THE THEATRE

UNDERGO OPERATIONS

Ellen Terry and Sarah Bernhardt Doing Well.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Two of the most famous actresses on the stage today, Sarah Pernhardt and Ellen Terry, are on The Opera the road to recovery from operations which they were forced to undergo.

At Bordeaux, France, the French actress is making good progress, following the amputation of her right leg, and the physicians report her condition "very

In this city, the English actress was forced to have entaracts removed from her eyes. The operation was entirely successful and she not only will not lose her sight, but will recover more quickly than usual in such cases. Her only regret is that the operation has interfered with her knitting work for the soldiers.

Cecil Chesterton on "Socialism"

Marxian socialists are becoming scarce in England, according to Cecil Chesterton, brother of Gilbert K. Chesterton, who says the English followers of socialism favor the theory that capitalism is responsible for its employes or dealer sponsible for its employes or desire a more just distribution of property. The distinguished publisher spoke on "Social-ism and the Servile State" last night at the Bellevue-Stratford. The lecture was largely attended. The proceeds are to be given to the Summer Home for Pool

brother Oliver, is going to try her subtle humors on vaudeville.

"Alone at Last" is to be produced a

last. The operatta by Lehar, which has been promised for about four years, is

to be staged for George MacFarlane, with

a new book and a new title, both by Jo-

One pleasant result of the war is the

return from Berlin of Madge Lessing, who has confined her charms too long to

"The Wild Duck" is not to be-just yet. Edith Wynne Matthison will make her first appearance at the Little Tacatre March 8 in "The Piper," Josephine Preston Peabody's prize play which the

New Theatre once produced with Miss

Winter Garden Ethic Note

"Morality is a question of conduct, not cuticle."—The Chicago Tribune.

ADVLETTI - Feg o' My Heart," with an ex-cellent cast, Harriev Manners' popular and pair comedy of the impetuous young Irish girl and what she does to a sedate English

Vaudeville

in The Variable of the wirest musicians. WHILIAM PENN-Hoyt's "A Dream of the WHILIAM PENN-Hoyt's "A Dream of the origin," with Mne, Makarenko and commany, Eddle Carr and commany, in "The New Office Boy"; June McCrea's "Coontown Divorcons," with Vausan Comfort and John Varya Ureen, song writer Hallon and

Hunter, box, arr and violit, every—Harry Joi-tovelty artists.

HOSS KEYS (first half of week)—Harry Joi-son, blackface comedian; the Five Musical MacLarens, Heward, Lone and commany, in "The Green Mone" in Brooklyn Comedy Four. 'A Night in the Alms," and the Three Melvin Brothers, aerobata.

RECITALS BY BLIND ORGANIST

Feature of Bazaar for Stetson Hos-

pital's Benefit.

used in the hospital were sold at the bazaar and the proceeds will be given to

Stole Store Fixtures, Police Say

William McCoy was held in \$500 hall to-day for further hearing Wednesday on the charge of stealing brass fixtures and

lead pipes from the vacant store of Harry Hornberger, northwest corner of Hancock and Berks streets. McCoy said he lived

WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT

Transit mass-meeting. Academy of Music; o'clock. Free. Zouaves. Independence Hall;

Bryn Mawe Pire Company, Bryn clock. Bridge Committee. Hotel & H. Colock.

Pal dinner. Botel Adetphia: 7 s'clock. of Pharmacy dinner. Botel Adelphia:

day revival, tabernada, 19th and Vine at 7:40 Colock, Free, spiton to Billy Sunday. Pen and Pencil

o'cliche t and 40th Streets Business Men. V and Atract, & o'clock. Fire, y Medical Society. College of Physical Action Ladlow streets; 8 o'clock.

the hospital.

at 2145 N. Hope street.

Harry Preen, song writer, Hallen and boy, girl and violin; Espey and Paul

THEATRICAL

BAEDEKER

Teutonic appreciation.

Matthison in the title part,

GERTRUDE BARNES At the Lyric in "Dancing Around."

Votes for Actors

To vote or not to vote, that is the quesfion that more or less agitates the actor. Allying himself with the Travelers' Good Government Association, which is primarily an organization of traveling salesmen-he is campaigning in California and Oregon for a law by which he will no longer be a man without a country.

Those migratory birds, the actors and These migratory birds, the actors and drummers, have very little chance nowalays to remain citizens for any length of time. The player is a good deal the werse off, for his route is absolutely frombound. He can't "jump back home" for election day or arrange his "country" to bring him within striking distance of the polling booth. The cally solution in general seems to be indulging in a two-year run on Broadway, by which time the actor would become a legal resident. No thespian but would go to such lengths No thespian but would go to such lengths for the sake of his country.

There are States, however, where the

actor can vote on tour, and it is a similar law to that in Arizona, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wisconsin which is being pushed in California and Oregon just now. In those States an absent voers' act permits any citizen to vote "in any district in which he happens to be on election day upon presentation of a certificate of identification from the election judges or county clerk of his own

Shaw All Over the World

Philadelphia is not the only city that enjoys a liberal supply of Bernard Shaw's plays. Perhaps we hold the record, with "Pysmallon" amusing numerous audiences at the Broad, and the Little Theatre ust through with a fortnight of him. But London and Boston have just made excursions into the Shavian realms.

A good many people have been wonder-ing what would be England's reception of a play by Shaw after his trenchant analysis of the case for Britain in his brilliant "Common Sense About the War." Instead of fighting shy of a "show down" and letting time heal wounds, Granville Barker's London company has plunged in h a revival of "Fanny's First Play." a critics who used to abuse Shaw for lugging public questions and the life about him into criticisms fairly ooze war-bred thoughts on what a bad patriot the playwright is. Even the easy and forebearing Mr. Walkley, of the Times, is out with hot-and ludicrous-shot:

the strangest by-products of long peace. un of travestied facts and loosided judgments then agreeably stimulated sianguld world. This, in Johnson's phrase was milking the bull, and was all the better fun for the spectator from Shaw's onately declared faith that his bull was really a cow. But today we have to be at grips with facts. If we want the milk of truth we must go to the right animal for it or perish, and the fact is that we shall not get it from 'Fanny's First Play."

Meantime Boston is seeing Gertrude Kingston, founder of the Little Theatre in London, giving what the Transcript thinks most excellent performances of "Overruled" and "The Great Catherine." The former is a sprightly set of dialogues between two batches of married couples, a which the husbands and wives make love to wives and husbands that are not their own. The racy performance of Miss Kingston and Lumsden Hare seems to have been capable of making "The Great Catherine" something besides the com-menplace knockabout farce which it seemed when reprinted in Everybody's Managing

Mostly Personal

By a curious accident the two actresses to have played June in "The Trail of Texas. Charlotte Walker, wife of author, came from San Antonio; Isa-Lowe, who plays the part at the Walnut, was an amateur actress in Dal-Mage. In 1911-12 she had the leading part The Dawn of a Tomorrow." Since she has played the popular theatres

Frank Mills might say, "And the villian still pursues me," except that he may sell entirely friendly toward Porter Emreon Browne. The play at the Garrick is not the first by Mr. Browne in which is Mills has appeared. In "A Fool There that he played one of the few pleasant aria. Mr. Mills has also supported Mrs. Plake, Olsa Nethersole, Hir Herbert BeerJohn Tree, Mary Mannering, Eleanor Robson and James K. Hackett.

Tom Wise has an old gray suit. Or alber he did have it. But Mrs. Wise struck the other day and said things best it. She implied that she would like to deposit it in the ash barre! etter than that," said the wide actor

sumpostaly. "Let's jam it lote a large lacking case and send it to five Hei-glans."

News Notes One of Broadway's managers has found a flor town where he thinks nobody east if the Rockies can hear anything about 12 "try-outs" He is A. H. Woods. The lites is Les Angeles. The play will be a K. Thomas "Montmarte," next mobile.

illos Herford, the lady mor



Yesterday was particularly rich in mu-sical goods for this city. In the afternoon an audience which overflowed to the plat-form heard Fritz Kreisler for the last time this year. In the evening the Met-ropolitan was filled with those who came to hear the latest operatic novelty. Um-berto Giordano's "Madame Sans-Gene."

Professor Higgins in Shaw's "Pygmslion" is that the former treats a flower girl as if she were a duchess and the latter treats a duchess as if she were a flower girl. Substitute "washerwoman" for "flower girl" and you have the essence of "Mme. Sans-Gene" as it was when Sardon wrote it for Rejane, as it became in "The Duchess of Dantzig," a musical comedy of some seasons ago, and as it was revitalized just music by Geraldine. was revitalized last night by Geraldine Farrar, Pasquale Amato and Arturo Tos-canini. For these artists, and not Giordeno, make the opera what it is. The part of Giordano is simply to provide adequate excuse for the exercise of their

adequate excuse for the exercise of their talents.

It is a disappointing score throughout, considering what might have been done, but it is a good light opera score, none the less. If Maestro Giordano intended grand opera he needed to have given character to his music, to have seen that his lieutenents did not speak the same language as his tailors, his laundresses as his duchesses. Of musical characterization there is not a whit. Nor is there the beautiful lyric outburst, the sweet and swelling line of passionate declamation, the swiftly moving dramain-music which can create an epoch and immortalize the greatest drama of modern history, which is the French Revolution. Maugre the "Ca tra," the "Carmagnole" and the "Marseillaise" the composer has not caught the spirit of his time. Cry "Les aristocrats à la lanterne!" and if the music does no more than echo the songs of the past the guillotine will be empty of heads.

But if one takes the score as it should be considered, that of a light opera which strayed by force of circumstance which strayed by force of circumstance.

be considered, that of a light opera which strayed by force of circumstance which strayed by force of circumstance into the grander atmosphere of the Metropolitan, it is a cheerful, bright, joyous work, admirably suited to its text, full of charming bits, infused with an ease of feeling and of utterance which are really notable. There is the music of the trio of old servants in the second act, the sarcastic, subdued hum of the orchestra in the same act when the great ladies are preparing to snub the Duchess and the snapping, flery outbursts of the Duchess when she farows the past into the faces of the snobs of the new regime. The lyric passages are also in this veln, particularly "Questa tua bocca profumata e pura," where so much could be done by a master and where so much was scually done by a journeyman. It is the sentimental sons Journeyman. It is the sentimental song of the second act of any comic opera. In the end it was Sardon who triumphed, thanks especially to Miss Farrar. The part is by far the most obvious thing she has done; it is precisely right for the music and the drama she was in.

Her wit and her grace, her shy re-serve and impetuous love and, above all. her triumphant vulgar joy in everything this wide world affords were delightful to see. She remembered, what some of her critics have forgotten, that when Mme. Sans-Gene became a duchess she re-mained a woman, albeit not a washerwoman. Mr. Amato's Napoleon, a fretful jealous, pompous and somewhat corpu-lent person, with short, nervous legs, was an amusing characterization. Mr. Marti-nelli was the good Lefebvre, and, al-though he was inclined to shout, he was pleasing enough. The rest of the com-pany was satisfactory. The settings were in the Metropolitan's own perfection of mediocrity. The opera was well received To some of those who come to talk through the opera, it must have been a surprise to find something they really en

Mr. Kreisler's Recital

girl and what she does to a sedate English (1994). The control of memory to us. With each hearing Mr. Kreisler seems to push farther and far-ther back the curtain behind which the secret of music is hidden. And it is cause the secret always remains that his art is so totally, so heartly good.

Tax Payments by Check So Noted Payments of real estate taxes made by check will hereafter be so designated on the tax receipts. Receiver of Taxes Ken, drick declares this action has been Vaudeville

NEITH'S-Mrs. Lealie Carter in "Zaza": Wee Georste Wood, comedian: Bickel and Watson, the well-known team: Okabe Jara, symnasis: E Morion cemedian; Lyons and You'ca, missicians: Hazel Cox in sense; Moore and Young, dancers; Cole and Denahy and Yeard: Selix rictures.

NAON'S GRAND-William J. Deeley in "The Jawr Party" McMahon, Diamond and Chanlow, in "The Scarcrow". Devine and Williams. In "The Scarcrow": Devine and Hole-Female Drummer! Norcross and Holes-Female Drummer! Norcross and Holes-Worth, the old cronlest' Mus. Risita and cominary. In "The Arrival Drummer Weems. Comedian, and lauking nictures.

GLOJ-Tim McMahon and Edith Channelle, in How Hubby Missed the Train": Fletcher You'con and Nina Payne, singing and dancing; Bessie and Harriet Rempel. in "When We Grow In" May Melville, dialect comedienne. Craig and Williams, comedians; Will Morris, in The Varashond": Pesse and Termini, present musicians. deemed necessary because receipts have been obtained from the tax offices many cases by payments with checks which afterward have been returned on account of lack of funds in bank designating on the tax receipt that the payment was made by check is for the information of mortgage holders and real estate operators.

Will Describe Grand Canyon

The scenery of the Grand Canyon dis-tricts will be described by Prof. Douglas W. Johnson, of Columbia University, in a lecture at Griffith Hall, 1421 Chestaut street, tonight. This will be the fourth lecture given by Professor Johnson, un-der the auspices of the University Extension Society, on the interpretation of American scenery. These lectures are analytical, and present the characteristic scenery in different parts of the country in a new light.

Real Estate Men Will Go to Coast Many members of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board have signified their inten-tion of attending the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges, which will be held in Los Angeles, Cal., from June 21 to 24 inclusive. James C. Simpson has been assigned by the local board to make Adam Geibel, the blind organist, gave recitals at the bazaar and donation day, which was held today for the benefit of which was held today for the benefit of the Stetson Hospital. The affair was in the Stetson Auditorium, ith street and Montgomery avenue.

Mr. Gelbel's recitals took place during funcheon, from 11:30 to 1:30. He also will play during the supper hour, from 5:30 to 6:30. Contributions which cannot be arrangements for the transportation of the delegates who expect to leave here on the afternoon of June 15.

Lecture on Current Events Miss Janet E. Richards, of Washington, D. C., tectured on current events at Association Hall, Germantown, today. She gave a resume of present-day world politica and entered at length into a discussion of the difficulties and dangers of the present international shipping ques-

U. S. Civil Service Tests United States Civil Service examinaoffice Building. Both men and women competed for positions as laboratory help-ers. Men are allowed in competition for places as biological assistants and as hull draftsmen. The salary of a hull drafts-man is \$1800 a year. Examinations for the post will continue tomorrow.

U. of P. Men Form Peace League To promote interest in the advancement of peace students at the University of Pennsylvania have formed the "Uni-versity Peace League." Organization was effected last night when the following officers were elected: Freeldent, Orrin E. Boyle, 'If; vice president, Wallace G. Arnold, Law, 'If; secretary, Waldo Miller, Law, '17; treasurer, Donald G. Jones,

Roosevelt Denied Hearing WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 - Theodore Roosevelt has been finally dented a hearing on the Colombian treaty by the Sonatz Foreign Rolations Committee Sanator Stone, chairman of the committee, has notified him that it "will not be practicaties" for the committee to hold any marries on this treaty

FRANKFORD'S HIGH SCHOOL JUBILEE

Cornerstone of \$700,000 Building Will Be Laid on Saturday Afternoon.

Frankford's successful fight for a modern high school will be celebrated on Saturday afternoon when a corneratone is laid for a \$700,000 building that will accommodate 1200 boys and girls.

Exercises that will in all probability atract many hundreds of spectators resid ng in that section of the city will mark the attainment of a goal for which parents and civic associations have been ishting for a decade. Because of the possibility of unfavorable weather the formal ceremonies will be held in the parish house of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, Frankford avenue, be-

low Sellers street.

The exercises will begin there at 2 o'clock. Subsequently a procession will be held from the church house to the site of the new structure at Oxford avenue and Wakeling street.

The cornerators will be laid by Frank-

lin Smedley, a member of the Board of Education, whose activities in that body were largely responsible for the authorisation of the project. William T. Til-den, chairman of the Property Committee of the School Board, which supervised the planning of the edifice, will deliver an address, as well as Franklin Spencer Edmonds, a preminent attorney and educator

cator.

Renditions by the various musical organizations of the Frankford annex of the Boys' Central High School, which stands on the site to be occupied by the new school, will be a part of the program

The Fathers' Association, under whose auspices the exercises will be held, is agitating the election of George Alvin to the principalship of the new

Mr. Snook is head of the annex, and is as well known among residents of Frankford as he is in the world of educators. The contract for the erection of the school building requires that it be completed next September.

PROBE OF BAD ODORS IN WATER ADVOCATED

Chief Davis, of City Bureau, Would Investigate Deposits in Schuylkill.

Chief Carleton E. Davis, of the Bureau of Water, advocates a thorough investigation of deposits of culm and coal in the Schuylkill River, which are declared to be responsible for unpleasant odors and tastes in Philadelphia's water supply. The coal deposits affecting the taste and

odor of the water in the stream are declared by Chief Davis to be in the bed of both the cust and west branches of the Schuylkill, about 90 miles above Phila-Director Cooke, of the Department of

Public Works, may act on the suggestion of Chief Davis and request Councils to make an appropriation for investigation f the stream

ough objectionable, are declared to be harmless from a disease standpoint. The filtration system of the city, although taxed to its utmost, mainly because of water waste, is efficiently purging the water waste, is eliciently purging the water of disease basteria, as shown by the remarkable decrease in typhoid fever in Philadelphia last year, when the number of cases was the smallest for any single year in the last decade.

Mr. Kreisler's Recital

Little can be added to the words which have already appeared in these columns tacking the source of the trouble. He concerning Mr. Kreisler. Yesterday he played for the last time this season. It means then that for perhaps six months lesser artists than he will strive to do what he has done, and will recall only his Philadelphia in installing its filtration

WEATHER PROPHETS LAUGH

At Last They Come Into Their Own After Record Day.

After just one week of the most pleasant February weather which ever induced the people of a city to say, "Well, this can't last long," the prophets came into their own today. Seven days of balmy weather of the variety that customarily ushers in the baseball season, gave way to a numid, oppressive atmosphere that will materially lessen Philadelphia's

'The thermometer registered 52 at 8 o'clock this morning. This is not remark-ably high, as February temperatures go. but the amount of moisture in the air made this weather oppressive. A slight drizzle of rain fell almost continuously, with now and then a heavy downpour, which switched and drove like an autumn shower. The warm weather and the rain are expected to continue today. One record was made by yesterday's

temperature. It reached the highest point on a February 23 for 41 years, At 8 p. m. the mercury was at 63 degrees, 17 degrees higher than a February day usually when it is playing true to form In 1874 the corresponding day's tempera ture was 75 degrees, a record which seems about as safe in climatic performances as the time for the 190-yard dash in track

"Movie" Men to Fight Censorship Motion picture manufacturers and exhibitors from every part of Pennsylvania and a number of other States will be present at a free biograph entertainment at the Forrest Theatre on Friday afternoon, when a campaign will be opened for the revision of the censorship laws of this State.

of this State. The affair, which is termed a "real motion picture show," will be given under the auspices of the Motion Picture Exhibition League of Pennsylvania. Mem-bers of this association and others in-terested in the business contend that the existing consorship laws are unfair and that State censorship in particular is useless. Among the speakers at the affair will be W. Stephens Bush, of New York; William Binder, also of New York and a member of the National Board of Censorship, and Samuel F. Wheeler, of

Wilmington Employment Bureau WILMINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Today the new employment bureau established by a com-mittee composed of the members of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington Ministerial Union, the Socialist Union and the Central Labor Union, which was opened yesterday, got down to active operations. A large number of men registered as seeking employment, and the cards filled out for them will be kept on file for the inspection of employers. Five hundred men have called at the bureau, but not all of them have registered their names.

Wedding to Follow Divorce Two hours after a divorce was granted to Mrs. Marsaret F. Drinkhouse from her husband. Howard S. Drinkhouse, Mrs. Blanche Lowenstein, who was named as corespondent in the suit. notified the former Mrs. Drinkhouse that she and Mr. Drinkhouse were to be massied next summer. The divorce was granted posterday.

THE PHOTOPLAY



Prettiest girl of the Kalem film stars.

Questions and Answers

The Photoplay Editor of the Even-ING LEDGER will be pleased to answer questions relating to his department. Queries will not be answered by letter. All letters must be addressed to Photoplay Editor, Evening Langer.

The next subject in which the Famous Players Film Company will present Marguerite Clark will be the comedy-drama. "Gretna Green," by Grace Livingston Furniss, now in the course of production.

The play is set in the picturesque period of the early nineteenth century, when romantic elopements to Gretna Green, a lovers' haven in the north of England, added a dash of excitement to many true love matches, when hearts reigned over the marts of commerce before the prose of business usurped the poetry of romance in Old England.

Miss Clark will portray the character of Dolly Erskine, a little English belle and

a bit of a flirt, but loyal to her friends and

A Handcuffed Star

During the production of "A Gentleman of Leisure," the picturization of the play of the same name, which is to be presented on the screen by Jesse L. Lasky, an incident occurred which gave rise to much laughter among the members of the company. At one point of the action it became necessary to handcuff Wallace Edinger, the star, and Billy Elmer, who plays the role of the burglar. The keys were given to the property man for safe keeping, and a few minutes later he hustled off to town and took the keys with him by mistake. The keys were not missed until lunch time, and then the two actors had to be fed by friends! Moreover, the company was unable to take any further scenes until late in the afternoon, when "props" returned.

An Honor Refused

William Wadsworth, "Waddy," of the Edison comedies, is a patient and forbearing man. He has been godfather by mail to innumerable bables-run a sort of male order business in a way-has loaned his name to a host of new born fans until he fears he will have to change it, it being much the worse for wear, but he feels he must, without any undue sour-dealing the honor offered by a cer-

tain manufacturer of pickles in Charleston, S. C., who writes for permission to name a new pickle after him

A Baby Actor

Lubin has had many young actors in plays. The record so far, however, must go to David Everett Wills, who has a most sympathetic role in one of the forthcoming Lubin plays. David is ex-actly two weeks old. When the camera began clicking off, the young actor lifted roofward two small feet and looked raight into the camera and smiled The result was one of the prettiest baby

pictures ever taken by a Lubin photog-Ethel Clayton played opposite the young star.

Odds and Ends

Second Deputy Commissioner Lord, Inspector Faurot and Lleutenant Thurston. of the New York Detective Bureau, all took part in the New York police picture that Capitain Harry Lambart, the Vitagrafih director, is taking to be shown at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Interesting light will be thrown on the

practice of polygamy in a film play based on life among the Mormons, to be re-leased soon by the United Film Service. Nolan Gane, of Thanhouser, is seriously II, having caught cold last week while taking a scene which required his comlete submersion in the snow. Ralph Ince. Anita Stewart, Earl Will-

ams and Paul Scardon, of the Vitagraph Company, will leave for the South next week to make the final scenes of "The Goddens. At the Victoria Theatre the week com

mencing March I the first presentation anywhere of Lubin's masterpiece, Edwin Arden in "The Eagle's Nest," will be shown. This film story from the play, by the star of the production, is in the of thrillers. Romaine Fielding, in addition to directing the picture, portrays the character of Robert Blasedon

Answers to Correspondents

W. E. O.—We have no such list. We have no sample pictures of players to distribute. Los Angeles is the right address. Yes. M. L.—Yes, Ford Sterling has returned to the Keystone company. Ruth Roland is with the Balboa company, and is said

to have signed a three-year contract.
N. I. O.-Pearl White in the "Exploits

SPRING IS NEAR, DON'T BELIEVE IT? READ THIS

Hornets Are Busy and "Wifey" Is Thinking of Vacation.

Hornets are stinging in Long Island, bluebirds are piping new lays in Jersey, swamps, and way off in Altoona a robin Following in the wake of all these, two inches went off women's skirts and more vercoats appeared in the windows of

pawnbrokers' shope.

Therefore, spring is here again. At least 40 prophets announced that it arrived last week, but this brought forth indignation from twoscore of professional weather forecasters whose word is law at the postoffice, the barber shop and the

ountry store. Speaking of the hornets mentioned Speaking of the hornets mentioned above, Eliott Hassman, who, according to a New York paper, is an artist and author, was stung by a pair of them while sketching on his tawn. One of his neighbors was hit with a baseball. The other birds and animals mentioned were content to come out and announce that it was time to feel warmer without making themselves a nulsance.

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After all, it is doubtful if there is a better sign of spring than the crack of the bat against the ball. Oh, yes, there is just one, when "wifey" starts to scan the "ada" of the summer hotels. After the tits all "so the summer hotels. that it's all up.

Cooke Ordered to File Answer Director Cooke, of the Department Public Works, has been ordered Court of Common Pleas No. 3 to file an answer in the mandamus proceedings ought by Henry Schmidt for reinstatement as ohisf engineer at the Queen Lane pumping station. A motion that the pe-tition be quashed was overruled by the court. Schmidt was dismissed from his post in April, 1914, charged with permitting employes to sleep while on duty. Schmidt denied that he was in charge at the plant on the night the glieged nfractions of duty occurred.

Man Suicide by Gas Is Verdict Man Suicide by Gas is verdict
A verdict of suicide by gas poisoning
today was rendered by the Coroner's
fury in the case of Harry Cherkes, 1537
South 5th street, a teacher of Hebrew,
who is supposed to have ended his life
because of worrying over relatives in the
war zone of Russia. Relatives in this
city, with whom he has been living a
year, deny he committed suicide. Cherkes
died at the Mt. Sinai Hospital Monday,
supposedly from heart disease or suffosupposedly from heart disease or suffocation, and a physician's certificate t hat effect was issued. Coroner's Deputy Mehring, however, ordered an inquest

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POLICEMAN DODGES SHOTS FIRED BY FLEEING NEGRO

Dennis McColgan a Target When He Interferes in Street Fight.

Five shots were fired at Dennis McColgan, a policeman, when he interrupted a frogs are croaking in the League Island street fight while off duty and in civilian clothes last night. The police are lookappeared last week. A song sparrow de- ing for Carl Lewis, a Negro, of Mulberry livered a few notes down at Point Breeze. and Herbert streets, who is said by Mc-Colgan to have done the shooting. Charles Barrett, 21 years, a Negro, of 1838 Herbert street, was arrested for taking part in the melee. He was held under \$300 ball for a further hearing February 27 by Magistrate Borie at the Frankford sta

Several hundred persons were skating at Gillingham and Worth streets, which is close to McColgan's home, when a group of Negroes came along. A fight started. No one could say afterward what it was about. McColgan started to interfere, when some one cried, "Look out, Denny!" He threw his head back in time to dodge two builets which were fired in quick succession. The man who fired them, supposed to be Lewis, broke away from the crowd and ran down the street, firing the remaining bullets as he went

Lecture on Bermuda Tonight

A free lecture on "Bermuda" will be given by Frank D. Baugher at the West branch of the Free Library, 40th and Walnut streets, tonight. The address will begin at 8 o'clock.

TWO PHILADELPHIANS ON STORM-TOSSED SHIP

Edward Perry and John C. Perry Survive Perils That Threatened Santa Marta.

Edward Perry, head of the clothing firm of Perry & Co., and his son, John C. Perry, both of 2016 North 22d street. are back in Philadelphia today after landing at New York from the United Fruit liner Santa Marta, which was towed into port by two wrecking tues. Mr. Perry celebrated his 78th birthday on the Santa Marta while the ves-sel, her rudder torn away by the heavy seas, was wallowing bout helpicasty in dangerous proximity to Diamond Shoals. The Santa Marta was helpless for 72 hours, part of which time the revenue cutter Onondaga was standing by, unable get a line aboard because of the

The vessel sailed from Colon February The vessel salled from Colon February, touched at Kingston and then headed for New York. Bad weather began to develop one day out. It grew steadily worse until the intensity of the atorm almost prevented the vessel from making headway. Then a great wave swept over the fruit steamer on the afternoon of Thursday, February 18, and snapped off the rudder post.

the rudder post.

The storm was slow in abating. Efforts on the part of the crew to rig up a jury rudder were unsuccessful for some time. When the makeshift steering apparatus finally was completed it issued. half an hour before a wave swept t nway.

Passengers by this time were badly Passengers by this time were badly worried. They importuned the captain of the Santa Marta to put into Norfolk when the Onondaga got in touch. The cutter was near all this time, but rad trouble locating the Santa Marta. The captain said he had to wait for instructions from the agents of his vessel, and then 15 of the passengers sent a wireless to the marine superintendent of the line. They received no answer. The Santa Maria was 16 miles off Diamond Shoals and facing certain destruc-

mond Shoals and facing certain destruc-tion when the Onondaga got near enough to render assistance, but there was no immediate danger and wrecking tugs were on the way. The cutter had to stand by under the law until the wreckers got the vessel in tow. Then the cutter fastened a line to the stern of the Santa Maria and railed into New York harbor acting as the rudder.

The elder Mr. Perry headed a list of passengers who drew up a set of resolu-Santa Marta, for his work, and collected \$50 to buy him a loving cup. Neither of the Philadelphians is any worse today for his experience.

OPERA MERGER DENIED

Union Between Local and Boston Companies Not True, Says Manager. There is a persistent rumor affoat among music lovers in this city that the Philadelphia-Chicago Opera Company is to merge with the Boston Opera Company next season. When approached on the subject this morning. Alfred Hoegerle, manager of the opera company here, said:
"So far as I know there is nothing to
the report. It has never been even discussed by those in charge of our opera. Our plans for the next season are not taken up until the current season is

Others associated at the opera house spoke along the same line. The report is said to have originated in New York when it was reported that the Boston Opera Company would be taken over by C. A. Ellis and Dr. Carl Muck, of

BOYS STOLE DOZEN MOTORS

Confess to Thefts for Joy-riding in West Philadelphia.

Four boys confessed to Judge Gorman in the Juvenile Court today that they were responsible for the sudden disapwere responsible for the sudden disap-pearance of about a dozen automobiles in West Philadelphia during the past month. They were arrested by Special Police-man Kennedy, and said they were How-ard Morgan, 13 years old, 1204 South 57th street; Bernard O'Connell, 15, home not given; Morris Rubin, 13, 418 South 56th street, and George McGready, 17, 421 South 56th street. Morgan was the leader. He has been arrested several times, and the has been arrested several times, and the last time he was at the House of Deten-tion he escaped with another boy, whose home is in Wilmington, where Morgan accompanied him and where he was taught by the other boy to operate an

utomobile. Morgan said he stole at least four of the machines, the others keeping watch. After would abandon the stolen car and imme-diately look around for another one. Mor-gan was committed to the House of Refuge. O'Connell was held for a further hearing next Friday: McGready was placed on probation, and Rubin, who merely accepted a ride on invitation, was discharged.

HELD ON BLACK-HAND CHARGES

Accused of Threatening to Blow Up Home of Arthur H. Lea.

Two youths, who are accused of sending black hand letters to Arthur H. 1 ea. 2004 Walnut street, threatening to dynamile his home if he did not yield a large sum of money, were today held in \$5000 ball each for court by Magistrate Renshaw in Central Station.

They are Anthony Masterpolito, 1216 Titan street, and Albert Miller, 843 North Franklin street, each 19 years old. Samuel O. Winn, a postal inspector, testified that both the youths confessed to writing the letters after they became involved in

the letters after they became involved in an argument in their cells, each accusing the other of writing the letter which put the police on their track.

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