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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 24.

In the language of Tiny Timbless us, every one."

LUKE WROTE THIS FOR YOU N the many years since the Star first hovered over Bethlehem and the first Christmas came into being, men have been writing of The theme is so rich in possibilities for helpful lessons and oving thoughts that men will conessons from it until time shall be no appiness that now belongs especially one fleeting period of the And much has been written and well worth reading, but the one great Christmas editorial was penned ago that it ante-dates the press by hundreds of years and which has come down to us in all fection of diction and impressiveness of thought and picture that have carried it around the world and have caused it to be read and read again he simplicity of construction, the perwherever men are looking toward the wherever human aims are higher than the material, wherever humanity is seeking for the peace, the hope and the happiness of service of which Christ is the herald. It bears the authorship of one who knew and loved the Master, who followed his teachings, who shared His joys and orrows on the long road from Bethlenem to Calvary and who was one of missionaries in the world. verything that has since been written, of song and story and poem and -all the vast literature of the first Christmas morn and the many have followed. And so we have

time. Here it is: And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swad-dling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same coun-try shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And to the

let Luke write for you our Christmas

Reeping watch over their flock by night.

And. lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And they were sore afraid them; and they were sore afraid to them, rear not; for, schold, I bring you good tidings of great loy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men

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And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to set the control of the control

HIGH SCHOOL AND CIVIC CENTER

FORTUNATELY for Harrisburg the disposition throughout the is to permit the school directors to work out the best possible solution of the high school problem. Nowhere is there any serious opposition to the new building; it is so manifestly a recognized need that discussion of that phase of the mat-

considered is the site and the ways When the new building shall have

All that is now to be

modern structure in any city of the country. There must be no make-shift in any feature of the appointments. Harrisburg has a high standing among the municipalities of the United States and our school and educational work must comport in every way with the dignity of the city as a fine expression of civic betterment

FRIDAY EVENING,

Since the conference between the State and the city authorities on the question of treatment of the Capitol Park zone it has come to be generally accepted that the civic center of Harrisburg will be embraced in the district bounded by Well-accepted that the civic center of Harrisburg will be embraced in the district bounded by Walnut, Third and North streets. Already a con-siderable start has been made in the creation of such a center and with the completion of the State program with reference to this district plans of the city will have been matured sufficiently to indicate the further development from the Harrisburg

standpoint. It hardly admits of argument that this city should proceed with the working out of the civic center idea. Other cities in this country and abroad are expending millions of dollars in the creation of their civic cen-ters while here in Harrisburg the co-operation of the State has made possible an ideal arrangement without cost to the city that will be at once a credit to the Commonwealth and its capital city. It would seem that there is but one location for the new school under the circumstances high and that in the area contiguous to the

ompanies had done and which foolish course precipitated an avalanche of wrath and recentment.

Some very flimsy pretexts are given for large increases in transportation charges and the newspapers of the country are gradually changing from a friendly attitude to one of open criticism as a result of the resumption of old tactics by the railroad com-

Our municipal managers-otherwise the City Council—are to be commended for exercising care and economy in the making up of the city budget for 1916. private business is permitted to de-teriorate through failure to provide proper maintenance and upkeep. This same principle applies to our municipal corporation. We have made a large in-vestment as a city, and it is the duty of the agents of the people to see to it that there is no impairment anywhere that there is no impairment anywhere through such false economy as might

WELL-EARNED REST

THE double holiday that marks Christmas this year will be welcome to everybody, but to than to the clerks and sales forces) of the stores of the city, where His name was Luke and what he the shopping season has been the wrote of the first Christmas sums up heaviest on record. To be sure, the hours of work have been lessened but the increased volume of business has made up for that. To be cheerful and attentive under stress is difficult. Yet in what store in Harrisburg did you find any other spirit during the busy days of the past few weeks?

That benevolent and thoughtful old ditorial for to-day, not because you fellow, Santa Claus himself, "has nothing" on the sales people of this have not read it, but because you city either in the way of true Christ-mas spirit or in consideration of the ought to read it always at Christmasof those to be served. The shopping public the Telegraph in wishing every one of the clerks and store employes the Merry Christmas they so well deserve.

> Where owners of turnpikes persist in Where owners of turnpikes persist in the holdup game they will find High-way Commissioner Cunningham, backed by Governor Brumbaugh, a rather hard-headed proposition. These toll-roads are going to pass, and in passing the present owners will make no headway in their endeavor to sandbag the State. State.

WORK is plenty, business is good and money to and money is abundant. Harrisburg proposes to dine well But prosperous Harrisburg is not alone to have a bounteous holiday celebration. The Rotary Club the Sunday Schools, the Elk, the Moose and other organizations, not to mention many such private benefac-tions as that of Jacob Tausig's Sons, who to-day through the Telegraph and Associated Charities give away 200 Christmas baskets, have joined forces in an effort to make the day

merry for everybody in the city. It is a good sign when men look be yond their own needs and desires to those of others. It is natural to find evidences of this spirit at Christmas time, and Harrisburg has never lacking in that respect, but it is safe o say that never in the history of the city has there been such a spontaneous or genoreus manifestation of it as to-After all there is no happiness quite like that which unstinted, unrestricted giving yields, and if the beneficiaries get half the enjoyment from receiving that the donors do from giving, then the effort has been

Joy to the world is the dominant note throughout the universe to-day and while a large part of the world is in the midst of war there is still an unbeen provided it ought to be the most dercurrent of peace

worth while, indeed.

TELEGRAPH'S PERISCOPE

-Every rose has its thorn-so does every holly leaf.

—Santa Claus is the man who put the Miss into mistletoe.

-The Altoona Tribune will celebrate

"Christmas comes but once a year —if it came oftener our boss would re-fuse to be interviewed on the subject of salary

A CERTAIN BOY

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When breakfast is brought to me he delights to pour my coffee while we sit face to face, each at the head of the small table; and he has long regarded his good offices as a substitute for the sugar I once declined. So now preliminarily he will often ask me with bewitching smile, "Well, do you want fweet coffee this morning?" And he knows in advance that I shall surely get it without offending his odd conceit or my palate. To his little 1 pet's soul the wet wood in the fire sings to him, the rumbling fiame over the dry wood there is his drum; the snow is getting its drink in the melting; the sky with its loud, thundering noises is angry and wicked, and happy and good again with smiling sunshine; the blueberries he hunts for but does not find are hiding from him, and he has not needed Shelley to tell him that it is for the thirsting flowers the Cloud brings fresh showers. Rarely is there a talk between us without some addition to the long roll of these quaint accomplishments.

And then his questions—No. I for-

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As a final word let us admonish every reader of the Telegraph to exercise personal care in fire prevention growing out of the decoration of Christmas trees or the illumination of their homes for places of business. Just a little care and forethought may prevent loss of life and property.

LEST WE FORGET

THERE are evidences here and there of a disposition on the part of the railroad corporations to take advantage of a favorable change in the attitude on the part of the public toward these corporations to ask unreasonable things in the way of increased freight rates. One of the things which brought about the wholesale censure of railroad interests was the proneness of the managers to impose upon the public in the same manner that the express companies had done and which fool-

it implicates other businesses. It is strategic because it implicates the explosives which are peculiarly essential to modern warfare. It is strategic, above all, because it furnishes, as Germany has found, a uniquely powerful stimulus to chemical endeavor and invention and progress in general. The soldiers of Germany are fighting Germany's battles in France and in Russia and in Scrbia, on alien soil, largely because they carry with them prodigious supplies of the products of that German industrial chemical activity which has always had its most inspiring centers in the great cool-tar color works on the German Rhine and the German Main.

The master science of the future is chemistry; the typical fortress of industrial chemistry is dyes mechanics, we shine in the sort of machinery one sees in cotton mills. Further, we had protected our textile industry for sixty years against the old historic superiority of the textile industry for England. We had protected it so effectively that all importations of the cheaper grades of textile industry was an adult.

tually ceased. The textile industry wa: an adult.

What, then, did Congress do? I lowered the duty on dyes, ruinously while at the same time it increased the which were still threatened by importations from abroad. Why? Because dyes are "raw materials" to textiles because the manufacturers of textile demanded their "raw materials" "cheap;" because the manufacturers of textiles were numerous and strong; be cause the manufacturers of dyes were few and feeble. In that hour we los the coal-tar chemical industry fo America.

MORE RAILROADS GOING "DRY"

[Literary Digest.]

The maintenance of top-notch efficiency and the desire to keep abreast of a public sentiment which is growing more and more averse to the liquor business are the chief reasons, according to the Indianapolis News, why American railroads are giving up the practice of serving alcoholic liquors on dining and buffet cars. After the first of the year the Denver and Rio Grande is to go "dry." And several important lines of the Middle West, The News hears, have decided to do likewise at an early date. Among these are the Michigan Central, the Missourl Pacific, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. The these are the Michigan Central, the Missouri Pacific, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. The reasons given by several of the roads running out of Chicago are quoted as follows by the Indianapolis paper:

"It is too hard to keep track of 'wet' and 'dry' counties through which trains are running, and to conform to the local laws.

"The increase in prohibition sentiment has made the sale of intoxicants an economic loss.

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"The sale of intoxicants on trains is inconsistent with the railroad's orders prohibiting employes drinking."

"Ohio, Pennsylvania, some of the New England States, and all of the prohibition States of the country have passed laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicants on railroad trains. In some States where local option laws are in force, as in this State, the presence in the statute books of a law permitting the sale of liquor on railroad trains really creates a class distinction. Those who have the money may ride from one station to another for the sole purpose of procuring the liquor which they can not legally procure in 'dry' territory. In this respect there is a conflict which is seriously in need of elimination, if not by the voluntary action of the railroads, then by the legislature."

By Wing Dinger

Yes, the gifts have all been purchased-All the names upon your list Have by you been taken care Not a single one you've missed. But don't get the false idea That your duty you have done— Cording to the Christmas spirit,

Brother, you have just begun. Christmas Day you'll meet with many Whom, no gifts from you, will cheer, But whose path will be made brighter If from your lips they but hear "Merry Christmas"—not said coldly— But as though you mean it—and Don't forget 'twill seem much warmer With a friendly clasp of hand.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

William Flinn was vesterday notified dore Roosevelt, if he decides to enter the presidential nomination race, will have the New Jersey Progressive State committee with him. This word came from Joseph Marvel, member of the State committee from Atlantic. Marvel was elected a Second district dele-gate to the Chicago convention when

gate to the Chicago convention when Roosevelt swept Atlantic county in 1912. The Pennsylvania Bull Mooser is on record as expressing the belief that Roosevelt will not be a candidate. What he replied to the ardent New Jerseylte is not reported. The Progressive signs are not very encouraging in Pennsylvania this year.

Judge William C. Ryan, of the Bucks county court, has handed down a decision in which he declares that the election of Isaac Bennett and Robert H. Engart as justices of the peace of Warminster township is invalid because the name of the other Republican candidate, James M. Knight, was omitted from the ballot by a mistake. Only the names of Engart, Republican, and Bennett, Democrat, appeared on the ballot. Voters testified that they feared to write Knight's name on the ballot lest it be turown out.

The new city commission have assigned departments and agreed upon city officials to be chosen on inauguration, January 3. The officials selected are: T. C. Hare, city solicitor; J. W. Shields, city engineer: W. M. C. Craine, city treasurer; John P. Coppersmith, city assessor; Walter J. Hamor, city clerk. The city departments were assigned as follows: Ira Shelly, finance and accounts: Frank E. Rooney, streets and public improvements; W. C. Myton, public safety; John P. Stouch, parks and public property. Mayor C. E. Rhodes, by virtue of his office, is the director of the department of public affairs.

Asserting that the Philadelphia municipal court thus far has proven itself to be the most extravagant judicial institution that he has ever known, Mayor Blankenburg announced his readiness yesterday to testify to that effect in the suit in equity brought by Calvin B. Jones, a taxpayer, to prevent the expenditure of an additional \$100,000 for fitting up additional quarters for the court, according to Charles S. Wood, the attorney representing Jones.

DIRECT TAX ON IRON AND STEEL [From the Iron Age.]

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Manufacturers of pig iron and of "fabricated" iron and steel may well wonder why their products are selected by the President for the imposition of direct taxes calculated, according to his message to Congress, to yield a \$20,000,000 stop-gap in these times of deficits. Having stripped the pig-iron and steel industries of protection against the dumping of the Canadian and European product, and having actually started foreign pig iron and steel this way last year, it was certainly not to be expected that the administration would give its "unshackling" program this particular turn. A good many pig-iron producers and some steel companies were writing their balances in red before the war broke out. Seeing that they produce that from which shells are made, they promptly come to mind now when Washington needs to capitalize politically some section of the country's war prosperity.

Two and a half years ago a special session of Congress was working overtime to relieve the people of high living costs, falsely said to be due to ust on the program of the customs house tolls. Now the sugar tax is to go back, income taxes are to be increased and in imposing new

customs house tolls. Now the sugar tax is to go back, income taxes are to be increased and in imposing new burdens iron is picked on, a commodity in commonest use, apart from food and clothing. When demand is greater than supply, as at present, and prices are above the average, the iron and steel taxes would be passed along to the consumer. In time of close competition, as in 1913 and 1914, these taxes would only make the home producer's situation worse and aid the foreign producer in placing his surplus here.

Iron and steel manufacturers should America.

The duty on dyes had been fifty cents on each pound and an additional 35 per cent, on value. The 35 per cent, was left. The fifty cents on each pound and po

WE HAVE WITH US-[Kansas City Star.]

INVOCATION, CHRISTMAS

Ten thousand nomes are sceeped in tears,
A million men lined up to slay;
Our hearts grow cold with rage and fears—
The world's at war this Christmas Day.

Sweet carols that we sing make mock Of all the words that in them lay, For, list! we hear the battle shock— The world's at war this Christma Day.

Bright berries of the holly tree Seem drops of blood, to our dismay; Mistletoe pearls a rosary— The world's at war this Christmas Day.

weet manger child, lead us again, For we have wandered far astray; end peace and happiness to men— The world's at war this Christmas Day.

Kneel we together at Thy door, And offer hearts that plead and pray For love and brotherhood once more— The world's at war this Christma: Day.

-D. E. WHEELER Our Daily Laugh

"The sign brings





THE CARTOON OF THE DAY

Can They Induce Her to Remain Until We All Can See Her?



-From the Columbus Dispatch.

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TN the peasant's quiet cottage Years ago, on Christmas night, Candles white like snow were lighted, That their star-flame shining bright. The dear Christ Child, earthward wending To each home would bring aright, Bearing gifts of love and blessing Heart and spirit to delight.

Centuries of candle-lighting
On the holy Christmas Eve
Caused the warm heart's sacred tapers
Heav'n's pure love-fire to receive;
Gentle lights kept kindly burning
Led the thoughtful to perceive,
That the Christ Child's flame shone brighter
When theirs helped the dark relieve.

Candle-light, the friend and stranger As of yore, this Christmas tide, From our homes with gracious gleaming Through the night, will softly guide. While their thoughts with joy are turning From these stressful years aside To the light through ages burning Wherein men their stens confide. To the light through ages onfide.

Wherein men their steps confide.

—By LOIS KAMERLIN BOOKER, for the Telegraph.

SCIENCE BEGINS AT HOME

Getting Your Money's Worth By Frederic J. Haskin

THE American kitchen is sadly behind the times. Almost all our hind the times are being run on a basis of scientific efficiency, but many household ways have apparently completed as tudy to determine how scientific are should be taken that the proper standards has just completed a study to determine how scientific are should be taken that the proper stone, who is a firm believer in the care should be taken that the proper stone, who is a firm believer in the corners to much on faith and guesswork. It is the habit of asking for ten cents on the handful. Fine dishes have been too much on faith and guesswork it of this, and a quarter by the handful. Fine dishes have been too much on faith and guesswork it of this, and a quarter by the produced without scientific measurement, cooking may be an art rather the fitms of the handful. Fine dishes have been the handful. Fine dishes have been too much on the handful. Fine dishes have been too much on the handful. Fine dishes have been too without scientific measurement, cooking may be an art rather of the handful. Fine dishes have been the handful. Fine dishes have been the handful. Fine dishes have been too the handful. Fine dishes have been the handful. Fine dishes

Although a mere infant, being only three days old, according to the well-established belief that winter begins on the 21st of December, the shortest day of the year, nevertheless it has managed to accomplish a great deal in that time. The death rate in Philadelphia has doubled this week and all your friends are laid up with grip or sore throat.

An Allentown man was arrested the An Allentown man was arrested the other day for throwing hot soup over his wife and baby, but was exonerated because no one appeared against him. It has always been our belief that soup is an extremely annoying vegetable, taken externally.

An editorial in a Lancaster contemporary tells of an "unhyphenated friend of Uncle Sam" who wrote a sensible letter to the New York Sun urging the use of Spanish in all our public

I Forgot-

This is the day when the mental check up brings home the fact that:—

While we' may have tried to do Christmas shopping early—
we did not do it all.
Some are forgotten and must be provided for RIGHT NOW.
That means some rush shopping.

That means some ping.

And in an emergency like this information as to men and things such as you will find in the advertising in the Telggraph will be mighty helpful.

schools and colleges. Good as the idea may have been, and effectively as this Lancaster paper may have supported it, the last paragraph sounded its death knell when it spoke of substituting Spanish for the "petty" Latin course. Years of experience and the testimony of some of the world's greatest thinkers may be quoted to argue that no Latin course, however poor, could ever be "petty."

Wilkes-Barre, resting from the excitement that has been prevalent there over its never-ending street car strike, is now incensed, in some political circles, with reference to the postmaster situation. They say President Wilson has instructed the Postmaster-General to favor a boyhood friend as postmaster of Wilkes-Barre in preference to the choice of Congressman Casey's brother Lawrence.

The engagement of Carleton Schwab Wagner, nephew to the steel magnate, C. M. Schwab, to Miss Margaret Williams, of Easton, has been announced. The young man is vice-president of the Danville Tubing Company, having graduated from Lehigh University last June.

William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, and Congressman J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, will be the speakers at the annual banquet of the Lycoming Young Men's Democratic Club in January.

Fifteen hundred employes of the Dupla Silk Company, of Hazleton, will receive free attendance from a trained nurse after January 1.

TO THOSE AFAR AND NIGH For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us, and came and preached peace to you which were far off, and to them that were nigh.—Ephesians li,14 and 17.

Ebening Chat

Apparently the State authorities are not going to allow the organizations of the National Guard to suffer from lack of information about the federas aspection which is to be held the inspection which is to be held the next three months. This inspections as a general circular, will have direct influence on all legislation relative to militia affairs. Organizations shown to be properly equipped will help much toward appropriations for the militia development and it is urged that special attention be given to equipment. Rifles, says the circular, should be cleaned now and inspected frequently. frequently.

The problem of whether or not the river dam is going to produce good skating this winger is being discussed widely among the city's younger element just now. It has been figured out that the current of the river has been slowed down enough to permit smooth ice to freeze if slush can be kept from pushing down through and spoiling things. This is a problem that practically defies solution, so that Nature only can fix things up and she can do it by sending a good old twenty degree below streak without any wind.

"Charley" Fleck, the desk officer at the police station, has been given a Christmas tree all his own. The tree is a six foot pine and was erected as a tribute from the policemen. The decorations are unique, as was to be expected, and the members of the force are preparing some sturts to orce are preparing some stunts nake the day memorable.

Here is one that is vouched for by the youngest member of the Telegraph staff. "Superstition is far from being dead," said he. "The other day I saw a black cat and a woman of colored race going down the street. Pussy took it into her head to cross the street. The colored girl stopped as if she had been shot, turned around and walked back to a cross street. No farther on that highway for her. Now what's the answer?"

Lemoyne's young men have advanced.

for her. Now what's the answer?"

Lemoyne's young men have advanced in municipal affairs by taking the annual community Christmas stunt into their own hands and it is believed that in the course of a few weeks the town will have an organization composed of young men to look into the welfare of the thriving 'cross river borough. This club will be known as the Lemoyne Welfare Club and will give its assistance to the borough council, school board and fire company, organizations which need help in channels of work that cannot be attended to by members of that organization on account of the time required. One of the Lemoyne folks said: "The young men have been a great help in several of the latest municipal movements and are 'up and delive' in the thisse there we have been a great help in several of the latest municipal movements and are 'up and delive' in the thisse there were the several of the latest municipal in the thisse there were the several of the latest municipal in the thisse there were the several of the latest municipal in the thisse there were the several of the latest municipal in the thisse there were the several of the latest municipal in the this several of the latest municipal in the several of the latest municipal in great help in several of the latest municipal movements and are 'up and doing' in the things they hope to accomplish in the near future. The persons heading this plan will probably wake up the town council and officials. They are at a stage that they deem necessary to start in the municipal attairs of life so that when they are called to take hold of such work they will be better qualified. The progressive businessmen of the town are encouraging the boys and many are encouraging the boys and many have offered their help."

Ad Gumbert, county commissioner-Ad Gumbert, county commissioner-elect of Allegheny, who was here yes-terday, was for years one of the star players on the Pittsburgh baseball team and was a great friend of John K. Tener in the old days. He was connected with the Public Service Commission for some time, but has resigned to take up his new office which pays \$8,000 a year.

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Burn a Candle on Christmas Eve

You will want to observe this city's latest custom for her-alding the Coming of the King. Burn a candle in your front window on Christmas Eve.

The custom that is centuries old, but it has lately been re-vived and will be observed in this city this year.

Be sure that your window has a burning candle.