

MUMMERS' PARADE WILL BE HELD HERE; 'KICKERS' DEFEATED

Abandon Plan to Go to New York, Wilmington, Camden or Any Other "Suburb"

PLAN WAS "RIDICULOUS" Offers of Funds Regarded as Indefinite by Men Who Will March

The mummers' parade will take place in this city on January 1 as it always has. Those who are endeavoring to switch this Philadelphia institution to Wilmington, Camden, New York city and other suburban places have already encountered obstacles, said Common Councilman John H. Batsley, chairman of Council's New Year Committee, which has convinced them that their plan is "ridiculous."

Representatives of those associations which will march with the shooters' parade officially endorsed by Councils said today that the offer of a prospective fund of \$7500 by residents of Wilmington as an inducement to hold the parade in that city was too indefinite. Announcement of this offer was made at a meeting of the so-called Federation of New Year Associations last night. Those who are endeavoring to disorganize the parade here could only promise that a ten-day campaign to raise the fund mentioned would be started on Monday.

Representatives of the federation say that the offer was made providing 4000 mummerys could be guaranteed in the parade. It was pointed out today by the numerous clubs opposed to deserting Philadelphia, that even though a \$7500 fund were raised the fare and cost of dinner from each mummer would have to be deducted, which would leave little or nothing to divide among the shooters. When the mummerys of Wilmington are compared with the actual \$5000 fund already provided for by Councils, the loyal shooters declare that it is foolish to waste time over the matter. Those who are directing the official parade here contend that the disturbers are actuated by commercial instincts and are not bona fide mummerys. Members of the federation say that the clubs should receive the receipts of the official New Year program, which should be distributed as prize money.

FIRE DAMAGES CAMDEN CHEMICAL PLANTS

Spectacular Blaze Causes \$25,000 Loss—Officials Deny War Orders

Two Camden chemical plants were damaged last night by fires causing a loss of \$25,000. They are the laboratory and factory of the Mechling Brothers Manufacturing Company and the storage house of the Camden Lime Company. The fires started with a slight explosion at the Mechling Brothers' plant, at 5:30 o'clock. A sheet of flame soon enveloped the building, which spread to the lime company's establishment, immediately adjacent. Officers of both firms deny that they had war contracts and are confident the blaze was the result of an accident.

FIRE CAUSES \$50,000 LOSS IN WAR SUPPLIES PLANT

Second Blaze Damage Suffered by Canadian Company

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 11.—The plant of the Maple Leaf Milling Company was damaged by fire today. The loss was \$50,000.

\$20,000 FIRE AT PEQUEA

Three Homes, Warehouse, Store and Postoffice Burned

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 11.—Twenty thousand dollars' loss resulted last night from fire that destroyed three homes and a warehouse at Pequea, the Susquehanna River summer resort. Eshleman's store, including the postoffice, was destroyed and minor damage was done to adjoining cottages.

\$150,000 Loss in Coal Breaker Fire

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 11.—Eight hundred men and boys were thrown out of work and \$150,000 damage was done when fire today burned the Dolph Coal Company's anthracite breaker at Jessup. Five breaker was one of the best equipped in the Lackawanna valley.

\$100,000 Fire in New Rochelle, N. Y.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Fire in the business district of New Rochelle caused \$100,000 damage today. Five houses and a moving picture theatre were destroyed. The fire started in a garage.

Hard Work Proves Fatal for Man

Having cabaged, proved fatal to Joseph Green, 37 years old, of 266 South 19th street, who died at the Episcopal Hospital from an attack of heart disease, brought on by overexertion in unloading a truck wagon.



WILLIAM H. WILSON

TWO WEEKS TODAY TO CHRISTMAS; SHOPS WORKING OVERTIME

Toys Fill the Landscape, Coming From Japan and Even From Ireland—Detective Plans Celebration

DOWNTOWN SANTA CLAUS

Including today, there are only twelve shopping days before Christmas.

Today two weeks is Christmas. The grammar may be entirely wrong, but the fact is absolutely correct. Day after day has been stricken off the calendar with a blue pencil, until we come to December 11, and two figures below that, in the Saturday column, is a red 25. It only, as they say, comes once a year.

It would be a pity to think that this whole foreign imbroglio, a short word for which is war, had been brought on just to decide which nation shall provide a representative of the Bureau of Police. Japan, which is as much at war with Germany as several oceans and continents will permit, is making a great play to get the toy trade away from her once and for all.

This accounts for the large number of dainty Nipponese dolls in kimonos of delicate hue now to be seen among the cannon uptilted at ugly business-like angles in the toy-shop windows. Almost everywhere nowadays, by the way, almost most of the things made of tissue paper and pasteboard.

But now comes a third competitor into the field of playthings, Ireland and her playboys are turning out toys for America at a high rate of speed and several shiploads have arrived for distribution. These toys must be made by the women folk, for most of the men of Ireland are in the continent helping poor old England out.

Even toys have a tragic air in these bad times; many of them are made by wounded soldiers; many of them were made by soldiers who are now dead.

SON FINDS FATHER'S BODY HANGING FROM RAFTER

Illness and Bad Business Cause Manufacturer to End Life

Illness and poor business, the police say, were the motives that led William M. Renner, 69 years old, an awning manufacturer, to end his life this morning by hanging in his place of business at 405-5 Vine street. The body was found by his son, William Renner, when he came to the office this morning.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John J. McGrody, 2809 E. Gault st., and Marcella C. Staley, 2532 E. Somerset st.; John T. Oliver, 1127 Blackwelder st., and Lillian M. Kane, 1137 Blackwelder st.; Florence M. Yarnall, 2127 N. J., and Effie W. Hester, 1508 S. 24th st.; Walter Patterson, 1522 S. 24th st., and Mary E. Lister, 1522 S. 24th st.; Louis H. Truman, League Island, and Alice E. Lister, 1522 S. 24th st.; Robert H. Blain, 101 Poplar st., and Minnie Vinton, 1522 S. 24th st.; John Deane, 723 Edmund st., and Natalia Burgermeister, 1541 Pierce st.; Calvin Dickson, 212 S. 21st st., and Anna Connor, 1017 N. Uler st.; Edward M. Callison, 102 Locust st., and Fania Callison, 102 Locust st.; Joseph Heinenbach, 154 N. 34th st., and Katie Thomas, 102 Master st.; John Sweney, 2141 Sharswood st., and Mira A. Holland, 2141 Sharswood st.; Isaac H. Myers, New York city, and Francis A. Cline, New York city; Sam Polansky, 119 Furton st., and Lena Fisher, 418 Catharine st.

CITY CLERKS ARE EXPECTING THE WORST, BUT HOPING FOR BEST, WHEN REGIMES CHANGE

City Hall Now the Most Active Section of the Whisper Belt, as Employees Speculate on What Fate Holds for Them

City Hall is now the most active section of the whisper belt. Stroll into almost any department to find out what is being done with the \$31,400 you paid in taxes last year, and you will have the opportunity of inspecting a lot of unoccupied furniture and the backs of a half dozen or more clerks.

The furniture will be standing here and there doing nothing. The clerks will be standing at the window, busily engaged watching the pigeons, the traffic in the streets below, the fleecy clouds in the sky—and whispering. If you listen intently, you may catch a few lines of "I got a job in a real estate office. It's worth—"

"Well, I know a fella'll take care o' me." "They can't throw down the civil service."

"Gwan, you ain't gotta chance." "When you tire of getting an earful you may walk out, or you may rap on a counter for attention and get it. You may, and you may not, for a new administration is coming in with the new year, and outside the portals of the old granite pile the faithful clamor hungrily for jobs.

HUNDREDS JOIN FARMER SMITH'S RAINBOW CLUB

Is Your Name in the List of Members?

The following is a list of those who joined Farmer Smith's Rainbow Club this week. Is your name here? If not, see the club news on another page of this Evening Ledger today. There you will find out how to join the Rainbow Club.

CAMPBELL LYONS SCHOOL—Frank Willets, Mungo Tanyetta, Guthor Celez, Paul Massey, Feland Felice, Lena Tanelo, Louise Palmer, Charles Conte, Philp Tongo, Joe De Floris, Ewroo Esposito, Nicolo De Rose, Henry Forate, John Pascariello, France Francis, Ewald Modala, Long Vellozy, Presto Costello, Frank Caruso, Albert Palaro, Arathly Anwell, Edward Harris, Julian Montro, E. Capranno, F. Lartagier, Lucy Palmer, Rose Mugliuso, M. De Lemmo, Joe Sanger, Sam Sompier, Louis Corrado, P. Genelli.

JAMES CAMPBELL SCHOOL—Ignazio Lanzetta, Rose Marano, Joseph Vennati, Anthony Maccone, Joseph De Stephano, Leo Swenno, Peter Cocca, Tongetta Falco, Ernest Gajona, Ernest Tombaro, T. De Santo, John Monassa, William Genuiluso, Anthony Janoli, Frank Tunich, Frank Conte, John Cabin, Paul Del Corso, Antonio Gajona, William Cortese, Frank Dasciano, William Cortese, Frank Caruso, Tony Donato, Louis Valonta, Louis Valonta, Angelo Sabato, A. Gorance, Albert Fico, Carner Cuccia, Humbert Lancellotti, Peter Marano, Don Ritco, Francis Ronde, Joseph Benetro, G. Grainar, Frank Orinze, Pietro Moraeche, Daniel Falcona, Peter Costia, Albert Fico, Ernest Gajona, Ernest Tombaro, Bustor Conole, Charles Plombo, Charlie Cap, Frank Cole, John Alabano, Margetta Comuso, Tony Greco, Orlando Lazar, Matteo Carovelli, Mateo Movomo, Felipe Cosa, Anthony Grass, Frank De Munda, Joseph Di Nudson, Margetti Soul, Amgal Outta, Dominick De Matta.

Ernest Brown, Aidan, Pa.; Morris Berken, Cantrell street; Dorothy Bloom, 21st street; Venango street; Florence Baker, Pallas street; Richard Baker, Pallas street.

Eugene Binini, Tasker street; Eddie Barranger, North 30th street; Harry Barringer, North 30th street.

George E. Mecker, South 15th street; Henrietta Byrnes, Ridge avenue, Romeo Capozzi, South street; Ada Carlile, Walsingham avenue.

William Clarke, West 25th street; Michael Caprio, South 8th street; Nelson Campbell, North Lawrence street; Benjamin Coplin, South 3d street.

Marion R. Coyie, Jefferson street; Albert H. Doughty, Pleasantville, N. J.; Samuel Doughty, Jr., Pleasantville, N. J.; Frederick Darrohn, Wind Gap, Pa.; Wilson Davis, Westminster avenue; Virginia Davis, Westminster avenue; Marguerite Davis, Westminster avenue.

Ethel Denkhauz, South 3d street, Colwyn, Pa.; Millie D'Orano, Ellsworth street; Rose Donato, Washington avenue; Wesley Davis, North 15th street; Grace Dobbins, Irving street.

Antonio Ditanti, Carpenter street; Ella Burns, Westminster avenue; Albert Placentino, South 11th street; Dominick Placentino, South 11th street; Cecelia Placentino, South 11th street.

Beatrice Pember, Webster avenue; Marie Pico, Webster street; John Phillips, Oage street; Thelma Foffenheiser, DeLancey street; Richard Royabrook, South 63d street.

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Albert Snyder, Addison street; Robert Thomas, Chancellor street; Gill Thompson, Walnut street; Henry Werner, Hoffman street; Ella Houston, South 17th street; Hannah Hymen, Richmond street; Hannah Moritz, 6th and Catharine streets; Edna Martz, Walnut street; Helen McMahon, Locust avenue, Germantown; Victor Muriak, Walnut street.

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North Wales Contractor Leaves Wife and Children, Saying He May Never Return

Cyrus Crouthamel, a painter and contractor of North Wales, has mysteriously disappeared.

His family on South 6th street, in that borough, has been left destitute, according to dispatches. Mrs. Crouthamel and the two children sat up late last night wondering why the head of the family did not return from town where he had gone early in the evening.

Early today Mrs. Crouthamel opened the front door and found a note on the sill which read: "I am leaving these parts for the present; maybe I'll never return."

Crouthamel evidently had left the note under the door when he went out last night. No one is known to have seen him after he left his own home. He is widely known throughout North Wales.

AGED MAN, ILL, ENDS HIS LIFE; WOMAN ALSO TRIES

He Hangs Himself, She Cuts Throat With a Razor

Ill health and despondency caused an old man and woman to seek death today as a means of ending their misery.

Harry A. King, 66 years old, of 1612 Brown street, committed suicide by hanging. His body was found in a closet by a member of the family. King tied a

ropes around his neck while standing on a chair. He attached the other end of the rope to a hook and then jumped off the chair.

Policeman McDonald, who was summoned, and physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital, attempted to revive the man, but their efforts were futile.

Mrs. Sarah Ingram, 74 years old, of 119 North 12th street, attempted suicide by cutting her throat with a razor. She was discovered by a second hospital. There is little chance of her recovery. The woman is a child nurse for the family of Purves Daniels.

Little Boy Fatally Scalded

John Kenney, 4 years old, of 1628 South 31st street, died at the St. Arnes Hospital today as a result of burns sustained when he pulled a pot of boiling water from a kitchen table in his home yesterday. The child is the fourth to succumb to burns in South Philadelphia this week.

Armenian Sufferers

GREAT MASS MEETING In the Academy of Music Monday, December 13, 8 P. M.

One Million Armenians Massacred

Addresses will be made by: Rt. Rev. P. M. Rhineland, D. D. Rev. Theodore A. Elmer, from Turkey.

Rev. Russell H. Conwell, D. D. Bishop Joseph F. Berry, D. D. Hon. Rudolph Blankenburg, D. D. Rev. Alexander MacColl, D. D.