

AMBLER HEARS OF INSURANCE RAISE

Receives Letter From Philadelphia and Gives It Careful Study

Insurance Commissioner Ambler today received from the Board of Fire Underwriters of Philadelphia a letter in which it was declared that the recent advances in fire insurance rates in Philadelphia and adjoining counties under the board were necessitated by increased charges due to Federal taxation, overhead expenses, losses and advances in cost of materials for replacements, shrinkage in investment values and the general international and other conditions due to the war. The letter was in response to an inquiry by the commissioner as to the reasons for the advances, where also made in the rest of the state and in neighboring commonwealths.

"I am digesting the letter," said the commissioner when asked for any comment. "I will have nothing to say for the present, but I am interested in whether this increase is to be nation-wide."

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway today has answered the complaint of Highway Commissioner O'Neill that Hummelstown and Swatara grade crossings in Dauphin county were dangerous to persons using state highways, denying that they were a menace, but also stating that when the war ends and labor and material conditions justify it, steps will be taken to improve conditions.

A Real Gift For A Deaf Friend

If you have a friend who is deaf the ideal Xmas gift will be a LITTLE GEM EAR PHONE. There is nothing you could buy or think of that would be more useful or more appreciated. The Little Gem Ear Phone is truly wonderful and will last a life time. Come in and let us demonstrate it.



With H. C. Claster 302 MARKET ST.

A Gift Worth While Walk-Over Shoes

For Men and Women \$5 to \$15 Shoes bought as gifts will be exchanged after Christmas. This insures the giver of the proper size and style.

Slippers For Gifts. Men's Genuine Unfinished Deerskin Moccasins, \$3.50. Women's Beaded Deerskin Moccasins, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Comfy Slippers in taupe, Oxford gray, rose, Alice blue, pink, ecru, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Walk-Over Boot Shop 226 Market St.

Xmas Flowers

- Poinsettias—per doz. . . . \$2.00 to \$ 8.00
Roses—per doz. . . . \$1.50 to \$10.00
Snap Dragon—per doz. . . \$3.00 and \$4.00
Carnations—per doz. . . . \$2.00
Narcissus, white or Yellow—per doz. \$2.00
Orchid Sweet Peas—per bunch . . . \$1.00
Sweet Violets—per bunch . . . \$1.00
Potted Plants—each . . . 25c to \$5.00

Keeney's, 810 N. 3rd

INTERESTING PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

WED IN LITTLE CHURCH AROUND CORNER

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THE CULP-SWAB WEDDING TODAY

Popular Young Folks Quietly Married at High Noon in New York Church. Two popular young people of this city went to New York early this morning and were married there at high noon in the Little Church Around the Corner.

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MISS MACDONALD SATURDAY BRIDE

Pretty Local Girl Marries Charles H. Delaney Saturday Afternoon in New York City

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Get-Together Meeting of Soldiers' Families

Adjutant General Beary will address a get-together meeting of the families of men in the United States Army at the home service department of the Red Cross to-morrow afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock in the Civic Club house, Front and North streets. General Beary is just home after a trip to Camp Hancock, Ga., and has much of interest to tell of the men and conditions there. It is expected that a large gathering of the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of all men in the Army and Navy will be there to greet him.

Candle Light Service Sunday at the Y. W. C. A.

A delightful candle service has been arranged for Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. church and Palm streets, for women and girls. Mrs. William Jennings will preside and Mrs. Mary Snyder Rowland will tell the story of "The Holy Grail." The Kresno Comrade Klub has charge of the music and will sing Christmas carols and old songs. A social hour will follow and many will want to remain over for the evening church services.

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Y. W. C. A. Notes

A beautiful Christmas candle service is being planned for Sunday evenings at 5 P. M. in John Y. Boyd Hall. Mrs. William Jennings is chairman of the program committee. Christmas trees will be erected in the lobby, Christmas carols sung, Christmas candles will furnish the only light and a Christmas story of Miss Mary Snyder promises to be of much interest.

Bachelor Club Meet

The Bachelor Club had their monthly meeting last evening in the clubrooms. After making social service plans refreshments were served to Miss Sarah Wrightstone, Miss Myrtle Brown, Miss Daisy Seidle, Miss Mary Schubauer, Miss Bertha Schubauer, Miss Ruth Lynn, Miss Ethel Seibert, Miss Ruth Anderson, Miss Isabelle Foster, Mrs. George W. Lantz, Miss Clara Berg, Miss Edith State, Miss Clara Wolfe, Miss Myrtle Bierbower, Miss Anna Habeschmidt, Miss Emma Stamba, Miss Frances Acuff and Miss Lois G. Scott.

Camp Meade First to Be Completed

Washington, Dec. 18. — Camp Meade, Md., the training quarters of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania National Guards, has come from behind and finished among the leaders in final completion. Officers here the quartermaster's department to-day said that Camp Meade is ready with all the barracks, administration buildings, kitchens, animal quarters and other buildings. It is among the first to reach this condition.

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Bernstorff Stripped of Pittsburgh Degree

Pittsburgh, Dec. 18. — Count Von Bernstorff is no longer an honorary doctor of laws at the University of Pittsburgh. The former German Ambassador's name was dropped from the list of those who have received honorary degrees from the university by the trustees yesterday. The names of six other Germans who have received honorary degrees at Pitt were also dropped.

Water Pipe For Jerusalem Army Made at Reading

Reading, Pa., Dec. 18. — The 150 miles of pipe used in laying a main across the Sinai desert in Palestine, and which enabled the British troops to win Jerusalem and other cities in the Holy Land, were made in Reading.

Guillotine Coming, Says Trotsky in Petrograd

Petrograd, Dec. 16. (Delayed). — Leon Trotsky, the foreign minister, in an address to his opponents said: "You are perturbed by the mid-truce we are applying to our enemies. But know that within a month this terror will take the terrible form of the French revolutionary terror—not the guillotine."

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