

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight and Wednesday with a cold wave; temperature will fall to 15 degrees by Wednesday morning.
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CLEAN UP HOLMESBURG BY JAN. 1 STATE ORDERS

John Wanamaker Dies at Age of 84 After Brave but Losing Fight Against Death for Weeks

MERCHANT DIES, TWO DAUGHTERS AT HIS BEDSIDE

Native of City and Leader in Business, Public and Religious Activities
MADE VALUABLE REFORMS AS POSTMASTER GENERAL
Worked Hard for 1876 Centennial and Suggested Holding of Sesqui Here
STORES HIS MONUMENTS

Daughters and Sons-in-Law Watched End, Hastened by Failure of Heart to Rally
John Wanamaker died at 8 o'clock this morning at his home, 2032 Walnut street. He was eighty-four years old.

Early in the fall Mr. Wanamaker had pneumonia, which tremendously undermined his vitality, and was followed by a general breaking-down. The death of the famous merchant and former Postmaster General was heralded by a violent coughing spell at 5 o'clock.

After the paroxysms of coughing, Mr. Wanamaker's heart action became failing rapidly. Mrs. Mary B. Warburton and Mrs. Elizabeth MacLeod, his daughters, were summoned to the bedside.

Mrs. Warburton and her husband, Major Barclay H. Warburton, Director of Public Welfare, have been living at Mr. Wanamaker's home since his illness. Major and Mrs. Norman MacLeod live nearby, at 2009 Walnut street.

Mr. Wanamaker was unconscious when his daughters and sons-in-law reached his side. A grandson, Barclay H. Warburton, Jr., 2141 Locust street, also was present. Word was sent immediately to Mr. Wanamaker's son, Rodman, who is ill himself at his home in New York.

Heart Failed at the Last
The dying man's heart would not respond to treatment. His respiration was barely apparent, and his pulse fluttered feebly.

A half hour after that first violent coughing spell, those grouped about the bedside detected a flicker of consciousness. Mr. Wanamaker's eyes opened slowly and he seemed to recognize those who were with him.

He smiled faintly, but he did not speak. Then his eyes closed and he passed into unconsciousness once more. He was unconscious when he died.

LATE PICTURE OF MR. WANAMAKER



This is one of the most recent photographs of the merchant and civic leader, and was taken not long before the illness which resulted fatally

WANAMAKER STORE DID NOT OPEN TODAY

News of Merchant's Death Came While Sales Force Was Preparing for Business

BLINDS ARE ORDERED DRAWN
News of the death of John Wanamaker was received at the Wanamaker Store today when the salespeople were being made for the opening of the business day. The store did not open for business, nor did the New York Store.

The big force was busy uncovering and displaying stock, in anticipation of the holiday rush. It was a few minutes after 8 o'clock when a telephone message from Mr. Wanamaker's residence brought the news of his death to the manager's office. It threw the whole force into consternation.

Bulletins these last few days had been cheerful, presaging a complete recovery. Though no one had expected to see Mr. Wanamaker's familiar figure in the store during the Christmas holidays, everyone believed he would be about again before many weeks.

The salespeople heard the news of Mr. Wanamaker's death first as a rumor, sweeping rapidly from the business offices, where the word had been received. Then the heads of departments were notified, and the decision was reached that the store would not open today. The doors were still closed, so there was not the problem to deal with of a crowd already in the store.

Wanamaker Death Shocks Washington
United States Has Suffered Great Loss, Says Senator Reed
Washington, Dec. 12.—The news of John Wanamaker's death came as a shock here today.

Representative Watson, in whose district Mr. Wanamaker had his country home, said: "The country has lost the greatest merchant of modern times, the influence of one always interested in the higher ideals of human conduct, whose philosophy extended without discrimination."

WOMEN ESCAPE ATTACK IN HOME

Shot Fired Scares Intruder, Who Flashes Gun and Knife in Horsham House

CAUGHT BY STATE POLICE
Mrs. Alice Bureleigh and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Mary, escaped an attack last night when a man broke into their home at Horsham and threatened them. They locked themselves in their rooms and summoned aid by firing a shotgun from a window.

The man, about thirty-one years old, who gave his name as Thomas Yeddo, of West Haines street, Germantown, confronted the women, who he thought were alone. He flashed a revolver and a knife.

The women ran screaming to their rooms and locked themselves in. Mrs. Bureleigh and her daughter, both of whom were alone, were the only occupants of the house. He fired a shotgun into the air several times from an upstairs room attracting attention of other families living nearby who summoned the State Police.

State Trooper Robbins hurried to the Bureleigh home on a motorcycle. He arrested Yeddo. Robbins placed the man on the rear of his motorcycle and rushed to the Abington police station.

Mrs. Bureleigh and her daughter appeared in the station house at Abington a short time later, when a hearing was given Yeddo before Magistrate Williams. Robbins placed the man on the rear of his motorcycle and rushed to the Abington police station.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SEE MAN FALL TO DEATH
Hurled From Roof to Midst of Group at Play
Harry Mitchell, thirty-eight years old, 2040 Wallace street, a plasterer, was killed this morning when he fell from the roof of the parochial school in the midst of a crowd of children.

Mitchell died on the way to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. Mitchell had been repairing the eaves on the edge of the roof when he slipped on the wet roofing and he fell.

MAY DI'CT PICKFORD
Lubitch Said to Have Been Invited by 'Our Mary'

EGGED ON TO SLAY BRUNEN BY MOHR, POWELL TESTIFIES

Slayer Says Widow Suggested Exact Way in Which Crime Was Done

MURDER PLOTTED 4 MONTHS; WEAPONS BOUGHT IN PHILA.
State Unloads Heaviest Gun as Man Calmly Tells of Death of "Honest John"

Harry C. Mohr talked of nothing but the murder of his brother-in-law, "Honest John" Brunen, for nearly four months before the crime, according to the testimony today of Charles M. Powell, self-confessed murderer, at the trial in Mount Hally, N. J., of Mohr and his sister, Mrs. Doris Brunen, wife of the victim.

Powell, chief witness for the Commonwealth, spent the morning on the stand, narrating in great detail the story of the murder of Brunen, a wealthy circus owner, in his home at Riverside, N. J., the night of March 10 last.

He declared that Mohr had first broached the subject of Brunen's taking the case from Absecon, internal injuries. Condition critical. Margaret Spearman, Philadelphia. Blanche Sommers, 2315 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City.

Henry Williams, 127 Risley avenue, Pleasantville. John Glendenning, Pleasantville. Emergency cars rushed to the scene of the accident from both Pleasantville and Atlantic City.

The cars were traveling in opposite directions. Both had turned off the main track and were proceeding on "No. 5 switch." The motormen failed to see danger signals in the heavy fog at a switch. Both were going at a speed of about thirty miles an hour, passengers said.

The accident occurred during the morning rush hour, at 8 o'clock. The two cars came together with such force that the front platforms were telescoped into the middle of the cars. Virtually all windows in each car were shattered.

A cloud of dust enveloped the smoldering wreckage, and a crowd of onlookers gathered around the wreckage. Men who had escaped injury set quickly at work rescuing those who were fastened in the wreckage.

Supplies of the accident, including the cars, were taken into custody this morning. The seizure was made to satisfy a judgment against Horner for \$15,000 in favor of Mrs. Bella Crowder, of Gloucester, for the death of her son Lewis, who was run over by a bus a year ago.

Passengers said that when the cars came into view of each other through the heavy fog the motormen slammed on the air brakes, but the cars were too close to avoid the collision.

An official investigation into the smash-up will be started at once. Suggestion was made that the next State and national meetings be held at the same time and place and that a committee be appointed to arrange for the presentation of a memorial to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the State Grange.

Do YOU WANT A USED AUTOMOBILE? Classified columns of the Public Ledger list some of the best bargains to be found in used cars on page 37.—Ed.

600 PUPILS FILE OUT QUIETLY FROM FIRE

Drill Works Perfectly in Blaze at Eighth and Chestnut

Six hundred students of the Strayer Business School filed to the street in order at 10:30 o'clock this morning when the clang of the alarm bell told of a fire in the basement of the building at 507 Chestnut street. An arrangement in the exhaust band became overheated and sent out volumes of smoke.

A schedule of fire drills, and so trained the students that there was not the slightest disorder when the smoke told of a real fire. At the first tap of the gong the boys and girl students divided into two bodies and marched from their classes by way of the two fire towers in the rear of the building.

The jewelry firm of I. Press & Sons, 507 Chestnut street, was injured by the fire. Customers of the jewelry firm and patrons of the tea shop made a hurried exit when the alarm sounded. The fire was extinguished before the arrival of a fire company.

12 PERSONS HURT IN SHORE CRASH

Electric Cars, Running on Same Track, Meet Head-On in Dense Fog

DANGER SIGNAL OBSCURED
Twelve persons were injured when two crowded trolley cars, operating between Atlantic City and Absecon, crashed into each other in a heavy fog one mile from Pleasantville this morning.

The most seriously injured are: William Prettyman, twenty-two years old, Belton avenue, Absecon, mother-in-law of the car from Absecon, internal injuries. Condition critical. Margaret Spearman, Philadelphia. Blanche Sommers, 2315 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City.

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SUBSIDY BILL FACES DISPLACEMENT FOR CREDITS MEASURE

Poll of Senate Shows Enough Votes to Make Substitution Possible

TWO NEW MEMBERS BLOCK PRESIDENT'S SHIP PROGRAM
Defeat of Marine Act Forecast if It Loses Place on Calendar

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
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Washington, Dec. 12.—A poll of the Senate shows enough votes to substitute the rural credits bill for the ship subsidy bill.

The odd feature of the situation is that two new Senators are responsible for this unexpected obstacle to President Harding's program. Senators Brookhart, of Iowa, and Couzens, of Michigan, who have just taken their seats, were discussing the legislative situation yesterday and found that they were agreed that the farm legislation should precede ship legislation.

Couzens said to Brookhart: "Why don't you move to displace the subsidy on the calendar?" Brookhart replied, "I'll make a poll first." He did and found fifty Senators in favor of taking up rural credits before the subsidy.

The Democrats want to talk against the subsidy before displacing it so as to get their views on record. This they may do on a motion to displace it on the calendar, so that it may be several days before the substitution takes place.

Administration Leaders Alarmed
Administration supporters in the Senate are alarmed over the movement and are working among the Senators today to prevent the displacement of the major feature of the Administration's program.

The substitution may have the supplementary effect of postponing the inauguration program half finished.

LAST-MINUTE NEWS

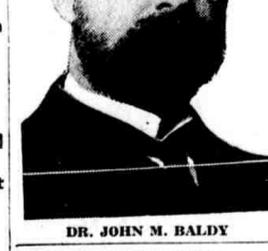
NARCOTICS WORTH \$50,000 SEIZED IN NEW YORK
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Narcotics valued at \$50,000 and the names and addresses of about 1000 persons sold by the police to be selling agents and addicts, were seized today. William Williams, in whose apartment the drugs were found, was arrested and is held for investigation.

"OLD IRONSIDES" TO BE DE-COMMISSIONED
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—The battleship Connecticut, sometimes termed "Old Ironsides," once the flagship of "Fighting Bob" Evans, was on the way today from Los Angeles to the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., to be de-commissioned.

DUST COMMUTERS; DAUGHERTY'S FOES WIN FIRST POINT
Sheriff Seizes Autos From Gloucester and Vicinity at Rush Hour
Commuters living in Gloucester, Brooklawn, Clayton and intermediate towns in New Jersey had to seek other than their regular means of reaching business today when Sheriff Hatch, of Camden County, seized six automobile licenses owned by Charles Horner, of Gloucester, and drove them to the county jail.

The seizure was made to satisfy a judgment against Horner for \$15,000 in favor of Mrs. Bella Crowder, of Gloucester, for the death of her son Lewis, who was run over by a bus a year ago. Three of the machines were seized last night at the Federal street ferry, in Camden, and the other three were taken into custody this morning.

"Cleans Up" Prisons



DR. JOHN M. BALDY
WOOD EXPLAINS PENN RESIGNATION
Philippine Legislature's Delay in Acting on Reforms Keeps Him in Islands
MONTHS OF WORK AHEAD

By Associated Press
Manila, Dec. 12.—Governor General Leonard Wood, back from an inspection trip to the Southern Islands, discussed today his resignation as head of the University of the Philippines, the office he accepted provisionally, but recently decided to decline when he found that his work in the Philippines would delay indefinitely his return to the United States.

Governor Wood said he regretted being unable to assume the University post, but explained that he could not leave here at present in justice to either the United States or to the Philippine Government. The program he outlined when he took office is but partially completed, he pointed out, and several months more will be required to put it into working order.

Governor General Wood said he felt it would be an injustice to leave his inauguration program half finished.

Beginning with the New Year, Dr. Baldy directed, the prisoners are to have at least two hours of exercise, daily and Sunday, in the open air and they are to be allowed to exercise in the corridors also.

Improvement in the quantity and quality of food served the inmates also was ordered by the Welfare Commissioner, whose commands are the most drastic ever issued since the formation of his department.

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"At the time of the survey certain points of interest were noted which would have been called to your attention but for the reason that it was desired to have a complete survey of all the penal institutions of the State, as well as a comparative view of similar institutions in other States, before turning upon any criticism and for the further reason that it was deemed desirable to not confine such criticism to any one institution, but to be in a position to make the move a State-wide review, and thereby to bring to a general betterment of the condition of prisoners, should such be found to be desirable or necessary."

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"As a result, I have to report to you that I find the following conditions: There exists in the prison so-called dark cells or dungeons, which are on occasion used for the confinement, without food, for a period of twenty-four hours or more, of prisoners who have violated some one of the rules of the prison or who have become violent or destructive. Some of the rules violated are the prohibition of possession and use of tobacco, and the holding of verbal and other communications at prohibited times."

DR. BALDY TELLS PRISON BOARD TO ALTER RULES

Abolition of Foodless Punishment and Solitary Confinement Decreed
MOVE IS FIRST STEP FOR GENERAL JAIL BETTERMENT
Harsh Discipline Will Be Tempered With Common Sense, Welfare Head Says

DR. REEVES IS OVERRULED
Conditions Exposed by the Evening Public Ledger Bring Official Action

Complete abolition by January 1 of all inhumane conditions in the Philadelphia County prison was directed today by Dr. J. M. Baldy, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, in an order to the Board of Prison Inspectors.

The sweeping order, which follows revelations by this newspaper of conditions in the jail at Holmesburg, is a forerunner of changes to be ordered in every county jail in Pennsylvania. Furthermore, the Welfare Department will ask the Legislature for work farms as adjuncts to the prisons.

Commissioner Baldy ordered the abolition of dark cells at Holmesburg and Moyamensing prisons and told the inspectors to do away with the rules forbidding the inmates conversation and the use of tobacco.

"Starving" to Be Stopped
The custom of depriving convicts of food for twenty-four-hour periods because of minor infractions of discipline, Dr. Baldy also ordered abolished.

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