Speaker Ambler Guarantees Fair Discussion on Floor of the House.

The local option fight in the Legislature will be in the open, on the floor of the House, said Speaker Ambler today. He entil he would see to it that the question

has absolutely fair dealing. "The Legislature will reconvene on March 1, and in my opinion will, from that day on, start to transact the real business of the session," he said. "During this Washington's Birthday recess the members have had and are having a full opportunity to study the big questions they are being called upon to consider. These include the vital propositions of child labor, workmen's compensation and

"I feel certain that the people of the State will see, beginning March I, that

State will see, beginning March I, that this session is to be historic, so far as she quality of legislation is concerned. The Legislature surely will stand stanchly behind the Republican party's program of consarvatively progressive legislation. "The Governor is particularly and sarrestly interested in the passage of a local option bill. I will vote for local option. And, furthermore, I will see to it that local option has the freest sort of field. To begin with, the bill will be reported det of the House Law and Order Committee with a favorable recommendation. mittee with a favorable recommendation. Then the fight will be in the open, on the floor of the House. The Speaker died that a public hearing probably would be held. The local option bill will be considered by the House Law and Order Committee next may, but no action is expected to be taken on that

350,000 GERMANS FACE SLAVS IN NORTH POLAND

Hindenburg Rapidly Shifts Force to Halt Foe's New Offensive.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26. By another rapid shift of his troops, Cleid Marshal Von Hindenburg has massed a German army believed to number at least 250,000 men on the front be-(ween the Bobr and Vistula rivers and / n. sing desperate attacks in an atbefore the newly assumed offensive of Birard Duke Nicholas' troops west of Warsaw compels the retreat of the weak-ened Germai army there.

Admission is made that German patrols liave crossed to the right bank of the Niemen, at Sventvianski, but the War Office claims that Slav vanguards have progressed a long distance from the river toward the East Prussia frontier.

German batteries are shelling the forts at Ossowitz, but it is said that the born-bardment is being successfully withstood. At was admitted here today that the

At was admitted here today that the Jermans had made some gains at Przasnysz, but their mass attacks upon the Russian positions cost them dearly. East of Przanysz, the Germans attempted to
cross the river Oraye at Krasnosielec, but
they were mowed down by the Russian
artillery on the east bank. The German
artillery in this region is Ostrolenke, a objective in this region is Ostrolenka fortress on the Narew River, on the right bank of which action is brisk. Northeast of Ostrolenka the Germans

ore maintaining their attempts to approach Ossowitz and bring their heavy artillery to bear upon that fortress. This has resulted in desperate hand to hand fighting in Szczuczyn, Plochowo, Wasosz and Blaoszewo. These towns have been virtually destroyed.

U. S. STEAMSHIP REPORTED MINE VICTIM IN NORTH SEA

Vessel, Believed to Be Palmer, of New London, Sunk. LONDON, Feb. 26.-The American

steamship Theodore Palmer has been to help obtain the co-operation of the sunk, according to a Copenhagen dispatch. Surviving members of her crew were picked up by a Swedish ship. The unflors asserted, the dispatch adds, that the Palmer was sunk in the North Sea

An earlier dispatch from Washington recorded the loss of the Palmer from New London, Conn., on the basis of a Swedish ship's discovery of an iron life A like-named steamship was reported

on Tuesday as being at Fall River, Mass. FIVE SEAGOING SUBMARINES

Senate Rejects Smoot's Proposal Mak-

ing the Number 50. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 .- The Senate

today rejected Senator Smoot's amend-ment to the naval bill, providing for 50 sensoing submarines, at \$1,400,000 each, and 15 coast defense submarines, at \$550-The Senate then adopted the Senate

Committee's amendment, providing for five meagoing submarines and 16 coast de-fence submarines. The House bill called for only one scagoing submarine and II The naval appropriation bill carrying

approximately \$150,000,000 passed the Sen-

BLOCKLEY AGAIN CRITICISED

Grand Jury Condemns Overcrowding at the Almshouse.

The Philadelphia Almshouse, commonly known as Blockley, was again made the subject of criticism in the final report of the February Grand Jury, made today be-

presiding in Quarter Sessions Court, in their report the grand jurors con-demn the overcrowded condition of the wards and the poor fire-fighting wards and the poor fire-fighting apparatus throughout the entire hospital. All other public institutions visited by body were found to be in a satis-

During the month the grand juvors gried on 763 bills of indictment, 689 of which were found true and 74 ignored.

ACCIDENT MAY COST SIGHT

Aged Clergyman's Eye Cut When Car Knecked Him Down,

in operation was performed today at the Jefferson Hespital on the Rev. Charles Barrett, an aged minister, of Laurel Springs, N. J., who was injured restorday in a trolley accident. It The ciersyman was struck by a trolley car at 13th and Market streets and se-A cataract on his left are prevent him from seeins the car's approach. When he was thrown to the ground like glasses were broken and some of the glasse plerced his right eye.

Hergdolf Makes Light of Mishap rea of Grover C. Bergdoll, the mil-atistor and auto driver, who was in an accident at San Francisco fulle driving his car over the Pun course near the Expos-ic today received from him a

NO P. R. T. ANSWER TO ACCUSATION

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to answer, the members of the Committee
of One Thousand will be urged by the
Executive Committee to make a personal
canvass of the entire city and obtain the
co-operation of all supporters of the
Taylor plan in demanding that Councils
pass favorable legislation next Thursday.

COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT. The statement issued by the Executive Committee follows:

"The immediate efforts of the Com "The immediate efforts of the Committee must be concentrated on defeating the ordinance reported out by the Finance Committee in illegal form, purporting to call a special election to authorize an increase in the city's indebtedness to the extent of \$6,000,000 for certain specific rapid transit lines, the routes of which specified therein are incomplete and utterly impracticable.

"We call the attention of the citizens to the fact that an election held under the

to the fact that an election held under the terms of this ordinance would result in any increase in the city's indebtedness which might be authorized being tied up in a manner which would make its use for any practical purpose utterly impos-

"In addition to defeating the foregoing ordinance we shall devote our energies to securing the passage of an ordinance or ordinances prepared in the customary and legal form calling a special election to authorize an increase in the city's in-debtedness in the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of beginning of work on the transit development, without specifying the routes or attaching any unusual conditions.

"The routes, if finally fixed and de-termined at the election, could not be varied by subsequent action of City Councils. Furthermore the routes of the recommended lines cannot be finally fixed and determined without the approval of

the Public Service Commission.

"Any change in the routes ordered later by the Public Service Commission, should they be fixed by the terms of the ordinance calling the special election, would render the use of the increase in the city's indebtedness impossible for the construction of the high-speed lines.

"Let the issue be clean cut.
"The ordinance reported out by the Finance Committee must be defeated.
"An ordinance, or ordinances, prepared in the customary and legal form, calling the special election must be passed with-out delay.

"We shall recommend that the Committee of 1000 shall call upon all the people and organizations in Priladelphia who de-sire to back up the 4-sat public demand for adequate rapid transit facilities and free transfers to attend the next meeting of City Councils, which will be on next Thursday, March 4, at 3 p. m., and meanwhile to get in touch with their Councils. men and to urge upon them the impor-ance of their co-operation." Director Porter and Cyrus D. Foss, Jr.,

secretary to Mayor Blankenburg, were in executive conference immediately be-fore the committee met this morning. Neither would discuss what took place. merely saying that they were preparing for the fight. P. R. T. SILENT.

Silence again today greeted the second charge that the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, including Edward T. Stotesbury, chairman of the Board of Directors, who was named personally, are the men scheming the defeat of the Taylor rapid transit plans. Thomas E. Mitten, president of the com-

pany, is out of the city, and Mr. Stotesbury, financier and actual head of the P. R. T. management, is in Florida. None of the other officials of the company was willing to reply to the charge of Director Taylor and Director Norris that they are the "men higher up" respon-sible for the transit "joker" reported by Councils' Finance Committee a week ago.

For the first time during the entire transit fight E. T. Stotesbury was named personally yesterday. Director Taylor, speaking before a gathering of 200 members of the Morning Newspaper Carriers' Association, directly and unequivocally charged that Mr. Stotesbury and his associates have failed to live up to the associates have failed to live up to the agreement made last May between the Department of City Transit and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The transit company then pledged itself

nmediately after the meeting. Director Taylor remarked: "This is the first time that I have openly mentioned any names, but I think the time now is ripe to do so. The first charge against the Philadela Rapid Transit officials was made Director Norris at the town meeting in the Academy of Music Wednesday night. Intimating that Councilmen are only "straw men" in the transit fight. Di-rector Norris challenged the Philadelphia Rapid Transit officials to viadicate them-

selves in the eyes of Philadelphia by denying responsibility for the ordinance introduced by the Finance Committee. Silence from the company officials which yesterday greeted this challenge was repeated today when Stotesbury's name came into the dispute. With Mr. Stotesbury, Senator McNichol was with and Senator Vare in Florida, Mr. Mitten out of town, and John P. Connelly, chair-tillet man of Councils' Finance Committee

the attitude of those opposed to the Tay plan. It was rumored in City Hall toering in the face of public indignation and that preparations will be made to amend the pending ordinance so that it will be fully legal and in accord with the opinion of John G. Johnson. ORGANIZATION ACTIVE.

The Republican Organization leaders. however, are using every underground method to stir up opposition to Director Taylor. Walter M. Stevenson, McNichol eader in the 32d Ward, has issued orders to the committeemen of that ward (two in each division) that they must stir up opposition to the Taylor plan on every possible occasion. Stevenson is interested in the Wynnefield Building Fund with Philip H. Johnson, brother-in-law of the late Israel H. Durham.

POLICE REPLY TO CRITICISM

Lieutenants Savage and Ewing Deny Charges Against Them. Two police lieutenants criticised today

by Judge Gorman in the Juvenile Court denied the accusations made against them. Lieutenant Savage, of the 39th street and Lancaster avenue police station denied he had ridiculed the House of Detention, as charged by Miss Virginia Smith, a probation officer who had investigated the case of 15-year-old David Lutz, of 4312 Mount Vernon street. Savage, Miss Smith and today, had declared that "the House of Detention was a joke" when she came to ask for the release of the Lutz boy, who was accused of malicious mischlet. Judge Gorman, on hearing Miss Smith's story, declared that he would have Savage brought before the police trial board was brought before the police trial board. age brought before the police trial board

roaring furnace. A large tin ple plate placed on such a fire gives opportunity for a large area of contact. Thus the resistance to heat is reduced to a minimum and—" if the charges were true.

Lieutenant Savage today said; "Miss Smith asked me to release the Lutz boy, but I had to refuse because it was not in my power. Miss Smith grew angry when I told her I could not send the boy

The other policeman criticised was Lieutanant Ewing, of the 61st and Thompson streets station. Ewing, Judge Gorman said, had kept 15-year-old William O'Donnail, a runaway, at the police station for five hours before sending him to the House of Detention. Lieutenant Ewing and the O'Donnell boy had been sent directly to the House of Detention.

Evelyn Thaw Suffers Breakdown

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Evelyn Neabit Than was taken to a sanatorium today suffering from a nervyus breakdown caused by oversors. She had been appracting at a local varied offic theater

HOTEL DE GINK HERE? SURE, SAYS JEFF DAVIS

President of Hobo Union Scoffs at Education Board's Denial of Building.

"Philadelphia is going to have a Hotel de Gink all right. Don't you worry about

This is the announcement of Jeff Davis, president of the National Union of American Hoboes and proprietor of the costelry established in New York for the wandering gentlemen of the water-tank and freight car.

Jeff was in Director Cooke's office

Jeff was in Director Cooke's office today to confer with Joseph Willits, general inspector appointed to investigate unemployment in Philadelphia.

"I just blew in," explained Jeff breezity. "I was down at Washington talking over hobo affairs with President Wilson and, say, he treated me fine. The President says he will try to put 100,000 hoboes in Government lands in the West. That's the message I've got for the boys over at the Gink.

That's the message I've got for the boys over at the Gink.

"But, I saw in the papers that the Philisdelphia School Board won't let us have that old building down at Twelfth and Wood streets. I don't care. Let 'em keep their old building. I'm going to get a building all right. I'll put the matter up to the boys of the unions. That can't be much of a schoolhouse anyhow, if they can't even hold school in it.

"I'm going to put a Hotel de Gink is every city in the United States. That will stop a lot of this wandering around one city dumping its hoboes on another. "But why can't we wander if we want o? They may have kidnapped Prosperity

all right, but say, bo, who has kidnapped Liberty? That's what I want to know. "Philly needs a Hotel de Gink all righto. Some say it will be established here next year. That's too late. What's to become of all the boes between now and next year? We'll get some building, and I guess it will be better than that old schoolhouse, too.

"I'm a little tired today," said Jeff as he stroked a two days growth of beard on his chin. "You know I had to undergo a lot of entertaining at Washington. Con-gressman Buchanan, who used to belong to the hoboes' union, had me up to the Hotel Willard with a lot of other Con-gressmen and notables. "I had tough luck getting train accom-

nad tough luck getting train accommodations back. It must have been a local drag I came through on. It stopped everywhere to pick other cars off sidings and did a lot of hifting. I hope to catch something swifter to New York, because I want to flop my lip over the four-corrected week that I know the market week the market were the market week the market was the market we were the market we were the market we well were nered meal that I know is waiting for me at the good old Hotel de Gink. Well, so long. See you some more in a week or two."

The following men have been appointed as members of a federation medical council, which will act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors, and will be practically in charge of the activitles of the federation: Dr. Samuel Mcities of the federation: Dr. Samuel Mc-Clintock Hamili, chairman; Dr. William N. Bradley, secretary; Dr. Howard Childs Carpenter, Dr. Charles A. E. Codman, Dr. Charles A. Fife, Dr. C. Lincoln Furbush, Dr. J. Clexton Gittings, Dr. Howard Kennedy Hill, Dr. Henry D. Jump, Dr. William Duffield Robinson and Dr. John F. Sinclair. Dr. John F. Sinclair.

SLAYER, DYING, REPRIEVED James Boyd, a negro murderer of West

Philadelphia, who was the first man to be sentenced to death in the electric chair in this State, received another reprieve today. Boyd is dying of tuberculosis. Announcement was made in Harris-burg this morning, according to a dis-patch, that Governor Brumbaugh had decided to change the date of the con-demned man's execution from March I to March 29. He was to have been re-moved to the new deathhouse at Belle-

fonte today, but his condition was so critical that it was believed he would die en route if removed from his cell. Judge Kinsey sentenced Poyd for mur-dering Bertha Fisher in a saloon at 35th and Market streets. After shooting the girl Boyd turned his weapon on Policeman Steth, wounding him. When he was sentenced he sat in the dock calmly chewing gum.

TRIED TO ROB THREE SHOPS

A man who had made preparations with glass cutter to open three showcases in South 2d street and was just about to start operations with a padded brick was in-errupted early this morning by Acting betectives Wertschafter and Fields, of Detectives Wertschafter and Fields, of the 2d and Christian streets station. The arrested the man, who said he was John Hansons, of 206 Cantrell street. The police say he had run a glass cutter over showenses in front of 787, 789 and 53 South 2d street Magistrate MacEau held the man in \$1000 ball for fur ther hearing.

Killed in Friendly Bout

BUFFALO, Feb. 26.-William Bacon was killed today in a friendly boxing bout with Andrew Schultz at a Turkish bath. Bacon slipped, striking his head on the

packing box. Policeman Freund saw a I see."

cloud of smoke pouring out of the box

some ham and eggs were cooking on a ple

the blaze was placed on a tin waiter.

there is no danger or conflagration

"You will notice," added Sam, "that

also want you to bear in mind that I cooked this breakfast of ham, eggs and coffee with one newspaper and a match.

The average housekeeper uses cost and

The average housekeeper uses coat and wood or gas stove."

The cop looked dazed.

"Let me explain," continued Sam.

"There are a large number of heat units in a printed newspaper, and a match brings out a concentration of atoms whose humid intensity causes a confagration equal for the time being to at

"Come." said the policeman. "tell the rest of it to Judge Glenn."
Walker was allowed to cat his hasty breakfast, and at the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station he attempted to explain his beat system to the Magis-

"The city wouldn't have to buy any coal or wood if you used your system," said the Judge.
"Of course not," replied Welker proudly.
And he was sent to the House of Correction to explain it to the guards.

"If you follow me you'll have a chance to make an arrest."

A ranged man with a bundle under his arm made this declaration as he ap-proached Policeman Rasher at Kensing-ton avenue and Cumberland street.

"What are you going to do?" saked the

"I have n help in this paper," said the

especially when they are suckers.

started home with them highly pleased.

form, the two cops went inside to dis-

for the coming summer.

But when Idell went to pick up his

suckers they had mysteriously disap-

He returned home much crestfalien. To-

peared.

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"DAREDEVIL JACK" FALLS FROM BUILDING



The picture shows Reynolds on the side of the Mutual Life Building, at 1017 Chestnut street, just before his fall to the roof of the Philadelphia Business College. His plunge is indicated by the dotted line. Below the acrobat himself is shown.

MOVIE MEN CONDEMN CENSORSHIP LAW

Blame Political and Saloon Interests for Statute-Breitinger Assailed.

Political interests and the saloons were present moving picture censorship law in against the censorship by the Pennsylva-Sam Walker, "the scientific bum," was | the stranger, "and I'm going to throw it nia Motion Picture Exhibitors in the Porarrested while cooking his breakfast in a through the window of the first big store rest Theatre this afternoon.

Politicians, it was declared, demand There was an air of determination about that the law be kept on the statute which was in front of a store near 3d and the man which convinced the policeman books in order to provide positions for Clearfield streets. Peering into it he saw that he meant business. He took the their place-holders. The saloon keepers, Sam sitting beside a bonfire, on which bundle from him and found that it really contained a brick. Then he brought him it was argued, realizing the wave of pubsome ham and eggs were cooking on a pie plate. He pulled Sam out in the fresh air and threatened to have him jailed for arson.

"My intentions were honorable," declared Sam. Then pulling his breakfast off the lire he showed the policeman that to the Fourth and York streets station. He collapsed as he was about to enter and said that he was weak from hunger. Rasher procured a meal for him at a restaurant and then took him before Magistrate Glenn.

The prisoner gave his name as John Neeman and said that he had no address. "I was going to break a window." he lic sentiment which is rising against them wish to control all the pictures thrown on the screen in order that motion picture houses may not be used to promote local option and prohibition sentiment.

Daniel S. Wheeler, former vice presi-"I was going to break a window," he said, "so that I would be sure of getting arrested. But when I saw the policeman I changed my mind and told him of my intention. I can't get work. What can I do." dent of the Exhibitors' Association, who made these charges, also intimated that Louis J. Breifinger, the present Moving Picture Censur here, was instrumental in having the law passed, in order to in-sure himself and his friends jobs. "Some-body wanted a job badly," he declared, "and we see now that somebody has a job." Beveral of the policemen said that they would try to get work for Neeman.

All fish look alike to Policeman Idell. Public opinion should be the censor. declared Frank W. Bush, of the Moving Picture World, of New York. "The law as it now is in Pennsylvania," he added. He caught nearly two dozen suckers last night in Wissahlckon Creek and might be termed a midnight abortio sneaked into the statute books without Idell met another policeman on a Ger-mantown avenue car and exhibited his luck. Leaving the fish on the rear platthe public press is uncensored the

speaker argued the motion picture screens ikewise should be unfettered in their pro-The purpose of today's conference was

The purpose of today's conference was to present the exhibitors side of the matter. Among the speakers were J. W. Binder, director of finance and publicity of the National Board of Censorship; Frank Stephens Bush, of the Moving Picture World; J. Johnson, of the Moving Picture News; Ira M. Lowry, general manager of the Lubin Manufacturing Company, of this city, and Samuel F. Wheeler, owner of a local theatre. day a huckster appeared on Haines atreet selling suckers. In size and appearance they were "ringera" for those caught by the policeman. Another fisherman, G. W. Jahn, who was with Ideil Wheeler, owner of a local theatre.

erman, G. W. Jahn, who was with ideli on his trip, also declared that the fish carried by the vender were those which disappeared from the trolley car. The huckster hed a few drinks and couldn't make a satisfactory explanation. He was on the way to the police station before he remembered that he was selling the fish for a "boss huckster," who had a wagon mearby. This proved to be true. Ideal is of the opinion that the suckers carried by the peddler must have been by a close I statives to those caught in the this subject. Indeterminate Sentence for Murderer A sentence of \$1% to 10 years was im-A sentence of so to to yours was imposed today upon Giusappe DeSimone, of 775 Sauth 7th street, who was convicted last week of killing Ernesto Volpandesta of 725 South 7th atrest, in a revolver duel on the street on September 21. The fight occurred at Marshall and Francistr streets and Velocudesta died the next day from his wounds.

DAREDEVIL JACK

FALLS FIVE STORIES

Continued from Page One Continued from Page One blocks away went up from the crowd when Reynolds rubbed the palm of his two hands and started on his skyward journey. The crowd stood and watched. Occasionally a new arrival would cheer.
From the windows of office buildings
wross the street women and men were
booking on.
The crowd became larger. Three traffic

The crowd became larger. Three trame squad policemen were keeping the crowd in order. In the middle of the crowd was Mounted Policeman Thomas Swain. As Reynolds passed the third story he turned his face sideways. His blond hair, which was dishoveled from being fanned by a steady northeast wind, was visible.

"It's cold up here," came the words from Reynolds. All went well until he reached the Still floor. Suddenly Respective.

reached the fifth floor. Suddenly Rey-nolds stopped climbing. He stood still for a few seconds. The crowd 200 feet below was wondering whether he had met with any accident.

COLD LOOSENS HIS GRIP.

Girl stenographers who were standing by an open window on the sixth floor watching the spectacle were waving handkerchiefs to Reynolds when he called

'My hands are getting cold, I-"My hands are getting cold, I—"
Before the stenographers had a
chance to realize whether the words
had any meaning, Reynolds' hands left
the granite stone wall. His two feet
slipped away from the wall. He then
fell down. Less than five minutes before the crowd was cheering him.
Reynolds' form shot downward. His
body landed on the roof of the Philadelphia Business College. When three
policemen and several eye-witnesses of policemen and several eye-witnesses of the accident reached the roof he was lying face downward. His eyes were open. Blood was flowing from his ears and eyes.

HURRIED TO HOSPITAL

Everybody in the crowd who had witnessed the fall expected that Reynolds had been killed. After being revived by first aid to the injuired, he was placed in an ambulance and hurried to the Jefferson Hospital.

The ambiliance on its way was followed by hundreds of persons. Among those who followed the bus was the little newsboy who less than 10 minutes be-fore had remarked that for Reynolds to climb up the wall of a building was just as easy as eating apple pie.

Reynolds was hurried into the accident ward, where he was surrounded by phys-icians, nurses and orderites, all of whom had heard of his hair-raising stunts "Don't make a hero out of me," said Reynolds.
While doctors were treating him Rey-

nolds described his fall in a graphic way

TELLS HOW IT HAPPENED. "My manager warned me not to climb today because it was chilly. My mind was made up to climb that house or Chestnut street, and I didn't want to disappoint that crowd. I'm sorry this hap poned, because there were a lot of people there who never before saw me in action. For a while I was tempted to change my program. It was that fine crowd which caused me to go through with the stunt.

"All went well until I reached the fifth floor. Then my hands became chilled. I felt as though my hands were resting on a cake of ice. The chill went through my body. I was going to climb down, but before I had a chance to do so my hands cave away from the wall and I hands. hands gave away from the wall and

fell.
"I feel sure that I was conscious all the time, because while I was spinning through the air it seemed to me that I could hear the bells of trolley cars. I think I became unconscious after I landed on the roof."

"I suppose you are through climbing buildings for a while?" asked a young in-"I'm not going to let a little thing like this worry yours truly," answered Rey-nolds. "I'll be ready for another climb

as soon as you gentlemen say I am O. K.," continued Reynolds. Doctors at the hospital said this afternoon that Reynolds would probably re-

cover in a short time. Just before he was taken to one of the wards Reynolds said: Gee, I wish I had a piece of chewing AUTO DIVES INTO EXCAVATION

For a long while the crowd which had Garage, 2014 Diamond street, and three companions the hospital. Each time a doctor came out of the accident ward one or two persons would inquire about his condition HAS BEEN ARRESTED.

In private life Reynolds is known as Charles Reynolds. He lives at 221 North was demolished and the occupants were 54th street. He has been arrested many times and was once imprisoned for an attempt to climb the face of the Flatiron of reckless driving, but was discharged Building in New York. He has been in various hospitals in the city with injuries received in falls. In many the-atres where he has been advertised to make daring climbs it has been a com mon occurrence for the orchestra to leave the chairs in the pit.

BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED

New York Concern to Build South Broad Street Structure.

An important step in the development of South Philadelphia was made this aftnamed as the two factors behind the ernoon when Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, awarded to Pennsylvania at a public protest meeting Arthur McMullin & Co., of New York, the contract to construct a concrete bridge, 350 feet wide, with a 105-foot span, to carry the South Broad street boulevard over the right of way of the proposed Belt Line railroad near the entrance to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

Before making the award, the Director conferred with officials of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads. The McMullin firm underbid is other con-tractors, Edwin H. Vare, of this city, being the second lowest. The New York concern is now engaged in a \$6,000,000 contract for subways in New York city and is also building new bridges over the Delaware at Trenton for the Pennsylvania Railroad and over the Susquebanna River at Havre de Grace, Md.

SEWER CONTRACT AWARDED Robert Lombardi Successful Bidder for Locust Street Work.

The contract for one of the branch sewers in the district of the proposed transit loop was awarded today by Director Taylor to Robert Lombardi, a contractor of No. 601 Lincoln Building. His bid was \$69.212. The specifications call for the construction of a sewer from 5th and Walnut diagonally across Washington. Walnut diagonally across Washington equate to 7th and Locust streets, and up Locust to 8th street. There were 11 bidders. Lombardl's bid

for building the sewer only was \$58,400 and was the lowest. Inlets and other inci-dental work added about \$2000 to each bid. Peoples Brothers. Inc., which last Tues-day was awarded the contract for the first of the sewer work, turned in the highest bid. \$86,700.

Youth Accused of Shooting Boy Parents of lo-year-old Paul King, of 2169 South T2d street, who was shot during a gang battle between boys from the Paschail section and Darby, located Edward Sunstran, of North Front street. Darby, today, and accused him of the shooting Sunstran who is it years old. party, tonay, and accused him of the abooting Sunstran, who is it years old was held under 800 ball by Magistrate Schuyler, of Darby. The King boy member of a band which frequently raids the youth of Darby, was shot under the left syn and may lose his sight. Sunstrant, who carried a small calitre rithe, said ha lied it because he heard the other side

BENNERS' JOY RIDE WITH BABY BUNTING

Ex-Cop Causes Sensation and Gives Companion Name That Doesn't Fit.

Ordinarily the appearance of a sixpound baby on the street causes no comment.

But when it is in the arms of a mepound man and the man is the only occupant of a big touring car and the car is going down Broad street, and the man is feeding the baby from a bottle-then it attracts a few curious stares.

It was with such a companion that "Cap Benners," an ex-policeman, had a joy ride down Broad street. Friends who remembered him as traffic director at 8th and Chestnut streets greeted him, it seemed, every few yards.

Henners blushed and as he had the in-

Benners blushed and as he had the infant in one arm and the milk bottle in the hand belonging to the other sym, he had to wave the arm with the milk bottle at the end at his friends.
His old pals seemed dumfounded, and just because Benners wanted to ride along unnoticed it appeared that all his friends must have been holding a convention on Broad street. vention on Broad street.

Well-meaning friends, who delight in relaying gossip, told Mrs. Benners all about it. "What?" she exclaimed. "You saw my

"What?" she exclaimed. "You saw my husband in an automobile feeding an infant with a milk bottle and he blushed when you spoke to him? Thank you! No, we have no infant."

When Benners returned to his home his wife confronted him with the accusation and demanded an explanation. Then the ex-policeman explained that since he yountered to help the Emer-

since he volunteered to help the Emer-gency Ald Committee he has had to obey orders. A call came to the committee's headquarters for aid to a woman who was ill with a 3-weeks-old baby. Benners was sent to her home near Broad and Girard avenue to investigate. He be-lieves in quick action in cases of distress.
He saw that the woman got medical

attention and nourishment immediately, and jumping into an auto with the baby took it to the Sheltering Arms. "What will we call the infant?" asked nurse at the institution. "Oh. call it Elsie," said Benners.

When Mrs. Benners heard this ex-planation she immediately felt much releved. But when Benners returned to the committee's headquarters today the phone

rang continuously.

One of the women members of the committee answered It.

This is what Benners heard her say:

"Made a mistake? You don't tell me?

W-h-a-t? Elsie is a boy?"

VETERAN CITY EMPLOYE DEAD

M. M. Coppuck, 42 Years a Highway Clerk, Victim of Heart Disease.

M. M. Coppuck, one of the oldest employes in the employ of the city and for the last 42 years assistant chief clerk of the Bureau of Highways, was found dead in bed this morning, at his home, 427 Franklin street. Coppuck was a veteran of the Civil War and served in the 7th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was \$2

years old

Air. Coppuck was graduated from the
Central High School when the institution was at 18th and Market streets,
where the Wanamaker building now
stands. When first appointed to the
Bureau of Highways the department was
located in the headquarters of the Amerilocated in the headquarters of the Amerilocated in the headquarters of the American Philoso, hical Society, at 5th and Chestnut streets. Later the offices were maintained in Independence Hall before plans for the City Hall were completed. He occupied his position in the Bureau through the incumbency of more administrations than any other employe in the service of the city. He was a widower and is survived by a daughter. Death is believed to have been caused by heart is believed to have been caused by heart

death early today when a big touring car in which they were riding crashed at full speed into an excavation under the car tracks at 4th and Market streets. The police say the car was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The machine hurled nearly 20 feet across Market street Jergens was arraigned before Magistrate Elsenbrown for a hearing on a charge Jergens, according to the police, had been to a party at 4th and Poplar effects with Joseph Kusek, Conrad Zunkge and Hans Goble. He had two ribs broken.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. For eastern Pennsylvania: Fair tonight and Saturday, somewhat colder tonight; strong northwest winds, diminishing.

For New Jersey: Fair and somewhat colder tenisht; Saturday fair.

The northeastern storm has moved slowly during the last 2t hours, being contral over Value the manner. central over Maine this morning. It has central over Maine this morning. It assince a seed in energy, causing strong northwest winds at its rear, accompanied by a decided drop in temperature throughout all of the northeastern portion of the country. The western area of high barometer extends in a ridge-like formation over the Mississippi Valley, the second of Mississippi Valley. with highest pressure north of Minnesota. It is moving very slowly eastward and promises continued low temperatures in the Atlantic States over Sunday. A moderate disturbance in the far north-west has caused light general precipita-tion west of the Rocky Mountains.

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Observations made at 8 a. m. eastern time.

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