WIFE OF MURDERER AND SUICIDE REFUSES TO BURY HIS BODY

Marital Affection Overtaxed by Disclosure of St. Clair's Relations With Victim of His Crime.

Coroner Knight Receives Letter, in Which Woman Says She Has No Interest in Funeral of Her Husband-Mrs. Hall's Body Claimed.

aurder, suicide and infidelity proved too severe a test of the marital affections of Mrs. Charles C. St. Clair, who asked Coroner Knight today to dispose of the body of her husband who killed in the sensational double crime.

ceived here A. B. Stein, a helf-brother loin, they say.

of the murdered woman, went to the During the early evening five men and Morgue and identified the body of Mrs. a woman called at the lith and Winter the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Potter, of Glenn street, that city.

The final chapter in the tragedy will

take place tomorrow when the Coroner will hold an inquest for the formulity of fixing the responsibility for the crime. There will be little to introduce as evidence at the proceedings. Only one cent was found in the apartment where the fing they could do was to try the Block-murder and suicide took place. In the two cheap traveling bags brought to the

a new girdle and several pairs of slik stockings. In the other were a few of St. Clair's belongings and the revolver with which he killed himself and his companion. The weapon is of 22 cultbre, evidently purchased in this city. Three bullets had been fired, two of which St. Clair sent into his own brain to make certain of self-destruction, although there is evidence that he lost his nerve after murdering Mrs. Hall and delayed his own end for at least an hour after his first With the revolver was a new box con-

taining 50 cartridges and a bottle of oil, with directions for using the revolver. A small watch, still ticking when found, lay slongside the revolver. Under a solled shirt the Coroner's aids also found a program for a burlesque show now playin this city, which the couple apparently attended before the murder and suicide was discovered.

Despite the fact that the authorities

Despite the fact that the authorities showed the dead woman's relative Mrs. Hall's last note, which was pieced together and indicated her infatuation for the man who murdered her. Stein, who also lives in Woodbury, holds to the belief that the woman, who was 24 years old, was lured to this city by St. Chair. "Her parents are prostrated, but anxious to see her buried." he said today, "Her father is nearly 80 years old and is a veteran of the Civil War."

Stein verified the details already obtained previously by the Coroner's officials relative to Mrs. Hall's career, but brought out the additional fact that his half-sister exerted a powerful fascination for men whom she met.

According to Stein, seven years ago, when his half-sister was 18 years old, she left her home in Woodbury to Join a musical comedy troupe as a chorus girl. She was the idol of her parents. Shortly after leaving home for the first time she married A. L. Nickerson, planist of the theatrical organization. After the ceremony, Harry Hall, a childhood acquaintance and school chum, continued to write to her. Nickerson intercepted several of the communications and a divorce resulted.

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Hall, whose ring was found on her body here, then, according to Stein, threatened suicide if she did not marry him, and the pair were made man and wife in New York. After this ceremony, St. Clair, who had before met Mrs. Hall, attempted suicide and subsequently influenced her to accompany him to this city for the purpose, according to the police, of kill-ing her and himself.

St. Clair's body will probably be buried

Ing her and himself.

St. Clair's body will probably be buried in Potter's Field. Beyond the identification of A. W. Page, of this city, no further effort has been made to identify the dead man as "Kid" St. Clair, former mildleweight prize fighter, funchroom proprietor and chauffeur.

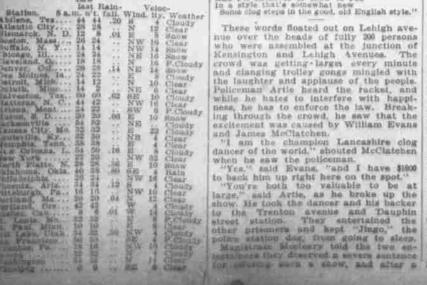
THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, March J.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair tonight and Thursday; moderate north winds. The cold area in the upper lake region expanded rapidly eastward to the coast at night, although the crest of the area moved slowly and is over Lake Superior this morning. The temperatures are gen-erally from 5 to 12 degrees below the normal throughout the northeastern portion of the country, and promise to remain so during the next 36 hours. It is slightly warmer in the Southern States, the rise averaging about 6 degrees, which has restored seasonable conditions in those districts. The southwestern disturbance has caused seasonable precipitation. caused general precipitation in the plains

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin made at S a. m., Eastern time



TRANSIT BUTTONS POPULAR Demand Produces Supply of Thous-

ands of Emblems. Additional thousands of transit buttons have been ordered by Director Taylor to supply the seemingly never-ending de-

High and low, rich and poor, the citizons are making fresh inroads on the stock that was gathered for them. Smooth alpaca coats and even tattered garments in surprising numbers bear the little blue and yellow emblems in the lapel. "For he Transit Plan' greets one at every

The new buttons may be obtained at the Ledger Building, 5th and Chestnut streets, and at Ledger Central, Broad and Chestnut streets.

DOPE USERS SEEK **CURE AT BLOCKLEY**

Thirteen Men and Two Women Addicted to Cocaine and Heroin Enter Hospital.

Thirteen men and two women, driven to celt a cure for the drug habit by the enhimself on Monday after murdering Mrs. forcement of the Harrison drug act Edna Potter Hall in the Hotel Windaur. which cut off their supply of socaine and Coroner McKnight received a letter from heroin, found their way during the night the wife of the dead man through an to the new drug ward, opened Monday official of the Coroner's office in New at Blockley to care for such cases. To-York, stating in effect that she had no day there are 2s men and two women in interest in the funeral of the principal the drug ward, the largest number ever assembled to take a drug cure at a Phila-The communication, which was signed delphia Fospital. Most of the victims by L. Quesido for Mrs. St. Clair, read as | Were sent to Blockley by Lieutenant Smiley, of the lith and Winter streets "As Mrs. St. Clair has decided not to station, in the heart of the Tenderion remove her husband's body from the still the haven of the drug users. Since Philadelphia Morgue, but to allow it to the drug prombition went on they have gone to the police station in a state of be buried by the authorities, it will not pitinble nervousness and begged to be be necessary for her to go to Philadelphia. We phoned you about it the afternoon."

A short time after the letter was reof the simply of the individual "cokers" in the Tender-

Hall. He made arrangements with the undertaking firm of J. Lewis Good & take the cure. The woman was Annie Sons, Sil Spruce street, to have the murdered woman's body shipped to Waterbury, where she will be buried from years, she said, and took to using drugs. after her husband divorced her and her

ant Smiley met night said that the Har-rison act had put the price of the availa-ble supply of drug to prohibitive heights. and that only persons with money could buy it now. Therefore, they said, the best

two cheap traveling bags brought to the hotel by the couple there was nothing beyond evidence of the deep infatuation of the man and woman for each other.

One bag contained a new besideir cap. cure. Dr. Egan certified that those who applied at the police station were ad-dicted to drugs and then produced affi-dayits, which all were required to sign. These set forth that the signers bound

These set forth that the signers bound themselves to remain at Blockley as long as it was necessary to effect a cure.

They signed willingly, though with shaking fingers, and this morning were taken to the drug ward. The five men, the first to apply last night, were William Mende, 62 North 7th street; Walter Harris, 921 South 12th street; John O'Toole, 210 North 9th street; Harry Bishop, 805 Bace street, and James Williams, 217 North 9th street.

GISHOP RHINELANDER ACCUSED BY PARISH

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prospered wonderfully and an \$3000 chapel has been built. From a strongling parish we have grown into a strong body. Mr. Rhodes has endeared himself to us as a consregation, and it seems to us that he is the embodiment of all that one could wish for in a minister."

The Bishop part requested Mr. Rhodes

wish for in a minister."

The Bishop first requested Mr. Rhodes to discontinue seeing Howard and Doctor Yerkes in a personal interview on February 4. When pressed for a reason he is said to have replied that the request was sufficient reason. Since then Doctor Stein verified the details already ob- Embardt has acted as the Bishop's emissury. On February 19 he addressed a let-ter to the young minister notifying him that although his appointment did not expire until May 21, his dismissal was to take effect April L.

to take effect April 1.

"On April 1. 1915," this letter said, "an additional check covering your salary for the remaining two months will be given you, and the Bishop wishes you to consider yourself free from duty after to scoure work elsewhere, in which effort to scoure work elsewhere, in which effort to scoure your will be successful."

e hopes you will be successful."
Although Mr. Rhodes is only 26 years
id, his hair is turning gray at the temoles, and members of his congregation ay this is the result of recent worries, ils congregation is backing him in the entroversy, turning out in record-breakng numbers on the two Sundays fol-lowing the news that he had been dis-

missed.

A native of Providence, R. I., where he is well connected, he came to Philadelphia two years ago as an assistant curate. He is a graduate of the Theological Semmary at Nashotah, Wis.

CHARGES TAMPERING WITH MAIL The letter which Howard says was tampered with was written to him by the Rev. Irving A. McGrew, curate of the Epiphany Chapel of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 13th and Spruce streets. The Bishop notified him that he had the letter.

Besides the Bishop and Doctor Em-hardt, the postal inspectors interviewed Rowland F. Philbrook, a student in the Philadelphia Divinity School, who found the letter. The contents were a rebuke to Howard for alleged misconduct and derogatory remarks about the Bishop at a musicale at the Church of the Advo-cate, 18th and Diamond streets, on the night of December 9, 1914.

"Tonight I have a notion
To put my feet in motion,
So sit up straight and listen for awhile,
And I'll culcator to show to you
In a style that's somewhat new
Some clog steps in the good, old English style."

These words floated out on Lehigh ave-me over the heads of fully 200 persons who were assembled at the junction of

Kensington and Lehigh Avenues.

CONGRESS PREPARING TO ADJOURN FINALLY

All Thought of Extra Session Abandoned-Three Appropriation Bills Pending.

WASHINGTON, March 3 - Congress utch was thrown into high speed today toward final adjournment at noon Thursday. All thought of an extra session was abandoned. Fate of three big appropriation bills, rural credits and the ship purchase measure hung in the balance. Both sides made great strides toward

cleaning up their calendars. President Wilson facilitated matters by daning four big appropriation bills.

Remaining for final disposition before djournment were the army, postofilce, agricultural, rivers and harbors, Indian and general deficiency appropriation bills. Conferees struggled toward a compronise on rural credits.

The ship purchase bill was stranded in the Senate, with failure abasis certain. Deadlocks on the agriculture and post-

Deadlocks on the agriculture and postoffice appropriation measures threatened
their failure, too, with necessity for emergency resolutions to provide funds.
The conference report on the legislative
appropriation bill was accepted by the
House. The bill allows the customary
20 cents a mile for members coming to
and going from the sessions of Congress.
The House provision which was eliminated called for actual traveling expenses,
A Senate resolution extending the nated called for actual traveling expenses,
A Senate resolution extending the
thanks of Congress to Amhassador Naon,
of Argentina; Ambassador De Gama of
Brazil, and Ambassador Suarez, of Chili,
who acted as mediators in the Niagara
Falls conference in the difficulties between
the United States and Mexico last year,
was passed by the House today. The
resolution provides that the President
shall present each of the three Ambassadors with a gold medal appropriately inith a gold medal appropriately in-

STEGLER MAY PLEAD GUILTY IN PASSPORT FRAUD CASE

His Wife Considers Damage Suits for False Arrest.

NEW YORK, March 3 .- Richard Peter Stegler, under indictment charged with having fraudulently obtained a United States passport, repeated in detail vesterday the story of his alleged dealings with Capt. Boy-Ed, naval attache of the Ger-man Embassy, to Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood. It is said on good authority that Stegler may change his plea of not guilty to one of guilty. If he does, his whole story of his alleged dealings with the German naval attache will be made public.

Mrs. Stegler, wife of the prisoner, has not yet decided what action she will take against the reporters for the New York Staats-Zeitung, who, after luring her to a hotel, had her arrested there on a trumped-up charge of assault.

WONDERFUL WAR PICTURES

Evening Ledger's "Movies" Coming to the Forrest Theatre.

Beginning with next Monday afternoon, the Forrest Theatre will show the most remarkable war pictures ever exhibited. They were taken on the battlefields of Europe and have just arrived-pictures of bloody carnage-pictures of daring deeds ind brave men.

These moving pictures excel anything ever before shown to the public. They breathe the spirit of war, they are the incarnation of the antithesis of civilization. Vividly they portray charges into the withering fire of the enemy, wonder-fully they show the stupendous conflict

now raging in Europe. The shrapnel bursts; there is an armored train in action; il of Germany's great 42-centimetre guns are spewing tion seemed to in forth their hail of death; the trenches are Science treatment. shown; there is a charge of 200 and only 32 return! It is the last word in moving pictures.

The pictures which will be shown every afternoon at 2 and 3:30 o'clock and every evening at 8 and 9:30, will be brought to

JOSEPH F. M. BALDI ILL

of Chevaller C. C. A. Baldi, head of the Italian colony in this city, is suffering from typhoid pneumonia at the family homestead in Castlenuovo, Clienta, Italy according to cablegrams and letters re-ceived here today. His condition became so alarming a week ago that specialists from Naples were summoned to his bed-Mr. Baldi left this city in December in

response to a request from his mother that one of her sons living in this city be at her hedside, as she was about to underso a serious operation. Mrs. Baldi, who is 89 years old, went under the knife, and her son was a great comfort to her during her serious illness.

Gen, Wood Denies Bishop's Charge WASHINGTON, March 3. - General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y., wired Secre-tary of War Garrison today, characterizing as an "audacious misstatement," the charge made by Blahop David H. Greer, of New York, that he had been active in the propaganda for the organization of an American legion composed of former army and navy men.

President Names Postmaster WASHINGTON. March 3.—President Wilson today nominated Joseph W. Mar-tin to be postmaster at Washington, Pa.

It is hard to realize that a man who

carries out ashes for a living has an artistic temperament. Louis Bratcher, a Negro, can prove that it is true. After he had carried the ashes from the home of Mrs. James Dempsey, of 3413 Chestnut street, Bratcher wandered into the hall-

way on the first floor. He was attracted by the large bronse figure of a Greek god, and, after gazing at it enviously, he em-

braced it and carried the figure out under

his coat. The ashman could have stolen less cumbersome things in the way of sil-

verware and vuses, but they lacked the magnetic appeal of the statue.

After getting it home, Bratcher realized that the surroundings of his abode were not in keeping with the atmosphere belonging to a Greek god, so he took him to a pawnshop, where there were some oil neightings brid a brag and other extractions.

paintings, brie a brac and other artistic things. As Bratcher was leaving the shop he was arrested by Policeman Peter-

son and taken to the 32d and Woodland avenue station. He told Magistrate Harris that he had such a longing for things of art that he simply couldn't resist them. The Judge agreed with the prisoner and held him in \$550 ball for court.

JOSEPHINE WOOD

Girl of 7 years, who was born and died under Christian Science treatment. Charges of criminal negligence have been preferred against her parents and against the woman healer who was called in before her death.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST DEFENDS HER ACTIONS

Woman Whose Child Patient Died Declares She Tried to Conform to Law.

"Every Christian Science reader and practitioner in this city is easer to conform with the law and summon a physician when it is ascertained that the patient is afflicted with a contagious disease, such as mumps or measles.

a sick person who was afflicted with a contagious disease I always have request-ed that a physician be called. Josephine didn't show any signs of diphtheria until was a child who possessed a beautiful

Heartbroken over the death of Josephine May Wood, T years old, of 1727 North Sydenham street, who died last Monday of diphthenia while under Christian Science treatment, Miss Dorothea J. Warmuth, a Christian Science render, made this state-ment today in speaking of the girl's death, Miss Warmuth is a teacher of languages and a graduate of the Chicago University. Miss Warmuth and the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wood, were arrested yesterday on order of Coroner Knight, charged with criminal negligence.

They were released in \$1500 hall. They will have a hearing March II. Miss Warmuth described today her visit to the Wood home a few days ago. She denounced some of the stories which had been published about her arrest. "I simply did what any other Christian Scientific and the control of the control of

Scientist would have done," she said. "It was asked to visit the child by her parents. When I called at the house the mother told me that the girl was suffering from mumos "The child didn't appear to be very sick.

I suggested that a physician be called, but the mother refused to do so because she didn't think the child's condition was serious. Josephine was running around the house on February 22. The child's condi-tion seemed to improve under Christian "Her throat became healed and her

spirits brightened. Last Monday, how-ever, the child's condition became serious and a physician was sun When as diphtheria I immediately left the

'I have committed no wrong. What I did in the Wood case is exactly what I would have done in a case where dear ones related to me might have been

Mrs. Wood is prostrated. She and her husband came here from Bethlehem sev-eral weeks ago. When Josephine was born a Christian Science practitioner was

'We hold nothing against Miss Warmuth," said Mr. Wood today. "When we summoned her to our house we didn't realize that our child was seriously ill." Many pupils of the Joseph Allison Pub-lic School, which Josephine attended, called today at the Wood home to sympathise with the grief-stricken parents The supervising principal of the school to-lay sent the following letter to the pa-

My dear Mrs. Wood: My dear Mrs. Whod:
Word was brought to me today that
your little one had passed last Monday from your leving care. I want to
tell you how deeply I sympathize with
you. She had not been in our school
very long, but long enough to endear
herself and we too shall miss her. In
your erest loss your only counter will your great loss your only comfort will e in the thought that she is safe in

TAYLOR ARMS TRANSIT ARMY FOR FIGHT

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does not deliver its passengers near or around this centre, it will not provide the service required, and will therefore not draw so large a proportion of the

SYSTEM WOULD FAIL "We would then be building an expensive structure, which would not be able to perform the service required of it, and it would fail of reasonable financhal success for this reason.

The North and South Broad street lines will collect and distribute passengers from 27 stations outside of the business district.

"The delivery toop provides seven stations for the banding of this traffic with

ions for the handling of this traffic within the business district.
"Without the loop virtually the entire delivery district traffic of the Broad street

delivery district traffic of the Broad street subway. 10 miles ions, and serving more than 580,000 persons, would have to be handled in two stations.

"There is not room in Broad street to provide the track and platform space necessary for such a volume of traffic.

"The number of passengers discharged at the two subway stations on Broad street between Filbert and Walnut streets, and the congestion thus produced in stations and street can be understood by comparing the estimated traffic in the early years of operation so delivered at the single underground platform at these two stations, namely, 100,000 passengers each way per day, with the number of passengers using the numerous platforms and entrances of the Broad Street Station of the Pennsylvania Raliroad, which is of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which about 46,500 per day in each direction.

the ultimate carrying capacity of the sub-way, reducing its possibility of service to the people and curtailing its carning

power.

"It is manifestly impracticable to deliver this traffic at only two stations. At
the commencement of operation, the
Broad street subway would thus be throttled and absolutely prevented from development to its ultimate capacity.

"It would be futile to plan to transfer
passengers who wish to go east of Broad
street to the Market street subway or to
the proposed Chestnut street subway due
to space conditions of the underground
stations. When trains easthound in these
subways reach Broad street, they will not
have discharged sufficient passengers to
make room for transfer passengers from
the Broad street line, even were this the Broad street line, even were this transfer otherwise feasible, and thus the track capacity of the east and west sub-ways would be used for this short-haul traffic rather than for the long-distance high-speed service to West Philadelphia. LOOP AS TERMINUS.

"One Important purpose of the recommended loop is to provide terminal mended toop is to provide terminal facilities for the four tracks which will be necessary in North Broad atreet. By way of the loop a part of the North Broad street trains can be turned lack after discharging their passengers. Manifestly, the four tracks in North Broad street cannot be run into tracks in South Broad street, and, in view of experience and present-day understanding of stub-ond terminals, it would be the atmost only to contemplate any similar plan for ice. The city of New York has spent millions of dollars on the Centre street loop to releve the stub-end terminal at the Manhattan end of the Brooklyn

"While from a traffic and financial standpoint it would be unwise to build a line which would not take people where they wish to go, it would, at the same time, be manifestly unfair for the city to ignore established business as now located and distributed."

"Subways cannot be built to reach every affic point, but any system undertaken of the city should certainly be designed to reach or serve as many traffic centers

as possible.

"Furthermore, a two-track delivery loop, with four tracks on the west side thereof in Broad street, will furnish terminal facilities for the recommended subway, which will extend northwestwardly from the City Hall beneath the Park-way to 29th street, there connecting with an elevated structure over 29th street and

iderstand this fact

Thus, if the Broad Street subway were tuilt without providing for the delivery loop, it could not be operated commer-cially, and the increase in the borrowing capacity authorized at the special elec-tion would be so tied up, under the terms of the ordinance upon which the election is based, that no future connections for a delivery loop without grade crossings could be arranged for, and no portion of a delivery loop without grade crossings could be arranged for, and no portion of the delivery loop could be built under the terms thereof. Furthermore, it would be essential to build not only a Broad street subway, but also northeasterly and northwesterly spurs, thus making six tracks in North Philadelphia feed into a fourack subway.
"Mr. Johnson's opinion with relation to

this subject, based on information which I have given him, is as follows:
"The ordinance would be legally defective, in that it specifically limits the

place of construction and does not in-'If the increase of the indebtedness

was authorized by a popular vote for the purposes defined in the ordinance, no por-tion of the proceeds could be approprinted to the construction of such loop or in and about the payment of any extra cost which would be entailed in designing the Broad stret subway to furnish the connection with such loop.

"The ordinance, taken as a whole, discloses a purpose to borrow money for a specific construction. The use of the money borrowed must be confined to that

"If the general purpose cannot be accomplished. I would greatly fear that the whole project would fail. Part of the proposed construction is "the necessary branch lines northeast and northwest

from Broad street." "It may be that upon the theory that no branch lines northeast or northwest will be necessary, the rest of the project embodied in the ordinance can be carried out. There is considerable doubt about

OPINION ON FRANKFORD "L" "With relation to the route of the Frankford elevated, which is designated, Mr. Johnson's opinion is as follows; "'The elevated railroad that, according

to the ordinance, is to be built, is from Front and Arch streets to Rhawn street, via Front street, etc. You advise me that will be necessary to stop the construction at Bridge street, Frankford, and that the extension of three miles in the coun-try, from that point to Rhawn street, could not be made.

could not be made.

"There would be a lack of good faith in obtaining the popular consent to the creation of a loan to build a railway which the city authorities know cannot be constructed and is not intended, at the present time, to be constructed."

"Mr. Johnson further states:

"The ordinance would be free from serious leval objections, which would so define the proposed construction as to

efine the proposed construction as to make it impossible to do anything other than construct upon the precise lines in-dicated, unless these lines can certainly be ollowed and unless it is intended, in good faith, to complete in accordance there-with, upon obtaining, in addition to the first appropriation, requisite additional The people should be informed that the

Frankford trains were to be throughrouted to Darby.

'It is thus made absolutely clear that
the ordinance calling for the special election should not specify any routes what-

ever, because:
"I. Changes in certain portions of the routes may be devised by City Councils, or may be ordered by the Public Service or may be ordered by the Public Service. or may be ordered by the all the City Councils have no control. Under the terms of the ordinance drafted the loan funds could not be used for the construction of any of the facilities, the routes of which may

be so changed in the future.

"Z. The ordinance eliminates the de-livery loop and any provision therefor; it provides for no proper delivery facilities or passengers using the Broad street

subway. '3. City Councils should give careful consideration to the routes with all of the facts relating to location, ensineering problems, traffic problems and cost involved, before attempting finally and involved, before attempting finally and involved in a manner which will make their construction importation and hearders. construction impracticable and therefore impossible by their having been desig-nated in the ordinance calling the special

FIRST ORDINANCE EXPLAINED.

for an increase in the indebtedness of the city to the extent of \$6,000,000 to be au-thorized for the beginning of transit dedevelopment without any routes being designated, will place City Councils in a position to direct the expenditure of that money in a manner which will either require the existing railway system in the city to co-operate with the city in equip-ping and in operating the recommended tigh-speed lines, as arranged between the fficials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the Department of City Transit under the terms of the Co-operative Program, which provides for free transfers between high-speed lines and surface lines, coupled with the elimi-nation of the illegal and discriminatory exchange tickets on a basis which is fair and affords reasonable protection to the existing system, as agreed; or otherwise, if the existing system falls to co-operate will place City Councils in a position to proceed with the construction of the commended high-speed system regardsa of failure on the part of the existng system to co-operate, and thus the city will be enabled to secure the equipent and operation thereof, if necessary as a last resort, by an independent and competitive company.

"These are ample reasons why an or-dinance, or ordinances, prepared in the usual and legal form, calling an election to authorize an increase in the city's in-debtedness to the extent of \$6,000,00 for the beginning of the transit developm should be passed without specifying any None of the loan fund would be avail-

able to the Department of City Transit until it is appropriated by City Councils, or until City Councils finally have fixed and determined the routes and the same have been passed and approved by the Public Service Commission.

What we are asking is absolutely fair that the people shall be given the right to authorize an increase in the city's indebtedness for the beginning of the transit development, and that City Coun-cils shall reserve unto themselves the right to designate the routes rather than to attempt to fix and finally determine unworkable routes at this time in the election erdinance and thus the up the increased indebtedness which is to be authorized in a way which will prevent its use.

"Let us work together to have this ordinance amended and passed in the usual and legal form. Then the construction of real rapid transit will be assured to the citizens of Philadelphia and the city will be in a position to require the existing system to equip and operate the city-owned lines under fair conditions and with adequate protection to their existing system, or to secure an independent company to equip and operate the city-owned lines on a favorable basis." nes on a favorable basis."

"PULLBACK" ACCUSED.

Supporters of the Blankenburg adminiatration declared today that attempts were being made by the transit "pullbacks" to becloud the issue by atributing too great significance to the mild tone used

by the Mayor in his telegram to Mr. Stotosbury. Friends of the Mayor said he had informed them he did not care to enter into a personal controversy with Mr. Stotesbury at this time because if he by some congregations constantly clamby some congregations constantly clamby some congregations constantly clamby. 'wanted to draw 'a red herring' acrosss the trail."

According to these informants, there are two things which the administration e anxious to have Stotesbury commit himself to. One is whether he favors the fake transit ordinance introduced by Councils two weeks ago in place of the Taylor plans, and again whether he still maintains the position he announced last May when, with the Rapid Transit directors, he gave his approval to Director Taylor's project, provided co-operation on the part of the Union Trac-tion officials could be obtained.

Senator Vare arrived this morning from Florida, but Senator McNichol is not expected until the latter part of the

Director Norris also returned to his office for the first time since Mr. Stotes-bury publicly denied the insinuations made against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company by the city official at the Academy of Music, February 24. After the meeting of the members of the Mayor's Cabinet, Director Norris was asked what his opinion was relative to the interchange of telegrams between Mr. Stotesbury and Mayor Blankenburg, and what he thought of charges made by the traction magnate that the directors had made slanderous statements at the Academy of Music meeting.

ouilding of the Frankford elevated, as proposed in the ordinance, ignores the matter. "I have nothing to say today, at laims of the southwestern section of any rate," he declared. Questioned further, he refused to say whether he would Under the recommended program, the make a statement later in the day or not.

JERSEY METHODIST MINISTERS INDORSE WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Give Enthusiastic Response to Mrs. Fechert's Appeal for Support of Movement to Defeat Liquor Men at Polls.

Billy" Sunday's Methods Praised by Entire Body of Delegates to 79th Annual Conference Which Opens at Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 3.-The New ersey Methodist Episcopai Conference, with great enthusiasm, indorsed woman suffrage today, voting to do everything possible to align the church members of the State for equal franchise. Mrs. E. J. Fechert, of Plainfield, president of the New Jersey Suffrage Association, had asked the pastors to support suffrage.

our cause," Mrs. Fechert wrote. "Can we depend upon the help of the good peoplo of New Jersey?"

adopted. An allusion to "Billy" Sunday by Dr.

brought the ministers to their feet. souls," he said, "I say let him go ahead, It makes no difference what eccentricities

e may have." The New Yorker predicted, with irony, that the "400" might yet produce an even-

"We are with this man Sunday to a

low sweeping the land," said the Rev. George L. Dobbins, who has had some of the most important pastorates in the Conference. "Religion is receiving an uplift of unparalleled proportions, and n agencies are working for the spread of the Gospel."

nearly 300 New Jersey pastors got down to business at once.

The Rev. M. E. Snyder, educational secretary, was made secretary of conference; Walter L. Shaw, Hammonton, statistical secretary, and D. C. Bobb, Asbury Park, treasurer.

DICKINSON MEN'S REUNION.

The greater part of the opening day was devoted to preliminary work. The anniversary of the Women's Home Missionary Society was celebrated this aftrenoon with an address by the Rev. J. Arthur Edwards, South Dakota, on work upon the frontier. A reunion of alumni and friends of Dickinson College was held at the Hotel Denis, the speaker being the Rev. J. M. Read, acting president. l'entecostal services were conducted in the Central M. E. Church this afternoon, with a sermon by the Rev. Thompson W. Mc-

Kinney, Coatesville, Pa. Dominies, young and old, interested in promotions in the shake-up to come when appointments are announced in the closing hours of the session next Tuesday, latered today. listened today with great attention to

than they pay God would never hear them. Congregations, to qualify them-selves for respectful consideration, should praise up, pay up, pray up and push up. I never knew the right kind of a man to be hurt by praise. If he isn't the very best man, praise him enough and I'll move him and give you another man. But praying will not help congregations a

or proposed pension fund plan, under which it is proposed to create a budget of \$100,000 to be amplified by bequests to

'DRYS" GAIN FOUR CITIES IN VERMONT ELECTIONS

Only 16 Out of 246 Places Go "Wet."

lington the license vote carried the day by the narrow margin of 25 votes. Rutland, the second largest city in the state remnined "wet" by three votes. Other of the important places which are "wet" are St. Albans, Vergennes, Colches-

Isle Lamotte.

Among the towns which went back into the "dry" column after being licensed a year were Waterbury and Swanton.

In Burlington A. S. Drew, Republican, was elected Mayor over Howard S. Crane by a majority of \$16.

BOISE, Idaho, March 3.-Governor Alexander has signed the prohibition bill making the manufacture or sale of in-toxicating liquors in idaho unlawful after January I, 1916.

DENVER, March 3.-The Colorado Leglature has completed the law to en the report of the Kansas Committee. measure now goes to the Governor.

Wootten Statewide prohibition bill has now passed the House by a vote of 40 to 5. It passed the Senate about two weeks BEO.

MISSTEP MAY COST LIFE

of the Pennsylvania Railroad, which is about 40.00 per day in each direction.

"A comparison between the same stations and Broad Street Station at the reason for the Count's hard work; his frush hours right and morning would show much greater congestion at the subway and present congestion at the subway attions due to their greater proportion of peak load.

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A misstep as he was gotting on a moving autoriuck may cost the life of II-year-old Edward McGinley, 1249 Bucknell street, who is in serious condition in St. Luck's Hospital suffering with concussion of the brain and internal injuries. My line at tench with the millions of his countrymen on the firing time. At Nieuport, in a charge, a bullet found him and saded with sudden firmness a life that always had been platureague and interesting.

"Fourth. The ordinance requested by the Department of City Transit calling

"The Liquor Dealers' Association of this State has ordered its followers to defeat

"She can!" a dozen pastors shouted, and a resolution of indorsement was

W. D. Kelly, of New York, as "the man who came from the baseball field," "If any man can make good and save

gelist "to save the pets of society."

man—horse, foot and gune," declared the Rev. J. Morgan Read, one of the militant leaders of Methodism in New Jersey, "We don't care whether he is a Methodist or a Presbyterian, for he is a man of God and dragging souls out of the mire."
"We thank God for the revival spirit

Organization of the Conference was effeeted immediately after the memorial service, with Bishop Theodore S. Hender-son, of Chattanooga, in the chair, and

a pronouncement of Bishop Henderson respecting the relationship and duties of

oring 'or the most effective pastors availble, ishop Henderson said:
"If some people didn't pray any better able.

whole lot unless they also pay well. The great trouble in many churches is that too many of the members are leaners, when they ought to be lifters."

Most of tomorrow will be devoted to consideration of the conference claimants,

provide a half-pay retirement system for worn-out pastors.

BURLINGTON, Vt., March 3 .- Prohiba tion gained four cities in the city and town elections held in this State yesterday. Complete returns give 16 cities and towns out of 246 "wet." Last year there were 20 places "wet." Montpeller, which was "wet" last year,

switched by a narrow margin into the "dry" column, and Bennington reversed the process by joining the "weta." In Burter, Shoreham, Fairhaven, Brighton and Isle Lamotte.

force the Statewide constitutional prohibi-tion amendment effective on January 1, 1516, when the Senate and House adopted the report of the Kansas Committee. The

SALT LAKE CITY, March 1.-Tho

REPORTER," DIES IN BATTLE Former Husband of Chicago Steel Magnate's Daughter, and Well Known in This City, Killed Fighting for France.

DE BEAUFORT, "SILK HAT

Philadelphians who came in contact | clad in the height of fashion and gazing with newspaper men in years gone by carned today with somewhat of a shock that Count James Alexander von Mourik de Beaufort, better known in this city as the "silk hat reporter," had been killed fighting for France near Nieuport, Bel-gium, News of the death was contained today in dispatches from Chicago, where

friend of the count received a letter rom the battle front. from the battle front.

Count de Beaufort was at one time the
husband of a daughter of M. H. Killgal-en, of Chicago, a steel magnate. He won
her by a series of sensational exploits in the way of "making good" in accordance with the father's dictum. Do Beaufort for almost a year worked in the steel mills of this city and Chicago by day, nothing more than a laborer, and moved

nothing more than a laborer, and moved in society by night.

Nearly every Sunday editor in the country used pictures of the Count at one time or another, showing him in various poses indicating hard labor, always in overalls and jumper and always with a few lines about the romantic reason for the Count's hard work; his desire to win the daughter of the steel magnate.

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at what of the world he could see through a monocle.

After winning the girl of his choice de Beaufort stopped working. Later he was divorced. He then came to this city in all the regalia of the society man and became a reporter. Bluecoats at big fires or sordid police court hearings were stupefied to see a man in a full dress suit, wearing a slik hat, a monocis and a cane saunter elegantly into the scene and start to take notes.

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After Philadelphia had become so accustomed to him that it no longer gasped at his approach, de Beaufort went to New York. There his appearance created even more of a sensation. Soon he was known to every policeman in the city. Although foppiah in his clothing, he was well educated and he gave deep attention to his work, so that he became in time an able reporter. Also he was much of an advertisement to the newspaper employing him and he was always sure of