

BONUS MONEY WAS GIVEN EMPLOYEES OF TELEPHONE CO.

Two Thousand Dollars Distributed Among Workers Yesterday.

PROFIT SHARING PLAN HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

Western Union Telegraph Company Performed Similar Act Several Days Ago.

Two thousand dollars was divided among employees of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company yesterday. The bonus money was the result of a Christmas profit sharing plan which benefited twenty persons, men and women, who were employed by the company. The plan was similar work as was carried out by hundreds of manufacturing branches located all over the country. The employees received the amount as that accrued in every city where the company operates or where it has branches. The Southern Bell Company is included in the list of subscribers. \$2,000,000 was given according to Mr. Lucas.

The bonus money was distributed according to the length of service rendered by the beneficiary. Employees who have been with the company for a period exceeding a year received seventy per cent. of their December salary and employees who have been with the company for a period exceeding three months, but less than a year, were given 46.7 per cent of a month's salary. Employees who have been on the payroll less than three months were not included in the receiving a part of the company's profits during the year.

It was also announced at the office of the company that all employees received their pay for the latter half of the month on Friday. This was done in order to allow them to do their Christmas shopping. It meant the saving of labor before service was resumed, but the same spirit governed the action that caused the giving of the bonus money. All employees have received their pay for next week and the company is not worried over the probability of any one of them showing up to perform service. The list of fortunate include linesmen, bosses, and ordinary laborers as well as the "hello girls." The latter were as deserving as any group for certainly they have done disagreeable things to contend with during the year as other workers in the world. Day after day answer hundreds of calls and the money that has slipped into their purses yesterday was help for their families who they do.

INSTITUTE NEW RECTOR Bishop Darst Will Officiate at Public Services.

Rev. E. G. Gribben, pastor of St. James Episcopal church, of this city, will be officially instituted as rector of the parish on Wednesday, December 27th. Bishop Thomas C. Darst, assistant of the diocese, will be in charge of the ceremonies. Dr. William H. Milton, rector of St. James' church, assisted by clergy of the city, will deliver the sermon.

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BOARD ELECTS DR. JOHN C. WESSELL

Resignation of Dr. J. B. Cranmer Was Received at Special Meeting Yesterday.

The resignation of Dr. J. S. Cranmer as a member of the Board of Health, which was tendered two days ago was received by the board in special session yesterday afternoon at the Court House and Dr. John C. Wessell, a practicing physician of the city, was unanimously elected to serve out the unexpired term of Dr. Cranmer. The board expressed its regret that Dr. Cranmer saw fit to resign. The motion nominating Dr. Wessell was made by Prof. Washington Catlett and seconded by Mayor P. Q. Moore, and was unanimously carried. The members of the board in attendance were: Chairman, W. A. McGirt, Dr. R. B. Slocum, Prof. Washington Catlett and Mayor P. Q. Moore.

Dr. Cranmer's term of office would have expired early in January hence he had but a few days to serve at the most. In resigning he announced that he was a firm believer in rotation in office and could not be persuaded from his course by friends prior to the acceptance of his resignation by the board.

In electing Dr. Wessell to membership the board is confident that he will perform very efficient service. While comparatively a young man he has built up an enviable practice and is immensely liked by all who know him.

TO CONDUCT SERVICES.

Dr. Bishop Will Preach at Grace Methodist Church.

Dr. C. M. Bishop, of Georgetown, Texas, president of Georgetown University, a noted educator, preacher and author, will conduct the services at Grace Methodist church this morning. Dr. Bishop is spending Sunday in the city with his daughter, Mrs. G. D. Phares. He is en route to Baltimore, Md., to attend the meeting of the Commission on Unification of American Methodism, which will be in session this week. Dr. Bishop is a member of the notable commission from the Southern Methodist church.

DECLARES GERMANY IS OUT OF WOOL

This Serious Situation Confronts The Soldiers, Says Man From Abroad.

New York, Dec. 23.—With heavy Christmas mail and 429 passengers the American liner, Philadelphia, arrived in port today a day ahead of her schedule. She left the other side a day earlier in order that her passengers could be landed here in time for Christmas. She had a smooth voyage except for the last two days when she was caught in a heavy gale.

M. L. Finch, a woolen importer, of 315 Fifth avenue, a passenger said that Germany had no wool now and that a vegetable fibre has been substituted for the manufacture of clothing even to the uniforms worn by soldiers.

"This is a very serious situation for the German troops," he said, "for there is no warmth in the fibre cloth and the men in the field no doubt will suffer greatly from cold during the winter."

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Rev. J. S. Crowley Spoke at the Acme-New Berlin school Closing.

The Acme-New Berlin public schools had their closing exercises Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A Christmas tree, beautifully decorated and loaded with presents for the children, was the big feature. Messrs. Herbert Smith and E. M. McAuley announced the program and Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the Acme Presbyterian church, made an excellent address which was thoroughly enjoyed by the very large audience. Misses Wall, Frederick and Jackson are the teachers of the school. Every child present was presented with a box of candy and fruits.

MISS HATTIE E. DARDEN.

Sister of Wilmington Man Died at Ocean View.

News has been received in the city of the death of Miss Hattie E. Darden, which occurred at 11 o'clock Friday night at her home near Ocean View. Pneumonia was assigned as the cause of death. Miss Darden had been ill but a few days. The deceased is survived by three brothers. They are: Messrs. J. A. and E. B. Darden, of Norfolk, and Mr. T. F. Darden, of this city.

THAT MYSTERIOUS JOLLY FELLOW IS DUE SUNDAY NIGHT

Tired Salesmen And Shopgirls Will Be Given Rest Before Christmas Day.

MANY SHOPPERS ON STREETS LAST NIGHT.

Belonged to Class Called Legion Who Have Little To Spend But Who Buy Sanelly.

Hundreds of Wilmington homes will be visited Sunday night by that mysterious, jolly, much-beloved old fellow—Santa Claus—the embodiment of a spirit that never wanes, the true Yuletide spirit that makes Christmas a holiday that never grows dim, even though the mists of years obscure the eyes. For weeks and weeks preparations have been made for his coming. Trees are waiting for him to dress; thousands of stockings, large and small, are waiting to be filled from the generous depths of his crowded pouches. Even in homes that do not know the high pitched voice of childhood old St. Nick is an ever-welcome guest.

In spite of high prices and the shortage of currency in many quarters it has been authoritatively learned that old Santa intends to hit his usual gait. Of course, there will be many poor little tots who will be overlooked. There always are. But there are thousands of others whose eyes will glow with pleasure and who will shout with delight when they find that the genial old patron saint of Christmas left behind when he came down their chimneys to leave his annual tokens.

Of course, there are many who belong to the fact that those little things always overlooked until the last minute cannot be purchased just as old Santa squeezes his rotund figure into the narrow brick confines of a modern brick chimney. To hundreds, though, it is the boon that will make Christmas a day of cheer and happiness instead of a day of aching misery and recuperation from late hours spent in satisfying the demands of frate shoppers. The shop girl and saleslady has just cause to be thankful because Christmas Eve falls on the Sabbath. With a whole day's rest before Christmas morning after weeks of rushing, crushing crowds the saleswomen and shopgirls will be able to derive a little pleasure from a day usually spent in vain regrets and wearied memories.

Most of the late shoppers who crowded the stores yesterday and last night were made of that large class which declare each year it will no longer be so foolish as to spend good money for presents that will never be used and that will be sent to people about whom they do not care so much as the snap of their finger and who care about them even less. A few months before Christmas it is easy to find hundreds of these people. Their name is legion—and they are always absolutely sincere and perfectly determined. They are strong minded creatures and in some manner they always manage to win the envy and admiration of the weaker mortals who realize that it is a hopeless fight and who have neither the courage nor the inclination to rise superior to overwhelming forces that seem to hold them firmly to a course they realize is foolish.

The shoppers of last night were the determined class. They had but little money to spend, knew what they wanted and did not care to spend the evening sightseeing. They bought rapidly and sanely and it was a rest for the tired nerves of the shop girl who has just passed through an unusually strenuous period.

Fireworks were set off during the evening by small urchins without regard for the guardians of the law and in many instances older persons participated in this fun and although they were obliged to grin silly-like when noticed by elderly gentlemen they apparently enjoyed the firing of harmless firecrackers, for it carried them back to a period they had almost forgotten.

YACHT IN FOR REPAIRS.

Craft Grounded When Making For Anchorage.

The pleasure yacht Clearwater, which ran aground on Bald Head island shoals a few days ago, while coming into Southport for anchorage during a blow off the North Carolina Coast, came to the city yesterday to go on the marine railway for repairs to her hull.

The Clearwater, which was bound from the North to Florida waters, was one of five that were making for smooth water when it went on shore. It was gotten off with the aid of the Bald Head island coast guards, but was found to be leaking and was towed into shallow water behind Fort Caswell.

On being surveyed it was found that it was necessary for the craft to be hauled out of the water to receive the attention that it will have to have before proceeding down the coast. The craft is a trim one, being about 60 feet in length and of proportionate beam. It is handsomely outfitted.

BLIND TIGERS SUFFER HEAVILY

Two Sent to Roads And Two Fined—Solomon Smith Held Without Bond.

Three blind tigers suffered in Judge Harris' court yesterday afternoon. Fred Howland, brother of the well-known "George" Howland, was up on two separate charges of selling booze. On one charge he received a sentence of three months on the county roads and was fined \$50 and the costs in the other case. He entered a nol contendere plea in both cases. Harry McRay, colored, was the next heaviest sufferer for violation of the liquor law. He was arraigned on two different charges and "pulled" a total of four months on the roads. Prince Tolar, colored, the third offender up for selling liquor, also entered a nol contendere plea and was fined \$50 and costs on one charge while in the second case against him prayer for judgment was continued for twelve months. The only other person to receive a sentence was Lulu Miller, charged with vagrancy. She was given thirty days on the county farm.

Solomon Smith, the negro arrested early Friday morning on a charge of breaking into the home of Jim Gore, colored, and whom the police believe is responsible for many of the recent store robberies, was arraigned in court, but his case was continued until Wednesday of next week. He was committed to jail without bond, Smith is also charged with robbing Mr. Marrow's general merchandise store, corner Third and Brunswick streets, just a few hours prior to his arrest. Henry Baldwin and Ephraim Brown, both colored, thought to be accomplices of Smith, were arraigned on charges of receiving stolen goods. Baldwin is being held on the charge for trial with Smith on Wednesday, but Brown was granted a nol pros.

EXPECTS CHANGE OF BRITISH DIPLOMATS

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—The Novoe Vremy states that important changes in the British diplomatic service are forthcoming. The paper adds that it is expected in political circles here that the British ambassador, Sir George William Buchanan, the British ambassador to Russia, will soon be recalled. The expected changes are due, it is added, to the reconstruction of the British government.

Rev. J. S. Crowley to Preach.

Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of the Acme Presbyterian church, will preach at that church today at both the morning and evening services. This will be the first service to be held in the church after several improvements have been made. The morning service will be held at 11 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

DIED YESTERDAY EVENING.

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted From Home This Afternoon.

Mrs. Alice Catherine Sellers, wife of Mr. R. L. Sellers, passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sykes, 111 Meares street, yesterday evening at 6:45 o'clock following several months of failing health. Mrs. Sellers' condition had not been considered critical but the end was not unexpected. The deceased was 42 years of age and is survived by a husband, mother and father, four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. W. C. Montgomery, Mrs. B. C. Henby, Mrs. W. C. Simon and Miss Margaret Sykes, all of this city. The brothers are Messrs. E. D. Sykes, of Mulberry, Fla., and Mr. W. H. Sykes, of Rocky Point, N. C.

Complete funeral arrangements had not been made last night but the funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. G. Hall pastor of the Southside Baptist church and interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

SPEND DAY WITH FAMILY

"Trusties" at the Stockade to be Given Freedom For Day

Ten or more trustworthy convicts who are serving time at the stockade for various violations of the law and who have good behavior records, will be permitted to spend Christmas Day with friends and relatives at home in compliance with a request from Governor Locke Craig to the Board of County Commissioners. The custom of allowing "trusties" to spend Christmas Day with their families was inaugurated by Governor Craig last year and about ten prisoners were given this hitherto unheard of privilege. All that were released from the stockade for that purpose returned on the following day.

Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the board of commissioners, announces that he will take the matter up immediately with County Road Superintendent Burnett and Superintendent Rivenbark with the view of determining the convicts that are to have this privilege.

It make you angry, you'll allow, When motor friends you spy To have 'em payly smile and bow And keep on whizzing by. —Exchange.

Christmas Greetings

It is a commonplace that Christmas comes when you least expect it. The moral would seem to be that if the years are so fleeting, one can ill afford to miss the universal opportunity for sentiment which Christmas affords. We wish first of all to reiterate our appreciation of your patronage and to express the hope that we have deserved it. We wish also to extend to you the season's greetings, not in the perfunctory spirit of custom, as between a bank and its clients, but in the genuine spirit of cordiality which happily exists between The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company and its friends. We trust that the passing year has come fully up to your expectations and that the coming year may exceed them. And we wish you the happiest Christmas you ever had!

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF
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POLICE LOOKING FOR MISSING GIRL

Strangely Disappeared From Norfolk—Wet Christmas For New Bern.

New Bern, Dec. 23.—Machinists who have for several days been engaged in repairing the engines of the yacht Minnesota, which was disabled off Cape Lookout last Friday night and which was later taken to Morehead City for repairs, have just about completed this task and the vessel, of which Captain John A. Berkeley, of St. Paul, Minn., is in command, will leave for Southern ports today or tomorrow.

This yacht was caught in a storm off Cape Lookout last Friday night and during this she was disabled and when her sails were hoisted the mainmast was blown away and the life ship was left at the mercy of the wind and the waves.

Coast guards there went to the aid of the passengers and crew and succeeded in saving them after a hard fight, but they had a narrow escape. The New Bern police have been asked to be on the lookout for Miss Jeanette Denize, who disappeared from her home at Norfolk on Wednesday afternoon.

The missing young woman is said to be 21 years of age, of about medium height, slender and dark with attractive features and when last seen she wore a dark blue serge pleated skirt heavily embroidered, silk Empire hose and a small green hat. She also wore three rings, one with a small diamond setting, another set with sapphires and the other a signet ring. In addition to this she wore three bracelets and carried a watch containing in the case a picture of her mother.

The young woman left home presumably for the purpose of going to the home of a music teacher to take a lesson. Her parents fear that she has become temporarily demented and has gone to some nearby city.

S. Coplon & Sons, who conduct New Bern's largest department store, some time ago decided to rebuild that establishment and this work is to begin within the next week or two, the material for this now being placed on the scene.

The Coplon store is at the present time the largest in the city and when the improvements have been completed it will be one of the largest and most modern that there is in the entire State.

The work, when started, will probably consume five or six weeks, but place.

ALL BASKETS DELIVERED

Adjutant Yates Thanks All For Support of Work.

Over 100 families were given well filled baskets yesterday afternoon by the Salvation Army corps, making possible a real Christmas dinner for families who would have been forced to go without but for the activities of the army workers and the generous support the efforts of the corps received from the public. The baskets were given out late yesterday afternoon and hundreds of hearts gladdened that would otherwise have been sad.

In speaking of the matter last night Adjutant Yates stated that he was very appreciative for the kind and considerate manner in which his efforts to raise money to provide this dinner for the deserving poor of the city had met with from the public. He wants everyone who contributed to understand that every nickel was appreciated and that it was spent in an effort to do the most good—to carry cheer and happiness where only gloom and sorrow and in some cases hunger held sway.

My summer girl still speaks to me But I feel lost. For in her manner I can see A touch of frost. —Exchange.

will be rushed to completion as quickly as possible.

According to statements made today by local express men, something like 800 quarts of whiskey have arrived in New Bern this week from Washington, Baltimore and other wet centers and the majority of this has already been delivered to the consignees.

The express men say that the amount of liquor being ordered for holiday consumption is larger this year than it has been in many previous years and that the entire month's receipts will eclipse all past records by several thousand quarts. The express charges on the packages of whiskey are a few cents more than when it could be secured from Norfolk, but that does not seem to deter the thirsty ones a bit.

The body of Mr. J. B. Brinkley, of Havelock, who died suddenly at Jacksonville, on the previous day, passed through New Bern last night, en route to the former place, where it will be interred.

Mr. Brinkley went to Jacksonville early in the week, intending to make his home there, but was taken ill and death followed a few hours later. The funeral service was conducted from Coatan church this morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Everett, of this city and the interment made in the family burying ground near that place.

WANTS TO DECLINE PEACE OFFER

That Is Status Given British Premier By Press of Amsterdam.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Nieuwe Courant, commenting on Lloyd-George's speech in the House of Commons last week, says that while the British premier's address is in its form "less brusque than his previous utterances," the only interpretation possible is that "he wants to decline the central powers' offer without, however, incurring the blame for continuing the war." The paper asks:

"Is it possible to ask Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to go further than he did? From the standpoint of common sense it is impossible that the German Chancellor should unveil the German program before he is sure that the entente powers are also ready to show their cards."

CALLED TO WILSON.

Mother of Mrs. W. C. Galloway Is Seriously Ill. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Galloway were called to Wilson yesterday to the bedside of Mrs. Galloway's mother, Mrs. J. W. Bass, who is critically ill. The communication was not very explicit, merely urging them to hurry there. Mrs. Bass is an extremely old lady and this fact is causing friends and relatives grave concern, as they fear she will be unable to recover.

FINE PHOTOGRAPHS.

Wilmingtonians Can Be Seen in Panorama View of Second Regiment.

Mr. J. C. Rourk, collection clerk at the American Banking & Trust Company, has recently received from his brother, Private Crawford Rourk, of Company E, Second North Carolina Infantry at Camp Stuart, El Paso, Texas, two excellent panorama views. One of the entire camp and the other of the Second Regiment drawn up for review.

The photographs which are several feet in length, are excellent ones. So clear and sharp are they that many Wilmingtonians in the various companies can be easily distinguished among the thousand National Guardsmen composing the regiment.

Those prominently seen are Lieut. Colonel J. Van B. Metts, of this city, second in command of the crack troops; Lieut. P. L. Cantwell, of Company G, also of this city, and several Wilmington soldiers in that and other companies.

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