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PARIS KEEPS UP ITS HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN HONOR OF ITALIAN KING; WILSON MEETS LEADERS

American Mission Settling Down to Business

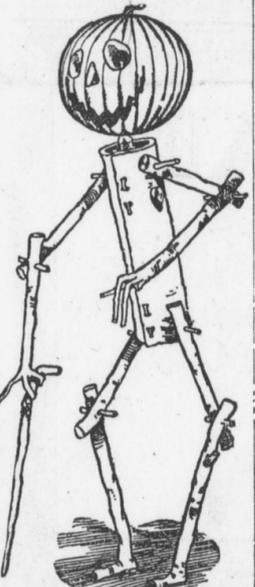
RECEPTION FOR FRENCH ENVOYS

Senators Wait On Wilson in Formal Welcome

London, Dec. 20.—It was definitely announced this afternoon that President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson would arrive in London on Thursday of next week, December 26. They will be the guests of King George at Buckingham Palace.

Paris, Dec. 20.—President Wilson, in addition to the conferences he had to-day with Italian statesmen, conferred with Captain Andre Faidou, French high commissioner to the United States with whom he discussed relief work in economic questions, including shipping. The French government is eager to place large shipbuilding contracts in American yards but the American government, it is said, intends to keep the yards free until the peace conference develops fully what may be needed for its navy.

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Boys and Girls—

This is Jack Pumpkinhead before he got any clothes. Read in the Harrisburg Telegraph to-morrow how Tip dressed him in a man's clothes and stood him in the middle of the road, and how the witch Mombi peppered him with the powder of life, and how he afterwards became a fine playmate for Tip.

Every Saturday there will be a wonderful story about Tip and Jack Pumpkinhead and a lot of other wonderful things, in the Telegraph, and you had better tell your father and mother to be sure to get the Telegraph from now on. "The wonderful stories of Oz is the name of them."

In the Harrisburg Telegraph Starting Tomorrow Evening

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain and warmer to-night and Saturday; lowest temperature to-night about 40 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night and Saturday in west portion and late to-night or on Saturday in east portion; warmer; moderate winds, becoming southerly.

Hindenburg May Set Up As Army Dictator

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a dispatch to Le Journal from Zurich to-day.

The government has asked the field marshal for an explanation, adds the dispatch, but has not yet received a reply. It is also announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt-on-the-Main at an early date. The correspondent affirms that Major General Scheuch the Prussian war minister, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Lequid, (probably Lieut. General Lequis, former governor of Metz), who is in command of the active troops in Berlin are behind a counter-revolutionary movement. He declares the existing government is manifestly incapable of preventing the realization of their scheme.

CHRISTMAS TO OPEN DOORS OF HARRISBURG HOMES TO SOLDIERS STATIONED HERE

Well-Equipped Club Rooms Put in Service For Men in American Uniforms

To help bring joy into hearts of some of these 2,000 soldiers stationed at New Cumberland and Middletown who naturally will be homesick this year as they read of many comrades being mustered out of the service, Harrisburg people are being requested to take one or more of the boys to their homes for Christmas dinner.

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ENSIGN SMUCKER REPORTED DEAD IN U. S. SERVICE

Son of Prominent Minister Meets Death on Submarine Chaser

News of the death of Ensign Leroy D. Smucker was received last night by his father, the Rev. Dr. Clayton A. Smucker, 1311 Vernon street, pastor of Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church.

No details of the death were supplied. The news came in the form of a cablegram from the captain and crew of submarine chaser No. 221, offering their sympathy to the parents in "the hour of their great bereavement." This was the only information the parents received, but it was enough to convince them of their son's death.

A cablegram immediately was dispatched to the submarine chaser, requesting details of the death, and a telegram to the Navy Department.

Ensign Smucker enlisted in the Naval Reserves in May, 1917, and received training at Norfolk, Va. He was under 21 years old when he enlisted. Following his training he was made an executive officer in the Navy and put on a submarine chaser. For war, he was on active duty in the submarine area, "night and day running down the bloody German sub," as he declared in one of his letters home. He was in the danger zone adjacent to England. Numerous times he has written of visits made in English ports during days off duty.

National War Aid Ready to Refund Ticket Money

On account of the influenza epidemic and the death of two members of the Zumbo Band, it is impossible to hold the patriotic entertainment for which tickets were sold by the National War Aid. Mrs. Charles Burnett, chairman of the ticket committee, announced to-day. If the tickets sold are presented to Mrs. H. Astrich, treasurer, at 308 Market street before January 14, the money will be refunded. The money paid for tickets which are not redeemed before January 14 will go into the treasury of the National War Aid, for whose benefit the entertainment was to be given, and as the work of this organization is increasing rather than decreasing since the close of hostilities, all contributions will be most gratefully received.

CITY SHAMED AT FAILURE TO AID RED CROSS

State Makes Miserable Showing in Drive For Memberships

With less than 21,000 Red Cross members secured in the Harrisburg Red Cross Chapter district—and only two more days or so to go in the Christmas push—a "showdown" has been called for.

The 21,000 members thus far secured want to know something. They want to know who's "holding out." There are 155,000 people in the Chapter district. If only 21,000 are members of the organization, then 134,000 are not. Who are the 134,000? That is what the "showdown" to-morrow on Monday and Sunday on window emblems will show.

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FEAR FOR SAFETY OF WOMAN WHO LEFT HER HOME

Search in Vain For Mother of Seven Who Has Been Ill Several Months

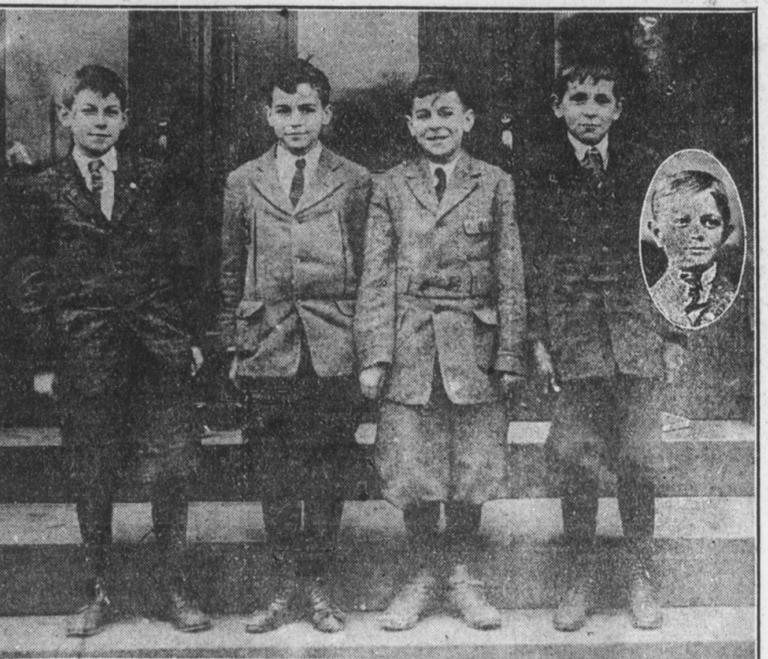
Mrs. Rose Grand, aged about 50 years, disappeared from her home, 488 Cumberland street, last evening at 5 o'clock, and has not been heard from or seen since. It is feared she might have taken her life, as it is understood she was temporarily insane from sickness.

SANTA CLAUS HAS BIG MAIL TO ANSWER THIS CHRISTMAS

Post Office Deluged With Letters From Little Tots Who Don't Want to Be Forgotten by Old Saint

Santa Claus is one of the most popular persons in Harrisburg this week. Scores of letters are being received by the rotund gentleman at Harrisburg, the vanguard of an unusually large supply of epistles expected to arrive before he starts on his journey in his reindeer-drawn sleigh on Christmas eve.

HOPE TO BE BACHELORS BEFORE 20; THAT IS, OF ART



Five Freshmen at Tech Who Entered School at Eleven Years Will Be Through College Before They Can Cast Their First Ballot

AS PEAS IN A POD

No other high school in Pennsylvania can boast of such a football aggregation as the Harrisburg Technical institution, and it is doubtful if any other high school of equal grade in the state can boast of five members of the freshman class who entered high school at the age of 11 years.

TWO MILLION DEAD, ENEMY'S PRICE IN WAR

Staggering List Shows Empire Suffered Six Million Casualties

New York, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published the number of dead will be about two million, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25, a copy of which has been received here. Up to October 25 the total casualties reported were 6,066,769, of whom more than 4,750,000 were Prussians. The total

MUNICIPAL TREE IS PUT IN PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS

Decoration Committee Pleas-ed With Magnificent Big Evergreen

The municipal Christmas tree is here. Sprouting out of the asphalt in Market street, just west of the square, a huge evergreen is towering between the buildings flanking both sides of the street, and pointing its topmost branch at the winter skies.

BOND ISSUE OF \$91,000 OPENED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Cost of Additional Ground at Tech High Met by Loan

Bids for the purchase of \$91,000 in bonds to pay for the buildings adjoining Technical High school, the ground to be used for an addition to that structure, are to be opened this afternoon at the regular meeting of the board of directors.

HARRISBURG SITE FOR AUTO MANUFACTURING PLANT IS SOUGHT BY WESTERN CO.

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce this morning received a letter from an automobile manufacturing firm located at present in the middle west, requesting information relative to conditions here and the advantages to be offered a manufacturing establishment of its nature should the officials decide to move their plant to this city.

Twins at 12 ALIKE AS PEAS IN A POD

On the group picture Nelson Herbert Gotwalt stands at the left. By his side is William Kepner Sowers, next is Harold Orth Douglass and at the right is Howard Albert Miller. The twins, Donald and Daniel Harsh, are shown on the second cut and Richard DeGray is shown on the individual cut.

Red Cross Praised For Work Over

Mr. Oves arrived in New York a few days ago from England, being among the first soldiers to return to this country. He talked about many experiences in camps in this country, in England, and on the seas, and paid a high tribute to the work of the Red Cross the world over.

ARMORED CAR GOES THROUGH

An armored motorcar, fully outfitted, passed through Harrisburg to-day.

PAYMASTER HELD UP AND ROBBED BY AUTO BANDITS

Everett, Mass., Dec. 20.—Six men in an automobile held up Frank Brown, of Lynn, paymaster of the Steel Foundry of the General Electric Company here to-day, shot and seriously wounded him, and escaped with the week's pay roll reported to amount to \$12,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles G. Sellers and Mary W. Glinberg, Harrisburg; Benjamin M. Schullien, St. Louis, and Jeanette L. Nachman; Robert H. Gold, Folk, Pa., and Mary E. Whalin, Philadelphia.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING MAY FACE CAPITOL

Plan to Sell Site of Courthouse Meets Favor

PARK TO BE GREAT CENTER

Men in Public Life Endorse Plan As Good Idea

Public sentiment favoring the erection of a new courthouse and municipal building on a site facing the Capitol Park Extension is growing in the city since the report of City Solicitor John E. Fox and County Solicitor Philip S. Moyer that the present site of the courthouse can be sold by the county provided the fund is used to provide a similar structure.

EBERT CABINET MAY HAVE QUIT

London, Dec. 20.—Reports from Copenhagen state that the German cabinet headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned, but there is no confirmation of them as yet.

HERMAN FAVORS CAPITOL

Mr. Herman, who has always taken an active part in civic development

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FEATURES DELAYED

Because of unusual conditions, the Boy Scout news and the Sunday school lesson, regular Friday features of the Harrisburg Telegraph have been omitted to-day. Both will appear to-morrow.

10,252,402 BALES OF COTTON GINNED

Washington—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 is 10,252,402 running bales, including 139,074 round bales, 127,736 bales of American Egyptian, and 31,060 bales of sea island, the Census Bureau to-day reported.

LETTSISH PEOPLE APPEAL TO AMERICA

Washington—An appeal for protection from the Bolsheviks was received by the State Department to-day from the Lettish government through the American legation at Stockholm. The appeal said the German troops were not remaining to maintain order as the armistice terms permitted, but were leaving the country at the mercy of the Bolsheviks.

WANTS LEAGUE OF NATIONS POSTPONED

Washington—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, in an address to the Senate to-day advocated postponement of the formation of a league of nations until after the peace conference. He said the question should be considered separately and later.

BERLIN "PEOPLE'S LEAGUE" FORMED

London—"A people's league" has been organized in Berlin, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen to-day. Prince Max, Hugo Haase, Von Bernstorff, Mathias Erzberger and Dr. Solf are named as leaders.

STARTS FROM CLEVELAND WITH AIR MAIL

Cleveland—Pilot Johnson, carrying one pouch of mail to Chicago, took the air at 10.55 a. m. It is understood he will fly through to Chicago. Nothing had been heard at that hour from the two aviators who left New York for Cleveland this morning.

HUNS TO VOTE ON JANUARY 19

Berlin—The Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils has decided that elections to the National Assembly shall be held on January 19. Those opposed to the postponing of a national assembly polled only 40 per cent. of a total of 240.