for ten-cent cardboard doll houses during the Christmas season, was look-

She was seeing Santa Claus evidently for the first time. Contrary to tradition she did not seem at all anxions for the interview. Adamant, she stood in her tiny two-year-old size corduroy coat. From the top of her woolly white Angora bonnet to the tips of brown shoes sticking out from white leggins she was stubbornness itself.

Pleadings of an anxious young mother availed nothing. Offers of fourteen-year-olders hanging around the snow-bound throne netted less. The smile of the great Kriss Kringle himself was wasted on rebellious air.

wasted on rebellious air.
"San' Claus have feathers," was

what the baby said as she made on-final dart away from the white

PLEA FOR CONVICTS road in December, 1923, and that he will be succeeded by General W. W Says Many "Political Pris- Atterbury, now vice president of the oners" Were Virtually Railsystem last night.

PEPPER EXPLAINS

roaded to Jail During War

OFFENSES

men have served that sentence.

As High as 25 Years

his office here today: 'Last summer I was asked to sign a

though I recignized it as my duty as an American lawyer, - though not as a

men.
"It is a fact that all were I. W. W.s.

President Is Interested

against these men are their utterances in and out of print, expressing opposi-

"DICTATOR OF STAGE"

Augustus Thomas Will Speak on "A

National Theatre for America"

August Thomas "dictator of the Mage" and leading American playwright

will be the speaker at tonight's Forum In the Academy of Music. He will talk on "A National Theatre," Mark Sullivan discussed the German

reparations at the Forum meeting last

night.
"The German reparations," said Mr.
Salliyan, "is the key to the whole trouble. There will be in America, as well

s clawhere, no permanent prosperity

until the reparations that Germany most pay are fixed at a specific suc. Year of Germany accounts for al-most every French move. Her threats

of an invasion of the Ruhr are not the to the belief that reparations could

that it would cause chaos in Germany and break that country into a number of small states. Naturally England and the United States are opposed."

MADE PERILOUS TRIP

C. H. Haines, of Phila., One of Three

to Dare Canton Delta

C. H. Haines, of this city, was one of three Americans who recently made the perilous trip through the Canton delta, in China, in a small boat, according

The trin was made in twenty-seven bours. A junk, with no lights, fired on the adventurers and later a steam-

thip towing a passenger boat opened fire. Neither of the vessels stopped to make inquiries,

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cording to advices received here.

thereby collected.
This plan is fostered by the hope

TO TALK AT FORUM

minor

reach the seventy-year age limit, which automatically retires all officials, until October, 1925, and will not be retired before that time so far as is known. Senator George Wharton Pepper, home for the holidays, had kopes to-day that a Christmas present, in the form of release from the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., might be given to twenty-eight of the so-called "political prisoners," who were sentenced following the I. W. W. trials in Chicago during the war. The matter is in the hands of the President with Senator Pepper's recommendation.

in Chicago during the variety of the President ter is in the hands of the President with Senator Pepper's recommendation. Senator Pepper became interested in these men some time ago, and after a long and careful study of their cases is convinced, he says, that they had committed no offense against person or property and that public sentiment at the time of their trials was at such a pitch that impartial consideration of their cases was impossible. Their offense, he said, consisted of the utterances of their opinions on the war.

There are sixty-two of the so-called political prisoners now in prison. In the Chicago cases the I. W. W. members were convicted on four couns. Two of the counts virtually were ruled out by the Court of Appeals. Of the two remaining counts, one covered contained the Selective Service. two remaining counts, one covered con-spiracy to violate the Selective Service being handled this year is accounted Act, the penalty for which was pre-periled as two years in prison. All the Christmas were only on some other day the rusa this week would not be nearly

great. The last of the 1600 extra men em-The sentences on the last count ran ployed by the Postoffice went to work yesterday and regular employes were up to twenty-five years in some cases, and covered conspiracy to foment disloyalty in the army and navy. Senator Pepper contended the sentences on the third count were justified, but those on the fourth count were not. He said at

Several women have been suggested "A group of young men, all of them women's organizations to fill the by women's organizations to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education created by the death of John Wanamaker.

Miss Marion Reilly, a graduate and former dean of Bryn Mawr College, has been proposed by the Civic Club to the Board of Judges. Miss Laura H. Carnell, dean of Temple University, and Mrs. 1. H. O'Hara, a former teacher to Bucknell University have also been former political prisoners, submitted various names to me and obtained a record of the trials at Chicago and made an analysis of each of the twenty-eight cases of men who were still in prison at Leavenworth. I am working now on the Wichita and Sacrareached any conclusions on these.
"I satisfied myself that in not one of the twenty-eight cases I had looked in Bucknell University, have also been named. The appointment of Mrs. Wil-liam E. Lingelbach, the only woman member of the board, was obtained after into did the evidence justify a con-tinuance of restraint and I then rec-emmended to the Attorney General and also direct to the President that un-conditional amnesty be granted these er indorsement by women's organiza-

but it ought to go without saying that I did not take that into consideration Charged by New York Employers

either for or against them. Each of these men presented a problem in Harry Ostrow, twenty-four, of 819 North Fifth street, for the last two "The President is exceedingly interested in these cases. There is also a great deal of urgency upon him not to act in the matter and while he gave me, and is giving the subject, every consideration. I could not ask him to trate Scullin today on charges of em-bezzling \$2400 from his employers.

consideration. I could not ask him to commit himself—and he didn't—but I Lubis, president of the concern, who san hopeful that he will do it, and said Ostrow's alleged embezzlements also hopeful that the public generally will understand that none of these is he had watched Ostrow's accounts carela case of violence or injury to life or fully for months, but only recently observed to the cyclence of wrong-doing. None is a case in which tained the evidence of wrongthere was any conspiracy to hinder the United States, and the most there is

SCHOOLS CLOSED TODAY

tion to the war or indifference to it— and for these expressions some of the January 3, 1923 sentences run as high as twenty-six

years.
"They were convicted at a time when Christmas started this afternoon for the 260,000 pupils of the city's

public sentiment was such that it really brevented a fair trial."

public schools when the schools closed, to reopen January 3.

If there has been any doubt in the children's minds about the joyous spirit of Christmas—due—to the many lessons which during the week have been given just the same — that doubt was dispelled this afternoon. As an auspi-cious beginning for the holiday, Christmas exercises were held in all the



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"The rumor that Mr. Rea will be re-tired is unfounded as far as we know," the officer stated. "Mr. Rea will not

sylvania, it is reported unofficially, will

petition for amnesty to all political prisoners, I declined to do that, al-FOR WANAMAKER POST

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Poor Girl of 12 Sees Christmas for a Moment in Toy Depart-"Down at the Heel"

The elevator of a Market street store poured its usual load into the surging just-before-Christmas crowd in the fitty department, Among the little girls nicely chinging to mother hands was another sort of little girl. Her hand was clung to, instead. She was twelve perhaps, but oldish. She wore a tan coat that

some one else. Her family consisted of four small boys of shabby, assortment, It did not take them long to become at home in the paradise where one may drink long and deep for noth-

The one with the gray sweater made SHATTERS MAIL RECORDS

Postmaster Says Holiday at Week's Start Is Cause of Big Rush

The "buck" had to be passed to something and this time Monday gets the blame. Colonel George E. Kemp. Postmaster, says that the 300 per cent above normal and the 20 per cent increase over last year's amount of mail being headful this says in the submarine tank. They trushed in here and came out there. It was all she could do to make them put things back on the tables and leave the tinsel ropes alone. The little one escaped and sat in a shing new red fire engine and rang the bell.

She made a dive for him and then

She made a dive for him and then she stopped.
Suddenly she saw it.
Big, beautiful and pink it stood there in the case. Pearls on it and golden curls. A fan and all lace. Such dolls come only in dreams!

For minutes she stood there. Im-

PHIPPS INSTITUTE HOST TO 200 CHILD PATIENTS

Santa Claus for Afflicted Little Ones Who Come to Clinics

This afternoon the Social Service Department of the Henry Phipps Institute Senator, to look into any individual cases that might be brought to my at-

There was a Christmas tree, a Santa Claus, presents for all the little ones, ice cream cones and cookies. There were motion pictures shown by the Philadelphia Inter-State Dairy Council. One of these, "The Kid Comes Through," is a film produced by the National Tuberculosis Association to show a boy's struggles to become physically fit.

Two violins, a harp and a cello furnished the music. There was dancing and singing. During the last ten months, the Henry Phipps Institute has cared for about 707 children of

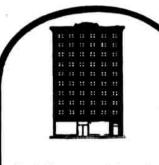
AMBASSADOR RICHARD WASHBURN Child, the American Official Observer at the critical Lausanne Conference on Turkish affairs, is also a distinguished novelist. He has writen a thrilling mystery romance "The Vanishing Men." It will appear in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER beginning to morrow.—Adv.

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MRS. MOHR UNABLE FIRES AT LOITERERS WATCHMAN Empties Revolver When TO VISIT HUSBAND

Wife of Convicted Slayer of Brunen Vainly Haunts Doors of Mount Holly Jail

MRS. POWELL IS ADMITTED party at a restaurant at Thirteenth

Mrs. Bessie Mohr. wife of Charles C. Mohr. convicted slayer of "Honest John" Brunen, the circus man, has been denied the privilege of visiting her husband in the Mount Holly jail. Several times she tried yesterday, always Max, who has deserted newspapers to be refused. Between each attempt she walked, in utter dejection, the gay ing particularly down in the mouth yesterday. The hurrying Christmas crowd with its open heart and valuable possibilities for overturn of merchandise seemed to leave him totally unmoved. holiday streets of the little town.

Mrs. Marie Powell, wife of Charles M. Powell, the actual slayer, who con-fessed and turned State's evidence, was more fortunate. She was admitted for a short time to see her husband. Then "What's the matter?" inquired an old-time business man customer who used to buy papers from the old standat the Eleventh street subway entrance. she, too, paced the main street, gazing without interest into the windows of the shops.

Mohr will be sentenced by Supreme

"My father, he's going to take us to New York to spend Christmas," Max said, his grimy, winter-reddened hands fumbling half-heartedly with the front porch of the cardboard house. Court Justice Kalisch on January 9, and will receive a life term. Powell, who aided the State in prosecuting Mohr and Mrs. Brunen, is yet to be porch of the cardboard house.

"Why, that's a great way to spend
Christmas," his old friend answered.

"Like to see some one ask me to go and spend Christmas in New York"
Max reflected gloomily a minute.

"That's all right, Mister S—, maybe you've got friends in New York City.
I've got no friends in New York City—only religious." Mrs. Brunen, who was acquitted at the trial, is now believed to be resting at the home of friends in New York.

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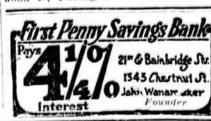
FIRES AT LOITERERS

George Phillips, a private night watchman at Eighteenth and Webster streets, emptied his revolver after two uspicious characters at 2 o'clock this

morning. He saw the men, both Negroes, lot-tering around, and when he approached to question them, they ran.

Apollo Club, to Be Santa Claus Fifty needy children will be guests of the Apollo Club, whose members are Masons, at a dinner and Santa Claus

treet and Girard avenue, tomorrow The children will gather at afternoon. The children will gather at St. Paul's Church, Third street below Walnut, and be taken to the restaurant in autos. Dr. William Magec, of 5910 Santa Claus and will be assisted by John D. Pullinger.





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