RECEIVER THIS WEEK FOR INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE MARINE

Action Decided Upon for Protection of the Holders of Stock and Bonds of \$150,000,000 Steamship Company.

A receiver will be appointed for the International Mercantile Marine Company this week. This action has been decided upon for the protection of the holders of the stocks and bonds of the company, which is capitalized at \$150,000,000. A readjustment is expected to follow.

Interest on the \$52,744,000 collateral trust 414 per cent, bonds, which was deferred last October, is due on Thursday. Payment of interest on the first mortgage sinking fund 5 per cent, gold bonds, of which there are cutstanding \$17,725,000 due on Pebruary I, was also deferred.

The request for a receiver will not come as a surprise, and no financial em-barrassments are looked for. The action was expected. The probability that a receiver would be asked for was told in the Evening Ledges several months ago, when William P. Gest, T. DeWitt Cuyler, Samuel F. Houston, Charles D. Norton and George S. Brewster organized themselves into a committee for the protection of the holders of the first mortgage sink-ing fund 5 per cent, go'l bonds.

WAS REORGANIZED BY MORGAN. In 1882 the International Navigation Company was incorporated in New Jersey with considerable local capital invested. It was looked upon as a financial coup of Clement C. Griscom. J. P. Morgan reorganized the company under the present name in 1902. It controls the American, White Star, Red Star, Atlantic Transport, Leyland and National Steamship lines. They have 47 distinct lines of service. service.
The strength of the North German Lines

Lloyd and Hamburg-American Lines gave them the domination of the vari-ous steamship pools which greatly interfered with the earnings of the Interna-tional Mercantile Marine Company. Their service has been further curtailed by the war. Great Britain has commandeered some of the best and biggest ships. Prop-erty is owned by the company in most of the large ports of the world. One hundred and thirty-eight vessels are owned by the company. Their tonnage is 1,355,-

preferred stock of the company, \$51,750,971 outstanding, was expected to earn 6 per cent dividends from the start, and \$49,331,735 in common stock was de-clared also. The company never declared a dividend upon its preferred stock, which is now quoted at about \$4 bid \$5 asked, par \$100. The common stock is \$1 bid \$1.75 asked for \$100 shares.

WON'T INTERFERE WITH SERVICE. The company made \$5,716,000 net profits, however, in 1913, upon a gross business of \$49,641,338.

A representative of the International Mercantile Marine Company, whose of-fices are in the Bourse Building, said to-"It is true that the company never de

clared a dividend upon its preferred stock. As for the profits I can't discuss that feature. The New York office is the place to question as to what became

Payments due from the British Govern-ment for the use of vessels are slow of realization. The company finds itself short of cash to pay the \$2,300,0% that will be overdue on the bonds next week. The officers of the company include P. A. B. Widener, John I. Waterbury, E. J. Berwind, George W. Perkins, Charles Steele and P. A. S. Franklin.

The receivership will not interfere in

The receivership will not interfere in any way with the operations of the ships now in service. The total gross tonnage of the line built and building was, at the date of the last report, 1,355,236 tons.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Benny Berman, 332 Winton at, and Esther
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David P. Allen, 214 S. 50th st., and Mary
Rolfe, Ardmore, Pa.
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Simon Derso, 1429 Germantown ave. and
Falashi Erzal, 1420 Germantown ave.
Antonio Muccigrouso, 4815 Paschall ave., and
Sabstella Bella, 752 S. Mildred at.
Harry J. Martin, 142 E. Cecil at., and Ada A.
Winch, 1630 N. 62d at.
Joseph McBreet, 314 S. 6th at., and Laura
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Roy J. Ward, 4307 Mantina ave., and Elizabetha Eslan, 132 Master at.
William J. Godahall, 5248 Wakefield at., and
Agnes L. Smith, 1504 E. Palmer at.
Eugene Mayer, Coatesville, Pa., and Elizabetha Belan, 132 Master at.
Walter Moore, 820 S. 15th at., and Mary
Solith, 1740 Navidan at.
Julian Panu, 831 N. American at., and Maria
Mierz Sil N. American at.
Samuel F. Tribben, Doylestown, Pa., and
Laura M. King, 2028 N. 21st at.
Joneph McGraw, 5718 Ludlow st.
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THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, March 22. For eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday in north and west portions with probably local snows; partly cloudy in southeast portion; gentle to moderate west to north winds For New Jersey: Partly cloudy tonight

and Tuesday.

Fair weather prevails along the Atlantic coast this morning, while snow flurries are reported from scattered areas throughout the central valleys and the southern portion of the Lake region. Fair weather is reported generally from the western half of the country. The temperatures are seasonable in all of the Northern States, but is very cold in the south. Freezing temperatures prevail through the Gulf States except in a narrow belt along the coast line, and light frost is reported at some places along the coast. The northeastern disturbance remains nearly stationary over Nova Scotia, while high barometric pressure continues to overspread the far North

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SHAMOKIN APPOINTMENTS NOT GIVEN OUT AS EXPECTED

Methodists Disappointed When Bishop Announces They Are Not Ready.

SHAMORIN, Pa. March 22-Delegates of the 67th annual conference of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Church were in session early this morning, in anticipation of the announcement of appointments for the ensuing year. They were disappointed, however, when Bishop Burt stated he would not make the decisions known until later today or at

another meeting tomorrow.

Reports of numerous committees were heard. After the admission of candidates on trial, the Eighth Avenue Church, Altoons, was selected for next year's con-terence. The Rev. W. P. Shriner is pastor

of that church.

The selection of two district superintendents will be made today. The most promising candidates are the Rev. H. L. Incoba, Altoona: Morris E. Swartz, York. J. R. Melrose, Eudley, and Alexander Lambaron, Suphare. amberson, Sunbury Bishop Burt and the district superin-tendents are working hard to have the convention conclude its sessions by to

NO-LICENSE FORCES SCORE THREE POINTS

Number of Saloons Cut Down by That Many in Chester

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 22 -Judge Butler in License Court today handed down the licenses granted following the close of the court session. The result is a partial victory for the no-license forces. By the decisions the number of licenses in the county is cut down by three.

The most important applicants for re-license refused were the Hotel Grand, B. F. Dorshelmer, of Coatesville; the Octo-raro House at Oxford, and the Seven Stars in East Vincent. All the new appli-cations were refused. Altogether 12 appli-cations were refused in the county and our applications withdrawn. The licenses granted are:

Righthouse, Parkerburg, Walter Althouse, Hotel Chester, Phoenix life, John Habb, Elue Rock Hotel, Elverson, Joseph D ing City Jan, Spring City, Walter J. Cor. rigán. Coshranville Hotel, Cochranville, Benjamin Washington, Phoenixville, Theodore House, Phoenixville, Harry A. Sugnerty General Pike Hotel, Phoenixville, Michael J. onerty. Hotel Columbia, Phoentsville, John S. Ecock. Speakman House, Coatesville, Frederick W. Pennsylvania House, Downingtown, Louis L. lbney. Duffryn Mawr Hotel, Willistown, Eimer E. Plicenix Hotel, Phoenixville, Michael F. liville Hotel, Upper Oxford, Frank X.

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Green Tree Inn. Wess.

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otisville. Joseph B. Trego, Sadsburyville Hotel, Sads-Nelson C. Seymoure, Landenberg Hotel, New Richard E. Miller, Mortonville Hotel, Moronville.
Richard J. Devaney, Franklin House,

LICENSE WITHDRAWN. Edwood H. Matz. Penn Hotel, Willistown, Hugh and Harry Brogan, Parkesburg Hotel, britishurg L. Kennedy, West Grove Hotel, West Grove. Elwood Kuip, Malvern Inn. Malvern.

DELAWARE METHODISTS' CONFERENCE TO MEET

Few Changes in Ministerial Charges Are Expected. WILMINGTON, Del., March 22.-Most

of the local members of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will leave this city tonight for Laurel, where the annual sessions of the conference will open Wednesday morning. The usual missionary sermon, preceding the genral meetings, will be delivered tomorrow

at Trenton and Boston avenues, with a

spigot in his hand. He also had numer-ous other spigots in his pockets. It was appropriate that Fraley should be ar-reated by Policeman Herring. He said

that Fraley had other material belonging to the brewery with him when he was captured. In fact, Fraley was very wab-

oly in speech and legs.
Fraley didn't seem to know how he got into the brewery and wasn't quite clear as to how he got out. He also seemed to

forget that he recently finished an 18 months' jail term, the police say, but sev-eral cops at the Trenton avenue and Dau-phin streets station didn't.

When Magistrate Mecleary asked Fra-ley how he got the spigots he was under the impression that he "fell against them" in the brewery and they dropped

into his pockets. But the Judge was somewhat skeptical about such a deduc-tion, and in view of Fraley's general habits held him in \$500 bail for court.

This sobered the prisoner somewhat, and brought back a flood of unpleasant mem-

The back yards of Tony Bucknopeck and Charlie Zerlick adjoin each other in Frankford. This brings the pigeons of Zerlick very close to the yard of Buckno-

peck. The former claims that the latter took advantage of this fact; also that Bucknopeck set a trap and caught several of the pigeons when they were off guard. But Bucknopeck contended that the



SOCIAL SERVICE WORK DUTY OF THE CHURCH

Rev. John Watchhorn Impresses Its Importance in Address Before Conference.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 22 -- "It is as much a duty of the Methodist Church to solve the problems of social service as to preach the gospel." declared the Rev. John Watchern, of Frankford, in an address to the 350 members of the Philadelphia Conference at the opening session today. The spirit of the meeting took its keynote from Mr. Watchorn's address and from a report which showed that social service work is one of the rapidly growing branches of the conference activities.

"Some men place all stress in converting men as units and then turn them loose without proper organization, said Mr. Watchorn. The church must not only save the unit: It must organize the several units to benefit the community. It is an unfair criticism to say that in cleaning up the slums we are substituting soap and water for the pro-

gram of Jesus.
"The church is not reaching the working classes," he continued. "A group which cheers the name of Jesus will jeer the name of the church. The working the name of the church. The working classes must be made to realize that the church is dealing with practical affairs which are vital in their daily life."

The report of the Conference Social Service Commision, of which Herbert N. Shenton, of Columbia University, is field secretary was read by Mr. Watchborn.

secretary, was read by Mr. Watchhorn. Classes for immigrants, for the study of immigration, presentation of social ideals of Christianity to Socialists and other groups, and "almost numberless activities in the interest of relieving indecent, dangerous and vicious living conditions," noted in the report as phases of the work the commission is carrying on.

Classes in domestic science are taught by pastors' wives, the report continues Free music lessons are being given. The unemployment problem receives attention in churches where it is acute. Indecent theatrical exhibitions were stopped and film shows suppressed the last year

The First Church, Germantown, was commended as conducting a "remarkable and unique social service program with distinguished and uninterrupted success.' Praise was given to the Deaconess' Home, 611 Vine street, Philadelphia, for its work social service work.

Under the commission's direction, children's day has been used as an oppor-tunity to preach sermons on social prob-lems and child welfare. One hundred such sermons were preached in the con per sermons on civil responsibility were preached. Groups of factory workers marched to special church services ar-ranged for them and services were held

in shops and mills. 'If it weren't for the working man, the Methodist Episcopal Church would be out of existence today. The Methodist Epis-copal Church is the best friend of the working man," said the Rev. C. M. Boxwell, explaining the relationship of the church. "Nothing can be done without working men. It will take eternity to tell what Methodism has done for the

working man."

Bishop W. F. McDowell announced that he will reappoint the Rev. S. W. Gehrett, corresponding secretary of the Home for the Aged, Belmont and Edgely avenues,

The Conference voted to hold an after-noon session today and to adjourn to-morrow morning.

merous arguments, which ended in the arrest of Bucknopeck. He claimed that he didn't steal the pigeous and declared that they flew into his yard. Then he

simply let them stay there, as he didn't believe in being cruel to birds.

To prove that he was a peaceable man, Bucknopeck summoned three little Polish girls to the Frankford police station to tell Magistrate Borie all about his life. But as the girls couldn't talk English and gesticulated excitedly, the Judge couldn't tell whether they were commending or denouncing the prisoner. Finally he explained to Bucknopeck that his life's history was not relevant to the case at

history was not relevant to the case at hand and held him in \$300 bail. But Bucknopeck declares that "all is not over yet and there will be some more

which won't add to the fame of his accuser."

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uel Fraley, of Beach and Poplar streets. serted that Zerlick had them so long that the police say. He was arrested today he forgot this fact. The men had nucoming out of Straub & Miller's brewery. merous arguments, which ended in the

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USED IN THE WAR ZONE

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deadly barbed wire being manu-

factured in Allentown, Pa., by the

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pany for the Allies and shipped to

them in enormous quantities. The

vicious barbs, more than two

inches in diameter, are wound on

a quarter-inch strand of tough

steel wire with a tensile strength

of 3200 pounds. Above is a scene

on the Russian front, showing a

COURT REVERSES JUDGMENT

Woman Loses Suit to Recover \$7000

In reversing the decision of Court of

common Pleas No. 2, in the suit of Mar-

garet McIvor against Edward J. Hynes

o recover on a judgment note for \$7000

he Supreme Court today, in an opinion f Chief Justice Brown, points out that

Hynes' denial that he received the mone

"being totally without corroboration by living persons," and "in the face of two written admissions by him of his Habil-

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typical entanglement.

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BARBED WIRE THAT SLAYS WITH FEROCITY

Entanglements Made in Allentown and Used to Stop German Hosts.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 22 - The series of articles which the Evening Lebors is now printing from the pen of Phil Rader, who served in the French Foreign Legion in the European war. starts out with this gruesome statement "There's a German's body hanging from the barbed wire entanglements in

front of the French trenches which I have just left."
That barbed wire was made in Allentown, and as barbed wire goes, it is the most merciless product imaginable. On a quarter-inch square steel strand, twist-ed at intervals, the barbs are placed so colosely that it is impossible to get be-tween them with a pair of nippers, and to cut it a strong pair of shears must be used, or a cold chisel. The barbs are from 2 to 2½ inches in diameter, and the whole victous thing is as much or more in circumference than a man's wrist. The barbs are as sharp as a needle, and are so turned that they point in every direction at spaces of every few inches. They are well calculated to stop anythins from a foot soldier to an automobile and work fearful havor with cavalry horses. To add to its terrors, it is often charged with electricity. Many soldiers who have attempted to cut it have been electrocuted. While the German automobiles are southerd with special cutters that are equipped with special cutters that look like enormous scythes, they do not always get through this wire, often being overturned when they charge it. A single strand of this wire has a tensile strength of 3300 pounds. Allentown has about 1500 wire workers

who rank as the most skilful in the world. The plant is that of the American Steel and Wire Company, and is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporntion. The plant made most of the Japanese war. The inspectors tell the men it is superior to the wire used by the German army, which is lighter and less formidable, and does not present an obstruction so refractory.

On account of the enormous diameter of the barbs, this wire is bulky, and a "spool" of 50 pounds is almost as large as a barrel. For convenience in shipping and utilization on the battlefields it is not put up in heavy packages, the limit being 50 pounds, and some weigh only

pantities, and from 60 to 50 carloads are shipped every week. The orders are chiefly from France and Russia, although a good deal of it is also used by the English army in France and by the Engish War Department for prison pens in England.

Contract Awarded for Church

The contract for the erection of the ew \$25,000 St. Rose Catholic Church, at Highland and Pennsylvania avenues North Wales, has been awarded to Lud-wig Kaelin, of Lansdale. Work under the supervision of Father Henry and Father Schade will begin this week



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MONTGOMERY "DRYS" FIGHT BREWING FIRM

Receive Setback in License Court When Witnesses Fail to Appear.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 22.—The ght against the Adam Scheidt Brewing Company by the No-Heenre League of Montgomery County, which began this norning before Judges Swartz and Miller in the License Court, developed little evidence tending to show that the com-pany was sharing in the profits of retail decreed hotels and salcons in the county. The "dry" forces, represented by George Wanger and Francis T. Taylor, president of the No-License League, re-ceived a setback when it was found that cirht hotelkeepers, subpostated by the "drys," had falled to appear. The de-falled charges against the brewing comwere therefore temporarily set aside and Herbert Stroud, treasurer of the company, was called.

Stroud made emphatic denial that the company received any illegal income from retail licensed houses. He admitted that the company had several hundred thousand dollars invested in mortgages and judgment notes against saloons. He raid the company expected the sa-loonkeepers who received loans from it to patronize the company, but that there was no agreement, either verbal or writ-

was no agreement, either verbal or written, by which the company forced the
salcors to deal with it exclusively.
Adam Scheidt, president and founder of
the browing company, testified that he
personally supervised the negotiations of
the company with hotel and salconkeepers. He read the individual cases referred to from the bill of particulars and
explained how it happened that the company was constrained to take an interest
in each place. He categorically denied
the charge that his company was receiving illegal profits.

the charge that his company was receiving illegal profits.

He said it had happened that a former customer had stopped dealing with the company and that the loan was not called. The company had made investments in many other fields besides the result lives leave to the company had made investigations. retail Houor loans. The court will probably sit next week, as the number of cases still to be heard is more than twice that of last week.

Married Fifty Years

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Huber, of 2352 North 15th street, are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding. They were married in Kensington 50 years ago. Mr. Huber, who was born in Witten-berg Germany, 73 years ago, is the head of a woolen importing firm at 11th and Market streets, and is still actively en-gaged in his work. A dinner was given at their home yesterday.

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Norristown Authorities Looking for Man Who Escaped Mont gomery County Jail.

Norristown police and detectives set sq. today in force on the trail of Fred Harm who sawed his way out of the Monte ery County jail last night, and has been tracked to a station near Norristona which he bought a ticket for Philade phia. Harris used saws smuggled bejail by a woman, the warden and aren. ants believe. He was sent to the Mes. gomery County prison a year ago after conviction on several charges of later in the neighborhood of Hatborn, It took Harris nearly a week to my through the bars at the window o prison bakeshop. He had worked satis the early hours of the morning when view iance of the guards is relaxed and the muffled rasping of the saws was but

ikely to attract their attention. After breaking through the bars he climbed to the roof of the bakeshop and lumped to the ground. Later it was found he had bought a ticket for Philadelpha

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