FAMOUS GIRL MODEL BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Inspired and Posed for Most Famous Drawings of Gibson and Christy.

The model who inspired and posed for many of the most famous drawings of Charles Dana Gibson and Howard

Charles Dana Gibson and Howard Chandler Christy stood before the desk at the 4th street and Snyder avenue station house today, a wreck of the beautiful brunette she once was. Her name is Nellie Hulges. She took the pledge before Magistrate Carson to abstain from further use of liquor.

Sull possessing some traces of the dark beauty which had fascinated Gibson and Christy—a beauty which subsequently smiled down on admirers in thousands of bomes—the model said she was tired of life. At 29 she said she had nothing further to interest her and admitted she had been fighting a losing battle since her husband left her, taking their young daughter with him, about a year ago.

Masistrate Carson gave the young woman kindly advice and administered the pledge. The former model was known to the Magistrate, who wrote to Artists. to the Magistrate, who wrote to Artists to the Magistrate, who wrote to Artists and Gibson about her some time ago. From the two masters of the crayon and pencil he learned that Miss Huiges' that she was, in fact, the claim was true, that she was, in fact, the original of many of their most popular

drawings.
Miss Hulges, who resumed use of her maiden name after her husband obtained maiden name after her husband obtained a divorce from her a year ago, told the Maristrate she had been living for some time at 942 South Water street. She declared she thought if she took the pledge she could revive her interest in life and perhaps make a visit to her young daughter possible. The daughter is living in New York with her father, according to the Magistrate.

DELAWARE "DRYS" LAUNCH LEGISLATIVE ONSLAUGHT

Delegations Appear in Behalf of Sub stitute for Hazel Law.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 24. — Delaware "drys" today launched a legislative on-slaught on the "wets" by appearing be-fore the Senate and House Committees on Temperance in behalf of the Hill bill, which would restrict imbibers in the which would restrict imbibers in the two local option counties to a gallon of whisky or an eighth of a barrer of beer a month. This was the first hearing on any of the 16 liquor and antiliquor bills in the Legislature.

Deputy Attorney Generals John B. Hutton, of Kent County, and Frank Jones, of Sussex, headed the white-ribbon advocates, while Mrs. Lena Messick, of Bridgeville, president of the State W. C. T. U. led a delegation of women.

T. U., led a delegation of women.

The Hazel anti-shipping law, drafted to prevent drinkers from obtaining large supplies of intoxicants and subsequently declared unconstitutional by the courts, was assailed as a breeder of speakeasies. The Hill bill, which is proposed as a sub-

The Hill bill, which is proposed as a substitute, the speakers said, would check likelt sales of liquor.

The county prosecuting officers advocated the gallon a month law, arguing that the courts felt it would wipe out bootleggers and yet give imbibers a sufficient quantity for personal use. This is, which became effective in the nine Maryland Eastern Shore counties last apring, is the most drastic ever proposed in Delaware. It prohibits treating and prescribes that consignees and consignors keep records of shipments available for public inspection and as court records.

BRUMBAUGH TO BE POSTED

Asks Department Heads to Watch Out for Legislation.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 24. — Governor Brumbaugh, in a letter to the heads of the several departments of the State deversi departments of the State deversiment asks them to be on the lookest for legislation affecting his department. The Governor directs each head and division chief to procure copies of such bills and file them with the Attorney General, together with whatever comment is deemed advisable. By this means the Governor will be kent fully means the Governor will be kept fully advised as to legislation having to do with the State Government, with a ready ref-erence at hand as to the views of the vas officials most closely affected by any

changes proposed.

This is the first request of the kind ever made. The State Legislative Reference Bureau still has in course of preparation a large number of bills to be presented early in March.

"CALLER" ACCUSED OF THEFT Joseph Shepherd, 25 years old, 2338 North 5th street, by calling on Miss Sarah Vickers, 3445 North 5th street, learned enough about the house to ran-sack it and steal jewelry valued at \$60, according to the Nicetown police. He was arrested last night and this morning held in \$300 bail for court by Magis-

The theft occurred last October. Mrs. Vickers was certain Shepherd was the thief, as he had frequently called at the house to see her daughter and his yiaits ceased at the time of the robbery.

BOUND, GAGGED AND ROBBED igene Devlin, 1822 McKean street, and Andrew Simondson, 1830 Blackstone street, were arrested today, charged with attacking Abe Baslin, 1938 East Passyunk avenue, and robbing him of clothing and jewelry valued at \$40. Basiln was at-tacked early this morning, beaten, bound and gagged. Devlin was arrested, the and gagged. police say, after pawning an overcoat which resembled a description furnished by Basiln. He is said to have named Simondson as his accomplice.

Child Saves Parents From Death Two-year-old Dominick Tesauro saved his parents from possible suffocation early this morning, when there was a fire in the kitchen of their home at 1514 Unity street, Frankford. Lying in a crib beside the bed of his mother, Rose Tesauro, he awake her by crying. The room was filled with heavy smoke, pouring in from a flue connecting it with the kitchen below. The frightened woman's cry of "Fire!" awak-ened her husband. A local alarm was turned in and the fire was extinguished

with triffing loss. Many Seek Civil Service Jobs The army of the unemployed continues to besiege the Civil Service Commission for positions in city service. More than 50 men will take cight separate examina-tions to be held during the coming week, One hundred and sixty-nine men of all ages today took the test for eligibility to appointment as City Hall guides. No vacancies exist in the corps of seven guides at City Hall at present. The salary of suides is 13 a day. They are required to work Saturday afternoons and holidays.

Governor Need Not Sign HARRISBURG, Feb. 24.—In an opinion banded down Attorney General Francis Stunk Brown decides that Governor frambangh does not have to sign the resolution passed by the Legislature ask-fig Faceress that the Underwood tarts is the sense of the General Assembly, thus eliminating the necessity of expeditive action.

Oppose New Oleo Bill Oppose New Oleo Bill
HARRISBURG, Feb. 21.—The State
Grange, the State Dairymen's Association and other organizations of the kind
specially the bill to reduce the retail
inchtargarins thrones to 810 have asked
balancan s. J. Gana, of the House Health
and anniation Committee, to grant them
barring us March II, at which they will
set forth their reasons for dealring the
self disheated. TEN SHIPS IN FIVE DAYS TORPEDO AND MINE VICTIMS

Ten merchant ships have been sunk or damaged by torpedoes or mines since the German "var sone" order went into effect February 18. They are:

Belridge, Norwegian, February 20, off Dover, England, damaged by submarine.

Dinorah, French, February 20, of Dover, England, damaged by submarine.

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marine, Cambank, Brilish, February 21, 50 miles west of Liverpool, sunk by miles west of Liverpool, sunk by submarine.

Downshire, British, February 21, off Isle of Man in Irish Sea, sunk by submarine.

Evelyn, American, February 22, off Borkum Island, Germany, sunk by mine.

Besin, Normalian

Regin, Norweglan, February 23, 7 Dover, England, cunk by sub-

marine.
Carlo, American, February 23, sunk by mine off German coast.
Branksome Chine, British, February 23, damaged and probably sunk by submarine in English Channel.
Oakby, British, February 24, off Folkstone, sunk by submarine.
Specia, Swedish, February 24, in North Sea, sunk by mine.

TORPEDO SINKS

BRITISH VESSEL

Continued from Page One miralty thus far has given no further

LONDON, Feb. 24 .- The War Press Bureau today issued a flat denial of the statement wirelessed here from Berlin that a British troopship had been sunk by a German submarine off Beachy Head. The Press Bureau declared that the Germans undoubtedly were referring to an attack on the government collier Branksome Chine, which was torpoedeed in the English Channel 20 miles southeast of Beachy Head yesterday after-

Eighteen members of the crew of the Branksome Chine have been landed at New Haven. They declared the collier was awash when they left her, but that the captain and mate were standing by, attempting to bring her to the coast and beach her. It is now believed that she has gone

to the bottom, as she should have reached Dover several hours ago if she had managed to keep afloat.

SUBMARINE ATTACKS CROSS CHANNEL BOAT

British Passenger Ship Avoids Tor-

pedo's Rush by Slowing Down. LONDON, Feb. 24. The following statement has been issued

by the Official Press Bureau:
The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that the Folkestone-Boulogne cross-Channel passenger boat was attacked Monday night shortly after leaving Boulogne Harbor by a German submarine One torpedo passed 30 yards ahead of the

The passengers, numbering 92, consisted of civilians and included a number of neutrals.

A dispatch from Paris says:
"A German submarine, which for the last few days had been lying in the English Channel in wait for steam packets plying between France and England, last night fired a torpedo at the steamship Victoria while she was on the voyage from Boulogne to Folkestone with a number of passengers, including some Americans.

"The captain of the Victoria saw the characteristic wake made by the torpedo and slowed down his vessel and the torpedo passed harmlessly about 160 feet in front of her. The French second light squadron was informed to keep a sharp lookout in the Channel for the subma-

BERLIN CONSIDERS U. S. FOOD ADJUSTMENT PLAN

BERLIN, Feb. 24. The German Foreign Office began con- BERNSTORFF WARNS U. S.

sideration today of a new note from the United States proposing an adjustment of the food question that has resulted in the German blockade of England, with peril to neutral shipping.

eign Minister von Jagow.

The Foreign Office understands that a note of similar nature has been presented "In connection w the Washington communication.

BRITISH WATERS SWARM WITH FOE'S SUBMARINES

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Irish Sea, the English Channel and the North Sea are reported swarming with submarines. In these waters the underwater craft have damaged or sunk eight ships since the "war zone" procla-mation went into effect less than a week Many rumors are current here. It was

reported that several German submarines had been attacked by warships in the Straits of Dover and were either sunk or badly damaged, but there is no official confirmation of this rumor. It is believed that all members of the

crew of the American ship Carib were saved when she was sunk by a mine in the North Sea while on her way to Bremen with a cargo of cotton.

The pilot of the Norwegian ship Regin, the is in the hospital at Dover, states

that the vessel was scarcely moving when she was attacked. Her crew were saved by British destroyers.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that the steamship Princess Juliana sailed from Flushing for Tilbury, Eng., in spite of the menaces to navigation in English waters. The same dispatch said that the crew of the steamer Deutschland mutinled and refused to take the vessel out of port.

BRITAIN RESTRICTS SHIPPING IN WEST COAST CHANNELS

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Irish and North Channels, separating England and Scot-land from Ireland, have been virtually closed to navigation by order of the British Admiralty.

ish Admiralty.

The southern entrance to the Irish Channel is called St. George's Channel, through which transatiantic liners pass on their way between Liverpool and United States ports.

The Admiralty's orders require that all traffic wishing to proceed through the North Channel must pass to the southward of Rathlin Island, between sunrise and sunset.

No ship will be allowed within four miles of Rathlin Island between sunset and sunrise.

The announcement was made today that four more liners have been withdrawn from transatiantic service. They are the Ordana and Franconia, of the Cunard Line, and the Minnewaska and Minneapolis, of the Atlantic Transport Line. It is assumed that these vessels will be added to the great fleet employed in carrying soldiers and munitions of war to France or other war areas. and sunrise.

U. S. PLANS ACTION TO STOP FURTHER SHIPPING LOSSES

WASHINGTON, Yeb. M. Convinces by the sinking of the American schips, Erselyn and Caste, in the North has that prompt measures must be taken



to prevent further disasters to American shipping, the Washington Administra-tion today took up two lines of action looking to this end. They were said to

To issue a warning to all shipping in-terests of the dangers of disregarding the German Admiralty's war zone in-

structions.

To make at least tentative efforts to modify the English embargo on food-stuffs consigned to Germany and the Germany war zone order.

The declaration of the German authori-

ties that both the Evelyn and the Carlb were sunk while out of the course laid down by the German Admiralty has awakened official Washington to the probable grave consequences of such ac-Supervision by the United States of the

distribution of American foodstuffs shipped into Germany is the basis of the Washington Government's latest pro-posal for an agreement on the war sone situation. This information came from

high sources here today.

The food supervision idea was origi-nally advanced by the German Govern-ment in its first correspondence with the United States on the war zone proposi-tion. It is proposed that the United States have its Consuls inspect food dis-tribution certifying that the consignments go to civilians alone and are not ulti-mately destined for military purposes. One of yesterday's notes, it is understood, tells Germany such a plan is being con-sidered here, while the other informs Great Britain that the United States will enter such an arrangement if it is acceptable to that nation.

SHIPS TO AVOID WAR ZONE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

Warning to American shipping to the North Sea and adjoining waters to follow United States Ambassador Gerard has the German Admiralty's war zone in-been asked to call at the Foreign Office this afternoon for a conference with For-Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, His

"In connection with the deplorable loss to the British Government and it is prob-able that Germany will wait for action upon it by England before replying to waters are again advised to follow the German Admiralty's instructions.

"Merchant vessels bound for the Eider, Elbe. Weser and Jade Rivers must first make Lister deep buoy; those bound for the Ems should make directly for its

"Pilotage is compulsory from Lister deep buoy. Vessels are permitted to make the German coast and to enter or leave the mouth of rivers only between sunrise and sunset and in clear weather. "Shipping north of the Shetland Islands, in the eastern area of the North Sea and in a strip of at least 33 miles in width the Netherlands coast is not im-

WAR VETERAN FALLS DEAD Gilbert M. Monroe, of 604 North 23d treet, a 72-year-old veteran of the Civil treet, a street, a 72-year-old veteran of the Civil War, fell dead today on an Arch street car as it crossed 8th street. Passengers summoned Policeman Pastore, of the 11th and Winter streets station, who had the man hurried to the Jefferson Hospital, where he was said to be a victim of heart disease. Mr. Monroe had boarded at the 23d street address for 15 years. He was a selection.

Seven-year-old Marie Dippel was found crying at Emerald and Dauphin streets, today by Sergeant Henry. She said she lived at Diamond and Phillips streets, but did not seem to be sure of it. The child was taken to the Trenton avenue and Dauphin streets station. Efforts are being made to find her parents.

POLICEMAN FINDS GIRL

FOUR DIE IN FIRE

EAST ST. LOUIS. Feb. 24.—John Stutz-man, his two daughters, Floy, 16 years, and Mabel. 15 years old, and his son Har-old, 14 years old, were burned to death early today and another son. Dean, nar-rowly escaped death when fire starting in a grocery store rapidly consumed the sera grocery store rapidly consumed the en-

Death Came as He Worked While doing some upholstery work today in the home of Thomas Hunter,
president of the Acme Tea Company, at
1828 Rittenhouse street. Oscar Heulings,
89 years old, of 2026 North 18th street,
was taken suddenly ill of heart disease
and died in an ambulance while on the
way to Jefferson Hospital. Heulings was
employed by Hale & Kilburn, upholster. employed by Hale & Kilburn, upho

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

BERGDOLL HOME ROBBED

Man Servant Accused of Taking Valuable Jewels.

The theft of \$1207 worth of jewelry and \$75 in money by a man servant was reported to the police today by Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll, widow of the brewer and mother of Grover Bergdoll, famed for his feats with motorcars and aeroplanes.

Detectives are looking for Jacob Miller, a servant in Mrs. Bergdoll's 52d street and Wynnefield avenue home. Mrs. Bergdoll said he ran out of the house yesterday afternoon and has not been seen since. The jewelry consisted of rings and brooches, some of the pieces being very valuable.

WHAT IF GERMANY WINS?

Professor Ferrero Will Discuss Problem in Public Ledger.

What will happen if Germany wins? Will she be satisfied to remain on the other side of the water? What if the Kaiser succeeds in holding the iron mines of France and the deep, rich coal mines of Belgium? These are some of the questions which are on every tongue in Europe and which are also discussed here freely. These are questions raised by Prof. Guglielmo Ferrero, the eniment Italian historian. Not only is Ferrero one of the most distinguished historians of the day, but being closely in touch with the forces and diplomats striving to preserve Italy's neutrality, his views are taken unquestionably as of one who knows.

A direct reply to the above questions is made by Professor Ferrero in a series of articles addressed in particular to Americans and Italians. Each instalment will give new light on the different angles of the world's most gjrantic war. The first article appears Sunday, Febru-ary 28, exclusively in the Public Ledger.

"REDDY JAKE'S" APPEAL

New Trial Sought for Man Convicted of Assault and Battery.

Appeal for a new trial for "Reddy"
Jake Melnicoff, the alleged Tenderlein
gang leader, was made today by his counsel, Samuel W. Salus, before Judge Little
in Quarter Sessions Court.
Melnicoff was convicted last week of

Melnicoff was convicted last week of assault and battery on Young Jack Hanlon, a puglist, whom he slashed with a razor several weeks ago.

Mr. Salus made the appeal, he said, because of the action of Assistant District Attorney Rogers in using Hanlon as an exhibit before the jurors. He also objected to the introduction of "Reddy Jake's" criminal record in the trial.

Mr. Rogers declined to enter into any controversy resarding the relevancy of controversy regarding the relevancy of the testimeny introduced and said he would rely on the law to meet the argu-

ment of Mr. Salus. He did intimate that Louis Bloomberg. who was convicted with "Reddy Jake" of being implicated in the attack on Hanlon, should have a new trial. Melnicoff was sent to prison until Friday, when Judge Little will announce his decision

Income Tax Nearly All In

Internal Revenue Collector Lederer announced today that of \$2,149,000 taxed un-

WOMAN SWOONS IN COURT

Rose Silverstein's Mother Faints After Denouncing Would-be Eloper.

Mrs. J. E. Silverstein, mother of Rose Silverstein, the 17-year-old Germantown girl whose elopement was frustrated yesterday morning when she awakened the family by tripping over a chair, caused a scene in the Germantown police station this morning when she fainted after denouncing the man who attempted to elope with her daughter.

Benjamin Leavens, of 148 North 8th street, the prospective bridegroom, con-fessed to Magistrate Pennock that he was a married man and intended to keep the girl at the home of friends until he succeeded in obtaining a divorce. He was sentenced to ten days in the County Prison. The young woman was released.

Seger's Auto Destroyed

Select Councilman Charles Seger's automobile burned up early today at 37th and Spruce streets when defective insulation ignited gasoline in a tank under the front seat. Seger's chauffeur was driving the car at the time. Seger himself is at St. Lucie, Pla., with Sen-ators McNichol and Vare. The automostors McNichol and vare. The automo-bile, which was soing west on Spruce street, stopped suddenly and the few passersby saw flames licking about the radiator. Charles Beaston, a druggist at 37th and Spruce streets, filled a carriage robe with sand and tried to stop the flames. The automobile was destroyed.

HOLD-UP MEN HELD

A quart bottle of whiskey is all that three men who held up Anthony Stilfus, of 1652 South Les street, early this morning, had to show for their trouble.

The men are Robert Rindler, of 7th above Vine street; Glossen Terry, of Franklin and Callowhill streets, and John Price, of Spring Garden near 9th street. They were held without ball for a hearing next Wednesday morning by Magistrate Tracy, accused of aggravated assault and battery and highway robbery.

WHITE LIGHTS FOR VEHICLES All red lights carried on the front of

vehicles are to be replaced by white lights, according to an order from Superintendent of Police Robinson, issued today. This order will affect all patrol and fire wagons and hospital ambulances. The fire wagons and hospital ambusiness. The order is issued to prevent possible mis-understandings and accidents among drivers who may assume that the red light now borne on the front of vehicles is the rear light required by law.

Woman's Arms Broken in Fall Mrs. E. M. Riley, of Camden, while walking through a building at 213 Berkley street, Camden, yesterday afternoon fell and broke both arms. Mrs. Riley, who owns the building, is 56 years old. At the time of the accident she was inspecting the building in regard to some im-provements. She is in the Cooper Hospital

Police Chief Pleads for Help "While we are doing all we can to pre-vent and apprehend perpetrators through our chief and the police force, our citi-zens can assist if they will act promptly and call the police station, Ardmore 217

aer the income tax law in this district last year, only \$2000 remains unpaid. "Most of the latter," he said, "represents sums over which there is a dispute, the payment of which will be settled upon later. Unfermented This new grape beverage has wonderful bouquet, flavor and vigor. An exquiblend of sun-ripened, unfermented white Niagara grape juice, grape fruit and rich ginger, preferred by many connoisseurs to finest champagne. In reality, Champanale is a bubbling, sparkling champagne—minus the alcohol—healthful and convivial. Hires Favored by the city's best hotels and clubs. Sold by leading grocers. Try a bottle! Serve in champagne glasses. We will send sample bottle for 10c and your grocer's name. THE CHARLES E. HIRES CO.

Staff Plants, Pepler 2145.

1224-1226 Parrish Street

GIRL SEIZES ONE OF GANG THAT TRIED TO ROB NEIGHBOR

Holds Him Long Enough to Make

Capture by Police Possible. Three men, one of whom refused to submit to capture until several shots had been fired over his head, were arraigned before Magistrate Morris today on the charge of attempting to rob the home of Mrs. Amanda Clark, 240 North 22d street. The prisoners, who were held without ball for court, are Bernard Mc-Laughlin, 27 years old, 252l Sartain streef; Joseph Phillipe, 19 years old, 838 Cantrell street, and Frank Herman, who said he

street, and Frank Herman, who said he had no home.

The men were captured through the bravery of Miss Helen Lynch, 20 years old, daughter of Patrick Lynch, an attorney, of 2147 North 22d street, who held one of the intruders long enough to make possible his capture by the police, who were summoned by her father. The other two men got away, one of them knocking down Mrs. Helen Shelmerdine, 70 years old, as he fled through her home, 2143 North 22d street, and were afterward captured.

In proof form today for final correction, and the text will be given out in a day or two, as it has been decided to submit to the public, together with a voluminous explanation, before it is presented to the Legislature.

In order to make it conform with provisions of the State Constitution, it will be elective in form, but it is understood that it is so drawn that it will be generally more desirable for the employer to will include every class of labor in the State, but it will be accompanied by a supplemental measure.

Lieutenant Little and a squad of police from the 20th and Berks streets station captured the third man, who was found lying unconscious in the street after they had fired at him. At first they thought he had been wounded, but examination at a hospital showed that he was suffer-ing from the effects of drugs.

WANTS "HOTEL DE GINK" HERE

"Jeff" Davis Asks Cooke to Establish Home for Unemployed.

"I want a Hotel de Gink in every

This was the modest demand expressed today by 'Jeff' Davis, president of the International Union of Hoboes of America (incorporated in Indiana), who was in ica (incorporated in Indiana), who was in the city looking prosperous after a month behind the deak of his hotel in New York city. Tramps and others too lazy to work have pronounced the "hotel" to be the last word in "flop houses" and the New York police agree with them, as more than 500 desuitory workers have refused to leave the place since registering when

it opened four weeks ago.
"Jeff called on Director of Public
Works Cooke and Joseph H. Willits, the department's expert and gave them an outline of just what he wanted for ac-commodations for the hoboes of Philadelphia. He pointed out that the "De Gink" in the "big town" was the talk of New York city. "You can get an eyoful about our success from the papers," he said.
Director Cooke and Inspector Willits lent an unblased ear to "Jeff" but made

no promises.

"Jeff" will go to Washington tomorrow, to ask President Wilson to buy the ground on which the "De Gink," in that city, stands for its guests, and also 500 acres of ground on Long Island, on which he promises his hotel guests will be glad to raise food for their table in the sum-

THIEF WRECKS FURNITURE

Man Suspected of Robbery Sent to House of Correction.

An enraged thief, who found only \$2.00 in the house which he entered, amashed the furniture in revenge early this morning and escaped before the sleeping family could capture him. Suspected of being the guilty one, Charles Matthews, 20 years old, no home, was arrested today by Acting Detective Farmer at 43d street and Wyalusing avenue, and sentenced to three months in the House of Correction by Magistrate Boyle, of the 29th street and

Lancaster avenue station.

Matthews denied wrecking the furniture. The fact remains that Thomas J. Hess, 215 North 43d street, and his family and several guests were awakened during the night by a clatter downstairs, and found the furniture topsy-turvy and \$2.30

DOCTORS ON ELIGIBLE LIST An eligible list for resident physicians for city institutions at a salary of \$600 to \$900 a year was issued today by the Civil Service Commission. Of the five names of the list all but the applicant in fourth place had been on previous eligible lists Two of the applicants have been on three lists. The eligibles and averages are: Abraham Epstein

TO TRY SAN DIEGO OFFICERS WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Court-martial of four officers of the United States warship San Diego, aboard which a recent explosion cost several men their lives, was recommended by Admiral Howard to the Navy Department today, Secretary Daniels will approve the recommendation.

Fire in U. S. Patent Office

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Valuable records of the United States Patent Office were menaced early today by fire which started in the basement of the building. Prompt work by the firemen saved from destruction the originals of some early patents which were stored in the base-ment room, where the fire started.

"NEWSY" TO HELP THE POOR Every penny earned today by William Whal, 17 years old, who sells newspapers at 3d and Federal streets, Camden, will be given to the poor. Whal, who lives at 2fl Friends avenue, Camden, is known as "Midge." For years he has sold newspapers in Camden. When a committee of business men decided to raise a fund to help the unemployed, "Midge" resolved to do his share. to do his share.



Of the Season

JOHN B. STETSON COMPANY 1224 Chantagt Street

COMPENSATION BILL TO BE MADE PUBLIC

Brumbaugh Wants Thorough Discussion of Measure Before It Is Submitted.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 24. - The adminstration workmen's compensation bill to in the hands of Attorney General Brown in proof form today for final correction.

that it is so drawn that it will be generally more desirable for the employer to accept than to reject it. The bill itself will include every class of labor in the State, but it will be accompanied by a supplemental measure exempting domestic and farm labor from its provisions. This has been deemed advisable, so that if the Supreme Court should decide that it is not constitutional to exempt these classes of employment the legality of the compensation act as a whole would not be affected.

affected.

There has been no general demand for the inclusion of farm and domestic labor except by those who hoped thereby to cause such a public disturbance over the bill as would result in its failure to pass, and Attorney General Brown is confident that the supplemental act proposed will not only allow their elimination but will safeguard the measure as a whole. The safeguard the measure as a whole. The act will provide for the insuring of employers against loss and will be so drawn as to make payments of benefits

drawn as to make payments of benefits to employes prompt and certain.

This is on of the requirements insisted upon by Governor Brumbaugh who has expressed the belief that the only form of relief worth considering in cases of industrial accident is that which shall put money into the hand of the employe when it is most needed and without red

Will Discuss War Zone Perils The peril to shipping in the European War zone and the effect of the war on international commerce will be discussed By Miss Janet E. Richards, of Washing-ton, in Association Hall, Germantown, this afternoon.

> This Week Only! Winter **Overcoats**

that were \$15 to \$25! Alterations charged for.

This Grand Round-Up of Overcoats at little prices is so good because of the character of all Perry Overcoats all through the season!

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It means that you can come in here today and buy for \$8, Overcoats that sold over and over again for \$15 and \$18! You can get for \$10, Overcoats that were made and priced by us at \$18 and \$20 in and for the regular season to compete with all comers as to value, and to lead in style!

While for \$12, you can get Perry Overcoats such as no other store could show, because of their Perry workmanship and beauty! They were up to \$25.

This is investment time and harvest time for the man with the thrifty bee in his bonnet! Gems are being snapped up every hour? Come at once, if you want to be sure of yours!

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