LUSITANIA FLAG **RUSE MAY EVOKE** PROTEST OF U.S.

Britain to Be Asked for Explanation-Holland Will Object to Misuse of Its National Ensign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. Great Britain probably will be asked within a few days to furnish the United the hoisting of the American flag on the liner Lusitania, bound from Queenstown three shots. to Liverpool.

This was indicated by Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Commiltee. The Senator held a conference with President Wilson today, and although he denied they discussed the flag situation, he expressed the personal view that the use of the Stars and Stripes on the Lustiania was improper.

Senator Stone also said he considered it

probable that Congress might consider resolutions bearing on the matter, al-though he thought it could be better handled by the President and the State Department.

Counsellor Lanking, of the State De-partment, conferred with the President on the Lusitania incident and the German war aone decree, but it was understood no definite plan of action was decided

Secretary Bryan stated that his department was considering the situation.

That Holland will protest against England's use of the Dutch flag on British vessels was the statement made this afternoon by Dutch Minister Van Rappard

after a State Department visit.

He indicated that Holland was prepared to join America in any protest arising from the German war zone order.

What course the Administration would take was a secret, but it was apparent that one or more notes were being prepared and that the President himself was supervising the work.

EXPECTS U. S. TO SANCTION HOISTING OF AMERICAN FLAG

LONDON, Feb. 8.-England does not expect a formal protest from the United States because of the Lusitanta flag incident. The Foreign Office believes it has shown clearly that the use of the American flag was Justified. Any diplomatic exchanges resulting from the hoist-ing of the Stars and Stripes over the British liner are expected to pass between

British liner are expected to pass between Germany and the United States, not Great Britain and the United States, not Great Britain and the United States. This was the position taken by both the Foreign Office and the Admiralty today. It was held here that not only the British and German Governments, but the United States, had tacitly upheld the principle that vessels, to escape capture, are fustified in flying fings of other nations. In the Spanish-American war, one official asserted, the American navy resorted to this practice on two occasions though the American naval code specifihough the American naval code specifically forbids it.

cally forbids it.

That Germany will seize upon the Lusitania incident to emphasize its warning of the danger to neutral slipping off the English coast is deemed certain here. On the other hand, Foreign Office attaches suid they believed the same incident would be cited by the United States and other neutral nations are besieved. other neutral nations as a basis for eve stronger protests against Germany's blockade of the English coast,

GREAT BRITAIN DEFENDS USE OF AMERICAN FLAG

LONDON, Feb. 8.-The following state ment was issued by the Foreign Office:
"The use of a neutral flag is within certain limitations, well established in practice as a ruse of war. The only effect in the case of a merchantman of wearing a flag other than her natal flag is to compel the enemy to follow the ordinary bligations of naval warfare himself as to the nationality of the vessel and the character of her cargo by examination before capturing her and taking her into a prize court for adjudica-

"The British Government has always maidered the use of the British colors by foreign vessels legitimate for the pur-pose of escaping capture. Such practice not only involves no breach of international law, but is specifically recognized by the law of this country in the mer-chant shipping act of 1894.

"In instructions to British Consuls in 1914 it is stated, 'A ship is liable to cap-ture if a British character is improperly assumed, except for the purpose of es-

As we have in practice not objected to foreign merchant vessels using the Brit-ish merchant flag as a ruse for the purpose of evading capture at sea at the hards of a belligerent, so we should main-tain that in the converse case a British merchant vessel committed no breach of international law in assuming neutral colora for a similar purpose if she thought

"By the rules of international law, the customs of war and the dictates of hu-manity, it is obligatory upon a belligerent to ascertain the character of a merchant vessel and cargo before capture. Ger-many has no right to disregard this obli-

gation.
"To destroy a ship, noncombatant crew and cargo, as Germany announces her intention of doing, is nothing less than an the high seas."

BRITISH PRESS DEPLORES USE OF AMERICAN FLAG

LONDON, Feb. 8. Every British merchantman will be or-dered to hoist the flag of a neutral country whenever any emergency arises country whenever any emergency arises in which such action will be of assistance. This was made clear at the Admiralty today closely following the announcement that the hoisting of the American flag on the liner Lusitania had been in accordance with instructions direct from the British Government. England will use awary resource permitted by intersational law to protect its shipping. While the Admiralty believes that the use of neutral flags is necessary on certain occasions, criticism of this method of protection is already heard here. The Dally Express takes the lead in objecting to the Admiralty's plan. It calls the continue a "subterfuse" and its opinion is altered by other leading newspapers. They indores the statement of the Admiralty accessing the Germans of piracy because of their warning that neutral steps may suffer in the war sone fixed by the German Admiralty, but intimate the England will loss prestige if its shipping has to be protected by the flags of neutral to be annoted by the flags of neutral to the wars to be be assisted down timidity or an access to be has also down thindily or an access to be hearded down thindily or an access to be hearded down thindily or an access to be hearded down thindily or an access to the content of all the sear".

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contains for this propose. We retermine the selecting the month of February.
Fines totaled by.

MAN SHOOTS TEN GIRLS

Wealthy Farmer Mistakes Callers for Berenaders.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 8.-William Mc intosh, a wealthy farmer, was arrested n Lee County yesterday, charged with shooting and seriously wounding 10 oung women. A young daughter of McInton's had married and she and her husband were visiting at McIntosh's one. Late at night a crowd of young girls, friends of the bride, determined to ry her a surprise visit and take her some presents.

As the young wemen approached the McIntosh home, the father, awakened from a sound sleep, thought the sounds of laughter came from a crowd of serenaders. Mointoch demanded that the noise cease, but the young women, not dreaming that he m sunderstood the States with the facts in connection with gathering, pressed on. McIntoch then opened fire with a shotgun. He fired

NO ONE CAN LOSE IN CONTEST FOR **50 FREE TOURS**

Those Who Do Not Win Trips to Pacific Exposition Will Be Paid Amply in Money.

Did you know that the Evening LEDGER and the PUBLIC LEDGER are going to send 50 persons to the Panama-Pacific and Panma-California expositions at San Francisco and San Diego, respectively, next July? Did you know that the trip is to be absolutely free of charge to the tourists, that all arrangements for their comfort will be made for them by epresentatives of the two newspapers?

A large number of contestants know it. and they are working like beavers to get into the lucky 50. There is plenty of chame for you to get in and win, so why not do it. When you consider the popu-lation of this city, with its suburbs and amden and adjoining towns, all in the erritory covered by the two newspapers, ou will realize what a certunity there is to get subscriptions to

ubscriptions are delighted with the contest. One reason for this is that even those who do not get into the lucky 50 will be gald for their time and effort. The full newedealer's subscription commission will be paid on each subscription re-ceived from a contestant who does not win one of the free trips.

This means that you cannot lose in the contest, no matter what your showing. Such a coulest is something new to Philadelphia. You may join by sending in your name to the contest editor on the oupon provided for that purpose in the divertisement. If you want any infor-nation, call, write or telephone to him and he will supply it. Remember, this trip is to be absolutely free of charge, and 50 persons are to be sent. That gives every one a chance. Get into the contest

\$10.000 A YEAR MAN HELD

Former Bond Salesman Accused of Passing Bad Checks,

From an income of \$10,000 a year to rison is the story of Herbert S. Wilcox, a former bond salesman, who is in Moya-mensing Prison awaiting trial on a charge of passing bad checks on several hotels and business firms.

Aid to obtain he release on bail has been refused him by his father-in-law, H. G. Hallinger, 4400 Walnut street, who declared that Wilcox is "80 per cent. bad and 20 per cent. good." His daughter, Mrs. Wilcox, entered a suit for divorce last December, and the case now is pending. Wilcox was arrested in Trenton, N. J.

last week on a warrant sworn out by the management of the Bellevue-Strat-ford. It is alleged that Wilcox obtained \$50 from the hotel through a worthless check. The total amount he is said to have obtained is \$130.

For several months Wilcox's father-in-law had been attempting to capture him On one occasion, on January 2, said Mr. Hallinger, Wilcox jumped from an automobile going 25 miles an hour when he realized that Mr. Hallinger was taking nim to a police station.

"I feel sorry for him and don't think he ever did anything wrong before this," said Mr. Hallinger, "but I'm through with him and so is my daughter. He is an excellent bond salesman, I am told, but the trouble with him is that he will not work. His abuse of my daughter, which led to their separation, caused a scene between them in New York some time ago. He was arrested because he had a gun in his possession, but obtained his release when he showed that it was unloaded and that he carried the weapon to pawn it." who was born in England, mar-

ried Mr. Hallinger's daughter two years

ZIEGLER DEFENDS PHYSICIAN

Director Says Rules Forbid Removal of Dying Person to Hospital.

Director Ziegler, of the Department of Health and Charities, has made a state-nent defending the action of Dr. August Valentine, an interne at the Philadelhia General Hospital, who was censured by Coroner Knight for refusing to re-move a dying woman from her home to

he hospital. Director Ziegler said that the woman was found dying of Bright's disease and was feared that if she were taken out of the house her death would be hastened by the chill of the outside air. The Director declared the interne obeyed a rule of the hospital which forbids the removal of a dying person from a home. Coroner Knight said the rule should be

The woman for whom the ambulance was called to 31 South Darien street. last Tuesday, was Mrs. Mary Durkin, 50 years old. She died Wednesday morning.

BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL BANDITS

Several Suspects in Daring Train Robbery Reported Captured.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 8.—Several suspects in the dramatic hold-up last night of the "millionaires" limited" at Stuart were reported captured in that place today. Meantime posses with bloodbunds continued their search.

The men boarded the limited as she was

taking water at Stuart, and pointed suns abould be allowed to wear a corset until the contrary, peculiarly adapted to a failure water at Stuart, and pointed suns at several wealthy passengers on the rear platform, but fied after the front development, which is usually around they the mental interest in them we development, which is usually around they the mental interest in them we foot passengers and they had forced to a strained to open it and halt the train.

City Pays Company \$26,905.60

ENTOMBED 25 DAYS, EARTHQUAKE VICTIM DESCRIBES ORDEAL

Italian, Rescued From Ruins, Says He Munched Straw and Drank Snow Water in Fight for Life.

ROME, Feb. 8.-Michele Calolo, who was oscued from the earthquake ruins at Paterno yesterday after being enombed for 25 days, told his story today. Calolo, who is 30 years old, was brought here and placed in a hospital for treatment. Despite his experience, he is it fairly good physical condition and will

"I had resigned myself to death when I was rescued," said Calolo. "I never expected to get out alive. I was steeping when the earthquake came and the first thing I knew I was under the ruins of a One liness caused temporary fits of lelivium. When my hunger became so lense I could stand it no longer. I numbed the straw like a horse and found that it contained some nourishment, al-

though it was a sickening dist,
"The snow, which fell upon the ruins,
metted in the sunshine and I drank the
water by garments absorbed. The straw water by garments absorbed. The straw and the melted snow saved my life. At times I dreamed I was in the fields and the horror of my position came back with double force when I awoke."
Calolo lent 20 pounds and his hair has turned white. When rescued he did not even know what month it was.

CENSUS BEING TAKEN HERE

Federal Officials Seek Commercial Data in Philadelphia District.

Actual work of taking the commercial Actual work of taking the commercial census in and about Philadelphia was begun this morning by Federal officials under the supervision of John F. Daly. This section is called the Philadelphia Metropolitan District. An office force has been brought on from Washington, while a corps of 60 or 70 agents will collect data. It will take several months to water the commercial c make the census.

Some time age blanks were sent to all minufacturers, with the request that the danks be filled out and returned by Janumy 15 to the Census Bureau at Wash-ngton. Fallures to comply and inistakes n some of the answers necessitated the resent consus.

The census is taken every five years, during the general census in the years that are multiples of ten and in the years ending in five. It covers the calender year preceding, which in this case is from January 1 to December 31, 1914. The law makes it obligatory for manufacturers to furnish the census data. This includes the name of the establishment, name or names of the owner or owners, amount of capital invested, character of industry, what amount of the capital, if any, is borrowed; the average amount paid in salaries, expenditures for any given period and other details. The Census Bureau estimates there are between 15,000 and 16,000 manufacturing The census is taken every five years. between 15,000 and 16,000 manufacturing establishments in this district.

FOR SALE—TWO CHILDREN

'Emma" and "Jennie" on Market at \$1000 Each.

DETROIT, Feb. 8-"For sale, two American children, because their father s not an American and cannot get a job o protect them." This is the sign in big clack letters that was nailed to a fence pear the Associated Charities Building in this city.
"Yes, we will sell Emma, 18 months old.

and Jennie, 2 years, for \$1000 apiece," said Mrs. Andrew F. Yuhasz, mother of the children. "We paid \$2000 down on a home and still owe \$1800, which we wish to pay off, and my husband has been without work for four months, and he said we hould sell the children and pay our

Arsenal Workers' Protest Recorded The protests forwarded to the Govern-ment at Washington by the employes of the Frankford Arsenal against the elimimation of premium payments was placed in the Congressional Record by Representative J. Hampton Moore. The protest was signed by Joseph B. Moss. Harry G. Penn and John Jersberger. It declared that the premium system had been started for the congress are and that its elimination. ve years ago and that its elimination neant a lo s of \$44.072 annually to the em-loyes. The protest also called on the congressmen from Philadelphia to fight for restoration of the system.



Of Camden, N. J., who died today, the 50th anniversary of his marriage.

DIES ON GOLDEN WEDDING DAY William Butcher Succumbs During

Preparations for Festivity. William Butcher, a veteran of the Civil stable. The straw made a bed for me and the beams had fairer in such a way that I had room to move my body.

"First the penge of starvation and then of his wedding. Funeral arrangements were substituted for a happy celebration Mr. Butcher and his wife had been planning for tonight. Mr. Butcher was 60 years old and was

Mr. Butcher was 60 years old and was a lifelong resident of Camden. After the war he opened a shoe shop which later developed into one of the large industries of that city. The funeral will be held from his late home. 1225 Broadway. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery. The shoe manufacturer, who is survived by his widow, was a member of many fraternal organization and was noted for his philamthropic work.

He was a 32d degree Mason, a member of Post 37, Camden G. A. R., Lo Lu Temple and other secret and fraternal asso-

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AUSTRIAN TROOPS FIRE ON RUMANIANS TO FORCE PASSAGE

Alleged Violation of Neutrality in Attacking Army May Plunge Another Nation Into War.

PARIS, Feb. 8.-Austrian troops are reported to have violated Rumanian neutrality by attempting to force a passage across Rumanian territory in the Danube valley, 20 miles east of the Iron Gate A dispatch to the Journal states that fighting followed in which the Austrians were put to flight. This incident is expected to have a powerful bearing upon Rumania's future intentions regarding its entrance into the war.

The Journal correspondent says that the Austrians opened fire on the Rumanian guards near Turnu Severin, but that the Rumanian forces, being reinforced, drove back the Austrians, who took their wounded with them. Turnu Severin is on a line running m Temesyan to Bucharest, and Aus-

trian troops have been operating in that district, then occupy strategic territory whoch would prevent Russia from sending troops to reinforce the Servians

DIES AFTER OPERATION

The Rev. Dr. Hugh C. McBride Victim of Appendicitis. The Rev. Dr. Hugh Charles McBride,

pastor of the Dieston Memorial Presby-terian Church, died in the Frankford Hospital today following an operation for appital today following an operation for ap-pendicitis. He was removed to his resi-dence, adjoining the church, shortly after his death. He will lie in state in the church until late tonight. This aftermoon services were conducted at the church by the Rev. Hugh Morrisson, pastor of the Central North Broad Street Presbyterian hurch, assisted by the Rev. Doctor Al lan, both of whom were classmates of Doctor McBride. The body will be removed to Wilmington for burial tomor

was a graduate of the 1909 class of Prince-ton Theological Seminary. He is sur-vived by a wife and two children.

GIRLS, DON'T WEAR CORSETS UNLESS YOU'RE EIGHTEEN

Physical Education Expert Also Urges Sanity in Wearing of Proper Shoes and the Taking of Exercise. Favors Old-fashioned Sports.

hould be permitted to wear corsets. Nor should she be allowed to encase er feet in the ultra modern shoes with their high French heels that make walking a torture instead of healthful exer-

Neither should she take the advice of one Thomas Edison regarding a literal 40 winks. Nine hours' sleep are not too much for any growing girl or woman. Eight hours are positively essential.

These are but a few hits of advice laid down by William A. Stecher, under whose supervising eye the physical education of thousands of public school girls passes, which, if carried out, would be esponsible for a type of American womanhood that would make the muchvaunted ancient Greek ideal look sorry in comparison

"The modern fashion of wearing clothes loose is an eminently same one," says Mr. Stecher, "and I feel sure, though I have no statistics, that the number of girls who do foolish things in imitation of their elders, like lacing themselves with stays, is infinitely smaller today than it was some years ago. However, no girl should be allowed to wear a corest until doesn't matter much, because she has given her body a chance.

"The modern girl can't walk as much and bob-sledding which some conservaas she ought to," he continued, "because of the shoes that are new on the market. I hear that it is remity difficult to buy a seminible shoe on account of the fad. Stocher believes. "The modern girl can't walk as much

No girl under the age of 17 or 18 years | for French heels and pointed toes, but it seems to me if women made an insistent demand for same shoes the shopkeepers would pretty moon supply them. "Five miles a day is not too much for

any woman to walk, and yet I doubt if under modern economic conditions she could spare the time to give to this exercise. It takes the average woman one and one-half hours to walk that distance, and where is the woman who can spare

"The fact is we've got the street-car habit bad, and think nothing of hopping on a car to go a distance of \$ or \$ blocks. What have we gained thereby? A minute, perhaps. And what do we do with that minute after we've saved it? Waste it, probably."

The day of strengous athletes for

The day of strenuous athletics for The day of strenuous athletics for women, when in the first flush of the discovery that exercise was really beneficial to the so-called weaker sex instructors were spt to put women through the same rigorous symnastics as men, is fortunately passed, according to Mr. Stecher, and we have now arrived at a more rational sra. "Athletics for men and women were "the strength of the stre

"Athletics for men and women were never meant to be conducted along the same lines," he said, "although there are many games and exercises, such as run-ning, swimming, hockey, golf, tennis and dancing that are common to both. Games like football and those which involve the principles of fighting and striking are, on the contrary, peculiarly adapted to boys. Girls were not built for them, nor have they the mental interest in them which is a pressure of the contraction of the contraction. away from heredity, even in physical education."

The good old-fashloned jumping rops



Former Orderly of Tuckahoe Institution Says Children Were Tortured and Beaten for Small Misdeeds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 .- The number of nmates of the German Odd Fellows' Home at Tuckahoe, near Yonkers, said to have been put to death was increased to Il today. Coroner Dunn received a letter from a former orderly in the home, who wrote that two months ago an aged couple and a small child were poisoned because they were in the way."

The orderly gave the names of these three persons and Chief of Police Wolff, of Yonkers, will question him in the hope of obtaining additional information. The orderly stated that when the institution was located at Unionport poisons such as arsenic and morphine were used to "do away with aged persons who had become too great a care for lazy attendants," but that chloroform was substiinted after the home was moved to Tuck-

In his letter the orderly declared that he could furnish information which would not only corroborate the charges made by Frederick Mors, the orderly now un-der detention in the psychopathic ward at Hellevus Hospital, whose confession to Assistant District Attorney Murphy started the investigation, but would also substantiate the charges that children in the annex to the home were tortured by the matrons.

He said one method of torture was to bind a child's hand behind his back until confession of some misdeed was forced from him. Then, guilty or not, the child was beaten

Coroner Dunn is investigating a report current among inmates of the home that poisoned inmates were buried alive, havng been rendered unconscious by poison

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 8.—It was decided today to have Frederick Mors, the orderly who confessed to poisoning eight aged persons in the German Odd Fellows' Home, brought to White Plains a warrant charging homicide

RUDE RAT RIDICULED

Suffragettes Sedately Smile and Scorn to Scatter.

The Arlmore suffragottes in meeting sat.

And heard a speaker in their cause reloice
No sound disturbed the high arched hall bu co sound disturbed the high arched hall but that
Made by the music of the speaker's voice.
Whiskered rat of evil, Jocose mien
Peeped out and found the gathering tee mild.
With stealthy tread he walked upon the scene.
Whereat the ladles, yawning somewhat—
smiled.

Another old and honored yarn that all have heard has gone before, another libel on the girls has been destroyed forevermore; behold, it has been killed for good by modern woman shattered flat, no longer do the ladies fear-they've proven it-the festive rat.

The suffragettes were gathered in a hall at Ardmore town, the speaker was a lady of some suffragist renown; the arguments of antis she was calmly knocking down when the rodent walked sedately on the stage. One could see anticipation gleaning in his ratty eyes; one could see this whiskered rodent thought him-self unduly wise. When he first stepped forth, but later this gave way to pained surprise, and his ratship's little eyes were filled with rage.

Some one siggled very softly, some one chuckled full of slee, 'till the rat he got so angry that he found it hard to see; some one laughed in sweet cadence, showng feminine delight and the gat who'd

ventured boldly turned and saved him-self by flight. Take the old, old story gently, of the woman's fear of rats; let it rest in peace forever with the jokes about her hats. Shed a tear and do some sighing as you shed a tear and as some signing as you lower it away; it has given years of service, but it's growing old and gray.

And let it be flung to the whole wide earth on wings of the wind that rages wild, that a rat stepped forth who was seeking mirth and that Ardmore's women only smiled.

90 NEW DETECTIVES

Special Policemen Ordered to Work With City Hall Force.

Ninety special policemen attached to various police stations reported to Cap-tain of Detectives Cameron, at City Hall, today, for instructions. Hernafter they will work as part of the City Hall detective force, which is thus increased from

Efforts to prevent crime in this city will be redoubled under the plan worked out by Director Porter and Superintendent of Police Robinson. Squads of detectives will be formed to work on various types of crime. Men will be statoned at all railroad terminals to head off criminals coming to the city.

Policemen will be instructed to enforce the ordinances against corner

Four robberies and an attempted hold-up in widely separated parts of Camden kept police and detectives on the jump this morning and last night. Mrs. J. B. Holcomb, 532 West street, was attacked by a man near her home, who tried to snatch her bag. She was able to fight herself free. Burglars managed to get away with some clothing from the home of Fatrick Carr. a hotelkeeper, of 7th street and Kaighn avenue. A gas slot meter was robbed at the home of Joseph Rumple, 1275 Lemon street, and quantities of tobacco, cigars and change were taken Four robberies and an attempted hold-

THIEVES ACTIVE IN CAMDEN

of tobacco, cigars and change were taken from the stores of Harry Blumenthal, 861 Sycamore street, and Isadore Zeman, 1991 Mt. Ephralm avenue.

MONGOLIAN STRIKES ROCK

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The Alian Line steamship Mongolian, which left this port last week, arrived at St. John's, N. P., today, with her forehold full of water. The vessel struck a rock at the entrance of the harbor, tearing a large hole in her how. It is expected that the cargo will have to be discharged before repairs can be made.

For many years the Mongolian has been engaged in the Glasgow-Philadelphia trade. She is a vessel of 3685 tons. Captain Hatherly is in command.

New PIANO \$5 Cash \$5 Monthly 1129 CHESTNUT ST.

EXPORT TRADE WELL IN HAND

No Congestion Here, Marine Men Say, Because Ships Are Available. There is no congestion of export freights at this port, custom officials and shippers said today. According to the report

emanating from Washington the ports of New York, Baltimore and Norfolk are overwhelmed with merchandise consigned to foreign countries. All are held up beause of the scarcity of ships to take them out-

Millions of bushels of wheat are held here awaiting ships, but there is no congestion. The port has been extremely fortunate in having ships destined for it to arrive as scheduled. Every effort is made to facilitate their quick dispatch. The longshoremen's strike of a week ago threatened a tle-up, but this condition was quickly remedled. Vessels are moving in and out freely. All are leaving with capacity cargoes

"SEDIMENT BASIN" TO REDUCE DANGER OF WATER FAMINE

Bids to Be Opened Tomorrow for Addition to Torresdale Plant—Capacity Is 100,000,000 Gallons.

Bids for the 100,000.000-gallon sedimentation basin for the Torresdale filtration plant, estimated to cost approximately \$400,000, will be opened tomorrow by Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works.

Although the \$30.000,000 filtration plant constructed at Torresdale was declared less than 10 years ago to be adequate for at least a half century to meet all needs for which it was designed, it is aiready unable to clear the turbidity of the Delaware River water.

At the time of the construction of the plant it was contended that a sedimentation basin was unnecessary for settlement of solids in the water before it entered the sand filters. Sedimentation basins were, however, constructed at the plants along the Schuylkill River, John W. Hill, the engineer who drew the plans for the Torresdale plant, said before Councils and Mayor Ashbridge,

"This plant, with the three other plants now built or provided for, will meet the demands of Philadelphia for 50 years." Daniel J. McNichol and James P. McNichol, contractors, made similar assertions before the courts when fighting to contract the city to pay a claim of almost compel the city to pay a claim of almost \$1,000,000. claimed to as due them on the filtration plant contracts.

Chief Davis explained that ever since the plant had been erected its operation had been necessarily forced to meet consumntion. He said:

umption. He said: "The plant has never reached its promised capacity of 300,000,000 gallons. The best we can do now is 180,000,000, and the best we have ever been able to do

was 200,000,000. Queen Lane produces 70,000,000 gallons, Belmont 40,000,000, Rox-borough 20,000,000, so we have a full daily supply of 310,000,000 gallons, whereas Torresdale alone was originally planned for a full 300,000,000 gallons.
"We need a new and larger plant with "We need a new and larger plant with "We need a new and larger plant with a greater capacity than our combined present plants, entirely independent of the present system, so that in event of accident we would not face a water famine. If anything happened today to our system we would have nothing to fall back upon."

fall back upon."

Mr. Davis showed a report on the water situation recently made by F. Herbert Snow, an expert, formerly chief engineer of the State Public Service Commission of the State and for two years chief engineer of the State Department of Health, commending the plan to build the basin. Mr. Davis produced figures to show that from 307,000.000 gallons of water passing through the three stations March 3, of last year, 2560 tons of mud

were removed. Legal Aid Society Helps 3800 More than 3800 cases were handled by the Legal Aid Society last year, said Louis W. Rokey in speaking of the work of the association before the Episcopal clergy in the Parish House, 12th and Walnut streets, today. Mr. Rokey told of the free work the organization is doing to give those too poor to pay the best legal advice possible.

LETTER'S **Best Coal**

Egg \$7, Stove \$7.25, Chestnut \$7.50 Large Round Pea Coal, \$5.50 Largest Coal Yard in Philadelphia OWEN LETTER'S SONS Trenton Ave. & Westmoreland St.

SHIP NEWS

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today Str. Amelco, Sabine, crude oil, W. P. Rate Persian, Jacksonville, etc. Persianana marchandise, Merchant and Minery Trees

ortation Company, Str. Lexington, Boston, passengers and handles, Merchant and Miners Transpersion ompany, Str. Sardinian (Er.), Glasgow, etc., menna Steamships to Arrive PASSENGER. FREIGHT. anchester Miller

Steamships to Leave

PASSENGER. FREIGHT, . Rotterdam . Manchester

PORT OF NEW YORK

Steamships Due Today From.
Rotterdam
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Rotterdam
Rosterdam
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FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS Inquiry for full cargo transatlants common continues to virculate in the markets, si tonnage offering sparingly. Scarcity of the markets business and holds the name of the continue of the co

STEAMSHIPS. Benhouther (Br.), Atlantic range to volume oast Italy, grain, 24,000 quarters, 10s. 44. chruary. Chiverstone (Br.), Gulf to west coast lab. ain, 20,000 quarters, 10s. 9d., February. grain, 20,000 quarters, 10s, 8s., 10s, 10s., 20s., March.
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