MILLIONAIRE, FOE OF PRESENT SYSTEM, MAY GIVE AWAY WEALTH

William F. Cochran, of Baltimore, Is Seeking Suggestions as to How Best to Get Rid of His Money to a Worthy Cause

BALTIMORE, March 8.—Marylanders today are offering all sorts of suggestions to William F. Cochran, 28 years old, a millionaire, as to how he can become a poor man. Cochran is prominent in society circles. He also is the owner of much property and has many financial holdings. But he wants to lead the life of a poor man.

A few days ago, Cochran, while addressing a group of millionaires, discussed social conditions. Concluding his address Cochran said:

"I intend to spend my money to help undermine the system under which I myself have reaped benefits and which gives some men millions and makes paupers of millions. As long as there is a system that creates millionaires at one end of the social scale and paupers at the other end, there will be great unrest in the world. I shall devote the money I have to the blotting out of this evil."

Advocates of "a saloonless nation" are writing daily to Mr. Cochran. They urge him to give his wealth in support of the Anti-Saloon League, and thereby close every rum shop in the country.

Mr. Cochran is one of the most prominent laymen in the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland. He is a son of the late William F. Cochran, who built up at Yonkers, N. Y., one of the greatest carpet making industries in America. His brother, Alexander Smith Cochran, is o yachtsman of international fame, having outsailed the German Emperor at Kiel a few years ago in the yacht races there.

Baltimore is Mr. Cochran's adopted home. He is a graduate of Princeton and 13 years ago married Miss Nina Gill, the daughter of Lorraine Gill, who was a member of the famous tea house of Martin Gillet & Co., of Baltimore. There are three children. Mr. Cochran's home, Woodbrook, on the northern edge of Baltimore, is one of the show places of the city. He is the owner of two apartment houses in the most fashionable part of the city.

Up to this time Mr. Cochran has not begun to cast away any of his lucre and is bravely and smilingly swimming through the flood of mail that pours into his office.

If he follows any one of the many suggestions sent him he will have to borrow the price of a meal every time he wishes to eat.

One of his friends described him in this manner:

"He is a rich young man who has found something to do. Many members of America's leisure class have been unable to find anything to do and consequently many of them have gone to the devil. Mr. Cochran is an example of a type that will increase in this country. His objective point is the relation of the Church to the great problem of social service. He regards himself as trustee of his wealth and has a high sense of the responsibilities it has imposed on him."

"The Socialists," said Cochran today, "are beginning to realize that the moral influence of the Church is essential to their movement to make it effective. In their later days Marx and Engles realized that they had underestimated the moral and ethical laws and overestimated the economic laws."

Funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Cobb

The funeral services of Mrs. Mary E. Cobb, who for years took an active interest in educational, sociologic and philanthropic work, will be held this afternoon, 2 o'clock, at her residence, 648 North 56th street. She died Saturday night in her 80th year. Beginning her first-hand labors in the House of Refuge, Philadelphia, the Reform School of Providence, R. I., and the New York House of Refuge, she became assistant superintendent of the Connecticut Industrial School for Girls. She later filled a similar post at the Sherburne (Mass.) Woman's Prison. Mrs. Cobb was a pioneer in taking up the work of practical instruction in charitable and reformatory institutions. In 1885 she returned to Philadelphia, and was instrumental in founding the Fouike and Long Institute for Orphan Girls. She was affiliated with the Young Women's Christian Association, the Associated Committee on Police Matrons, the Civic Club, the Bucknell Alumnae Club, the Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Committee and other interests of that church.

Dixon on House Cleaning

In 99 out of 100 houses there are corners in attic or cellar or under the sink or at the bottom of the pantry that evade the regularly constituted periods of housecleaning. This is the opinion of State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon, expressed in the course of a dissertation on "Household Sanitation" at Harrisburg.

Takes Drink and Kills Himself

NEW YORK, March 8.—After sending a bellboy for a glass of whisky and drinking it apparently to nerve himself, a man who registered as A. P. Conillard, of Ottawa, killed himself in the Hotel Breslin early today. No reason for the suicide is known.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, March 8.

For eastern Pennsylvania—Fair tonight; somewhat colder in south portion; Tuesday fair; moderate north winds.

For New Jersey—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

The Eastern storm is clearing the coast this morning and a large area of high barometric pressure covers the greater portion of the country, with the crest over South Dakota. It is causing fair weather generally, although there is considerable cloudiness over the Southern States. The temperatures have fallen slightly at most places in the Northern States, but are not abnormally low except in the Missouri basin, with zero temperatures reported from the Dakotas and Nebraska. Fair weather is indicated for this locality during the next three or four days.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin

Observations made at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

Station.	8 a.m.	8 p.m.	Low st'.	Rain-fall.	Wind.	Vele-city.	Hr.	Weather
Abilene, Tex.	28	26		..	N	14		Cloudy
Atlantic City	34	32		..	N	10		Clear
Bismarck, N. D.	0	6		..	NW	4		Clear
Boston, Mass.	32	32		..	NE	10		Cloudy
Buffalo, N. Y.	24	22		.01	N	12		Clear
Chicago, Ill.	28	26		.01	NW	12		Clear
Cleveland, O.	24	24		.16	N	14		Clear
Denver, Col.	20	20		..	SW	4		Clear
Des Moines, Ia.	28	28		..	N	6		Cloudy
Detroit, Mich.	26	24		.01	N	16		Clear
Duluth, Minn.	18	18		..	N	16		Clear
Galveston, Tex.	40	40		..	N	20		Cloudy
Hatteras, N. C.	40	38		.24	NW	36		P.Cloudy
Helena, Mont.	22	22		..	SW	8		Clear
Honolulu, H. I.	72	72		..	NW	4		P.Cloudy
Jacksonville, Fla.	40	38		..	NW	6		Clear
Kansas City, Mo.	30	28		..	NW	8		Snow
Knoxville, Tenn.	42	32		..	N	10		Cloudy
Memphis, Tenn.	36	34		..	NW	10		Cloudy
New Orleans	42	42		..	N	14		P.Cloudy
New York	30	30		.04	N	22		Cloudy
North Platte, Neb.	0	6		..	NW	4		Clear
Oklahoma, Okla.	28	28		..	N	18		P.Cloudy
Philadelphia	34	32		.02	NW	12		Cloudy
Phoenix, Ariz.	56	54		..	E	8		Cloudy
Pittsburgh, Pa.	26	26		.10	NW	14		Cloudy
Portland, Me.	30	24		..	N	16		Cloudy
Portland, Ore.	44	44		..	E	4		Clear
Quebec, Can.	10	8		..	E	4		Foggy
Rapid City, S. D.	30	30		..	NW	10		Clear
St. Paul, Minn.	14	14		..	N	10		Clear
Salt Lake City, Utah	36	36		..	E	10		Clear
San Francisco	48	46		..	E	4		Clear
Seattle, Wash.	50	50		.10	SW	8		Cloudy
Tampa, Fla.	52	52		..	E	12		P.Cloudy
Tucson, Ariz.	42	42		.02	N	12		Cloudy
Washington, D. C.	36	36		..	N	12		P.Cloudy

*Below zero.

THAW ON TRIAL FOR CONSPIRACY

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that it has only to prove that Thaw was sane enough to be responsible for his part in the conspiracy.

Scores of witnesses are ready to testify that Thaw is sane. If the court permits testimony of that nature. Another avenue of the defense is that conspiracy to aid the escape of a lunatic is not a statutory crime.

On trial with Thaw as co-conspirators were the five alleged principals in his automobile "get-away," "Gentleman Roger" Thompson, the chauffeur; "Big Dick" Butler, Thomas Flood, Michael O'Keefe and Eugene Duffy. Quick work in selecting a jury from 300 talesmen, specially summoned, was expected today.

A habeas corpus suit suit is regarded as certain to follow the present proceedings regardless of the outcome as to Thaw. If convicted, Thaw's lawyers will fight, by habeas corpus, any attempt to return him to Matteawan, seeking a jury trial as to his sanity. If acquitted, the same procedure will be adopted to insure Thaw's complete freedom.

The penalty on the conspiracy charge is one year's imprisonment and a $500 fine.

MAY CONNECT GUNMEN WITH DOUBLE MURDER

Wilmington Desperadoes Suspected of Killing Priest and Housekeeper.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 8.—Peter Krakus, alias John Melba, who killed Patrolman Francis X. Tierney on Saturday and injured several others, two perhaps fatally, and Charles Morris, alias Moras, who accompanied him previous to the shooting, are desperadoes with "records" behind them in the opinion of the local police.

From circumstantial evidence obtained by the police, the prisoners may be connected up with the murder of a priest and his housekeeper in New Britain, Conn.

In the State Court this morning, Attorney General Josiah O. Wolcott asked for a precept calling the Grand Jury back to court next Monday, and calling a special session of the Court of Oyer and Terminer on the same day to consider the cases.

The cases of Krakus and Morris were called in City Court today, but Krakus was unable to appear, and the court fixed Thursday for a preliminary hearing. The prisoners were on the court docket as Peter Krakus, alias John Melba, and Bernard Montvid, alias Charles Morris. Assistant City Solicitor John F. Lynn said Krakus would be charged with murder and Morris with conspiracy to commit assault and accessory before the fact.

Krakus will be tried for the murder of Patrolman Tierney as soon as the Grand Jury finds an indictment against him.

That Krakus and Montvid committed a double murder in New Britain, Conn., on February 8, is the clue on which the police are now working. According to the information a Lithuanian priest and his housekeeper were murdered in New Britain on February 8 by two men who afterward looted the priest's house and escaped.

The police examined the drawbacks found on the prisoners. The drawbacks are said to be of the same date and show that the two men went from New Britain to Waterbury on that date and paid their fare on the train. They had never cashed the drawbacks, which are worth 10 cents each.

The police have communicated with the New Britain authorities and have also gotten a Lithuanian priest here to assist in the investigation by endeavoring to get some information from clergy of his own nationality there. The police also regard this as confirmation of their belief that the men are professional robbers and murderers. They are inclined to believe that this is the reason why Krakus took the chance of killing so many people rather than submit to arrest.

The police in Waterbury and Stamford, Conn., where the men appear to have been, were asked to investigate their records there. As soon as the pictures of the two men can be printed they will be sent broadcast over the country in hope that the police of other cities may recognize them.

There is no change in the condition of the two men who were injured in the shooting on Saturday. Patrolman Willard S. Sharpless and Motorcycle Policeman Horace McDannell, who are at the Delaware Hospital, are said to be doing as well as could be expected. Their condition is still critical, however, and there is little hope for their recovery. McDannell was shot through the lung and Sharpless was shot in the stomach and groin. Patrolman James T. Scott, who is at the Homeopathic Hospital, was found to have been struck by two bullets instead of one. One entered his breast and went out through his back, inflicting a serious flesh wound, while the other struck the spectacle case in his pocket.

WEST CHESTER CLERGY IN LINE

Pass Resolutions Favoring Local Option Legislation.

WEST CHESTER, March 8.—Following the example of 20 physicians of this place, the pastors of five leading churches, at a union meeting last evening, adopted resolutions declaring in favor of the local option movement.

The pastors who signed the resolutions were the Revs. Washington R. Laird, First Presbyterian Church; Jay Dickerson, Methodist Episcopal; Charles R. Williamson, Westminster Presbyterian; Arthur H. Simpson, First Baptist; Charles A. Walker, Olivet Baptist.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR IN EPISCOPAL PULPIT

Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross Speaks at Lenten Service in St. Stephen's Church.

The noonday Lenten service at St. Stephens' Protestant Episcopal Church, 10th above Chestnut street, was conducted today by the Rev. Dr. G. A. Johnston Ross, a Presbyterian minister of the Union Theological Seminary, New York city. The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer, rector of St. Stephens, in introducing Doctor Ross paid tribute to him as "an honored member of the Church of Knox, Melville and Calvin."

"The underlying cause of the great religious interest now stirring Philadelphia," Doctor Ross said, "is God pursuing humanity. This religious movement cannot be ascribed entirely to an enthusiastic personality nor to the united will of the community. When we are consciously seeking God he is pursuing us most, but even when we forget Him he is always trying to win us.

"The time is coming, I think, when the people will become weary of the impoverishment as well as the embitteredness of their lives by reason of our emphasis on the non-essentials of the Christian life."

LAUDS THE JOY OF EFFORT

The joy of seeking to achieve was the underlying thought in the sermon of the Rev. John H. Chapman, of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, at the noon-day service at the Garrick Theatre today. The speaker said as we grow older we lose ambition, that the real joy of life is not in achieving, but in seeking the goal. He urged all red-blooded men to try to accomplish the impossible. The Kingdom of God, he said, is not for weaklings. It is for the strong alone.

At Old Christ Church

The Rev. James R. Winchester, D. D., of Arkansas, said today that if Christ appeared before American Christians as He did before Pilate, He would be regarded as an impostor. Doctor Winchester was the principal speaker at the noonday Lenten services in Old Christ Episcopal Church, 2d street above Market. The speaker took for his topic, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" He said Christ was condemned by Pilate because the Jews did not believe in His divinity and were suspicious of all the Saviour's doings, despite the miracles He performed. Christ would be regarded with the same degree of skepticism, Mr. Winchester said, at the present day.

Discusses "Way of Happiness"

"The Way of Happiness" was the topic of the Rev. Hubert W. Wells, of Wilmington, Del., at the noonday Lenten service at Old St. Paul's Church, 3d street below Walnut. "The purpose of all religion is to bring happiness," he said. "The way to happiness is goodness. Being good consists in meeting the obligations of life so far as possible. This kind of goodness was the kind that seriously interested Christ, because it could be tested every day in common ways by common men."

CONSERVATION HELD UP

Governor's Bill Will Not Be Introduced at Present.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG, March 8.—Governor Brumbaugh's conservation bill, which was made public last night, will not be introduced in the Legislature this week. The Governor wants it to be discussed and commented on before it is acted upon.

The bill abolishes the present Department of Fisheries, Department of Forestry, the Game Commission, the Water Supply Commission and the State Forestry Reservation Commission, and creates in their place a Department of Conservation. Bureaus of Game, Fish, Forestry and Water are created in the new department to take the place of the present State departments eliminated by the bill.

The Legislature faces the heaviest calendar of the session when it reconvenes tonight. The Senate has 38 bills to act upon, and the House has more than 40 on its calendar. A flood of new bills is expected in both branches.

The Administration workmen's compensation bill will not be introduced until the latter part of the week at least, and probably not until next week. A public hearing will probably be arranged for as soon as the measure appears.

Tomorrow night Governor Brumbaugh will hold another conference with the Joint Committee on Legislation.

DOPE FIEND PROBLEM ACUTE

Camden Authorities Face Serious Situation as Result of New Law.

Dope fiends, deprived of their favorite drug by the new Harrison law, are proving so serious a burden upon the police of Camden that the authorities are appealing for new hospital facilities. Police Captain Hyde is urging the Board of Health to open a ward for these unfortunates at the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital. It is estimated that 5000 persons have been affected in Camden alone and the police have been unable to offer relief to the hundreds who have staggered into the various station houses, pleading for aid. Authorities agree that the only way to save the lives of the drug fiends is to provide hospital care for them until the critical period has been passed.

POLICE COURT CHRONICLES

When Harry Holsom crept into an ice wagon, in a stable at 6th and Wolf streets, today he little dreamed that he would awaken in a police station. He cuddled himself up in a heap, lighted his pipe and went to sleep under the seat. Holsom always sleeps in very small places, and his big bulldog pipe acts as a sort of miniature stove until he is in dreamland. He takes it for granted that the pipe will go out when he falls asleep.

But while he was snoring in the ice wagon the pipe kept awake. Finally it fell on the floor and scattered its sparks in the sawdust. Then the sawdust started to smoke.

But Holsom slept.

Incidentally, the wagon had been taken out on its route by Joe Harris, the driver. When a number of boys yelled "Aey, mister, your ice wagon's on fire," he glared at them with contempt. The smoke finally burst into flames which shot out of the sides of the wagon.

But Hilsom slept on.

Finally Harris found that his feet were getting warm, and as this never happened on the ice wagon before, he looked around and saw the wagon was in flames. He whipped up the horses and drove to the 4th street and Snyder avenue police station. Sergeant Tyrell saw on the job and ordered a squad of police to save the wagon. They extinguished the flames with a garden hose.

But Holsom slept on.

He was finally discovered and carried asleep into the station house. When he awoke he said, "I just took a nap."

As the damage to the wagon was only slight, Holsom was discharged by Magistrate Carson.

The noise of crashing glass and crockery is pleasant music to the ears of Jim Benson when he is drunk. A policeman saw Jim making a backward exit from a saloon near 20th street and Girard avenue; after him came a shower of glass and china.

The cop grabbed Benson by the neck and then went inside to make an investigation.

"That feller said he was a juggler," said the bartender, "an' he brought me four empty cups. He said if I filled 'em with beer, he'd juggle 'em all without spillin' it. But he broke three bottles of whisky an' cracked the mirror. When I called him down he said he'd crack me. No guy ever says that to me more 'n once."

"You are wrong, pal, all wrong," said Jim.

The policeman told the juggler he could explain in the station house. On the way to the 26th and York streets station, Morris Rakosky, a china dealer, met Jim and the cop and charged the prisoner with the larceny of the cups.

Magistrate Morris sent Jim to jail for five days.

RAILROADS AID IN STAMPING OUT FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

No Danger of Meat Famine Here, Asserts State Veterinarian.

The railroads are obeying the State authorities in refusing to carry stock coming from sections infected with the foot and mouth disease, according to Dr. C. J. Marshall, State veterinarian, and Dr. Charles F. Schaufler, chief veterinarian of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

Doctor Marshall said that they had been notified of the good intentions of the railroads by agents posted in Chicago to watch the loading of shipments routed through this State and from other agents stationed at Erie to prevent the entrance into Pennsylvania of such shipments. In consequence the strict precautionary measures in all probably soon will be lifted, although a supervision will still remain.

Assurance was also given that there was no danger of a meat famine in Philadelphia. This city is receiving large shipments of healthy cattle from the so-called "free" areas, such as Louisville, Cincinnati and Omaha. They are all being sent to the West Philadelphia yards, and as soon as the pens there are emptied by the slaughter of the animals for food a fresh supply pours in which will prevent any shortage.

BRYAN NOTE TO MAKE CARRANZA "SIT UP"

Reported Comment of British Ambassador After Visit to Secretary.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—"Secretary Bryan's latest word to Carranza will make him sit up and take notice," is the comment which the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, is reported to have made on leaving the State Department this afternoon.

Sir Cecil called to ask the State Department to give him an outline of the latest developments in the Mexican situation. He was shown the note sent to Consul Silliman for transmission to General Carranza and expressed his hearty approval of it.

It is understood that the note is the sharpest yet sent to the aged "First Chief," who has been a thorn in the side of the Administration's Mexican policy for months. He has been very panily told that he is responsible for Obregon and that the latter is the real menace to peace in Mexico City.

It is understood that the State Department has told Carranza that he professed to be a nopponetn of Huerta because of the latter's connection with the murder of Madero and that if foreigners are slain in Mexico City he (Carranza) must assume the responsibility. It is generally expected that this latest note will bring results satisfactory to the Administration.

D. SMITH TALBOT DEAD

Former Member of Legislature Succumbs in Norristown Hospital.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 8.—D. Smith Talbot, a former leading member of the Chester County bar, and who represented one section of the county in the State Legislature for four terms from 1888, died last Friday. Eleven years ago the mind of the brilliant lawyer became suddenly affected, and he was taken to a sanatorium, but was finally removed to the hospital at Norristown, where his death occurred, but no notification of the fact was received here until today.

He was a member of a number of secret societies, and during the Civil War served in the union army.

These brothers survive him: G. Morgan Talbot, of Honeybrook; ex-Burgess C. Wesley Talbot, of this place; Franklin L. Talbot, of Warwick; Joseph Talbot, of West Nantmeal; Levi Talbot, of Reading, and Dr. Ashton B. Talbot, of New York.

POWDER CO. MAY DISSOLVE

Minority Stockholders Object to Reported Project.

A conference that may result in the dissolution of the International Smokeless Powder Company, the nine-million dollar firm that controls most of the powder-making plants in this country, will be held toworrow in the law offices of Bleakley & Stockwell, Camden, according to a statement made today by George H. Stephenson, of counsel for the minority stockholders.

The company is controlled by the Du Pont International Powder Company, which holds 151,000 of a total of 180,000 shares of the common stock. Minority stockholders, according to Mr. Stephenson, object to the proposed dissolution.

MACKEY TO LEAD ORCHESTRA

Obtains Contract to Provide Municipal Band Concerts.

C. Stanley Mackey, of the Philadelphia Orchestra, has received the contract for providing a band of 39 musicians and a leader to play as the Philadelphia Band on the north plaza of City Hall during the coming summer. The contract was awarded by Director Cooke for the sum of $14,976.

There will be 72 concerts. On Thursday evenings and on rainy evenings the concerts will be in Convention Hall.

FIFTY BRAVE THIRD-RAIL PERIL

NEW YORK, March 8.—Braving the dangers of the third rail and a climb over the iron lattice work, with two feet of open space on each side and a drop of 135 feet in the East River beneath in event of a misstep, 15 panic-stricken women and 35 men crawled to the safety of the north roadway of the Brooklyn bridge early today when a passenger train ran off the track near the middle of the bridge.

The accident tied up traffic on the bridge for two hours.

Break in Water Main Repaired

The sixty-second break that has occured the last 15 years in the 30-inch water main on Hartwell avenue was repaired at 1 o'clock this morning. The main carries filtered water from Upper Roxborough to highere parts of Mount Airy aid Chestnut Hill. The break occurred yesterday near the Philadelphia Cricket Club. The water supply was shut off before any great damage was done and a supply was furnished from other mains.

Flower Market in Square

A flower market is to be conducted in Rittenhouse Square again this spring by Mrs. George Gordon Meade Large. Mrs. Large has been promised the support of all those who helped in the work last year. She already has obtained the permit from the city, and Mayor and Mrs. Blankenburg have volunteered their patronage.

Will Illustrate "Camp-fire" Stories

Mrs. Florence K. Payne will give a talk on "The Kind of Stories Told Around the Campfire" at a meeting of the Story Tellers' League at the Girls' Normal School this afternoon. Illustrating her talk, stories will be told by these Camp-Fire Girls: Miss Beatrice Wiest, Miss Rosemary Winslow, Miss Garmanna Gesler and Miss Milnor Bailey.

$1—SEASHORE EXCURSION SUNDAYS—$1
Points N. J. Spec. train Market St. Wharf. All City 7.50 A.M.; Woodwood, Anglesea, 7.52 A.M. —Adv.

ANTI-RUM CONTEST OPENS HERE TONIGHT

First Gun in Local Option Struggle to Be Fired at Many Church Meetings.

The opening gun in the State-wide campaign to support Governor Brumbaugh in his fight for local option will be fired tonight, when more than 50,000 churchmen and women workers will attend joint meetings in 12 of the city's largest churches and unite against the liquor forces. To supplement the inauguration of the movement, thousands of printed lists of Philadelphia Senators and Representatives have been distributed and the mails are flooded with communications outlining the plans for the fight.

More than 700 churches and Bible classes of this city have already united against the liquor traffic and Governor Brumbaugh returned to Harrisburg today with the promise of State-wide temperance support. Liquor dealers have become alarmed over the uprising of the people and will exert every effort to have the Brumbaugh-Williams measure killed by the Law and Order Committee.

The sentiment in Philadelphia will crystalize tonight in the most representative movement ever attempted here to place the city on the side of temperance in the fight against rum. More than 150,000 postcards have been signed and stamped and are ready to be mailed to the State representatives. Many of the most noted temperance speakers in the country will address tonight's meetings.

Cards announcing the gatherings were distributed at services in the churches of virtually all the Christian denominations yesterday, and it is expected that more than half of the church workers of the city will turn out for the monster demonstration.

While the Governor and his aides are battling against the liquor men, Philadelphia's church members will pledge their support to the local option forces. Announcement that P. H. Keefe, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, has completed plans for retaliatory measure increased the enthusiasms of the temperance advocates, and tonight's meetings are expected to voice the greatest protest against liquor in the history of the State.

The meetings for the opening of the campaign are scheduled as follows:

Richmond Presbyterian Church, Richmond street below Ann—Speaker, the Rev. H. H. Chalfont, editor of the American Issue.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Frankford avenue and Cambria street—Speaker, the Rev. Dr. E. J. Moore, State superintendent Anti-Saloon League.

Fourth Reformed Church, Manayunk and Levering streets, Roxborough—Speaker, the Rev. Dr. E. Bowman.

St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church, Broad and Venango streets—Speaker, the Rev. Dr. George Bell.

West Hope Presbyterian Church, Preston and Aspen streets—Speakers, William H. Berry and the Rev. H. Clay Ferguson.

Germantown Y. M. C. A.—Speaker, Homer W. Tope, district superintendent Anti-Saloon League.

Bethel Lutheran Church, 5th and Sedgley streets—Speaker, the Rev. George D. Kuns, chairman Church Federation on Temperance.

Seventh United Presbyterian Church, Orthodox and Leiper streets—Speaker, the Rev. E. J. Reinke.

Third Baptist Church, Broad and Ritner streets—Speaker, the Rev. E. Wallace.

Twenty-ninth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 29th and York streets—Speaker, the Rev. C. H. Yeomans.

Spring Garden Street Methodist Episcopal Church, 20th and Spring Garden streets—Speaker, the Rev. Titus Asher Hess.

Gaston Presbyterian Church, 11th street and Lehigh avenue—Speaker, the Rev. John Watchorn.

U. S. KEEPS TEXT OF NOTE TO ALLIES STRICT SECRET

Information on Plans to Cut German Trade Requested.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Because of the probability that Italy and most of the Balkan States will enter the European war in a very short time, the Administration has veiled all its pending negotiations in secrecy. Secretary of State Bryan refuses to disclose the text of the messages to England and France asking them to tell how they intend to shut off German commerce.

Unofficial State Department advices said the British-French plans provide for Constantinople's investment by the end of this month. It is believed here, however, that the imminence of the Turkish capital's capture will force Greece into the war, and that Italy and the remaining Balkan States will have to follow for self-protection.

That this will shorten the war is the belief of officials in touch with the situation. Because it will arouse resentment in Germany and Austria, the United States is doing its best to secure an understanding with England and France regarding American trade.

CAUGHT ROBBING STORE

Prisoner Says Poverty Drove Him to Steal.

A young man, who said he was driven to steal because he faced starvation, forced his way into Scarlett's Novelty Store, 1310 Arch street, early yesterday morning and would have escaped with $100 worth of goods had it not been for the vigilance of Policeman Grimson, of the 11th and Winter streets station. The policeman arrested him just as he was preparing to leave the store.

The man, who said his name was Sidney Seibert, of Filbert street near 19th, is 18 years old. Several days ago he came from Baltimore in search of work. He used an iron hitching block to break open a rear door of the place, according to the police.

"Little Mother" Wants to Live

Dorothy Farr, the 12-year-old "little mother," who, tired of the worry and care of keeping her mother's family together, took poison last week, now wants to live. With this brighter outlook on life has come a decided improvement in her condition at St. Joseph's Hospital. Dorothy attempted suicide at her home, 1860 North Etting street. Wednesday, and for several days her life hung in the balance. Yesterday she was visited by her father, sister and brother.

Would Arrest Slovenly Wives

BOSTON, March 8.—Women who do not keep their homes in order ought to be subject to arrest, as well as the man who becomes intoxicated, in the opinion of Albert J. Sargeant, chief probation officer of the Boston Municipal Court.

"If a can deserts his wife she can have him arrested, and yet the wife can neglect her home until she drives the man to drink and go unpunished," said Mr. Sargeant.

CHICKS HATCHED UNDER SNOW

Hen Persists in Job, Despite Unfavorable Conditions.

WINSTED, Conn., March 8.—Hatching chickens in a snowball is the latest achievement of Fritz von Steiger, living on Platte Hill. One month ago one of his hens wanted to set. Fritz, or rather his henhouse, wasn't prepared for the event. He ducked the hen in ice water and tried other methods to break her of the habit, but to no avail.

Twenty-two days ago Fritz took 12 eggs, a can filled with cracked corn, another can filled with water, and with the hen placed them under a wooden box outdoors and then covered the box with snow. When he removed the snow he found the hen and 10 chicks, all doing well.

Free Hospital for Consumptives

Officers' reports of the Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives and White Haven Sanatorium Association will be presented at the annual meeting this afternoon. A Board of Directors for the ensuing year will be elected. The meeting will be held at the office of the corporation, 204 South 7th street.

WIFE AND CHILDREN CUT OFF IN WILL OF C. J. M'INTYRE

Testament Accuses Spouse of Cruel Treatment and Desertion.

Charles J. McIntyre, who died February 27, at 1629 Bainbridge street, leaving $4500, declared in his will:

"I have made no provision for my children, Sarah Duffy, Francis J. McIntyre and John J. Sweeny, for reasons which I have made known to them, and I have made no mention of my wife, Katherine McCarran McIntyre, because by reason of her cruel, inhuman and unwifely treatment of me, culminating in her base desertion of me nine years ago, she has forfeited all right and interest in anything I may leave. She has squandered my substance and abandoned me, and must have nothing."

The testament, admitted to probate today, divided the estate equally between Katherine M. McIntyre, a daughter, and Charles B. McIntyre, a son of the decedent.

Mary A. Flanagan, late of 1914 Chestnut street, left from her $10,000 estate bequests of $300 to the Little Sisters of the Poor; $200 to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church; $300 to Visitation Convent, Richmond, Va., and $50 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The residue of the estate is devised to relatives.

Other wills probated were those of Caroline C. Keenan, 4380 Germantown avenue, whose estate of $36,000 is distributed in private bequests; Annie J. O'Neill, 1447 North 10th street, $12,500; John Young, 680 North 33d street, $3825; Robert F. Stoeckert, who died in Roosevelt Hospital, $2820; John Stockton, 1304 North 22d street, $2300; Gustav E. Bower, 2323 East Somerset street, $2200. Personal property of Fannie Cohen has been appraised at $3440.40.

BRITAIN PUTS BAN ON COTTON CARGOES

Certain Concesions Made for Shipments Contracted Prior to March 2.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The British Embassy today announced that cargoes of cotton consigned to German and Austrian ports shall no longer be permitted to proceed by the British patroling fleet. In a statement dealing with the situation the Embassy says that cargoes consigned to neutral ports can go forward under certain restrictions. But in effect the Embassy in its statement places cotton, heretofore not interfered with, in the contraband class. This is the first official declaration supporting England's blockade declaration, and it is expected that it will form the basis for the first concrete protest by the United States.

The British declaration says:

"All cotton for which contracts of sale and freight engagements had already been made before March 2 to be allowed free passage (or bought at contract price if stopped) to neutral ports only provided ships sail not later than March 31. Similar treatment to be accorded to all cotton insured before March 2 provided it is put on board not later than March 16.

"All shipments of cotton claiming the above protection to be declared before sailing and documents produced to and certificates obtained from consular officers or other authority fixed by the Government. Ships or cargoes consigned to enemy's ports will not be allowed to proceed."

CHINESE CHARGE BRIBERY

Newspapers Assert Japanese Diplomat Tried to Buy Official.

LONDON, March 8.—A Tientsin dispatch reports that the conferences in Pekin between representatives of Japan and Chinese officials regarding Japan's demands are being embarrassed by reports in the Chinese press of alleged attempts by a Japanese diplomat to bribe or intimidate prominent members of the Government.

China has agreed to extend to 99 years the leases of Port Arthur and Dairen and of the Japanese railway system in Manchuria, but refuses the demands affecting administrative rights in Manchuria.

COMMISSION RULE CHANGE

Proposed Amendment Extends Councilmen's Terms to Four Years.

HARRISBURG, March 8.—A bill will be introduced in the Legislature this week to amend the third class city commission form of government by increasing the teams of Councilmen from two to four years.

It is understood this measure will have the support of Senator Clark, of Erie, who already had in the Senate a bill providing for a number of amendments to the law of 1913 recommended by the third class city solicitors of the State.

WRITER ENDS LIFE WITH GAS

NEW YORK, March 8.—Grace Eton Ewing, magazine writer and former teacher at the Rand School of Social Science, 140 East 19th street, was found dead in her room, at 241 East 19th street, yesterday. She had committed suicide with gas. She left a will, covering four pages, in which she asked that certain effects be given to friends, while others be sold to pay her debts, which were for room rent, magazine bills and other items.

The woman was a student of psychology and an ardent suffragist.

Merchant Crazed by Sea Voyage

NEW YORK, March 8.—Theodore Kundig, a dry goods merchant of Buenos Aires, whom a sea trip apparently had crazed, was sent back yesterday on the Byron to Argentina. It was reported at first he was an agent for a belligerent Power.

He traveled with a Swiss passport, and said he was on his way to visit his aged mother in Switzerland. He came aboard with $1000 and a letter of credit on New York for $2000. After the ship put to sea he began to act strangely, announcing to the passengers that he intended to buy the island of Trinidad and present it to the German Emperor.

Prize Fire Horse Dies in Harness

The firemen of Engine Company No. 48 are grief-stricken today over the death of "Cheyenne," for the past nine years one of the prize fire horses of this city. The animal made his last run yesterday and dropped dead shortly before 6 o'clock as he pulled up at a fire at 906 South 2d street. The engine was responding to an alarm from the house of M. D. Chakov. The damage was slight.

Bomb Found at Barber's Door

NEW YORK, March 8.—A crude but powerful bomb was found yesterday by Joseph Pippia, a barber, as he opened the shop of Frank Razza, his employer, at 930 2d avenue, for business. It was a case of sheet iron about ten inches long and three inches wide, wrapped with wire.

Razza told the police he had no idea who would blow up his place or why. He had no enemies, he said.

Baroness Accused of Forgery

WILMINGTON, Del., March 8.—Before Magistrate Buckley today a woman giving the name of Baroness Simone de Bonnecaze was held under $2500 bail for a hearing on Wednesday on a charge of forging the name of Francis I. du Pont to a check for $1000. The baroness was employed in the du Pont family as a French governess until last May. The check was cashed February 25.

SCORES OF SHOTS FLY IN CHASE OF THIEVES

Watchman Wounded by Trio Caught Forcing Door—Police in Street Battle.

A man, caught with two companions trying to force the door of the architectural offices of Coles & Spethe, at 20th and Oxford streets, early today drew point blank at a private watchman and drew in return a score of shots from the revolvers of three policemen before being captured after a chase of several squares. He was arraigned before Magistrate Morris at the 28th and Oxford streets station, where he said he was Harry Parker and had no home. He was held without bail to give the police a chance to lok up his record.

Later Parker was questioned by Special Policemen Douglass and Clegg, of the 28th and Oxford streets station, and gave information which led to the arrest of Daniel McGonigal, 23 years old, of 338 Melon street. The policemen went to the Melon street house and found McGonigal, who is known to the police as "Skinny Dan," in a third-story room.

Douglass and Clegg forced the door and found the man standing against the wall with a revolver in his hand. He was overpowered and taken before Magistrate Morris at his office, 2304 Ridge avenue, and held without bail for a further hearing.

Louis Colflesh, a private watchman, heard the crash of falling glass. When he reached the corner he came upon Parker, with two rough-looking characters, knocking the pane out of a side door leading into the place. Colflesh drew his revolver and ordered the trio to surrender. As he spoke the report of a revolver rang out and a bullet cut a groove in the watchman's neck. Colflesh says the man who shot him then dashed down Turner street, while his "pals" ran in the other direction. He fired his revolver several times in the air and the shots brought Acting Street Sergeant Schwartz and Weldon and Schwartz, two patrolmen.

LOCAL OPTION CERTAIN OF PASSAGE BY N. J. HOUSE

Anti-Saloon League Says Measure Is Certain of Success.

TRENTON, March 8.—The passage of the local option bill by the House this week is almost certain, according to the statement issued by the New Jersey Anti-Saloon League. The bill, it is said, will have practically no opposition outside of Essex County. It is understood that the Hudson Democrats will get the Democrats from other counties in line and have the measure voted on under the claim that the Republicans wanted it passed. It is said that the Essex men will avoid politics by not voting in a unit. There will also be a division among the Democrats, so that the plans of the H