

LONG ACTIVE IN POLITICS

Leader in Reorganization of State Democratic Party and in Business World

SUCCESSORS IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Black came to the hospital the middle of November, and it was decided that an operation was necessary to save his life.

JERE S. BLACK

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Jere S. Black, for many years one of the foremost citizens of York, died at 10 o'clock this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital following an illness of about five weeks from intestinal trouble.

Mr. Black came to the hospital the middle of November, and it was decided that an operation was necessary to save his life. Dr. J. M. F. Finney was attending him.

Mr. Black always took great interest in Pennsylvania politics, and was credited with being the one man responsible for the reorganization of the Democratic party in the State.

In 1910 he and his colleagues defeated Col. James M. Guffy for National Commitment. The honor was his, but he declined it.

Mr. Black was candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Democratic-Lincoln fusion ticket. His father, the late Chauncey P. Black, filed that office from 1852 until 1857.

FINANCIAL REVERSIES

While he enjoyed the most extensive and lucrative practice of any member of the York bar, Mr. Black was not without other interests.

PROMINENT IN THE LAW

Having inherited strong intellectual endowments and possessing a mind capable of grasping the intricacies of the law, Mr. Black soon rose to the position of a professional leader.

NEW AUTO ORGANIZATION

An organization to assist in the recovery of stolen automobiles, to seek highway improvements and to take other measures for the welfare of motorists was incorporated under the name of the Auto Owners' Service Association in Camden today.

Police Seek Man in Killing of Woman

The police and three detectives of the morning squad are searching today for a man believed to be the killer of a woman, a negro, thirty-five years old, of 4428 Arizona street.

McClain Neutral on Speakership

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—When Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain was asked as to his position in the contest between Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Patterson, he replied with a smile: "My attitude will be one of benevolent neutrality."

CHRISTMAS GET GLUT

Trains, Weighted With Bundles, Hours Late Into All Big Cities

PROSPERITY THE CAUSE

Serious congestion on the railroads of the entire eastern United States has resulted in the late arrival of almost every train entering Broad Street Station and Reading Terminal, and outgoing trains are also delayed.

One of the worst "hi-ups" in the history of railroads has been the result of the extremely heavy traffic in Boston, New York, Baltimore and Washington, equally involved in the difficult situation, and there is no prospect of immediate relief.

Railroad managers say they cannot remember any Christmas season—or any other time—when so many persons were traveling in all directions when there was so much mail to handle and so much freight awaiting to be shipped.

TRAINS TEN HOURS LATE

Several trains have been from eight to ten hours overdue at Broad Street Station. The heavy winds of the last few days have also added to the difficulty of operation, according to the dispatchers at both stations.

JERE S. BLACK

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Jere S. Black, for many years one of the foremost citizens of York, died at 10 o'clock this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital following an illness of about five weeks from intestinal trouble.

GUARDS TURN ACCUSER

ON ARMY OF ACCUSERS

Pennsylvania Citizen Soldiers Resent Criticisms Aired in Washington Probe

CAMP STEWART, EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Ranking officers of the Pennsylvania Division are indignant as the result of attacks against the National Guard by regular army leaders.

LEFT WEALTH STREWN

IN HUNDREDS OF BANKS

Doctor Calais, French Artist, Who Fell Dead, Feared Some Depositories Would Fail

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 23.—A task of magnitude confronts executors of the estate of Albert Isadore Calais, French artist and litterateur, who died suddenly in his room at a hotel here this week while addressing Christmas greetings to friends in many cities.

PHILADELPHIANS OPEN

"ROSAE CRUCIS" COLONY

Probe in Washington Reveals Move of Residents Here in Claiming Lands in Wyoming

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—That a group of Philadelphia residents has launched a colonization movement in Wyoming has become known through discussion in the House of a bill providing for opening for homestead purposes sections of arid and semiarid lands in western States.

LANCASTER POLICE HELP NEEDED

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 23.—Today the Lancaster police force distributed seventy-five baskets of provisions to poor families, the money being the officers' contributions.

President Host at Theatre Party

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The President and Mrs. Wilson witnessed the vaudeville performance at a local theatre last night. The Third Ward Republican Club sent to 100 poor families as many baskets of provisions, and the Salvation Army sent out baskets with provisions for Christmas dinner for 250 persons.

Mrs. Jennie W. Cadwalader

Mrs. Jennie Wallace Cadwalader, the widow of Captain Charles G. Cadwalader and a sister of William A. Wallace, who was a United States Senator from Pennsylvania, died Thursday at her home, 432 North Forty-sixth street, of pneumonia.

MINSTREL ENGRAVERS GIVE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT



Selected artists from the Beck Engraving Company's force entertained their friends in the auditorium of the Curtis Building yesterday with their own vaudeville, minstrel and special offerings and drew the plaudits of a big throng.

VILLA TAKES TORREON

AFTER EASY VICTORY

Bandits Find Carranzista Resistance Weak and Occupy Important Railway Post

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Villa today is in possession of Torreon, the most important railway center in northern Mexico. At 1 o'clock the bandit forces marched into the city.

ARGENTINE POLITICIANS

GRIEVE AT LOSING JOBS

Five Thousand Placeholders Who Do No Work Suffer Under Business Regime

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23.—Great lamentation is heard in Argentine official circles today because the new Government, headed by President Irigoyen, intends to stop on January 1 the salaries of all national employees whose services the President does not consider absolutely necessary.

WAR SECRETARY SEEKS

\$28,000,000 FOR GUARD

Baker Adds \$11,000,000 to Request for Clothing and Equipment for Men for Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A deficiency appropriation of \$28,400,000 for the army on account of Mexican border service has been submitted to the House by Secretary Baker. In addition, Secretary Baker submitted a supplemental estimate of \$11,000,000 to cover the cost of clothing and equipment for the National Guard for a year beginning July 1.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

George Schuman, 2113 Bertha st., and Theresia Schuman, 1014 E. 18th st.; William R. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., and Theresa Louis Schuman, 2511 Corlies st., and Clara Mervin J. Borer, 2878, 3d, and Esther B. Charles J. Johnson, 174 N. 22d st., and William R. Parlett, Baltimore, Md., and Theresa Louis Schuman, 2511 Corlies st., and Clara Mervin J. Borer, 2878, 3d, and Esther B. Charles J. Johnson, 174 N. 22d st.

MYSTIC ORDER PLANS

COLONY IN WYOMING

Rosae Crucis Applies for Grant of Land to Department of the Interior

EXPECTS MANY MEMBERS

Philadelphia Leads Movement for Settlement Experiment in West

A plan to colonize part of northeastern Wyoming under a co-operative agreement with members of the Anelien and Mystic Order of Rosae Crucis, an organization founded according to the order's literature in 1540 B. C., is under development by William H. Hill, of 1728 Chestnut street.

GIRL'S MURDERER

FREED AFTER 9 YEARS

Joseph Wood, 25, Who Killed Ethel Vevins, Will Spend Christmas at Home

Pardoned by the New Jersey Board of Pardons after serving nine years of his thirty-year sentence for murder, Joseph Wood, twenty-five years old, Wood killed Ethel Vevins, nine-year-old Camden girl. She was a playmate and the two had been gathering coal on the railroad tracks.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

CAPTAIN GEORGE TEMPEST, of the Fifth Police Division, which comprises West Philadelphia, was given a surprise Christmas party this afternoon in the Thirty-first street and Woodland avenue police station. When he went into the station he was surrounded by Lieutenants Boston, Savage, Blasing, 231st and Hensell, who presented him with an imported equipped automobile. Lieutenant Boston made the presentation speech.

SHOES MADE OF GLAZED KID

have increased fifty cents in price owing to the activities of German submarines. The increased freight rates from Calcutta, India, whence the leather comes, and the added high cost of the insurance owing to the U-boat blockade have sent the prices up according to a leading Philadelphia manufacturer.

CAPTAIN McFADDEN, of the Third Police Division, received a burned ivory and ebony silk umbrella from the Heutenants in the various station houses in his division last night, as a token of their esteem. The presentation was made by Lieutenant James Buchanan, of the Twenty-ninth and Oxford streets station.

MANGING FROM BATTERY IN THE

at the body of Benjamin Bradinsky, of Camden, N. J., was found today in a house on Seventh street near Callowhill. It is said to have become dependent because unable to find employment. He leaves a widow and several children.

SCHUYLVILLE DAM

has fairly inches above the comb of Flat Rock Dam at a 2 o'clock this morning. The rise, which is due to the heavy rain and melting snow, is reported to have done little damage. The water is receding.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

in the form of an increase in wages of twenty per cent have been given to the unskilled laborers employed by the Surveyor of Customs, and who work about the city's pier. The increase was granted by the Treasury Department in Washington and will boost the men's wages from \$600 to \$720 a year.

WALL STREET BONUSES

LULL FRENZIED TRADERS

Giving Takes Place of Wild Flurry Characterizing Operations of the Week

GIFTS SET NEW RECORD

Clerks Attempt, on "Short Day," to Clear Up Business Unsettled by Government Papers

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wall street rejoiced that today was a two-hour day. It needed time to get back its head—after the dizzy whirl of the last week. Between counting their bonuses and making their plans for the new year, the clerks were busy in the morning.

THREE DIE, MANY HURT

IN CHRISTMAS CRUSH

Two Men Ground to Bits, as They Bore Gifts to Children, by Locomotive

Three persons are dead and several seriously injured as the result of automobile and other accidents in and about Philadelphia in the last twenty-four hours.

ALTOONA AND HOMESTEAD JOURNALS

Among Those to Boost Price Because of Paper Market

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 23.—The morning Tribune, the morning Times and the evening Mirror, all the daily newspapers in Altoona, Pa., announced today that effective January 1, their yearly subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increase in the cost of paper.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—The Birmingham News and the Birmingham Post, afternoon papers, announced today that effective January 1, their yearly subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increase in the cost of paper.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase, owing to the increase in the cost of paper.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Daily Messenger, the only newspaper published in Homestead, Pa., announced today that effective January 1 the price of the paper will be raised to two cents.

THOMAS HOLCOMB DIES

Former Delaware and United States Treasury Official Succumbs

NEW CASTLE, Del., Dec. 23.—Thomas Holcomb, seventy years old, native of New Castle, and son of the late C. P. Holcomb, died today at his home in New Castle. He was a graduate of Harvard Law College, member of the Legislature from 1875 to 1887, Speaker of the House in 1878, and Recorder of Deeds from 1879 to 1882. He was appointed to the Treasury Department during Cleveland's second administration, and was an officer in the Comptroller's office of the United States Treasury. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Rosa P. Holcomb. The funeral will be Tuesday at New Castle.

Mexico Nearing Freedom of Press

QUERETARO, Mexico, Dec. 23.—The Constitutional Congress adopted the first part of the articles providing for the freedom of the press. The convention adopted articles providing that no retroactive law which will work to the prejudice of any person shall be enacted, and that no law shall be passed which will work to the prejudice of any person.

WALL STREET BONUSES

LULL FRENZIED TRADERS

Giving Takes Place of Wild Flurry Characterizing Operations of the Week

GIFTS SET NEW RECORD

Clerks Attempt, on "Short Day," to Clear Up Business Unsettled by Government Papers

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wall street rejoiced that today was a two-hour day. It needed time to get back its head—after the dizzy whirl of the last week.

THREE DIE, MANY HURT

IN CHRISTMAS CRUSH

Two Men Ground to Bits, as They Bore Gifts to Children, by Locomotive

Three persons are dead and several seriously injured as the result of automobile and other accidents in and about Philadelphia in the last twenty-four hours.

ALTOONA AND HOMESTEAD JOURNALS

Among Those to Boost Price Because of Paper Market

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 23.—The morning Tribune, the morning Times and the evening Mirror, all the daily newspapers in Altoona, Pa., announced today that effective January 1, their yearly subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increase in the cost of paper.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.—The Birmingham News and the Birmingham Post, afternoon papers, announced today that effective January 1, their yearly subscription rates would be advanced \$1 because of the increase in the cost of paper.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Times, which recently raised its price from two to three cents, has notified its readers that there will probably be a further increase, owing to the increase in the cost of paper.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Daily Messenger, the only newspaper published in Homestead, Pa., announced today that effective January 1 the price of the paper will be raised to two cents.

THOMAS HOLCOMB DIES

Former Delaware and United States Treasury Official Succumbs

NEW CASTLE, Del., Dec. 23.—Thomas Holcomb, seventy years old, native of New Castle, and son of the late C. P. Holcomb, died today at his home in New Castle. He was a graduate of Harvard Law College, member of the Legislature from 1875 to 1887, Speaker of the House in 1878, and Recorder of Deeds from 1879 to 1882. He was appointed to the Treasury Department during Cleveland's second administration, and was an officer in the Comptroller's office of the United States Treasury. He is survived by his widow and a daughter, Rosa P. Holcomb. The funeral will be Tuesday at New Castle.

Mexico Nearing Freedom of Press

QUERETARO, Mexico, Dec. 23.—The Constitutional Congress adopted the first part of the articles providing for the freedom of the press. The convention adopted articles providing that no retroactive law which will work to the prejudice of any person shall be enacted, and that no law shall be passed which will work to the prejudice of any person.

STETSON'S WORKERS

GET EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Will Be Inaugurated With Beginning of New Year. Other Rewards

STOCK FOR EMPLOYEES

Usual Christmas Gifts and Bonuses Increased—\$665 Shares Distributed Among Loyal Men

Announcement of the establishment of an eight-hour working day, beginning January 1, 1917, was one of the Christmas surprises today at the plant of the J. B. Stetson Company, biggest manufacturer of hats in the world.

SHORTER HOURS

"The management recognizes the tendency toward a shorter work day; in fact, your company has always been in the lead in such matters. Not many years ago you were working sixty hours a week, and now you are working fifty-two and a half hours per week, with no change in the rate of wages."

It has been decided that the work day will be from 7:30 in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with the usual forty-five minutes for lunch, and a half-hour from 7:30 to 11:45. This arrangement for hours will allow an extra day's pay to be earned, more important than any other benefit, more important than any other benefit, more important than any other benefit.

In regard to distribution of shares of common stock, Mr. Cummings said, "The policy inaugurated by Mr. Stetson of allotting common stock of the company to employees is perpetuated and at the last of the year a resolution recommending that the stockholders be requested to place at the disposal of the president and board of directors 3565 shares of common stock, to be issued from time to time to the employees, by their loyalty and devotion to duty, have proved themselves worthy of the honor of being numbered among the stockholders of the company. The stock to be issued to employees under such terms and under such conditions as the president and board of directors may, in their discretion, deem advisable."

The J. B. Stetson Company has declared its regular semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent on the preferred and the usual January dividend of 12 per cent on the common stock. The usual July dividend on the common was 10 per cent. Both dividends are payable January 15 to stock of record January 2.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

HOUSEKEEPING APARTMENTS

Housekeeping flats, 1906-10 Hanson st., near Broad street, offering modern conveniences, including electric range, refrigerator, electric lights, public utility, and telephone. Rent \$10.00 per month. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

BOOKKEEPER, assistant for account books, ledger, permanent position; address in care of Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Salary expected, with phone service, \$1000 per year. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia.

HELP WANTED—MALE

INCREASE YOUR SALARY—Apply to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Salary expected, with phone service, \$1000 per year. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

LAWYER, I want position in law office in care of Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Salary expected, with phone service, \$1000 per year. Apply to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia.

LOST AND FOUND

GOLD WATCH, lost, going to 4th and Market sts.; key contained. Reward refers to Mrs. J. B. Stetson, 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia.

DEATHS

CHRISTIAN, Dec. 22, MARY E., widow of William Christian, aged 84, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

MILLER, Suddenly, Dec. 22, KATHARINE MILLER, widow of Frederick Miller, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

MAIN, Dec. 22, CHRISTIAN F., husband of Mary M. Main, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

MILLER, Dec. 22, MARY A., wife of Henry Miller, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

PHILLIPS, Dec. 22, DAVID PHILLIPS, son of the late Thomas P. and Mary P. Phillips, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

DAVIS, Dec. 22, MRS. ELIZABETH A. DAVIS, widow of John A. Davis, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.

FABER, Dec. 22, SAMUEL FABER, husband of Margaret F. Faber, aged 78, residing at 150 N. 10th st., Philadelphia. Burial in the cemetery at 10th and Market sts., Philadelphia.