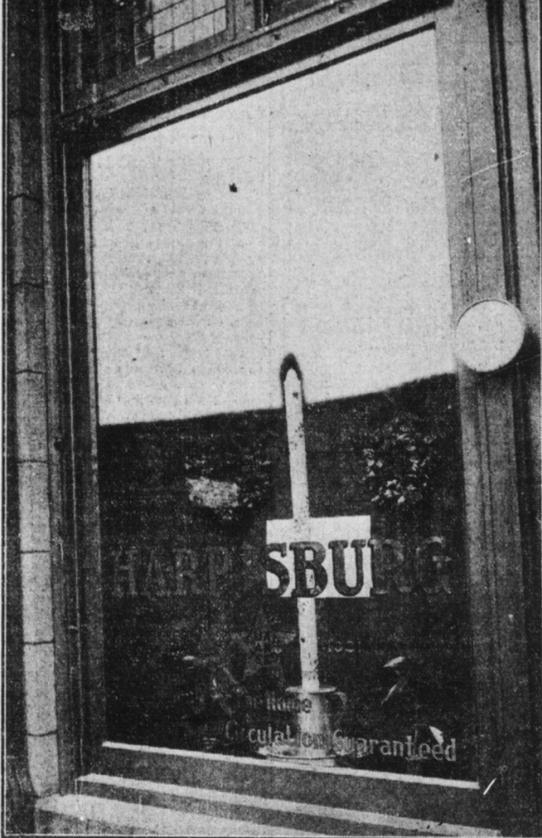
IBACH'S SALARY CUT FROM BUDGET

ers William H. Lynch and Harry F. Bowman. The City Treasurership. And other things that had to be prepared was the item for standard lighting on North Third street.

Some of the items in the budget follow: Executive department, \$69,715; law, including Naudain street damages, \$19,277.74; city clerk, \$4,834,550, including an increase of \$5 per month for City Clerk Miller's stenographer; weights and measures, \$2100, a deduction of \$500 which was allowed last year for scales; printing, \$5500; department of finance and accounts, \$4420 and \$500 for the controller; treasury, \$6,672, including \$6,500 for collection of taxes, \$100 salary and \$72 for telephones; license tax bureau, \$1200; revision of taxes and appeals, \$3160, including salaries of assessor and assistant at \$2000 and \$1000 respectively; miscellaneous, \$150,313.11.

At the first Christmas tree celebration of the Department of Labor and Industry, held in the House Caucus room last evening, the officials and attaches of the department presented to Governor Brumbaugh, through Charles Deisinger, his secretary, a paper weight bearing the picture of the Governor's birthplace and the words, "Christmas 1862-1915." The celebration was a delightful affair. Distribution of gifts and a Christmas tree enlivened the evening.

TELEGRAPH'S CHRISTMAS CANDLE



The Telegraph's giant candle will be lighted to-night. It stands almost six feet high on its candlestick and weighs eleven pounds. It will be lighted at 7 o'clock and will burn continuously for several days. The Telegraph invites the children to come see it burning.

table a few days ago when at Mayor Treasurers' request Commissioner Bowman offered an ordinance creating a bureau of detectives, carrying a salary of \$1500 for the captain, Ex-Alderman William L. Windsor, it is understood, is favored for the job by the Mayor.

Some of the Cuts For the streets and public improvement department Mr. Lynch is allowed \$121,983.66. Of this \$16,000 is appropriated for the street repair plant and repairs; \$1600 to repave State street from Cameron to Thirteenth; \$1000 to place curved curbs on Market street; a raise of \$150 in the salary for Charles L. Andrews, a transitman, a sixty dollar raise for the levelman and a raise of \$10 per month for the engineer's stenographer; \$500 for the food department gets \$340; fifty dollars less is provided for the building inspector as he will get \$1750 instead of \$1800; the plumbing inspector will get the same, \$1820; \$5215 is allowed for the police and fire departments. The fire department will get \$36,450. An increase in the hose appropriation from \$1850 to \$2250 is permitted although \$1000 is cut from the contingent fund. The contingent fund will get along on \$2,500. The appropriations for the Friendship, Hope and Good Will companies were reduced respectively by \$700, \$600 and \$900, due to the motorizing of the apparatus.

Provision for Park Expert In the park department City Forester Mueller is allowed \$200 increase in salary; \$1,916.32 for lighting the river wall; and \$20,331.29 for park maintenance. The total is \$32,737.07. The Planning Commission is allowed \$1000 for engineering and draughting, or a total of \$2116. In this it is understood is the usual provision for services for Park Expert Warren H. Manning, both in the park and planning commission department. The \$700 for printing and educational purposes, however, is deducted from the planner's estimates.

Gift for the Governor Christmas. 1862. 1915.

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STEELTON BIG CELEBRATION PLANS COMPLETE

Community Trees For Steelton and Middletown; Elaborate Programs in Churches

Plans for the Community Christmas tree celebrations in Steelton and Middletown indicate that the affairs will be the best of their kind ever held in the history of the borough.

Hundreds of school children together with parents and friends will gather around the trees which have been erected and equipped with electric lights, to celebrate the Christmas season.

At Steelton the event will take place this evening, beginning at 7 o'clock. A chorus of 300 voices directed by Professor William M. Harclerode will entertain the program with Christmas songs. Next Wednesday evening the German residents of the borough together with friends from Harrisburg will give a program and on New Year's eve the school children will give the second.

Police Have Several Clues in Murder Case

Steelton police are trailing down several clues which they believe will aid them in determining the motive for the crime, but whether one or more persons took part in the murder the authorities are not sure. Several officers who had been watching Bakic immediately after his arrival in the borough have some information which they believe will help them in locating the man or men who killed Bakic.

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

The following special program of music has been arranged for Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church. Morning—Organ voluntary, Christmas Pastoral, Merkel; anthem, Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah; Evening—While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks, by Neidinger; postlude, Smith.

MUSIC AT A. M. E. CHURCH

The choir of Monumental A. M. E. Church will give a sacred concert Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The program follows: Selection, orchestra; section, "Matus," choir; invocation, pastor; opening chorus, "Joy to the World," choir; male quartet, Edw. Duffan and others; chorus, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," choir; vocal solo, Fred Weaver; chorus, "Hark What Celestial Sounds," choir; trombone solo, James "Star of Bethlehem," choir; organ announcements and offertory; benediction by the pastor; B. A. Striplin, choirmaster.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO SING XMAS CAROLS IN TOWN

More than fifty young people, members of Centenary United Brethren Church will leave the church this evening at 9 o'clock, and will visit the homes of residents to sing Christmas carols. To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock a Christmas service will be held. The Rev. A. K. Weir will speak on "A Christian World."

JOHN A. BRANDT DIES

John A. Brandt, aged 59, one of the most widely-known residents of this borough and in Middletown, died last evening shortly before 6 o'clock at his home, Second and Pine streets, from a complication of diseases. Mr. Brandt came to the borough in 1896, from Middletown. He is survived by his wife, a sister, Mrs. Amos Cupp, of Middletown, and the following children: Miss Mame Brandt, Miss Lisle Brandt, Miss Rebecca Brandt, Miss Noma Brandt, Mrs. Leroy Strick, Benjamin, Abram and John Brandt. Funeral services will be held at the home Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. C. Sanderson and the Rev. George N. Lauffer officiating. Burial will be made at Middletown.

SERVICES IN A. M. E. CHURCH

The Rev. W. H. King, pastor of the Monumental A. M. E. Church, will preach Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock on "Heaven's Christmas Tree." The Sunday School will give a special program at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and in the evening a sacred concert will be given by the choir.

WEDDING LAST NIGHT

George Hopp and Katherine Leberl were married last evening by Squire Dickinson. The couple will reside in the borough.

XMAS SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S

An early morning Christmas service will be held to-morrow at 6 o'clock in the St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

ISOLATED FIGHTS BLASTS HOPES FOR XMAS TRUCE

British war casualties totaled 525,227 up to December 9, it was officially announced in London to-day. Italy has opened subscriptions next month to a war loan which will be issued at 9 1/2 lire, bear 5 per cent interest and run for twenty-five years. It is announced from Rome.

The Bulgarians and Serbs fighting the Serbian army are again in contact in Albania, according to Prince Alexis Karageorgevich of Serbia, who has arrived in Rome with reports of a three days' battle near Elbassan. King Peter is at Avlona, the prince states. Violent artillery actions in the vicinity of Sedid-Isah on the Gallipoli peninsula, still held by the allied forces, are told of by the Turkish war office. Part of the allied fleet, apparently lying at anchor in the straits, reporting an allied cruiser hit by a shot from a Turkish battery.

The budget committee of the Russian Duma has adopted resolutions declaring that Russia could not think of peace while the power of the German forces remained unbroken, according to a news agency dispatch from Petrograd.

Total Casualties of British Mount to More Than Half Million Men

London, Dec. 24, 12:09 P. M.—Replying to a written question by P. A. Molteno, member of the House of Commons, Premier Asquith to-day said that the British casualties up to December 9 at 528,227.

Russia Determined to Carry War Through

London, Dec. 24.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Reuter's Telegram Company, writing under date of Thursday says: "To a full sitting of the budget committee of the Duma to-day, Minister of War, General Shchegolev, made a long statement on the political situation in the course of which he said that the relations with Greece following the entente allies' fortification of Saloniki were perfectly well defined. He continued: "The occupation of Hamadan and Kum enables us to prevent the Germans causing a trouble in Persia. The future behooves Russia to adopt a firm attitude in regard to Persia."

60,000 Germans Are Massed at Monastir

Paris, Dec. 24, 9:55 A. M.—The battlefronts of both sides in the conflict in the Serbian theater of war are given in a dispatch from the Saloniki correspondent of the Echo de Paris. The correspondent states that 60,000 Germans are massed around Monastir with the Bulgars concentrated in the center of the Vardar Valley and two Turkish divisions taking a position on the left of the Bulgars. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Saloniki with their left on the coast of the Egean Sea. The Greek frontier near Doiran and their right connecting with the British troops defending Chalcidice.

Dr. Dixon Gives a Few Tips on Grip Prevention

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State health commissioner, to-day handed out a bit of timely advice on prevention of that ache-allover disease—grip. "To avoid this deadly enemy which is doubling the death rate we must make sacrifices," Dr. Dixon says. "Keep out of crowded places wherever possible, one person having the disease may infect a crowd of passengers. Shaking hands, kissing, getting too near the mouthpiece of telephones, putting the unwashed hands in the mouth or on foodstuffs, may all be means of transmitting the disease. Always place the handkerchief over the face when sneezing. Carry a little bag to put the used handkerchief in whether it be paper or linen. "District the handkerchiefs before sending them to a public laundry. Restaurants should lay off those among their help suffering from active grip."

Effort to Break Will of Mrs. Leslie Falls

New York, Dec. 24.—In a long decision Surrogate Fowler denied Arthur Leslie and other grandchildren of Frank Leslie, publisher, by his first wife, Second and Pine streets, from a complication of diseases. Mr. Brandt came to the borough in 1896, from Middletown. He is survived by his wife, a sister, Mrs. Amos Cupp, of Middletown, and the following children: Miss Mame Brandt, Miss Lisle Brandt, Miss Rebecca Brandt, Miss Noma Brandt, Mrs. Leroy Strick, Benjamin, Abram and John Brandt. Funeral services will be held at the home Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. W. C. Sanderson and the Rev. George N. Lauffer officiating. Burial will be made at Middletown.

STEELTON CHURCHES

At First Presbyterian Church the Rev. Benj. Segelken, 1:00. "The Prince of Peace"; 7:30, "The Wonderful Christ"; Sunday school, 9:45; C. E., 6:30. Salem Lutheran, Oberlin.—The Rev. Daniel E. Ruple, 10:30. "The Shepherd" and "The Message"; 7:30, "Faith: Past, Present and Future"; Sunday school, 9:30; C. E., 6:30; the Rev. John B. Ruple of Gettysburg will preach in the morning. Main Street Church of God—The Rev. G. W. Getz, 10:30, "How to Be a Real Disciple"; 7:30, "Christmas Entertainment by the Sunday school, 2:30. St. Mark's—"Tidings of Great Joy"; Smith, 10:30. Rev. W. B. McCurdy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCurdy, a graduate of Beechwood School, and attended Wilson College.

MORE JOBS THAN WORKERS

So scarce has labor of all kinds become and so insistent are employers in their calls for workers, that the State Bureau of Employment yesterday issued a statement from its Philadelphia office, calling attention to the fact that at all sorts of good jobs are open and asking people to apply for them. Especially is there a demand for women mill workers. Mills of all kinds are calling upon the bureau to supply them with workers, but the bureau has too few applicants for jobs.

HARRISBURG POLYCLINIC DISPENSARY

The Harrisburg Polyclinic Dispensary will be open daily, except Sunday, at 3 P. M., at its new location, Front and Harris streets, for the free treatment of the worthy poor.