

SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT IS OPEN, ASSERTS PENROSE

Senator, in Discussing the Slating of Amblor, Who Is Favored by Brumbaugh, Says "Someone Is Jumping at Conclusions."

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Senator Penrose puzzled the politicians on Tuesday when, on his return from Washington, he asserted that he knew nothing of any agreement among Republican leaders to name Representative Amblor, of Montgomery county, as next Speaker of the State House. Amblor's candidacy, which has been asserted, is in favor of Governor-elect Brumbaugh. The woman and her friends are behind it. It was asserted that Senator Penrose was committed to Amblor. To this the Senator replies that "some one is jumping at conclusions."

Further it was learned that Republican State Chairman Crow, who first declared in favor of a member from one of the country districts, only learned of the "agreement on Amblor" on Tuesday. Politically, however, there was a well-defined feeling that perhaps Senator Penrose's statements were "simply covering up the agreement so that the appearance of making a 'state' might be avoided." On the other hand, Representative Baldwin, of Delaware county, stoutly maintaining that he still a candidate it was observed that there were possibilities of a discussion. Senator Penrose's interview opened with his statement that:

"The time for slating has gone by. There should be no agreement on this question. It should drift along, as it has been doing, so that when the members meet at Harrisburg for the beginning of the session they will have developed among themselves a sentiment for or against the candidates now in the field. So far as I know, I have said all along that I am a party to no agreement."

Then the Senator was asked, with special reference to the agreement on Amblor, "whether or not all the talk up to this time had been merely discussion. He replied that he so viewed it. Continuing, he characterized the talk of an agreement as 'speculation.'"

Henry I. Wilson, of Jefferson county, visited Senator Penrose and Governor-elect Brumbaugh yesterday, and later announced that he would continue in the field as a candidate for Speaker. Congressman W. O. Smith and Senator Kurtz accompanied Mr. Wilson. Both Richard J. Baldwin and Charles A. Amblor visited Senator Penrose. Mr. Baldwin announced that he would open headquarters in the suite used by George E. Alter in the Commonwealth hotel in Harrisburg on the night of January 1. Mr. Amblor will open headquarters on January 2.

Dr. Brumbaugh will address the State Teachers' Association in Harrisburg next Tuesday. He has also accepted an invitation to deliver an address on playgrounds at Allentown in May, the definite date to be determined later.

EXPRESS HITS BOX CAR

Engineer Stroud Injured in Jumping to Save His Life

Buffalo Express south, shortly before 8.30 o'clock last evening ran into a derailed box car at Herr street. Engineer Lewis B. Stroud, 54 North Seventeenth street, suffered a badly bruised and wrenched right leg when he jumped from his locomotive. He was the only one injured. After being treated at the Harrisburg hospital, he was sent to his home.

CUT IN COAL RATES SOON

Service Commission Ready to Sign Antitrust Freight Charge Order (Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The order of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission to the coal-carrying railroads affected by the recent decision of the Commission calling for a reduction of 40 cents per ton in freight rates on coal will be served on the companies before the end of this week.

This was announced here by Commissioner Samuel W. Pennypacker. The order has been drawn, but lacks the signature of the chairman of the Commission. Commissioner Pennypacker said it will be executed as soon as it is signed.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

By Mary Margaret Clark

If we only knew the heartaches Of the many, many poor We would do with less for Christmas And weep in the needy's door. Just to see where we might gladden And make bright a home or two; We'd be surprised for we could save. And never miss things nice and new. Have you children? If you love them Here's a lesson you can teach: Tell them of the many poor Then "practice what you preach."

From the bunch of nice new toys Your loved ones could but spare One or two. They'll never miss them. Thus others pleasure sure will share. With dear children and their parents Who don't have enough to spare To buy gifts that gladden childhood But food and clothes they must share. There is not one human being But would share Christmas time If he shared with some poor needy. Such will never forget to pray—

That God's love and fullest blessing May ever help each one to feel Loosened purse-strings for the poor Will richly reward them in heaven's bliss. To thank God for our many blessings And ask for guidance from above Our hearts will throbb, our souls will feel A glad glad Christmas. "God is love."

Loving neighbor, dearest friends, Let us try this Christmas time For surely each and every one Can spare some gift or a kindly line. For the rich are often hungry. Not for gifts the money would give. But for love and good kind words That help us all in faith to live.

Just get busy, every one! Time is short, we soon will hear Christmas carols, Christmas music Ringing through the wintry air. Let us all be ready, waiting For joy and gladness again All our hearts, then feel God's presence. In "Peace on earth, good will to men."

IN DYING BREATH HE NAMES SLAYER

Continued From First Page. person in the room when Seiders was brought in. Seiders looked neither to the right nor to the left and but once his eyes sought the patient's face. When Seiders was told to stand before Mills the latter raised himself with great effort and with an index finger pointed at the prisoner, saying that he was the man who shot him.

Seiders Wore Cap on Fatal Night

The one point upon which Seiders hinges his defense is that he did not wear a hat on the night of the shooting. As the Mills described the man who attacked him, the latter wore a soft hat. When arrested Seiders wore a cap which was the only contradiction he made of Mills' accusation.

LOT OF WORK AWAITS WOMEN

Employment Can Be Given Monday by Relief Association to All Who Ask

A "speedy and efficiency" record that will be difficult to exceed, even equal, in the opinion of experts, was established yesterday by one woman who is making garments for the war sufferers. She received her quota of unsewn clothing at 11 a. m. At 4.10 p. m. she was back at headquarters, 7 South Front street, with what proved to be sufficient finished garments to secure her \$1 wages. Mrs. Charles B. Packer, Jr., and Mrs. W. E. Seel, of the supplies division of the Home and War Relief Association, pronounced the garments exceptionally well made.

Of course that woman was given another lot of material, and if there were no restrictions as to the amount of money one woman may earn, she could possibly beat a skilled mechanic's pay envelope in size by the end of the week. Just 49 applications for work had been received at 5 p. m. yesterday when the headquarters closed for the Christmas holiday. Of these, 22 had returned for additional material. More than 100 finished garments have been produced in the three working days, while about \$80 worth of material is on hand. Monday a big batch is due from Blough's which will give employment to all who may ask.

The home relief division has given out a number of grocery orders to needy women. One request for shoes, from a man who declared he was walking to Pittsburgh, was received. He was referred to the Associated Charities.

16 COUPLES PLAN TO WED

Big Rush to Get Marriage Licenses For the Holiday Season

The rush for marriage licenses for use during the holiday season had its start late yesterday afternoon and by noon to-day sixteen couples had obtained the necessary papers to wed. The applicants are: Raymond E. Shultz, Hershey, and Ora A. Sheaffer, Dillsburg; Fred W. Day, Jr., and Mary S. Carlisle, city; Samuel Mangel, city, and Margaret Bishop, New Kingston; Lemon Troup and Leah Isenberg, city; Edward L. Lingbe, Derry Church, and Hannah E. Buchanan, Palmyra; J. Normal Cassel, Palmyra, and Elsie M. Gromas, Derry Church; Arthur A. Emory, and Ruth M. Stevenson, city; Elmer N. Heister, maker and Stella M. Ginder, Millersburg; Charles W. Miller and Mabel Hoffa, Williamstown; Roxford M. Glaspay and Mary J. Garber, city; William E. Gardner and Anna C. Bealm, Cumberland county; Christ Hammaker, New Bloomfield, and Elizabeth McDanel, city; Harry R. Whitney and Minnie E. Dill, city; Arthur Hoffman, Millersburg, and Daisy Wilbert, Fishersville; Philip and G. Guth and Sadie M. Kohr, Philadelphia; James S. Kirkhoff, Reading, and S. Mabel Lickenbill, Mertzown.

CHRISTMAS PAY IS HELD UP

Thirty-five County Employees Will Not Get Salaries Till Next Year

Charles L. Boyer, one of the Directors of the Poor; John P. Guyer, clerk to the directors; and the thirty-three employees at the almshouse, will not receive their half month's salary allowance until after the new year starts, because the available poor department funds have practically all been used up and the County Commissioners yesterday failed to take action on the Poor Directors' request for a requisition for an additional \$3,500.

In the office of the County Commissioners it was said to-day that no action was taken on the requisition because the Commissioners first wanted to inquire whether the full amount sought by the poor board is necessary to carry on the business of the year.

Guyer said this morning: "Something over \$2,000 will be needed. I don't know exactly what amount. We asked for \$3,500 so that we would be sure to have enough."

DECORATED CHARLEY'S TREE

But Fleckie Didn't Like the Ornaments and Made Changes

Charles T. Fleck, desk officer at police headquarters, had to redecorate his Christmas tree this morning, the night force having used some poor judgment in the trimming. Charley's pipe and tobacco, together with numerous empty cigarette and cigar boxes and a fly swatter were neatly tied on it when he arrived at the office.

He went to work at once placing "regular" Christmas trimmings on the tree before any visitors arrived, but it was such a joke that the other cops told everybody about it. The principal decoration in the yard beneath the tree is a pair of boxes, one labeled "Fleck" and the other "Ibach."

MINOR ALLIES' SUCCESSES REPORTED ALONG THE TYNS AND ELSEWHERE IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 24, 2.55 P. M.—The French official statement given out this afternoon recites a series of French successes of apparently minor importance from the sea on the north to the frontier of Alsace on the south. The locations where French troops have gained the advantage are given as along the Tyns, in the region of the Aisne, in Champagne, near Perthes, in the Argonne, in the forest of Apremont and near St. Die.

Fog prevented fighting near Arras and Verdun and there has been artillery activity southeast of Amiens, near Ville-sur-Tourbe and in the forest of Apremont. The text of the communication follows:

Bravo Under Artillery Fire

From the sea to the Tyns we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombratzkye. At Zwartellen, to the southeast of Ypres, we occupied a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter attack of the enemy. This was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery.

The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yse to the south of Dixmude and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge. In the region of Arras the fog still made all operations impossible. To the east and to the southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny, there have been artillery exchanges.

Held Back Number of Attacks

In the region of the Aisne the zouaves during all day yesterday held back a number of attacks. They remained masters at a point near the road of Puissein, the German trenches occupied by us December 21. In Champagne the strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before in the region of Cretonne and Rheims.

In the vicinity of Perthes all the counter attacks of the enemy on the positions conquered by us December 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-Les-Buruis we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards and we drove back a counter attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them.

In the Argonne we took possession of a piece of ground in the forest of La Grange and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

In the region of Verdun the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but without success, in the forest of Copenvov.

Germans Routed From Trenches

In the forest of Apremont our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches. In the Woivreux district the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.

In the region of Ban De Sant, to the northeast of St. Die, our infantry advanced with a rush and established itself on the territory thus gained. There is nothing to report from upper Alsace.

On the Brzza river the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the contrary, at a point north of Sochazew they were driven back to the river which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolinow resulted in failures. At the present time the Germans are essaying to cross the river Rawa to the southeast of Skiernewice.

To the south of Rawa the Germans are resisting stubbornly a pronounced Russian offensive movement being delivered along the northern bank of the river Pilica.

CZAR AND CZARINA VISIT HOSPITALS IN MOSCOW

Moscow, Dec. 24, via Petrograd—Emperor Nicholas and the Empress, accompanied by their children, yesterday visited a number of hospitals in Moscow organized and maintained by public and private associations. Notable among these is the Union of All Russian Zemstvos.

In the evening the Emperor, who is in Moscow on his way back to Petrograd from the front in the Caucasus, received in the Kremlin Prince Prince Lyoff, chief commissioner of the Union of All Russian Zemstvos, and the Mayor of Moscow, M. Tcheinokoff, who is also commissioner-in-chief of the Union of Russian cities. The commissioners gave accounts of the activities of their respective unions and the Emperor expressed himself as greatly satisfied with their reports.

AWFUL TOLL AMONG THE BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS

Correspondence of the Associated Press. London, Dec. 15.—The latest officers' casualty list, covering the week from December 8 to 15, shows that 25 officers were killed and 81 wounded during that time. No officers are reported missing in the list.

The total casualties among officers to date are 3,835, divided as follows: Killed, 1,081; wounded, 2,157; missing, 602.

Jap Battleship Off Peru Coast

Lima, Peru, Dec. 24.—The Japanese battleship Hizen, accompanied by several Japanese merchantmen, has anchored seven miles off Puerto de Paura, on the northern coast of Peru. The Hizen and the destroyer came from Soapale, Mexico, and are probably conveying the merchantmen to some South American port.

War Will Close Recreation Ground

Correspondence of the Associated Press. London, Dec. 15.—The Crystal Palace, London's famous recreation ground, will be closed to the public from New Year's Day until the end of the war, in order to provide training quarters for soldiers. It is estimated that at least 10,000 men will bunk in the glass exhibition hall.

Will Prolong Moratorium

London, Dec. 24, 5.17 A. M.—The announcement is made that the Swedish government has decided to prolong the moratorium for foreign debts until March 1, says a dispatch from Stockholm to Reuter's Telegram Company.

SAWDUST YIELDS MANY TREASURES

Continued From First Page. blow a great number of noses, and at this time of the year when colds in the head are numerous and when the "sawdust cough" is prevalent, they may in some cases be sadly missed. There are some silk handkerchiefs and some not silk, but none of them is altogether worthless and all are being preserved to await identification among the other articles.

Coats and Umbrellas Found

So much for the yield of the sawdust, and it is a big one. There are some articles, in addition, which were not buried beneath the shavings. Overcoats and umbrellas, for instance. These were left under the seats, the latter in some number. One woman's coat, among the others, is a good one—too good to throw away. The men's coats are not all new ones, but they, too, have years of service still before them, and their owners, no doubt, are eager to get them back. The umbrellas are of all varieties, suitable for keeping the snow off of just and unjust alike.

All the articles found in the tabernacle have been taken to the place of business of E. Z. Gross, chairman of the Stough executive committee. If identified to the complete satisfaction of those having them in charge they will be returned to their owners.

It is believed that there is still much loose change concealed in the sawdust. Careful examination of the shavings is under way and none of the money will be allowed to slip by. By the time the sawdust is removed to the Mechanics' Club tabernacle it is safe to say that it will be stripped of all its treasures.

CHINESE CUSTOM REVIVED

President Appears Before Altar of Heaven in Observance Neglected Since Passing of Manchus

By Associated Press. Peking, China, Dec. 24.—President Yuan Shih Kai at sunrise yesterday appeared before the Altar of Heaven in the Chinese city and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchus in 1911. In this the President of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the Emperor of China, in his capacity of "Tien Tsz," or Son of Heaven.

The President yesterday worshipped at the famous altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park three miles from the Palace of the Emperors and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.

BAN PUT ON PUBLIC SALES

Live Stock Board Rules Against Them While Quarantine Lasts in County

Unless the quarantine for foot and mouth disease is lifted in Dauphin county, there will be no spring sales such as usually accompany the removal of a farmer tenant from one farm to another, at which time he generally disposes of his surplus cattle and household goods. Nor will there be any public sales on the farms where the farmer proposes to leave the State and go West or to any other section.

An order of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, in effect to-day, means that in every county in the State that is under quarantine there shall be no public sales on farms. Should a sale take place in violation of the order, the person holding the sale is liable to a fine.

Throughout Dauphin county many sales have been advertised to be held, but, under the State Live Stock Sanitary Board removes the quarantine or changes the order relating to sales so as to permit them to be made under certain conditions, there will be no sales in Dauphin county during the coming spring.

HUNTING COST 27 LIVES

Biggest Death Toll From This Cause in History of Pennsylvania

The toll of death from accidents in Pennsylvania during the hunting season of 1914 was unusually heavy. With but one district to hear from, the State Game Commission to-day reported that twenty-seven persons were killed in the Pennsylvania hunting fields between September 1 and the close of the season, and ninety persons were injured.

Of the killed only one was mistaken for a deer and shot—a young State forester in Lycoming county. The greater part of the killing was caused by careless handling of guns by the men in the field.

This is the greatest number of hunters killed in one year since the law was passed requiring hunters not to shoot at a deer until the horns could be seen.

HANS LOBERT GUEST OF TENER

Philadelphia Ball Player Compares Notes With Governor on World Trip

Hans Lobert, the third baseman of the Philadelphia National League baseball club, was a guest of Governor Tener this afternoon, coming here to pay the Governor a long-promised visit in order that they might compare notes of their baseball trips around the world.

Governor Tener was a member of the All-American team that went around the world in 1889, and Hans took the same trip last year as a member of one of the Comiskey teams that toured the globe.

"We both visited the same places, but years apart," said the Governor, "but Mr. Lobert may have seen things differently from what they appeared to me, and we will compare notes."

Lobert has not yet signed to play with Philadelphia next year, but of course his visit to the president of the league has nothing to do with that.

First Fire Loss \$260.72

Insurance adjusters this morning reported to Fire Chief Kinder that the loss at the first fire in the Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 21, was \$260.72. The fire at that time started in a wall paper store at the rear of the building.

Naturalist Muir Dies in Hospital

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died in a hospital to-day of pneumonia. He was 76 years of age.

Y. M. C. A. ARRANGES ITS PROGRAM FOR NEW YEAR'S

Public Reception and Entertainment Will Mark the Sixtieth Annual Celebration by Popular Association of Advent of the New Year

Friday, January 1, 1915, will be a gala day in the history of the Young Men's Christian Association, Second and Locust streets. The occasion will mark the sixtieth annual New Year's celebration in honor of the members and their friends. There will be a public reception and "open house" from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., at which time refreshments will be served to all. The entire building will be thrown open to the public, except the dormitory system.

Men, women and children will be welcomed, regardless of color, class, clique or creed. The association is desirous of reaching the unemployed men of the city, and to all such a cordial invitation is extended for them to visit the building and partake of the association's hospitality. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a gymnasium exhibition will be given under the auspices of the physical department and basketball games will be played. This is always an interesting feature of the New Year program.

In the evening will occur the members' entertainment in Palm-stock hall. The artist engaged is DeWitt Paxton, of New York, the clever humorist, in one of his original and unique programs. Mr. Paxton is one of the funniest men on the lyceum platform. Admission to the members' entertainment will be ticket only. Every member in good standing will be entitled to two tickets.

It is customary for thousands of people to visit the association building on New Year's day, and this year will be no exception to the rule. Committees, consisting of women and men, will serve throughout the day and evening.

KILLED IN CINCINNATI HOLDUP

Bandit Attempted to Rob Restaurant in Frank Hohl Style

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—A man whom the police believe to be Alfralde Aman, of Louisville, Ky., was shot and killed early this morning when he attempted to hold up a restaurant here. Albert Reuttschler, cook at the restaurant, opened fire on the hold-up man when he saw the latter draw a revolver and call "hands up."

Another man who accompanied the dead man and who escaped, also fired, one of the shots striking Reuttschler and inflicting a scalp wound. One week ago to-day Frank Hohl, the auto bandit, of Harrisburg, Pa., was killed here by a policeman.

HOHL'S BODY NOT SHIPPED

Police Advised That It Is Still Being Held by Cincinnati Authorities

The body of Frank G. Hohl, the Harrisburg automobile bank bandit, who was killed by policemen in Cincinnati last Thursday after he had robbed two banks and fatally wounded Policeman Knaut, has not yet been shipped from Cincinnati for burial in this city, according to advices received by the local police this morning. It is very likely that some later developments in the case have caused the delay, as the chief of police of Cincinnati wired yesterday morning that his department was willing that the body should be released by the coroner.

According to officials of the Adams Express Company in Harrisburg, the body was being held in Cincinnati this morning. No word of its being shipped has been received by Charles H. Mauck, undertaker, who has charge of the funeral arrangements here.

FUNERAL OF ALEX M'ALICHER

Veteran of War and P. R. R. Service Will Be Buried Saturday

The funeral services of Alex McAllicher, who died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at his home, 1930 North Fifth street, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Sixth Street United Brethren church, the pastor, the Rev. P. H. Balsbaugh, officiating.

He was a retired employe of the Pennsylvania railroad, leaving the service December 1, 1912, and was a veteran of the Civil war. He was a private in Company H, 201st regiment, volunteers. He leaves a widow and the following children: George, William, Sherman, Edie, Chester, Rose and Warren, all of this city, and three brothers, Charles and David, of Pittsburgh, and John, of this city.

Mrs. Myrtle Umberger

Mrs. Myrtle Umberger, wife of Harry Umberger, died at her home, 637 Mahanongo street, yesterday after a lingering illness of five years. She is survived by her husband and three children, Harry, Ethel and Leon. The funeral services will be held at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. G. Dardorf, 2507 Agate street, on Saturday morning at 9.30 and will be conducted by the Rev. P. H. Balsbaugh, pastor of the Sixth Street U. B. church. Interment will be made in Heckton cemetery.

Lawyer Drops Dead in Street

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Henry V. Massey, a retired corporation lawyer of this city, dropped dead from heart disease late last night on a street in West Philadelphia. He lived in Overbrook, a suburb, and was on his way to a railroad station when he was struck. Mr. Massey was connected with many enterprises and was 53 years old.

Employees Give Watch to Bowman

The thirty employes of the City Water Department yesterday presented Harry F. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Safety, with a beautiful gold watch, chain and charm. On one side of the charm is the emblem of the Lodge of Elks, while on the reverse side is the inscription: "To H. F. B., from the employes of the City Water Department, 1914."

Christmas Gift for Convicted Senator

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Former State Senator George K. Cetone, of Dayton, serving three years in the penitentiary for complicity in the Legislative bribery scandal in 1911, was granted a pardon to-day by Governor Cox.

U. S. MINISTER ASKED TO UNITE WOUNDED OFFICER AND BRIDE



In a hospital in Toulouse, France, a boy lieutenant of French infantry is lying sorely wounded, and somewhere in Brussels is his bride of a few months. From New York has gone a letter to Mr. Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, who is aiding the afflicted there, asking him to find the bride and send her to her husband, so they may be together on Christmas Day. For all other efforts to unite them have failed. The wounded lieutenant is Alphonse Legrande, twenty-two years old, who was married just a few months prior to the outbreak of the war to Miss Vera Court, of Herne Bay, Kent, England. Every effort was made to communicate with the bride and to get her out of Brussels into Holland, but so far the efforts have been unsuccessful. She has an aunt who is the wife of a well known business man in New York, and both of them know Mr. Whitlock, so the aunt has written him asking that he use his influence to have the young woman sent on to England, where she may get to France and to the bedside of her husband by Christmas.

AN AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES FRENCH SHIP

London, Dec. 24, 3.17 P. M.—An official statement given out in Paris to-day says that an Austrian submarine torpedoed a French armored cruiser in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was damaged only slightly. No one was injured.

The Gulf of Otranto is in the Adriatic at the southern end of Italy.

War News Not Over Christmas

London, Dec. 24, 4.50 P. M.—The Press Information Bureau in London is to be closed from 5 o'clock this afternoon until 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon and during this twenty-four hours no official news will be given out. In London it has been mutually agreed by the morning and afternoon papers not to publish to-morrow, Christmas day.

Big Load of Wheat for Belgians

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The British steamer Fosrona with 256,000 bushels of wheat provided by the American commission for the relief of Belgian non-combatants, which sailed from here last night, passed out the Delaware capes to-day bound for Rotterdam via Falmouth, England.

GOVERNOR TO BE SANTA CLAUS

He and Mrs. Tener Will Give Candy to Poor Children To-morrow Morning

There is going to be a session of giving at the Executive Mansion to-morrow when, about 9 o'clock in the morning, the poor little folk of the city will receive packages of candy, the gifts of Governor and Mrs. Tener.

This is a custom that has been observed every Christmas day at the mansion, and many little folks who have no Christmas tree with its accompaniments, regard the Governor as the one and only real Santa Claus.

Mrs. Tener will supervise the distribution, and James Auter will keep the crowd in line and see that there is no "double teaming" the host by an interchange of garments for purposes of disguise.

Pennsy Issues Coal Tonnage Statement

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The coal and coke tonnage carried on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's lines, east of Pittsburgh for eleven months ended November 30 decreased 6,719,258 tons compared with the same period last year, according to the monthly statement issued by the company to-day. Bituminous coal showed a decrease of 3,157,986 tons and coke 4,085,283. Anthracite coal showed an increase of 524,011 tons.

Arizona's New Prohibition Law

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect January 1. The special U. S. tribunal from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement refused to issue such injunctions in a brief decision rendered to-day. Appeal to the United States Supreme Court will be taken at once.

Christmas Menu in the Jail

Sauerkraut, pork, mashed potatoes, bread and coffee will be the Christmas dinner that will be served the one hundred and sixty inmates of the Dauphin county prison at noon to-morrow. Warden Caldwell has decided to suspend certain rules and will permit the relatives or friends of the inmates to bring them a "more elaborate" dinner should they so desire.

Gift for Mr. Raudbaugh

Abraham Raudbaugh, popular elevator man of the Star-Independent building, received as a Christmas gift of a box of cigars to-day from the employes of the composing room. Foreman Charles