BILLY' SUNDAY, WORN AND NERVOUS, ASSAILS CHURCHMEN'S APATHY

Messages From This City Tell of Gaining of More Than 1000 Converts. Evangelist to Play Ball With Paterson Ministers.

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] PATERSON, N. J., April 6. - "Billy" Sunday started ratiling hot shot against the walls of the churches of North Jersey and New York City today. He was preaching his sermon, "Pharises and Publican." Right and left, and all ever the place, he lambasted apathetic church nembers and "a cold, unsympathetic min-"latry." He will preach tonight on the need of revivals.

"Billy" is a worn man. Never, in all nihis Philadelphia campaign, did he look as much played out as he did today. The muscles of his face twitched; he muttered prayers nervously under his breath; he didn't seem fit in any way to tackle the

addon't seem fit in any way to tackle the sejob facing him here.

"Hilly" sat around home in the flowered dressing gown somebody gave him multiplication. The gown must have aparche qualities, for within 10 minutes of the time he put it on he got two telegrams from Philadelphia.

One, from the Rev. F. E. Dager, rector to St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal Church,

said that 500 converts joined that church Bunday. The other telegram was from Sunday. The other telegram was from John Wanamaker, and credited "Billy" with 574 members added to the three Bethany churches.
That's fine," said Billy. "Mr. Wana-

E-maker is a fine scout."

Although "Ma" doesn't want him to code it, "Billy says he's going up to Sing Sing Prison to talk to the members of the Mutual Welfare League. He's going to play ball with the Paterson ministers "against the newspaper men. "Rodey" said today he'd play with the ministers,

""If they aren't a bunch of dubs."
When Sunday swung into action this afternoon he faced about the slimmest audience of his recent evangelistic career. big tabernacle was not more than half filled. Those in charge of the seating arrangements placed the attendance

At dawn today, fust about the time the Paterson cabarets were shutting up shop, jitneys and other types of motor buses started rolling into this city. and from Passaic. Trains with special cars in abundance rolled in from New York. Everybody headed for the tabere-nacle, rubbing shoulders with the mill hands on their way to work. hundred persons were in the tabernacle, singing away for all they were worth at

They were singing "Brighten the Cor-ner," of course, and not the little ditty, which goes to the tune of "I Didn't Raise My Boy to be a Soldier," which two young women in a cabaret of this city were singing last night, with these

I didn't raise my boy for "Billy" Sunday.
I brought him up to have a little Joy
I tament him how to fox-trot every Monday.
With shadow-hated maidens, gay and co
Bend "Billy" back to trot the baseball d
mond.

mond, daughter wants no sawdust on her spats-red be no cabaret if "Billy" had his way; do'r raise my boy for "Billy" Sunday. Naturally, it's pretty poor verse, but the two young women who sang it had shadow hats" and little black beauty

marks plastered under the northeast cor-ners of their respective northeast eyes, and everybody got in on that chorus. "Billy" is to cut short his night sermon so that he may take his party around to hear Sousa and his band at the Armory. He was just about the most surprised man this side of Havana when he was

told that Willard had trounced Johnson. Mentally, "Billy" had odds on the big black. So had Cardin. "Too much booze; too much Paris for Jack," was all "Billy" would say, because his fight predictions went all askew. He had said Johnson would "lick the tar

out of Willard." With dawn today a half dozen circuslooking tents went up about the taber-They hold everything from suf-s to venders of ice cream "sody;" from frankfurters to tabernacle hymn books. What "Billy" will say when he likees the sideshow array nobody knows.

TERRE HAUTE POLITICAL CONSPIRATORS GUILTY

Mayor, County Judge, Sheriff and 24 Others Convicted of Election Frauds.

2 INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.-Mayor Donn M. Roberts, County Judge Eli H. Redman, Sheriff Dennis Shea and 24 other Terre Haute politicians today were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government by illegal acts at the last general election.

Of the original 121 men caught in the Pederal dragnet cast by the Grand Jury 90 pleaded guilty. The others have been on trial before Judge Albert B. Anderson Tifor more than two weeks. Fred Morrison, one of the defendants, changed his plea to guilty on the last day of the trial.

The conviction of the Terre Haute men marks the first attempt of the Federal Government to election frauds. to prosecute perpetrators of

"QUIT THAT HERO STUFF," CADVICE TO WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Magistrate Reprimands Man Who Tried to Die.

Weird literature and the fact that he was out of work produced a case of melancholia which Mike Kogist could not overcome. To make matters worse, Mike has a persevering appetite which complains when neglected. At his home, 1724 North Hope street, Mike thought the situation over, and, while thus engaged, his glance fell accidentally upon a re-

welver which was lying ominously on the bureau. "One shot," he said to lituaelf, "and it's all over."

Thus he took a bath. After shaving timelit he defined his new spring suit, singed a carnation in his buttonhole, and, saithing a glimpse of himself in the mirror, concluded that he would make a rather stylin-looking corpse.

Gazing suit the window, he saw the chil-

rather stylish-looking corpas, Gazing our the window, he saw the children playing merrily. "Good-by to the entid!" he shouted. There was a crashing report of a revolver, a scream and a few plants later "Mike" was found on

and not some vet." he assured those to best ever lim. He was hurrien to harve itospital. The physicians till niss on bullet wound. Then it with the had shot him.

SOME MEN WHO ARE BOOSTING CAMPAIGN FOR A GREATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Teams of business men to the number of 108 started out today to solicit other business men as members of the reorganized chamber, afterward gathering at the Hotel Adelphia to hold a luncheon and compare results. This picture shows several of the teams as they arrived at the hotel to turn in their reports

3000 LOCAL OPTION MEN GO TO CAPITAL

Two Special Trains Carry Throng of Supporters to Harrisburg.

Three thousand Philadelphia supporters of Governor Brumbaugh's local option bill left the city this morning for Harrisburg to attend the public hearing on the measure. They are eager to participate in the greatest demonstration ever held on Capitol Hill.

Two special trains took the delegates on their mission. Fully 10,000 local option supporters poured into the State capital in response to the popular demand for the right of the people to rule in the liquor

Before the enthusiastic delegates crowded into Broad Street Station and the Reading Terminal about 400 men assembled at the former terminus. Their appearance and departure was in sharp centrast to the throngs of singing and shouting temperance advocates who fol-lowed them. The first arrivals reached the train floor shortly after 7 o'clock. They were quiet and attracted little attention. About 400 of them left on the 7:30 rain for Harisburg to help "Jim" Mulvihil, chief of the liquor lobby, offset the effects of the big "dry" representation. They were the representatives of the liquor dealers.

There were 12 cars on the Pennsy special and every available inch of space was occupied. Among the delegates were John Walton, president of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Committee; John C. Young, chairman of the Roxborough-Wissahickon Committee; Albert E. Turner, of the Business Men's Local Option Committee; Joseph M. Steele, who was chairman of the "Billy" Sunday Campaign Committee; George Shane, Ben Welch, Magistrate Robert L. Carson; Al-ba B. Johnson, who will preside at the

ba B. Johnson, who will preside at the Harrisburg meeting, and about 100 min isters. The special which left Reading Terminal had 10 cars.

Before the train carrying the liquor men was well on its way to the capital, Broad Street Station resounded with the tramp of many feet. Commuters arriving from points along the Main Line halted as the strains of "lits a Long Way to Timerry" deated through the big sta-Tipperary" floated through the big sta-tion. Nearly 200 voices joined in the chorus, while a huge banner bearing the legend "Philadelphia For Local Option" unfurled by J. W. Yoder, who led the singing

LOCAL OPTION SONG. The train pulled out at 8:30 o'clock to the following paredy on the Irish march-

We will stand for local option,
We will stand against rum,
We will vote for local option,
For we know it's bound to come.
lood-by whisky traffic.
Farewell, you're not square,
Twas a long, long way to local option
But now we're right there.
imiliar scenes marked the departure
the Philadelphia delegation at the

Similar

the Philadelphia delegation at the of the Philadelphia delegation at the Philadelphia and Reading Terminal. The special there left five minutes carlier than the one on the "Pennsy." The train floor was jammed. Commuters arriving in the midst of the jam were carried along by the enthusiasm, and joined in singing "The Brewers' Hig Horses Can't Ride Over Me." Professor T. A. Daly led the song. The words of the Tipperary local option song quickly were picked up by the crowd.

GERMANS HAVE SPECIAL, TOO. While the two specials took the majority of the Governor's "allies" to Harrisburg, hundreds of supporters left on other trains. Many motored to the Capital. At 10:40 o'clock another special train pulled out, carrying 300 members

of the German-American Alliance.
A permanent State local option committee was determined on today at Harrisburg. J. Denny O'Nell, County Commissioner, Pittsburgh, chairman, president; Dr. Isnac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, vice president; Romain C. Hassrick, recretary, and State Representative J. W. Vickerman, Belle-

Mathias Adomatiis 318 N. 13th st. and Juliana Rubelia. 15ti B. Front at. Morris S. Kniebelman. S. Bethielam. Pa., and Hertha Spector. 1875 Pupiar st. Carmine Cimpaniella. 1737 S. Chadwies st., and Gulia Champital. 1127 Annin st. Carmine A. Ashworth. 1518 Tarony st. Pietro Cancelli. 1812 S. Hicks st., and Bivia Passeri. 1638 S. Chadwick st. 21 Carmine Cimpaniella. 1874 N. Carpenter at John J. Allen. 1441 Shuok st., and Cella M. Loper, 618 Reed st. Annil 1882 S. Hicks st., and Cella M. Loper, 618 Reed st. Annil 1884 Arthur Cutanios. 1816 Saruce st., and Sophia Burbaho. 501 S. Shi st. and Sophia Burbaho. 501 S. Shi st. and Sophia Surbaho. 501 S. Shi st. and Sophia Surbaho. 501 S. Shi st. Shi st. and Sophia Burbaho. 501 S. Shi st. Shi st. and Sophia Cuoszo, Danbury, Coun., and Ninga G. He landed at the foot of Spruce street and surprised, not the Hessians this time, but Meyer Golritch, who was Burbaic 501 S. 601 S. 6

COMMERCE CHAMBER ADDS 700 MEMBERS

street, each team bound for a different destination in the city. Three men and in some cases four made up the teams. Those who had written "automobile" on their cards and who had been assigned to cover the northern sections of the city jumped into their cars outside the hotel. The others waved en-thusiastic farewells and set off through the central part of the city.

Nearly all the business men visited by the teams this morning already knew de-tails of the greater chamber campaign and eccived the teams cordially.

Charles Caldwell, of Schwenk & Caldwell, wholesale grocers at 35 North 3d street, was one of the business men all street, was one of the business men all prepared to fall in enthusiastically with the plans for the greater Chamber. He was visited by E. J. Berlet, of Maxwell & Berlet; George B. Wells, hat dealer, and Howard W. Page, of Page & Page, attorneys, all of whom had volunteered for service in brigging in new members. for service in bringing in new member for the Chamber. The trio, led by Mr. Berlet, covered the east side of 3d street, from Market to Arch street, taking in every business house on that side of the

"Certainly I've heard about the greater chamber movement," Mr. Caldwell said when Mr. Berlet, chairman of the team, had introduced his companions. "If you've got an application blank

there you can put me down for two mem-berships in the Chamber. I want to tell you that I'm in hearty accord with the campaign, and I'll do everything I can to help it. I'm coming to your meetings, ven though I'm unable to take an active

"Philadelphia needs something to liven ouslness and this seems to me the way There are needs in the way of improving train service, shipping facilities and a hundred other things that will help every business man in Philadelphia. We can't get the changes unless we have as organization to force them. The Cham of Commerce could do that, I believe?

JURY CONSIDERS TOLL TRIBUTE EVIL ON 'PIKE'

Men Appointed by Court Will Decide if Willow Grove Road Shall Be Freed.

Elimination of tolls on the Germantown Willow Grove turnpike, for which a movement was launched two years ago, was being considered today at a meeting in the Mineral Springs Hotel, Willow Grove. of the jury appointed to pass upon the question by the Montgomery County court. Those who are behind the move-ment for elimination of tolls are exerting every influence and are confident of suc

The pike is one of the most costly in the country for automobilists to use. The toll each way is 20 cents, or at the rate of 4 cents a mile. The movement to elimfnate this toll system culminated in a large protest meeting. This followed the circulation of half a dozen pet tions bear-ing the signatures of from 400 to 500 automobilists and interested property owners The turnpike is owned by W. W. Harrison, the millionalre sugar refiner, and a large number of smaller stockholders.

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County, of which the members are James Crewson, of Cheltenham, presi-

dent; Hiram Bready, of Moreland, and Adam Saylor, of Pottstown, are repre-sented at the meting. Their purpose is to see that no excessive damages are given should the turnpike be taken over. The jurgrs, who are the masters before hom all testimony will be taken, are ohn L. Freed, Flourtown: George Car-on, Plymouth; Samuel Yeakel, Fort Washington; Henry D. Flingluff, Bluebell, and Thomas P. Smith. Flourtown.

21 Scavengers Fined

Twenty-one scavengers, arrested under the recent order of Director Porter, call-ing for the vigorous enforcement of an old law, were each fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Beaton, in Central Station to

PEOPLE'S LOCAL OPTION FIGHT ON AT CAPITAL

Continued from Page One chairman. The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity Church. Philadelphia, pronounced the invocation. The reading of a telegram from "Billy" Sunday aroused great enthusiasm. Sunday expressed the highest praise for the fight Governor Brumbaugh has made for local option, and extended his "sincerest wishes for the success of the campaign." Singing for half an hour preceded the

opening of the meeting. A parody "Brighten the Corner Where You A and a solo, "If Every Man Would V and a solo, "If Every Man Would Vote the Way He Prays," scored the biggest The Pennsylvania local option song, to

the tune of ".ipperary," followed, and "America," with the delegates standing, was sung twice O'NEIL OPENS MEETING.

"Local option is the will of the people,

and no man in Pennsylvania is big enough to stand out against the will of the people for any length of time," declared Mr. O'Neil in calling the meeting to order. "Every one has come to realize that the saloon is our greatest enemy, and we are now prepared to show America that Pennsylvania is not content and

The legislative and legal aspects of the liquor traffic were analyzed by former Congressman John R. Farr, of Scranton, and Henry W. Temple, of Washington. Both declared that one of the greatest benefits which local option would bring to Pennsylvania was that it would remove the salone from the personal convertible. move the saloons from the personal control of the judiclary.
"Any legislative body which turns down

your wishes fails to recognize the pur-poses of a legislative body," said Mr. Farr. The moral and social wrongs result-

ing from the liquor traffic were described by Mrs. Ella M. George, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Philadelphia. Mrs. George was invited to come up from the audience and speak extemporaneously.

A committee of three, consisting of

A committee of three, consisting of George A. Alter, of Pittsburgh, former Speaker of the house; the Rev. George W. Shelton, of Pittsburgh, and Louis J. Kolb, of Philadelphia, presented the resolutions calling for all Pennsylvania to rally in the last hours of the local option

the liquor problem were followed by F. A. something.'
Rockwell, former member of the House,
Wellsboro: Congressman S. H. Miller,
PHGH IS' and J. M. Galbraith, ex-Judge. from Butler.

SUNDAY "LOCAL OPTION DAY." Doctor Shelton, paster of the Second Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh, called upon every delegate present to notify his minister immediately that next Sunday had been set aside as "local op-

As a text he suggested: "The saloon would destroy the church if it could: the church could destroy the saloon if it would." Congressman Miller pointed a warning

congressman Miller pointed a warning finger to the leaders of the Republican party if they failed to heed the voice of the Republican party is back of local option," he declared, "and it will be a day of ill omen for the party it this bill fails to pass."

The Republication of the party is the still fails to pass."

The Philadelphia delegation, more than 1600 strong, marched into the auditorium just before the meeting ended. Carrying a long banner—"Philadelphia for Local Option"—and American flags presented by Louis J. Kolb, they filled every inch of standing room in the alsles and on the platform. At the conclusion of the meet-ing the Executive Committee met at the Commonwealth Hotel to arrange for the street parade before the hearing.

The parody on the "Billy" Sunday song. "Brighten the Corner Where You

was heard on every street corner

Vote out the brone shaps, every one, Yate out the brone shaps, every one. Molher, more your daughter, Patter save your son, Vote out the boxe shaps, every one.

A bag of dark brown hair was laid be

WOMAN IN PULPIT AT CHESTER REVIVAL

Miss Anna A. Smith Takes Doctor Nicholson's Place in Evangelist's Absence.

CHESTER, Pa., April 6 .- Many of those who attended the Nicholson-Hemminger revival service at the First Baptist Church of this city were surprised this afternoon when the service was conducted by Miss Anna A. Smith, a member of the campaign party who has hereto-fore devoted her time in this city to work among women and girls,
It was explained that the Rev. William

Nicholson had not yet returned from Carlisle, Pa., where he spent yesterday, his "rest day," with his family, but that he would return to this city in time to conduct the night service at the tabernacle.
Although this was the first service of

the kind conducted here by Miss Smith, it was one of the best afternoon meetings held since the revival opened. The young woman chose "Faith" as her subject, and delivered a sermon on that subject that would have done credit to an ordained minister of the Gospel. "I want to emphasize the fact," she said, "that faith alone is not enough. You must also work, for by that means

alone will you accomplish results. doesn't mean that you shouldn't pray, for that, too, is necessary, but don't be afraid of interfering with the Lord's plans by going out and hustling yourself. You do your part and He will do His.

'If those who lowered the sick man down into the temple at Capernaum had

merely had faith and not had energy enough to go up there on the roof and work so they might get the man to Christ there would have been no miraculous healing. And if you haven't energy enough to work that same way for the coming of Christ's kingdom you mustn't worder that it does not seem to be wonder that it does not seem to be realized more quickly.
"Another thing I notice is that some of you think that faith and prayer are al!

right for the heathen, but that you personally don't need them. I want to say right here that each one of you needs Christ and all that goes with belief in Him decisions of license cases were weakening just as truly as do any heathen in the the confidence in the judiciary, the resolution declared for home rule through first, then worry about your neighbors and the heathen and you may accomplish Five-minute addresses on every phase of something for them that will amount to

PUGILIST BITTEN, WHITE MAN SLASHED, IN "FIGHT TALK"

'Sting-Em" George Jerry May Not Enter Ring Tonight. Two men, one a professional lightweight

who may have to cancel an engagement for tonight, and the other a Negro admirer of "Jack" Johnson, came to grief today as a result of the big fight at Havana yesterday. "Sting-em" George Jerry, who resented

peing called "Jess Willard II," at-empted to spank several youngsters near its home at 2440 Olive street. One of the lads bit the pugilist's finger, and doctors at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital told "Sting-em" that the injury would handi-cap him if he carried out his intention of battling with Leo Houck at the Fairmount Athletic Club, 11th and Spring Garder

Athenic Cho. Hin and Spring Garden streets, tonight.

John Davis, of El Liberty court, was arraigned at the lith and Winter streets station and held under \$80 ball on the charge of slashing Charles Markey, of \$10 Vinc street, a white man, with a razor.

Markey according to the testinger, was Markey, according to the testimony, was extelling Willard at 19t. and Vine streets last night when Davis happened along. His attempt to take up the cause of John on was ignored and the fight follow Arthur Heller, 21 years old, at 326 North 17th street, who was shot for championing Willard yesterday in a poelroom at 1803 Ridge avenue, was reported to have improved today. Heller's assailant

FOUR SAVED IN GALE

Men in Small Craft Nearly Swept Out to Sea in Storm.

Four men, one a resident of this city eturned to Atlantic City today after a narrow escape from drowning in Barnegat Bay during the blizzard and gale which swept the coast on Saturday. The men, overtaken on the bay in a small craft, were helpless for many hours and at one stage feared they would be blown out to jail for five days by Magistrate Harrigan. They were Henry Fell, of this city; A bag of dark brown hair was laid be-fore Magistrate Campbell today by Mrs. William Krouse. In very dramatic tones she explained how it was taken from her head by her husband, William. The latter looked on, sort of dazed, and didn't quite remember removing the treasea from their normal resting place. chester Boys' School at Longport; Brad-ford Smith, of Haverford, and Bayard Joline, of Atlantic City.

Members of the crew of the Harvey Cedars Life-eaving Station were sum-moned by Bert Ridgway, a fisherman, who discovered the plight of the men and took them to his home after they were rescued. Adams has had several escapes on the waters near Atlantic City since last summer.

EDITOR ASPHYXIATED

Coroner Gives Verdict of Accidental Death.

Death,

WILDWOOD, N. J., April 6.—Coroner
Ingersoli today rendered a verdict of
death by accidental asphyxiation in the
case of Thomas C. Hamilton, the editor
of the Wildwood Sun.

Hamilton, who was the oldest aditor in
South Jersey, and one of the earliest settlers of Wildwood, was last seen at home
Friday night. This morning Patrolman
Eldridge made a search and smelling gas
outside his door broke into the room.
The axed victim lay on his bed fully
dressed and gas from a small heater was
filling the roc—
He is survived by his
invalid sidor.

NEGRO EXHORTER CAN "COME BACK"

Willbanks Uses Jack Johnson's Defeat to Illustrate Sermon. Many "Get Religion."

The failure of Jack Johnson to retain the world's heavyweight championship belped to inspire the Rev. Alexander Willbanks, the negro revivalist, in his sermon at the Varick African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 19th and Catharine streets, last night.

Before the services started Willbanks said he could hardly believe Johnson was whipped. He talked it over for a while with his friends and then announced that if Jehnson couldn't come back he could. The 230-pound revivalist then went at his sermon so vigorously and put so much exertion into it, that 10 minutes after he started the other occupants of the platform, who ordinarily occupy chairs behind the pulpit, had moved to eafer ground.

safer ground.
Wilbanks elimbed up on a chair and shook his list at his audience. He reached down for another chair and awung it high over his head. He jumped down platform and threw the chair Into the alsle.

Then the big revivalist followed the Then the big revivalist followed the chair, ran up and down the alales, climbed on the pews and ran nimbly over the back of them. By this time his heares were in a frenzy of religious enthuelaam. In every corner of the big

church they were "getting religion."

One white man "got it" along with about a hundred negro men and women. He jumped up, waving his arms and shouting in emulation of the negro conshouling in emulation of the negro converts, until he fell back into his seat exhausted. A Negro in the back of the church tried to imitate the revivalist and succeeded in walking half way to the pulpit over the pew backs before other members of the congregation, fearing he would have some one ruled him down would hurt some one, pulled him down.

"SAM" HARRIS BLAMES **GUNMAN FOR ATTACK**

Fight Manager, Slashed With Razor, Believes Blackmail Was Underlying Motive.

A New York gunman and gang leader, well known to the police, was responsible for the attack on "Sam" Harris, prominent as a fight promoter, who was slashed with a razor while paying a taxi bill in front of the Hotel Bingham last night, after coming from the Olympia Athletic Club. Harris said so this afternoon from his bed in the Jefferson Hospital. He added that blackmail was at the bottom

Propped up in bed, Harris received a small delegation of newspaper men after being in conference with Detective Belshaw, and proceeded to give his own ver-

shaw, and proceeded to give his own ver-sion of the attack.

"We arrived on the lith street side of the Bingham," he said, "and while I was paying the taxi bill 'Bill' McCarthy, Julius Joseph, both of Baltimore, and Detective Krader, of the Bingham, went to the bota. Just as the chauffent into the hotel. Just as the chauffeur handed me the change a man, evidently an Italian, approached me and asked me f I was Sam Harris. He was about 5 set 3 inches in height, about 21 years old, dean shaven and dark complexioned

"As soon as I replied in the affirmative, he drew a razor and you can see what he did. He made a dash eastward on Market street, I saw that as I fell. friends heard my cry for help, but first thought it came from the Hotel dining When they rushed to the street they found me bathed in blood.
"A New York gunman is responsible for it all. It is also a case of black-

and asked for the money on the night and asked for the money on the singham Hotel here. I did not bother with the man, however, as I thought him simply a lunatic. I have since received the example of the King in giving order letters threatening me with death. I have that all intoxicants shall be barred from the man to plain the members of the court have followed the example of the King in giving orders that all intoxicants shall be barred from found out since that the gunman called | their households. at the poolroom of George Keelly, at believe that the traffic in alcoholic drinks 50th street and Broadway, in New York, will never again be a factor in the busi-where I get my mail, and threatened to ness and social life of the United Kingkill both Keelly and me.

"I would like to lay my hands on that gangster. I would knock the life out of him. The attack last night was so unexpected and cowardly. I think I had one hand in my pocket at the time

JOKE THREATENS RUIN TO LIFE OF WOMAN

Innocent Advertisement for New House Distorted Into Desire for a Husband.

April Pool jokes can be carried too far. That fact Mrs. May Cessna, 5742 Comherce street, has learned to her forrow. Mrs. Cessna is the woman who a few days ago was reported as having advertised in a Chicago paper for a new husband, the alleged reason being that she was divorced, but could not get rid of No. 1. It was all an April Fool joke, ac-cording to Mrs. Cessna, innocent enough at inception, but which in its results has grown to such proportions that it threat-

The story grew out of a simple adver-tisement that Mrs. Cessna inserted in one of the Philadelphia papers stating she desired to move and share a new house with some other desirable parties. Some one started the rumor, she says, that she wanted another husband. The rumor pread, gathering details, until the utterly false fabrication about the Chicago paper and even the actual wording of the ad-vertisement had been evolved.

Mrs. Cessna says she is living happily with her husband, son and two daughters at the Commerce etreet address and that there is no reason for her deiring to make any change. any change.

CIVIL SERVICE INQUIRY

Councils Committee Will Begin Investigation of Commission.

vestigation of Commission.

A meeting of the joint committee of Councilinen appointed to investigate the methods of the Civil Service Commission has been called by Dr. George C. Parry, chairman. The session will be held to-morrow night in Room 555, City Hall, and will be executive. The committee will shape its policy at the executive session, and the first open meeting will be held early next week. The Councilmen comprising the investigating committee are Doctor Parry, and Messrs. Dripps and Trinkie, of Common Council, and Messrs. Hatt, Couroy and Fisherty of Seject Council.

Superintendent Jacobs III

Dr. William C. Jacoba, superintendent of public schools, is ill at his home, 313 North 63d street. He was not at his office today nor yesturday, that being Ensier Monday and a holiday. His ill-bear is not scrious, it was said at the office.

CLAY TRIAL TEDIOUS AS TESTIMONY BEGINS

Attorneys for Both Sides and Judge Spend Much Time in .

The second trial of ex-Director of Public Safety Henry Clay and his contractor associates swung into a dull routine at the opening of the second day, Occasionally this was enlivened by short arguments between Assistant District At-

torney Taulane and Congressman George

S Graham, chief counsel for the defense. A dwindling of the crowd was noticeable today, but there were still several hundred spectators, who sat patiently through long-drawn-out periods of sidebar conferences, when not a word that har conferences, when not a word that has a superior and Judes. har conferences, when not a word that passed between the lawyers and Judge Ferguson was audible back in the seats. The tedious process of identifying contracts between the John R. Wiggins Contracting Company and the city was started after 10 o'clock. Robert D. Harper, a contract clerk in the Mayor's office, was the first witness.

office, was the first witness, George W. Morrison, chief clerk in the ffice of the City Treasurer, and Charles I. Warman, a deputy city controller, collowed followed.

followed.

Graham got his first exception of the trial while Harper was on the stand. An attempt, later successful, was made by Taulane to introduce the contract for work done in the City Treasurer's office. This is the additional charge the Assistant District Attorney hopes to bring out against Clay, Higgins and Walls, the latter secretary of the contracting company.
It was not touched on at the first trial.
A side-bar con erence fasting 45 min-A side-bar con crence lasting 45 min-utes followed Graham's objection. Judge Ferguson upheld Mr. Taulane. Morrison then was called and a dry technical argument ensued as to the manner in which

te should identify warrants. In the course of this argument Graham said the defense had but three days of the four weeks it took to complete the first trial. He said he wants to expedite the present trial. Taulane expressed a like desire. One or two of the jurors needed shaves when they appeared in the box at the

norning session. Again, today, Clay took the fourth seat from the end to the left of the centre aisle. Wiggins dropped into the end seat. Walls, following him, hesitated a moment about sitting hext to Clay, and then went back to the second row of chairs, behind Wiggins.
Clay conferred frequently with his at-

terneys today. Once or twice, as he leaned over them to speak, he smiled. Walls, several times, held animated conversation with friends who came up to sit beside him.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION ABANDONED BY BRITISH

Official Edict Plan Supplanted by Individual Effort and Setting of Example.

cabinet have learned that British national

entiment is strongly opposed to any

LONDON, April 6. By sounding political leaders throughut the country, Premier Asquith and his

edict imposing universal prohibition. As a result, it was said today that no measure to that end will be introduced when Parliament reconvenes on April 14.

The Government's efforts will be directed toward prompting the movement for coluntary abstinence as initiated by King George and the royal household, and reg-ulating the hours when alcoholic bever-ages shall be sold. A measure fixing fur-ther restrictions on the hours of sale is

likely to be the only definite measure inmail. I have received many threatening letters and was asked to give up \$500 morrow for the first time in history, when first promoting the Kilbane-Williams King George will banish all alcoholic beverages from the palaces until the end of There are many who

Want Old Cemetery Removed

dom.

Surviving lotholders in the Philadelphia Cemetery, at 9th and Filzwater streets, one of the oldest burial grounds in the city, have petitioned Court of Common Pleas No. 1 to protect their interests, to order removal of the interred bodies and to enjoin James Cooley from further managerial duties and permitting additional burials either in vaults or graves in the cemetery. The cemetery was es-tablished in 1827 by a deed of trust under the will of James Ronaldson, who latended it to afford decent burial to those in moderate circumstances.

The fat went into the fire in the kitchen of Mike Pearson's oyster saloon. o street and Indiana avenue, st as Mike was frying a large orde of oysters. Before the firemen arrived and took charge the fire had damaged the place to the extent of about \$200.

Fat in Fire Costs \$300

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, April & For eastern Pennsylvania and New ersey: Fair tonight and probably Wes-

Jersy: Fair tonight and probably Weenenday: moderate west winds.

The disturbance that has been moving in from the far West is central over take Ontario this morning. It has been attended by light rains, but possessed little energy. The rain srea has ost spread south of Pennsylvania to any appreciable extent. The temperatures have riser in the Atlantic States and at most places in the cotton belt, although in the latter area they are still generally be after area they are still generally be low normal. From the Lake Region and the Ohio Valley westward the tempera-ture changes have been slight and bregular, and a slight excess is reported

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Charryations made at 8 a. m., Eastern time

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