CONCERT TONIGHT AT METROPOLITAN

Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus of More Than 150 Voices in Fine Program.

The annual concert of the Strawbridge & Clothier Chorus, for which preparations have been under way for two months, will be given tonight in the Metropolitan Opera House The program comprises the charming and tuneful cantains, "The Swan and the Skylark" and "The Rose Maiden." The affair promises to be an

artistic triumph in every respect. Artistic trimph in every respect.

The chorus now numbers more than 159 voices. The soloists, all of whom enjoy distinction in their line, will be Mrs. May Ebrey Hotz. Mrs. Clara Vocum Joses. Nicholas Doughty and Louis James Howell. The Philadelphia Orchestra will furnish the instrumental music. Herbert J. Tiley, the general manager of the Straw-beilies. & Clothier store, will direct the

brings & Clothier store, will direct the entire production.

In accordance with past custom, the firm will pay all the expenses of the concert, and the entire gross receipts will be turned over to the Strawbridge & Clothier tension, find, Modding the concert in the pension fund. Holding the concert in the Metropolitan Opera House is a departure, since the affair has always been staged in

the Academy of Music in previous years.

About 130 concerts have been given by
the Strawbridge & Clothler Chorus since It was first organized. Twelve of the more notable productions were given in the Academy of Music and is at Willow Grove. More than 100 concerts have been given in the store during the Easter and

COURT CLERKS LOSE FEES

Money Collected in Naturalization

Cases Will Go to Counties. Justice Stewart, in the Supreme Court foday, rendered a decision declaring that countles of the State, and not their court clerks or Prothonotaries, are entitled to a proportion of all the fees collected in naturalization proceedings. Today's de-cision reverses an opinion handed down

count of Schuylkill County.

The decision is the result of a test case instituted by John W. Resse, Prothonotary of the Common Pleas Court of Schuylkill County. The amount of fees involved in this continuity and the continuity of the Common Pleas Court of Schuylkill County. The amount of fees involved in this continuity case was \$550. involved in this particular case was \$2823 representing half of the total fees col-lected by Reese. The other half he turned over, as provided by the act of Congress, to the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.

Young Woman Saves Burning Home The bravery of Emma Mitchener, a guest at the home of Charles H Elliott. of 3211 Montgomery avenue, saved the house from probable destruction by free today. On being awakened by smoke. the young woman saw a lare curtain ablaze and tore it from the window. While attempting to extinguish the flames, she was painfully burned on the arms and body. Her injuries were attended by a physician. The fire caused a lose of \$50.

Turk Sent on Peace Mission BUCHAREST, April 26 Osman Nizoni, former Turkish Ambassador at Lendon, is on his way to Berlin, having been enVILLA PORTRAYS FEROCIOUS FIGHTING AT CELAYA

Its Sanguinary Character Horrifled Even Those Familiar With War-

WASHINGTON, April 36,-Pighting so bloody as to horrify even those familiar with warfare marked his forces' recent struggle with General Obregon's Carranzistas at Celaya, declared a report from General Villa received at his junta

He bombarded Celaya continuously for hours, Villa says, Obregon losing normously, especially among his Yaqui adian troops. On the other hand Villa, admitted that

his own "battalion of death," a picked body which flies a black flag, and prides itself on the emblem of the skull and

or the emblem of the skull and cross-bones on each man's jacket, was nearly annihilated in a desperate charge against the Carrangistas.

The charge was led by Villa himself. His horse was killed under him. General Banda, one of his licitenants, was described as having charged with his staff in an armored train assumet Obrewor's emilione observed to buildings in stat in an armored train against Obregon's artillery, planted on buildings in Celaya's outskirts. In the face of a terrific fire Randa and his men ran their train within 50 feet of the enemy's caupen, then made a dash on foot, succeeded in mining the huildings and blowing them into tre air with dynamite.

Villa owned that his losses were very heavy.

BLUE MONDAY STRIKES AGAIN

Deprives Sam Smaller of Clothes, Breakfast and Good, Cold Water.

The changed temperature of the day has not obliterated its blueness. How would you like to discover that your wife had carefully collected all your spring and summer suits and sold them to the dd clothes man? And then had just as carefully packed all your other apparel away in a trunk? That is what happened

Mrs. Smaller was amazed when he appeared for breakfast this morning in his pajamas. "Don't stand there and gap." he growled. "They're the only things you've left me. I can't find a pair of trousers or a coat and yest to save my neck. If you think I'm going to pry open any trunka early Monday morning, you're mistaken."
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"You'll have to wait a while for you'll have to wait a while for you'll breakfast." said Mrs. Smaller. "The plumber came here this morning and turned the water off, and, in turning it off, he had to turn the gas off first."

"It's the first time I've ever heard of gas and water running through the same pine." said Smaller. "I suppose we can't have any butter because its the 28th of the county of the same of the same in the same of the month. If the plumber doesn't ch-I'll phone to the restaurant in the block and tell them to bring up my

breakfast. He tried the phone, but there was no answer, for the restaurant was closed on account of a death in the family.

Gossip May Prevent Wedding Mrs. Lens Strup, of 3214 Miller street, the 69-year-old flances of William Silcox, 61

years old, of 3466 Edgmont street, threatens to call off the ceremony unless gossip about the wedding ceases. Mrs. Strup. indignant at the publicity given her engagement, said: "If things don't change mighty sudden I'll back out. I was married twice before and I never had all this fuss and gossip about it. I don't have to get married. I'm able to support myself," trusted with a secret mission in connection with Turkey's desire to conclude a separate peace. He also will visit Rome. Silcox had nothing to say about his approaching nuptials.

SPECIMEN BALLOY

PROPOSED LOAN BILL

Toward the Construction of a Subway Railway in Broad Street, from League Island to Olney Avenue, with the necessary branch lines northeast and northwest from Broad Street, and the Construction of an Elevated Railway, from Front and Arch Streets to Rhawn Street.

A Cross (X) marked in the square at the right of the word YES indicates a vote FOR the Loan.

A Cross (X) marked in the square at the right of the word NO indicates a vote AGAINST the Loan.

LOAN OF SIX MILLION (6,000,000) DOLLARS.

Shall the Corporate Authorities of the City of Philadelphia be authorized to increase the indebtedness of the said City, in the further sum of Six Million (6,000,000) Dellars?

TRANSIT LOAN VOTE BALLOTS SENT OUT

Half Million Distributed Among 1264 Polling Places for 250,000 Electors.

More than half a million ballots for use in the special election Thursday, when



among the 1284 polling places in the city. The work 18 being done under the direction of Harry Kuenzei, superintendent of elections in the County Commissioner's department. The ballots are uniform in size, with the exception of those for use in the 25th, 27th and 38th Wards, where councilmanic vacancies are to be filled. In these cases the ballots are six inches longer and the

names of the councilmanic nominees appear above the transit loam proposal. Approximately 250,000 citizens are qualified to vote at the special election, according to the estimates of the Board of Registration Commissioners. At the general election last November 272,000 citizens were registered and duly quali-fied to vote. This number has been de-creased by at least 20,000 by deaths, changes of residence and other causes. Friends of the Taylor transit plan were surprised to learn today that City Solicitor Ryan has prepared a proposed amendment to the constitution which would increase Philadelphia's borrowing capacity to 10 per cent, as designed by the pending Vare amendment, but which would make the money available for all purposes, instead of for port and transit increasements as provided by the Vare

approvements, as provided by the Vare mendment.
In substance this amendment is the anne as that advocated by Senator Mc-Nichol some weeks ago, which was at-tacked by all supporters of the Taylor plan as fatal to the comprehensive pro-gram of transit development about to be begun here. Following the public hear-ing February II before the State Senate

pending amendment.

haif a million ballots for use of the money intended for use for transit development, but would delay for two years the final passage of the constitutional amendment, thereby obstructing the second distributed to day among the 1284 nolling places

Committee on Municipal Affairs it was supposed that Senator McNichol would abandon his proposition to amend the

Former Director Norris, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and other financiers have said that it would be had business policy for the city to in-crease the borrowing capacity for any other than revenue-producing improve-ments. The adoption of the suggestion of the City Solicitor would only not di-vert to other purposes a considerable part

IDENTIFY WOMAN SUICIDE Wife of Pennsylvania R. R. Employe

Kills Herself in Park. The young woman who leaped to her death from the Strawberry Mansion troiley bridge in Fairmount Park on Saturday afternoon has been identified as Mrs. Mabel Bowers, 1224 Lycoming street, wife of an employe in the paymaster's depart-

ment of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mrs. Bowers fractured her skull when she struck one of the piers of the bridge. According to the husband of the woman, who was 25 years of age, she had been suffering from a nervous breakdown. When her parents, who made their home

with her, became alarmed over her absence Saturday night, they asked Frank F. Bauery, 1228 Lycoming street, to go to the Morgue and look at the body of the young woman who committed suicide by leaping from the bridge. He identified the

JEAD RATS IN BOMB-LIKE BOX colice Think It Explosive and Pass It

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Fire Marshal George W. Elliott today officiated at the opening of suspicious packages found by a patrolman on a doorstep in South Philadelphia and supposed to be a homb.

Removal of the outer wrappings disclosed a cigar boy. The cigar box was then allowed to rest in a bucket of water for the reculation length of time, and for the regulation length of time, and

after wet blankets had been wrapped tightly around the mysterious bundle the lid was pried off by the fire marshal. The investigation disclosed two sewer rats, which, the marshal says, had been dead for at least two weeks. The deceased rats completely filled the box. Patrolman Louis Mints found the box on the doorstep at 532 South 5th street, It was addressed to "Michele Romano, Montrose street, city," The parcel was

sealed with red wax. Lieutenant Samuel Ellis, of the 7th and Carpenter streets police station, sent the package to the fire marshal to be opened.

Of course you will take advantage of the opportunity offered by "Gas Range Week" to examine



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TOAD LEADS TO ARREST OF 3 Youths Attempted to Place It in Hair

of Several Girls. An innocent toad which hopped about Hunting Park enjoying the summer sunsine yesterday afternoon proved the un-

sine yesterday afternoon proved the undoing of three young men and caused them to spend last night in the 39th street and Lancaster avenue police station. The direct charge against the firec youths was that they attempted to place the toad in the halr of several young girls in the park.

The trio, who gave their names as John Little, 29 years, 2755 North Front street; William McGrath, 18 years, 2455 Park avenue, and Wilton Well, 19 years, 2741 North 21th street, were arrested by Park Guard Hartline and Sergeant Rogers. They were released by Magistrate Boyle this morning after a severe reprimand. this morning after a severe reprimand. Samuel Gold, 19 years, 531 Mifflin street, who was accused of making improper remarks to girls in Fairmount Park yesterday, was sentenced to 10 days in prison by Magistrate Doyle.

LINER BRINGS 186 SOULS Dominion Delayed by Dock Strike

To Take War Cargo. The American Line steamship Dominies decked at the Washington avenue pier to day after a delay of more than two weeks at Liverpool caused by the dockmen's strike in that port. The Dominion is the strike in that port. The Dominion is the only American Line steamship not commandeered by the British Admiralty; the others, notably the Merion and Haverford, are now serving as transports to

France.

The liner carried 36 cabin and 146 steepage passengers on the trip Just completed, the greatest number brought to this port by any vessel in the last four months. Among the cabin passengers were Mrs. Nora E. Smith and her daughters. Miss E. A. Smith and Miss M. Smith, all of 318 Ridge avenue.

After discharging a small cargo of general merchandise, the Dominion will take a small cargo of foodstuffs and was The liner carried 36 cabin and 140 steer.

eral merchandise, the Dominion will take a capacity cargo of foodstuffs and war supplies. The return voyage is expected supplies. The return vo



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