# PLAN TO ELIMINATE 'PORK BARREL' FROM HIGHWAY BUREAU

Pennsylvania Motor Federa- Many More to Be Employed tion Will Introduce Bill for Equitable Apportionment of Funds of State.

The Pennsylvania Motor Federation will introduce in the next Legislature a bill to eliminate "pork-barrel" methods of expending State highway funds. The bill will provide a definite plan for the equitable apportionment among the countries of the Commonwealth of all funds expended by the State Highway Depart-

The measure is now being drafted by the Road Committee of the federation, and will be submitted to Governor Brum-baugh in an effort to obtain his support before it is presented in the Legislature. Joseph H. Weeks, chairman of the committee, said today that the federation members expect the Governor to support the bill because it provides a strong fea-ture in a reorganization plan of the State Highway Department, to which Doctor \*ampalgn:

PLAN EMBRACES WHOLE PROBLEM. The plan will be known as the "Weeks Plan," and will apply to all funds expended by the State Highway Department, Including all appropriations, probable bond issues, automobile license fees and money paid to the department by counties and townships under the Stateald plan of road building. The Weeks plan, in brief, is as follows:

One-third of the funds are to be di-vided among the counties in the same proportion that the mileage of State highways in each county bears to the total mileage of State highways in the nonwealth. One-third is to be apportioned among

the counties in accordance with the mile-age of township and county roads in each county as compared with the total mileage of such roads in the Common-wealth.
One-third is to be apportioned accord-

ing to population, omitting cities of the first and second class. SMALLER COUNTIES PROTECTED.

This last provision would prevent Allegheny and Lackawanna Countles from getting an undue share, because of the large population of Pittsburgh and Scran-The entire county of Philadelphia would be eliminated from the apportion-ment of the last third under the provi-sions of the plan.

"Part of the funds should be appor-

tioned on the basis of population in order to equalize the apportionment according to the wear and tear on the roads and highways in the different counties," plained Mr. Weeks, the father of the plan, today. "Take Delaware and Chester Counties,

for example. Chester is almost five times as large as Delaware, but has about 2000 less in population. Each mile of road in Delaware, because of the larger population per square mile, has five times the amount of travel over it as there is over a mile of road in Chester. Under the proposed plan each of these two counties would receive about same share of the State highway

The plan has been worked out during The plan has been Worked out during the last two years, and has been drafted to meet general disastisfaction throughout the State over the way the State highway funds are now being expended. Many counties are claiming that they have not received their share. Many

#### THIEVES GOT THE BASS DRUM

While the Dancers Had Refreshments-Butcher's Shop Robbed. Thieves with peculiar tastes spoiled the oliday season for several persons, ac-

cording to reports of robberies made to-day at City Hall. The thefts varied all the way from base drum to turkey. The drum, with a tambourine, a steam-boat whistle and other inspiring devices, was stolen from the dancing academy of Powler & Plank, 243 Frankford avenue, while the dancers were at the refresh-ment table.

wes who entered the butcher shop of Nathan Ostroff, 11th and Poplar streets, of Nathan Ostroff, 11th and Poplar streets, were hungry. They took six turkeys, a sausage and a few hams. They entered by a rear door—which is no consolation to the butcher.

A Persian rus was stolen from the auto-mobile of Mrs. Mary Moore while the far was standing in front of the Hotel Adelphia.

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# GORGEOUS RAIMENT OF MUMMERS GIVES A THOUSAND WORK

in Last-minute Rush Great Out-of-town New Year's Crowds Expected.

The Mummers who will parade on New Year's Day are now furnishing employment to about 1000 idle men and women. More than a score of costumers are at work on royal robes and comic attire for the pageant. Many of the costumers employ from 25 to 50 hands. Some are cutting rose petals, some embroidering silk stems, others inserting "jewels" on the big 'captain capes," and many sewing on spangles.

As many of the capes of the captains and those of their attendants will be almost as wide as Broad street and nearly a hundred feet in length, there will be nores of velvet and silk in the big parade, and it is doubtful if real kings could appear in more gorgeous raiment. It has been necessary for some of the costumers to hire extra floor space in order to produce many of the creations without confusion, and a little army of women workers are sewing night and day. As the work is tedious and rather trying on nerves, it is difficult for any New Year's tailor or modiste to calculate as to the time required on any big costume. And so it happens every year there's a call for help at almost the last minute.

The nummers' parade is a great benefit to the city in other ways. As it is distinctly a Philadelphia institution, it attracts thousands of visitors who come especially for the big pageant. Most of them arrive on New Year's Eve to see Philadelphia usher in the new year. The hotels and restaurants reap the benefit, and as the holiday spirit prevails, the visitors do not hesitate about spending money.

money.

That the mummers' pageant is growing in popularity is made evident by the plans which have been made by residents of other cities to see it. There will be delegations here from Maryland, Delaware and New York, in addition to those who come from New Jersey and many parts of Pennsylvania. The New York delegation is making arrangements to come on a special train, for there is nothing like the mummers' parade in Gotham. Gotham.

Those business men's organizations which see the value of advertising the city are considering plans to make the mummers' frolic a still greater event than it has been in the past. It is gentrally than it has been in the past. It is generally agreed that the prizes offered are far from adequate, and steps will be taken after the first of the year toward effecting a general "get together movement" and thus make it worth while for the "shooters" to take part.

Many of the business organizations are considering a plan to have the parade's route on Broad street extended and the number of stands increased.

umber of stands increased. As the railroads benefit greatly by the slebration, efforts will be made to get nem to contribute to the fund for

#### U. S. INVESTIGATING HIGH FREIGHT RATES ON OCEAN

Secretary McAdoo Seeks Information From Shippers Here.

have not received their share. Many others are claiming that proper political pull is now necessary for an appropriation for their counties. Incidentally, I do not agree with this last claim. Dissatisfaction is bound to arise over the present system, however. It has arisen in a small amount since the plan originated in 1911. The Weeks plan is the result of a careful study of the situation, and will be advanced as a permanent system for the equable distribution of State highway funds."

From Shippers Here.

Merchants, manufacturers and all business houses doing export business here have received letters from Secretary Mc-Adoo, requesting them to give him information regarding the present high freight rates for occan shippins. These facts are sought under a congressional resolution calling on the Treasury and Commerce Departments to conduct an investigation Departments to conduct an investigation into ocean freights.

At present the cost of shipments across the ocean are highest in half a century. This, according to steamship agents, is due to the scarcity of vessels to carry cargoes in transatiantic trades. The com-plete tie-up of the German merchant ma-rine and the commandeering of other craft by the belilgerent Powers, it is estimated has removed from the merchant marines about 5,000,000 tons.

So great has become the demand for ships that sailing vessels which in the past have been used exclusively in coast-wise trade are being fitted to make over-

sea voyages.

Owners of steamships are reaping a harvest. The cost of transporting grain to Europe is now 25 cents per bushel, as compared with 12 cents a bushel before the war. Seventy-five cents a hundred pounds is asked by steamships for carrying cotton and 26 to 60 cents a hundred pounds for flour. One sailing vessel, now at this port, has asked 3 cents a pound for carrying cotton.

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Clearus M. Beovyer, 1811 Kater at., and Susia Washing. Two vessels, both flying the American flag, are now loading case oil at the Atlantic Refining Company's wharf at Point Breeze.

The scarcity of steamships has revived petroleum carrying in sailing vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships. Two vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived petroleum carrying in sailing vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived petroleum carrying in sailing vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived petroleum carrying in sailing vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived petroleum carrying in sailing vessels, a trade from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived from this port that has been dormant ever since the spread of steamships has revived from this port that has been dormant ever since the sp



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symposiums of the various sections of the association are "The Life of the Lower Organisms in Relation to Man's

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#### 1250 PHILADELPHIANS WILL MARCH AT INAUGURATION

City's Representation in Brumbaugh

Parade Will Be Largest in Line. Philadelphia will have the largest representation at the inauguration of Governor-elect Brumbaugh, which will take place at noon on Tuesday, January 19, at Harrisburg, according to the plans for the inauguration which are being considered by Senator E. E. Heidleman, of Harrisburg, chairman of the Legislative committee in charge of the affair.

There will probably be no big military demonstration, the present plan being to have simply a provisional regiment.

to have simply a provisional regiment, made up of companies from Harrisburg and vicinity, march in the parade. The Philadelphia delegation of Republicans Falladelphia delegation of Republicans will number almost 1250 men, and will consist of two clubs, the Philadelphia Republican Club, with David H. Lane as marshal, and the South Philadelphia Republican Club, with Representative William S. Vare as marshal.

The famous West Chester Pioneer Corps will escort a citizens' marching club from Chester County. Republican State Chair.

Chester County. Republican State Chairman William E. Crow will lead a large delegation from Fayette County. Lieutenant Governor-elect Frank B. McClain will lead a large body of Lancaster County Republicans, and Mayor Arm-strong, Coroner Jamison and other Alle-gheny County leaders will have charge of the western contingent. Senator Beidleman is expected to hold

another conference with the Governor-elect next week. W. Harry Baker, sec-retary of the Republican State Committee, is assisting in the arrangements.
Governor Tener will be a guest of his military staff at dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford on Friday, January 8.

#### REPORTED THREAT TO SHELL TURK TOWN STIRS DANIELS

Action of American Commanders in Protecting Foreigners Under Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today cabled the commanders of the chulsers North Carolina and Tennessee, at Beirut, asking if there were any basis for the report that an American warship had threatened to bombard the town of Tripoli. Asia Minor, to quell demonstrations against British and French subjects, who were aboard an American steamship in the harbor. One report said the warship

were aboard an American steamship in the harbor. One report said the warship escorted the steamer out of the harbor and later proceeded to Smyrna. An unofficial report says that the con-suls of Great Britain and France, with their legation staffs, sought refuge on the American steamship and were at-tacked by the Turks after they had boarded the vessel. boarded the vessel. It is also reported that the United States Government has protested to Turkey, but confirmation on this point from Ambassador Morgenthau is lacking.

### FLEE FROM BURNING HOME

Mother and Babies Forced to Quit House Clad only in Night Dress. A woman, carrying her two bables, aged

4 years and 5 months, all of them in night clothing, was forced to flee more than two blocks from her burning home at an early hour this merning before she could find shelter from the penetrating cold.

She is Mrs. Minnie Kapral, of 1555 Memphis street. The flamous was all the street.

She is Mrs. Minnie Kapral, of 1858 Memphis street. The flames were discovered by her husband, Paul Kapral, who was awakened by smoke and discovered that an overheated flue from a kitchen stove had set the room ablaze. After he had battied with the flames for some time with a garden hose, Mrs. Rapral fled the building with the children, soins to the building with the children, soing to the home of Mrs. Lasuth, 1833 Susquehanna The flames were extinguished by Chem-

ical Engine No. 6. The damage to the room and a grocery which occupies the front of the building was estimated at

DU PONTS DENY TALE OF SPIES Dynamite Train Derailed in Jersey Not Attacked by Germans,

Denials of rumors that foreign spice had attempted to hlow up a dynamite train a short distance outside the yards of the Du Pont Powder Company, near Gibbstown, N. J., recently, have been made by officials of the company. The powder was consigned to Oak Island, England.

England.

The shipment was composed of 15 cars. A short distance from the yards of the powder works the engine drawing the cars was deratiled. Workman circulated reports that it was an atlampt by German and Austrian spies to blow up the train.

Welfree," "The Value of Zoology to Hu-mar.ty," "Ventilation," "The Field of Rural Economics" and "The Use of imensional Equations."
The Society of American Bacterioloists, the Entomological Society of

America, the American Association of Economic Entomologists, the Botanical Society of America, the American Phytopathological Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Society of Naturalists, the American Microscopical Society, the American Physical Society, the Geological Society of America, the Paleontological Society of America and the American Folklore Society are the societies that have affiliated with the association at the conven-

#### THREE END LIVES AS CITY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Two Other Despondents Fail in Attempts at Suicide.

Destitution at a time when the majority of persons were making merry was responsible for five attempts at sulcide yesterday, three of which were successful. Three women tried to end their lives, and the physicians treating them said today that probably only one would

John A. Marshall, of St. Louis, was found polsoned in a rooming house at 124 North 10th street. Two cents was all his pockets contained. He left a letter asking that his death be published in the newspapers of Muncie, Ind.

Stanislau Maganski, 2529 East Madson street, shot himself in the right temple last night, after spending the day with his wife and two young children endeavoring to cheer them. His wife said he took his life because he did not have money enough to provide Christmas din-

ner for them.

After a quarrel over money with her husband, Mrs. Mariana Leacho jumped from the second story of their home. She siums at University of is in Mt. Sinal Hospital today with a fractured hip.

Margaret Connelly, 23 years old, at-tempted suicide, the police say, by swal-lowing poison in her home, 127 Federal

of the United States will assemble at the sixty-sixth annual convention of the

lowing poison in her home, 127 Federal street, after quarreling with her husband. She also is in Mt. Sinai Hospital. Her condition is critical.

The family of Mrs. Maclea Corsello cannot explain why she killed herself by going to her husband's tailor shop under their home, at 917 South Fairhill street, and stabbing herself with his shears. She died in the Pennsylvania Houital today. ment of Science at the University of blage is expected to be the greatest Hopital today.

Hopital today.

Depression of spirits is said to have prompted the suicide of Richard Parody, Jr., 1947 Ridge avenue, in the Hotel Adelphia. Parody's body was identified at the morgue by his sister, Miss Marie Parody. In a note left by the suicide he had said that he was a Spanish millionaire. gathering of scientists that has ever taken

PHILIPPINE REVOLT NIPPED Edgar Fahs Smith is the chairman; Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, vice chairman; Dr. American Authorities Arrest Eight Philip P. Calvert, secretary, and Dr. Ringleaders in Manila. George D. Rosengarten, chairman of the MANILA, Dec. 26.-American military authorities admitted today that eight men The public lectures are announced, one by Dr. Dayton C. Miller, physicist of

had been arrested in connection with a plot for a revolt that was to have started Thursday night. The prisoners are be-lieved to be the ringleaders of the con-Musical Sounds," on December 29, and spiracy.

The situation is said to be well in hand. but it is known that the conspiracy almed to have the plot extend throughou

by Dr. William H. Nichols, of New York, chairman of the Board of Directors of the the Philippines. In addition to the upris-ing nipped in the bud here, it was also General Chemical Company, on the "War and the Chemical Industry." Both will planned to have an uprising at Pace. Novotas, Gagumbayan and Caloocan. At Caloocan the revolt was started, but be held in the Asbury Methodist Episcopal was quickly quelled by a force of American soldiers.
As soon as the scheme was revealed

Church, Ed and Chestnut streets.

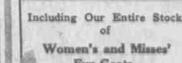
The convention will open with a meeting of the Executive Council in Houston Hall at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and will be in session until Saturday, January 2, 1815. Following the registration of the members at the headquarters in Houston Hall, the organization of the various sections and the commencement of the regular program of addresses, the first session of the convention will be held in Weightman Hall, the University Gymnasium, Ed and Spruce streets, Monday evening.

The retiring president, Dr. Edmund B. Wilson, of Columbia University, will introduce Dr. Charles William Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, as additional guards were placed over struc-tures which the rebels had planned to attack here, including Fort Santiage and the medical depot.

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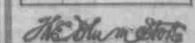
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# KEEP GIRLS IN SHOPS BUSY EXCHANGING

Many Rush to Pick and No One Succumbed to Choose and Even Ask "Money Back," While Spirit of Christmas Hides in Shame.

Yesterday was Christmas, the day before was Christmas Eve, but this is just plain Exchange Day-a day which makes the spirit of Christmas just a little bit ashamed of itself, a day to warm the cockies of the cynic heart who doesn't believe in Christmas giving.

Many a little Christmas gift, bought with loving care, which had just decided to settle down and make itself comfortable in its new home, or on the back of a new mistress, is being rudely and ruth-lessly taken out into the cold, and thence to the shop from which it emanated (and, alas, oftlines, quite unconsciously to the shop from which it didn't emanate) only to be bartered for something more to

the recipient's taste.

Many a purple necktie has been so insulted that it's ashamed to look fixelf in the face, and many a striped blouse, if it had tears to shed, would be preparing to shed them now.

paring to shed them now.
"Gosh, ain't this awfull" The taffy-haired blonds who sits in back of the
exchange desk at a department store turned to the medium brunette, who is her companion, and launched a commis-erating glance. "Ain't this enough to make Kris turn into an icicle and fade away?"
"No, ma'am," the medium brunette said
by way of answer to the corpulent person

who leaned over her desk, a pair of rose pink stockings dangling from her wrist, "you can't get your money back on a "you can't get your money back on a gift; the best we can do is to give you an exchange for something else. These here pink hoslery is worth 37½ cents—38 to be exact."

The corpulent person's countenance was suffused with indignation, as the novel-ists would say. Horrid cat, that Angelina, to buy a 33-cent pair of stockings which had all semblance of having cost a dol-lar! Lasting enemies are being made at the exchange counter today.

Subways, surface cars, limousines are bringing in the horde of Christmas gift exchangers, to say nothing of the mobs who come on foot. Apparently no woman is immune, and the shops this morning bore a close resemblance to the last-minute rush of Christmas Eve. The exchange desks, and their number is al-ways augmented on this day, are the nucleus of the crowds.

That it's a far cry from what people get to what they want is the moral of the scenes at the exchange desks. One woman brought a baby blue cellulcid comb and brush set which she wanted to part with for an aluminum frying pan, and the weak voice of a timid man cry-ing out amid a vortex of femininity, expressed a preference for a set of Kipling instead of the corn-colored pajamus that he shamefacedly passed over the counter. The majority of the shops, because of this growing exchanging orgy, have pro-tected themselves with the rule that gifts are exchangeable for merchandise only. This may prevent a certain amount of money loss, but it entails a great deal of extra labor. It means that December 25 becomes one of the widest of all shopping days, only it's the recipient, instead of the donor, who does the picking and choosing.

Man's Toes Mangled by Elevator "Al" Crawford, 2511 West Dauphin street, had three toes of his right foot mangled this morning when he was caught in an elevator in City Hall. The elevator was nearing the first floor when Crawford caught his right foot between the floor and the wall of the shaft. He was hurled against the back of the car.

# SECTIONS OF CITY

Epidemic This Week, However - 534 Died From Other Causes.

The epidemic of chickenpox is continuing in all sections of the city, according
to the weekly report of the Department
of Health. No deaths from chickenpox
were reported, but there were 134 new
cases during the past week.

The mortality records of the week increased considerably. The total of deaths
was 334, an increase of 51 over the previous week and 50 over the corresponding

ous week and 30 over the corresponding period of last year. A total of 64 new cases of measles were reported, and nine deaths resuited from this disease. Sixty-seven persons died from pneumonia and bronche-meumonia.

The city's mortality record for the week

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