## U.S. MAY DECLARE FOOD EMBARGO TO PROTECT VESSELS

Possible Drastic Action to End Submarine Warfare and Insure Safety to Neutral Commerce Hinted in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. America may call hunger as her ally to bring England and Germany to their knees in their submarine warfare, now threatening United States commerce.

"uch was the unconfirmed hint in official circles today. Sponsors for the sug-gestion declared the President would lay an airtight embargo on exportation of foodatums to both the Allies and Germany, uniess all parties involved yield to America's latest suggestions.

In this connection it was recalled that the President has recently been urged strongly to take such a step, regardless of the war zone situation. Mayor Mitchel, of New York, and others asserted this is needed for domestic reasons; hence it could be applied on that pretext without drawing the United States into the European conflict. At the same time its effect, it was believed, would be that both Great Britain and Germany would hastly grant American demands, giving In this connection it was recalled that anstily grant American demands, giving absolute immunity to American ships.

Moreover, peace advocates held that in
addition to forcing immunity for Ameri-

the commerce, America's hand in a hunger war would hasten an end of Eu-rope's bitter struggle, for they insisted Europe cannot battle without America's

Europe cannot battle without America's foodstuffs.

Some officials, however, profess to believe stringent action by this Government would be necessary. They saw a ray of light in overnight developments abroad.

England has presented to her allies the American request for some agreement whereby food can be shipped into Germany with its distribution supervised by American officials. Germany, too, was reported willing to relax its submarine warfare under the terms of America's prorossils.

proposals.

While the Allies' unanimous consent is necessary to complete the foodstuffs agreement, officials here believed that this

witimately will come.

Whether or not the United States foodstuffa embargo hint was inspired was not
known, but authorities admitted that the mere suggestion may strike fear to the Allies' hearts and force them to yield. The State Department today announced that no advices had been received from either Ambassador Page at London, or Ambassador Gerard at Berlin concerning the United States proposals to England

and Germany.

Foreign interference with messages was suspected as one of the causes of delay.

#### GERMANY SENDS TRAWLERS TO PLANT NORTH SEA MINES

LONDON, Feb. 25, Germany's submarine war against British shipping has entered a new phase. It is reported that Germany is sending a flotilla of trawlers into the North Sea to plant mines up and down the British

Among the latest victims of the "bread war" is the steamship Harpalion. A Belgian steamship is reported in distress off the Spanish coast. The Harpalion, bound from London to Newport News, Va., with a cargo of coal, was sunk off Beachy Head and there is little doubt that she was torpedeed by a German submarine. Three Chinese members of her crew were killed.

### RECEIVER FOR FINANCE CO.

New Jersey Corporation Under Scrutiny of the Court.

A receiver was appointed today by Vice Chancellor Backes, of Jersey City, for the American Finance and Securities Com-pany, a New Jersey corporation with offices in the Drexel Building, this city, and in Jersey City, and with a capital stock given at \$5,000,000. Malcolm G. Buchanan, of Jersey City, was the re-ceiver named.

complaint was made by Alfred S. Wright, a stockholder, with offices at 1118 Chestnut street. He charges a deficit of \$501,788, instead of a surplus of \$5,992,551, as shown by the company's report of Detember 31, 1813. The loaning of money to companies alleged to be insolvent, no inne except from its securities, extravaale of stocks on fictitious basis are some of the allegations made by the petitioner.

### "GRANDPOP" DIETZ DIES

#### Octogenarian, Friend of "Kiddies," Breathes His Last. The laughter of the children in Pale-

thorp street was silenced when they heard of the death today of their old friend, George Dietz. He was affectionately known as "Grandpop," and was 80 years

known as "Grandpop," and was 80 years old. His body was found on a couch in the dining room of his home, 156 North Palethorp street, by his brother, David Dietz, who is 75 years old.

The brother had a premonition that sometime was wrong when he saw the table was not set for breakfast. For nearly twoscore years the older brother cooked the morning meal and was usually pouring out the coffee as David came down stairs. But this morning George was still wrapped in the blankets on the much. He slept down stairs because he He slept down stairs because he

suffered from heart trouble.

David called him in vain. Then he raised his head, and while something told raised his head, and while something told him George was dead, he could not realize the worst. With a cry, he staggered to the street and told a neighbor to summon Dr. A. A. Apple. In the meantime, still hoping that his brother might be alive, he tried to revive him, but in vain. Death had actually sealed his lips.

The physician told David that George was dead. The two brothers were highly esteemed in the neighborhood. They always had a stick of candy or a piece of cake for nearly every child they passed. They also urged the little ones to go to school and to be good.

Since their sister died, many years ago,

Since their sister died, many years ago, the men lived alone.

U. G. I. CHANGES METHODS

Responds Promptly to Requests of Department of Justice.

uel T. Hodine, president of United Gas Improvement Company, said today that he and officials of the company were making changes in the operation of the company which had been criticled recently by the Government. Several months ago the Department of Justice in Washington, threatened suit e. in Washington, threatened suit almst the U. G. I. on the ground that Merman antitrust act had been vio-

It is our desire to comply in every ficular with the Attorney General's expretation at the law," said Mr. Bo-c. "I was in Washington three weeks and harmed that the crux of the case the operation of street lighting com-ject to which we are interested. As a all af like interview we sees given a to edjust this question, and we are

Five Men Face Court-martial PHINTON, Yeb M. Benetary of Daniels today signed the order for cartial of five men, alleged to have averaged in the recent explosion the United States cruiser San the Lutter suter, which cost sev-

## FLOWER-LADEN BOOTH IS ATTRACTIVE FEATURE OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE BAZAAR



From left to right are Mrs. H. M. Lowry, Mrs. William Derr and Miss Josephine Sherron, who are ready to supply customers with cut flowers, plants and bulbs from their counter in the New Century Drawing Room, 124 South 12th street. The bazaar will be open today and tomorrow in aid of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association. Literature, dolls, domestic articles, farm and garden seeds and tools and good things to eat are also on sale.

#### SUFFRAGE BIG BAZAAR FIRST CAMPAIGN MOVE

Continued from Page One Etrum, of Chicago, will speak in the auditorium of the club. While in this city Mrs. Roessing will be the guest of Miss Lida Stokes Adams, 1921 Green

All the energy and all the ingenuity of the entire association have been compressed into one concentrated effort to fire this first gun of the campaign for "Votes for Pennsylvania women" with such telling effect that all the rest will be easy. The friendly rivalry shown by the nine associations in decorating their booths only has added to the successful

ensemble.

Say, Ann, how does this little vanity bag look hanging up here?" Mrs. Edward Troth, chairman of the booth devoted to domestic articles, put the question to a youthful enthusiast helping her and both surveyed the effect with critical eye. At the next table Miss M. N. Stewart, in a flowery garden apron and picture aunshade hat, was busily engaged arranging little suffrage flower pots and baskets in artistic positions, while the cheerful sound of Mrs. Howard Rattay beating mayonnaise with vigorous suf-frage blows in a salad bowl made the welkin ring with a sound characterized o force the masculine visitor to sit down

to force the masculine visitor to sit down and wait a while for the dinner gong.

On the south side of the hall a bevy of pretty college girls, with Miss Ruth Reeder, in charge, put out candles and confections to tempt the unwary, and in a nearby corner Dr. Helstand Moore sat in her Garden of Eden, more wily than the serpent of old in luring visitors to eat of the luscious apples she had to seil. Said Eve to Adam, as she came through the "Toll me, dear Adam, is my hat on straight?" Said Adam to Eve. as her hat he espied: "Your side," she replied, "for I'm sure you will note My side doesn't count, for I haven't the vote." Clever little yellow and white signs

Clever little yellow and white signs everywhere flaunt their blithe messages. "Women always have had such winning ways," says one, "they om't be beaten now." And another at the farm and gar-"Plant a garden with Woman's Votes

and watch it grow!"

If all the little packages of variegated seeds of strictly yellow flowers that were seeds of strictly yellow flowers that were purchased this morning are planted and blossom forth this spring, Pennsylvania is going to be the most "suffrage" of all the campaign States this year. Every loyal advocate of "votes for women" not only has pledged her own garden to the cause, but also has agreed to influence her neighbor. The seeds have been so chosen that it will be possible to have a succession of yellow bloom from early spring until late fall, when the suffragists hope to lead their cause to victory. hope to lead their cause to victory.

This afternoon, Mrs. George Foulke,
State agriculturist, will give free advice

on all farm and dairy subjects and will outline the best methods of making the Keystone State bloom for suffrage this year. Tonight Mrs. Roessing will accept the suffrage poster done in oil by a celebrated local artist. Copies of the poster will be struck off by the thousands for oughout the State in the cam

Fifty thousand dottars is needed to ob-tain \$10,000 offered by an anonymous donor and the bassar is expected to produce the major part of this sum. For months suffragists have been begging and orrowing and practically everything up for sale was given by persons interested

## **EMERGENCY AID'S NEED** OF MONEY URGENT

Committee's Relief Work Hampered by Falling Off of Contributions-Total \$90,000.

Unless citizens of Philadelphia loosen he strings of their purses and give more freely to the Self-sacrifice Fund than they have been doing during the last week, several thousand of the city's poor and destitute will have to go unaided by the Home Relief Division of the Emergency Aid Committee. Already there are more names of persons needing help on the records of the division than it can adequately supply with the present limited funds. Contributions have fallen off and only a few small amounts continue to come in, and these mostly through the chutes or by mail.

The fund approximates the \$90,000 mark but has not yet passed that sum. With a little more than \$10,000 to be raised, members of the committee in charge are anxious to complete the fund this week in order that they can go along with the relief work unhampered by money scarcity. Thousands of dollars are being spent by them monthly to relieve the poor and additional funds are urgently reeded.

Several distressing cases were unearthed ecently. In each case the husband was suffering from consumption and his fam-ily left without funds and in want. The children were without sufficient clothing and food, while the mothers virtually denied themselves to clothe and feed their naked and hungry youngsters. An inves-tigation was made, the cases found worthy and aid was immediately given. There are hundreds of such cases yet to be found, and it is mainly to help such that more funds are required.

### TAFT "OUT OF POLITICS"

Once Had "Remote" Connection,

"More Remote" in Future. CINCINNATI, Feb. 25.—Ex-President Taft today told school superintendents attending the National Education Asso-ciation Convention that he has no inten-

tion of returning to politics.
"I had a remote connection with politics at Washington," he said. "The connection will be more remote in the future.'

### Want Gas Ordinance Passed

Mayor Blankenburg was notified today by Thomas L. Hodge, secretary of the germantown and Chestnut Hill Improve-ment Association, that a resolution was adopted by the board of directors of the association urging Councils to pass the "gasoline-to-gas" ordinance that has been in the Finance Committee for almost a

Hasty Motorist Hurts Pedestrian

On the way to the bedside of his wife the is ill at the University Hospital, C. Gilliland, of 6389 Drexel road, ran down and serious injured Joseph Hever-son, 150 North 63d street. Gilliland told the police the man stepped in front of his machine suddenly, at 63d and Race streets. The motorist was released on his

# In the days of chivalry when knights | Leer. There were times fortunately when

rooed maidens fair they stood beneath balcony boudoirs of their inamoratas and dispensed romantic arias to tell their

dispensed romantic arias to tell their heart story to the ones who listened rapturously within. And then when Cupid's story had been heard, the fair lady appeared at the balcony window and dropped a rose from her hair, which was caught and kissed by the ardent Romeo below.

This was probably in the mind of Thomas Stanley, of 809 North 7th street, when he took his accordion outside and played beneath the window of Julia Nattavo, who lives in the same house. Instead of a rose, however, she dropped a bucket of dirty water and it dampened the spirit of Thomas; also his accordion.

Happiness gave place to wrath, an Thomas burst into the bouse and "handed" Julia a black eye. She still had this as "documentary evidence" when she made charges against Thomas in the Central Police Court, And all thoughts of romance left him when he was held in \$500 ball for court by Magistrate Renshaw.

A system of alternating meals was adopted by John Leer and Charles Worth, panhandlers par excellence, and it worked to perfection until the police interfered. The men figured that one good meal a day was better than three skimpy meals, so when the inuching was slow they police their financial interests. This assured one of the partners of at least a good meal stoce a day. For instance, if the combined efforts of the firm brought only a quarter for dinner, the entire proceeds were turned over to Worth. All the month, said the man, who gave his name as Frank Boyle, "and no one would take month," said the man, who gave his name as Frank Boyle, "and no one would take month," and the man who gave his name.

the harvest permitted of both enjoying meals together, but these were few and far between. Both men were carrying on a desperate campaign for breakfast when they were arrested by Policeman Miller. He caught Worth "panhandling" on Westmoreland street, and grabbing him by the neck, made the prisoner run with im until he captured Leer.

Both were taken to the Park and Le-nish avenues station. Leer said that when he used to live he lived in Cheyenne, Wyo., and Worth said that he called Allentown his home. The partners were obliged to change their addresses temporarily, however, as Magistrate Emely sent them to jail for five days. A shabbily dressed man was playing

cards contentedly in the middle of the car track on Fourth street. He was so deeply engrossed in the game that he didn't hear a clanging bell of a trolley car. Police-man Burke asked him to move. "Just as soon as I play this hand out," replied the ione gumbler. The "cop" pulled him from the track and the car

ent by with compliments from the motor-

TAYLOR ACCUSES P. R. T. OFFICIALS

existing Philadeliphia Rapid Transit Com-pany in a state of fairness," he said. "We have not asked them to do any-thing that will reduce their net income. We have asked only for their co-operation, and in return we have offered to protect them against loss. This is abso-lutely fair and equitable to both parties. "Last May the officials of the P. R. T. and Edward T. Stotesbury personally, whom you all know is one of the controlling officials in the company, agreed to the terms of the agreement outlined in a number of executive conferences be-

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tween them and the Department of City Transit. "Along with the other gentlemen Mr. Stotesbury pledged himself to secure the co-operation of the Union Traction Com-pany. Up to the present time the co-operation of the Union Traction Company

has not been secured. nas not been secured.

"Furthermore, I tell you publicly that
the existing company is not trying to aid
the Department of City Transit in securing the Union Traction Company's co-op-

"I warn you now that the men in the esent system are even doing everything in their power to prevent you from get-ting real rapid transit which the Depart-ment of City Transit has been planning and which loyal citizens all over Philadelphia have been fighting for.
"It is my duty to tell you this, for such

the actual agreement entered into last May. P. R. T. MEN SILENT.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-any today evaded the accusation that t is back of the illegal Connelly-Seger-Costello transit ordinance and that the Councilmen who are obstructing rapid transit are its 'etraw men.'' No answer to the charge could be obtained from the

to the charge could be obtained from the company's officials.

E. T. Stotesbury and Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, are out of the city.
"Mr. Mitten is the mouthpiece of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company," said W. C. Dunbar, assistant secretary and transitions of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company," Land Title Building, today. "Why ask me those question," he said, in answer to interrogations as to whether the Phila-delphia Rapid Transit Company would ieny the charges or make a statement. "When it comes to denying a matter of this kind or issuing statements, it is for the board and the company to handle it." "I am a deaf and dumb man," he con-tinued. "Talking to me is just as though you were speaking to a deaf mute. The official mouthplece of the Philadelphia

Rapid Transit Company is Mr. Mitten. You should interview him."

The charge was made last night by George W. Norris, Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, at the town meeting in the Academy of Music, where a declaration of war to the end against transit blocks draw made by 2000 meeting in the Arabet was a second to the end against transit blocks draw made by 2000 meeting in the Arabet was a second to the end against transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are made by 2000 meeting in the second transit blocks are meeting in the second transit blocks are made in the second transit by transit blockaders was made by 2000 men who braved inclement weather to make a vigorous, city-wide protest against the obstructionists in Councils.

"If the Rapid Transit Company is not back of the substitute ordinance drafted by Councils' Finance Committee, why do not the officials of the company say so? I challenge them to disavow it,"

'If the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are guiltless in this matter," he continued, "I now call on them to disown this trick ordinance reported to Councils, and I want them to say to the public that they desire Coun-cils to pass the ordinance prepared by the Department of Transit and introduced in Councils.

"If they do not do this," he declared, they have no just cause to complain of the present growing suspicion that they are at the bottom of the Councilmanic action. Therefore I say to you men, don't waste your time fighting straw men; get to the man higher un."

"On to Councils" was the slogan of the protest meeting, and it met with an enthusiastic cheer when it was sounded by every speaker. When Dr. Philip H. Moore, the last speaker, called on every man who would pledge himself to attend the meeting of Councils next Thurse tend the meeting of Councils next Thurs-day to stand up, hundreds of men jumped to their feet.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee of One Thousans was called today for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The entire transit situation will be reviewed at that time with Director Taylor and the future course of action will be determined.

The leaders in the transit fight today

began laying plans to keep the issue squarely before the people. Mass-meet-ings in every ward in Philadelphis, it was announced, will be arranged within a day or two. These meetings will be held be-fore Councils meet. Thursday of next week, and should the demand of the peo-ple not be heeded at that time the meet-ings will be continued with new vigor.

#### PHILADELPHIA'S "DACIA" LEAVES PORT TOMORROW

England Holds Transfer of Westwego Was Not Bona Fide. Philadelphia's Dacia, the steamship

Philadelphia's Dacia, the steamship Westwego, will leave here tomorrow for New Orleans to load a cargo of petrolum for Alexandra, Egypt. William J. Conlen. vice president of the Union Petroleum Steamship Company, which purchased the vessel from a Rumanian company, declined to say whether Great Britain's protest against the legality of the transfer to American resistry had been safefar to American registry had been satisfied if it has not, the same fate in stope for the Deria now nearing England's shores will overtake the resset according to adapting uses.

## **MYSTERIOUS FIRE** THREATENS FAMILY

Frantic Children Seek Roof While Home Is Flaming Furnace.

Three young girls, half-suffocated from smoke, were marooned on a roof today when fire cut off their escape in a threestory dwelling and store occupied by Jacob Tichman, his wife and six children at the northwest corner of Sixth and Poplar streets. Swaying on their dizzy perch the three girls, Jennie, 18; Yetta, 14, and Minnle, 12, were prevailed upon by neighbors not to jump and were finally rescued by Policeman Smith, of the Eighth and Jefferson streets station

The flames which started in the store on the ground floor, shortly after 2 o'clock, spread with such rapidity that all escape was cut off before the members of the family were aware of their peril. The father, Dora, his wife, and the other children were all in bed when the smoke

children were all in oed when the shows aroused them.

Dora, Minnie and Jennie groped their way into the hallway which was filled with smoke and aroused their parents, who had Bella, 4 years old, in their bed. By the time they had aroused Joseph, who is 21, and Isaac, 11, flames were roaring up the stairway.
Frantic with fright, the girls then climbed through a trapdoor to the roof in their night clothing and made their way to the cornice edge. They were at the edge of the roof when Policeman

Smith arrived. He cried to the girls to stay where they were and, after sending in an alarm, broke down the front door. Neighbors who had begun to crowd about the house, screaming with terror at "Mr. Mitten is the mouthpiece of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company," said W. C. Dunbar, assistant secretary and treasurer of the company, at the Philadelphia Rapid Transit offices in the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company," and plant of the family, found courage and plunged into the house after the patrolman. He made his way to the roof first and. after dragging the daughters back to the third floor, carried Mrs. Tichman and her baby to the sidewalk. Joseph Tichman conducted two of his sisters to the street, but Yetta and Jennie fell unous at the stair landing from smoke

### INSANE MAKE CITY BROOMS

Men Patients at Byberry Employed in Workshop.

Brooms for all Philadelphia's municipal buildings and institutions will hereafter be made by insane patients at Byberry if plans of Director Ziegler, of the Departnent of Health and Charities, reach per-Big changes were made during the last

reek at Byberry farm, where insane men patients are maintained by the city. One of the farm buildings was transformed or the farm buildings was transformed into a workshop and broom-making machinery was installed. The equipment was purchased from the legacy left to the Board of City Trusts, years ago, by Mary Shields for the purpose of providing em ployment, diversion and entertainment for turned out last week and were said to be of excellent quality.

### TERRE HAUTE'S SCANDAL

Five Candidates Plead Not Guilty to Election Corruption.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 25.—Roy L. Shattuck, of Brazil, Ind., Republican candidate against Congressman Ralph W. Moss in the recent election, today pleaded not guilty in Federal Court here to the charge that he had conspired to corrupt the election.

Four unsuccessful Republican candidates for Vigo County (Terre Haute) offices, indicted with Shattuck, entered the

#### FATHER FAILS TO SUBDUE DAUGHTER'S YOUNG SUITOR Magistrate Discharges Youth Ac-

cused of "Trespassing." An irate father and a proud youth glared angrily at each other today in the office of Magistrate Pennock, 5609 Germantown avenue. The father was John Brough, a builder, of 6853 North 6th street, Brough, a builder, or sees North ath street, Oak Lane, and the youth was Harold Prouty, is years old, of 41 Tyson avenue. Prouty appeared as a prisoner and Hrough as prosecutor, but as Magistrate Pennock found no fault with the youth he was discharged.

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According to the story unfolded at the hearing, young Prouty gazed one day into the eyes of Clare Brough, the 18-year-old daughter of John Brough, and was instantly smitten. He started to call on the girl, but the father objected.

Undaunted, young Prouty kept on visiting the girl of his choice, carefully selecting hours when the father was not at home. Yesterday, however, Brough arrived before Prouty had departed. He summoned Policeman Cooke and ordered him to arrest the young man on a charge summoned Policeman Cooke and ordered him to arrest the young man on a charge of trespassing. At the hearing it devel-oped that Prouty had been admitted by Miss Brough, and Magistrate Pennock Miss Brough, and Magistrate Pennock pointed out she also should have been arrested, whereupon the young man was

## CITY NOT TO HELP FOUND TRAMP'S HOTEL

Board of Education Refuses Use of Old School-Davis "Puts It Up to Public."

Jeff Davis, hobo promoter of hobo hotels, this morning came in contact with the first obstacle to his plan to establish a 'Hotel de Gink," which is to say an "Inn for Itinerants," in this city, when President Henry R. Edmunds, of the Board of Education, said "No," flatly and firmly, when he was asked if the board would allow the King of Hoboes to use the old school building at 12th and Wood streets for his projected hostelry.

The boniface of the New York "Hotel de Gink." which is the first of a projected chain of "flop houses," must look further to find a site for his hostelry The 12th and Wood streets building is for sale, but a promoter is scarcely to be expected to spend real money in the enter-prise. If the City of Brotherly Love wants a Hotel de Gink it must meet the organizer half way, he says.

"Jeff" has arranged an audience with Mr. Wilson, and he will ask him to pur-chase the ground on which the New York Hotel de Gink stands, as well as 500 acres on Long Island, for a summer hotel where guests may develop industry and grow crops for their own consump-

Asks Public Land for Hobo Farm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Jeff Davis, of the Hotel De Gink of New York city, to-day asked President Wilson to repeal the vagrancy laws and establish a "hobo" farm on some Government land in Ari-zona or other Western State. The Presi-ent referred his caller to Assistant Secretary of Interior Jones, who is in charge of matters relating to public 'The President is certainly a fine man,

said Jeff, "and I liked him very much.

#### AUTO THIEVES ESCAPE ARREST Found in Stolen Car, They Leap to

Street and Dodge Bullets. An exciting chase in an automobile, from which several shots were fired, re-sulted in the recovery and the return to-

day of a stolen five-passenger automobile to its owner, Miss Blanche Patterson, a last year's debutante and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, South High-land avenue, Merion, Pa. The car, closely curtained and containing two men, was seen at 19th and

taining two men, was seen at 19th and Arch streets yesterday afternoon by Detectives Hodge and Brown, who called on the men to halt. In reply they put on more speed. The detectives sprans on the running board and drew their revolvers. The machine swerved sharply, almost throwing the detectives of When almost throwing the detectives off. Whe they pulled back the curtains they found the driver's seat empty. The car was still going fast and its former occupants were seen running. While Hodge stopped the car, Brown fired several shots at them but they escaped.

Demand More Police Protection The establishment of a "Vigilance Com-nittee," composed of volunteer civilian policemen and private detectives, is urged by West Philadelphia residents living in the 38th police district, 55th and Pine streets. The Greater Sherwood Im-provement Association adopted a resolution last night calling on all the business and improvement associations west of the Schuylkill River to provide their own guardians of the law unless the Department of Public Safety will afford this protection to the district.

Cashing of Draft Causes Arrest Frank J. Gullete, 4955 Walnut street, a traveling salesman, who took a bride less than a month ago, will be arraigned at Central Station on Saturday on a chrge of being a fugitive from Jackson-ville, Fla. Gullette's attorney stated that his arrest was a mistake and resulted over a misunderstanding about the cash-ing of a draft for \$40 in the Florida city.

CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 .- Among nomi-

confirmed by the Senate today was that of Collector of Internal Revenue Fred C. Kerkendall, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the following postmasters: Fred P. Crater, Gladstone, N. J.; Bayard C. Stavely, Haddonfield, N. J.; Matt Ely, Jersey City. N. J.; Frank McMurtry, Mendham, N. J.

## WHITE HOUSE BABY KEEPS LATE HOURS ON VISIT HERE

Little Francis Sayre, President Wilson's Only Grandson, Cooes Hello to Broad Street Station Crowds at 4.25 A. M.

for a night's adventure, he awoke after

ams' hours this morning and stopped in Broad Street Station long enough for the word to spread that he was there and thus give savered hundred belated travelers opportunity to watch him get his first glimpse of the world beyond his Washinston birthplace. Now he is aging to Williamstown, Mass., where he is to be christened in a day or so, with his distinguished grandfather as god-father.

Young Mr. Sayre was safely tucked by

Just think of it! The most prominent a Pullman porter and two nurses into a baby, if not the most important baby in | anug berth in one of the staterooms of these United States, didn't go to bed until after midnight this merning. Furthermore, as if that were not enough the many the train rolled into the station for a night's advanture, he awoke after for a night's adventure, he awoke after four hours' sleep to say a bright "good morning" and get his first glimpse of the Quaker City. What is scientific baby-raising coming to? Fond parents, who bring up their children by scheduls, may well ask this question.

L'enfant, of course, is Francis Sayre, only grandchild of President Wilson. He passed through Philadelphia in the wend was passed that the word in the station the word was passed that a distinguished visitor was present. Trains were quite forgotten, while the carries through Philadelphia in the wend was passed that a distinguished visitor was present. Trains were quite forgotten, while the curious througed to view little Francis. He smiled and coosed with great cheerfelmess as the nurse swayed him gently in the rams, and bade him "smile prettily." Three minutes later the train pulled out on its way through North Philadelphia to nits way through North Philadelphia to nits way through North Philadelphia to nits way through North Philadelphia in the atation the word was passed that a distinguished visitor was present. Trains were quite forgotten, while the smiled and coosed with great cheerfelmess as the nurse swayed him gently in the warm as the station mean the station of the scale in the section. Badly Francis rubbed his eyes in a dazed, "please-explain-to-me" way, and made it income to Mrs. Sayre that he wanted to go out and see the sighta. Around in the station the word was passed that a distinguished visitor was present. Trains were quite forgotten, while the smile date of the sight. Around that a distinguished visitor was present. Trains were quite forgotten, while the smile date of view little Francis. He smiled and coosed with great cheerfelmes was the station the ward as a distinguished to go out and eee the sight. Around the station the ward that a distinguished to go out and eee the sight. Around the station the ward that a distinguished to go out and eee the sight. Around the station the way, and made it income to Mrs. Sayre that he wanted to g Baby Francis rubbed his eyes in a dazed

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## NO LIGHT THROWN ON HARDING'S ACT

Coroner's Jury Returns Suicide Verdict-Mrs. Harding, Told on Arrival Here, Collapses.

The Coroner's Jury today returned a verdict of suicide by sunshot wounds at the inquest into the death of Captain Arthur Harding, former aide to ex-President. Taft, who shot himself through the head at the Racquet Club yesterday. In his instructions to the jury Coroner McKnight said the evidence admitted of no other verdict but suicide.

Funeral services for the dead officer were held in the Naval Hospital this afternoon. The services were attended by Mrs. Harding and her sister, Mrs. J. N. Harden; Lieutenant Colonel L. W. T. Waller, Captain Thomas Wise, Captain Bearis and Major Porter. Following the services the body was shipped to Quincy, III., Captain Harding's former home. No testimony was produced to throw

light on the motive which prompted Captain Harding to kill himself. Deputy Coroner McKeever testified that he had found the body in the club with a bullet hole in the head. Death, he said, had been caused by a steel-jacketed bullet which made a barely perceptible wound. A marine from League Island came to City Hall after the revolver today. Whether the Navy Board of Inquest un-

covered the reasons for the suicide of Captain Harding will probably be learned today when the board files its report with Commandant Benson, of the League Island Navy Yard. After an investigation yesterday by Deputy Coroner McKeever, officers at League Island, di-rected by Major Harry Lee, began an inrected by Major Harry Lee, began an in-quiry into the circumstances of the au-cide. Thus far no reisson has been given for Captain Harding's suicide. Only a few moments before he shot himself Captain Harding had been joking with Frederick Wagstaff, head valet at the Bacquet Club.

Racquet Club.
Reports that the suicide of Captain Harding brought to light for the first time his marriage to Miss Marie Hayden, of Washington, were denied today by Captain Thomas Wise, of the Marine Corps, who is stationed at League Island. Captain Wise has been an intimate friend of the dead man for five years.

Mrs. Harding, who arrived yesterday from Washington, was in a serious condition from shock today. She learned of her husband's death only after her arrival at Broad Street Station. In a letter Captain Harding received only a few moments before he shot himself, she said she was coming to Philadelli, she said she was coming to Philadelphia and asked what time he would meet her. Captain Wise and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Danzy, sister and brother-in-law of Captain Harding, were at Broad Street Sta-tion to meet Mrs. Harding when she ar-The cony reason advanced thus far for

the suicide is the condition of Captain Harding's health. He had suffered from nervous indigestion for several days.

WEDDING GOWN STOLEN

The police suspect jealousy in connec-ion with the theft of a valuable silk wedding dress, which was stolen from the room of Miss Verna Middleton, of 105 Main street, Darby, who is to become a bride on March 6. The dress was the only thing taken from the house, although several other articles of value were in the same room when it was entered. Miss Middleton says she has no enemies who would be guilty of stealing her wedding gown, but the police, after an investiga-tion, believe the theft was the work of a disgruntled suitor.

ESCAPES DEATH IN LONG FALL After plunging from the fourth story of a Pennsylvania Rallroad building at 15th and Filbert streets last night, crashing through a glass skylight and landing on a concrete pavement, Frank Brink, a rall-rand employe, of Darby, is in the Hahne-mann Hospital with nothing worse than a few lacerations and brukes. Brink was skylarking with another em-ploye near an open window and acci-dnetally lost his balance.

CITY PAYS MOTHERS' PENSIONS Payments, amounting to \$1607, were made today by City Treasurer McCoach the act establishing the Mothers' Pensic Fund. The amounts paid are for the month of February and are from the appropriation made by Councils. Each beneficiary will receive from the Commonwealth an amount equal to the sum paid by the city. There are 503 children under 14 years of age in the families to which the pension funds were

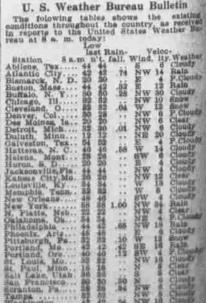
Merchant Accused of Arson NORRISTOWN, Fa., Feb. 25.—Lewis Shanfield, a merchant of Penllyn and Fort Washington, is in jail here, charged with arson. It is alleged that he set fire to a barn last November, when six cows and four horses, one of the latter belonging to him, were burned.

### THE WEATHER

Official Forecast For eastern Pennsylvania and New

Jersey: Fair tonight and Friday; colder tonight; strong west winds. The eastern storm has moved from can The eastern storm has moved from central over Lake Michigan to the southern New England coast during the last Mahours. It has increased in energy and has caused general rains in the Atlantic States and the Lake region, folio ved by a moderate drop in temperature. The temperatures are still generally above the normal throughout the northeastern portion of the country, with indications that a furner moderate decrease tonight will result in seasonable conditions by Friday morning. norning

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