## SONS OF AMERICA IN HUGE PAGEANT IMPRESS READING

Patriotic Society's Seven-Mile Parade Viewed by 50,000 Visitors

11,000 IN BIG COLUMN

Civil Service Bill Indorsed. Resolution to Guard Betsy Ross House

READING, Pa., Aug. 28.-Before the huge parade this afternoon resolutions urging the passage of the Hammil bill authorizing a pension system for civil service employes of the Government were adopted at this morning's session of the 30th annual encampment of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. A resolution also was adopted urging the State and Federal authorities to purchase the property adjoining the former home of Betay Ross, Philadelphia, so as to insure it against destruction by fire.

SEVEN-MILE PARADE.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon some 11,000 Patriotic Order Sons of America members, delegates and officials of city, county and State organizations congregated at the Penn street bridge and in the lower section of the city. One hour later from the arch of triumph, at 4th and Penn streets, they marched in a solid line with bands and floats for three hours and made a seven-mile loop of the city in the largest street demonstration that Reading has ever seen. This ended the 50th annual session of the State body. Reading is bost today to fully 50,000 strangers, representing all portions of the State, who came to witness today's page ant. O. B. Wetherhold, prominent bank official, was chief marshal, and was assisted by the following aides from local sisted by the following aides from local camps: Elmer Moore, 89: E. R. Balthaser, 448: Herbert Hollenbach, 664: Paul Knoll, 39e: Peter Lorah, 552; Oscar Pottelger, 230: John W. Rauch, 2d., 163: I. J. Miller, 230: J. Earl Hickman, 61: John Whitehead, 676; J. H. Sponagle 213: Horace Marcks, 163: William Lutz, 68. The veteran association, composed of members for 25 years or more, held its annual banquet in Masonic Temple. Their distinguished guesta, the retiring officers and the officers-elect, were among the speakers.

PENROSE A SPEAKER. Senator Penrose occupied a prominent seat and delivered a short address. Other speakers were Judge Charles W. Brumm, Behuyikiil County; Vice President-elect E. E. Clarke, Pittsburgh; Past President Frederick E. Pope, Summerville, N. J.; State Master of Porms Gabriel H. Moyer, Palmyra.

United States Senator Penrose remained centred States Senator Penrose remained over today for the parade and held a reception at the Mansion House. Many prominent Republican leaders in this section called, but the Senator said politics was "a dead issue this trip." He visited the camp of the First Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and presented an America salagrand staff to the troop.

## MAYOR URGES SUPPORT FOR PORTER CAMPAIGN

themselves with this movement in the in-terest of Director Porter. It is estimated, conservatively, that the membership of this committee will aggregate 2000 per-sons, all of whom are desirous that Direc-tor Porter shall become an active candi-date for the mayoralty, and all of whom are willing to enlist at once in a vigorous are willing to enlist at once in a vigorous campaign to elect him to this high office There are thousands of other citizens in Philadelphia who feel this same way, and who will lend their influence to this ment as soon as Director Porter an-nounces his intention to lead the fight.

"This committee understands that Director Porter has been inderested by a long list of ward committees, that a written canvass of the Public Service Committees and the public S tee of One Hundred shows an overwheim-ing majority for him as their choice, that there is a more sweeping sentiment throughout the 48 wards of the city for George D. Porter for Mayor than for any whose name has been ed for the mayoralty on any party

We believe that Director Porter por seases all the necessary qualifications for this high office. We believe that from the standpoint of character, capacity, training and personal honesty, he is pre-eminently fitted to direct the affairs of eminently fitted to direct the affairs of this municipality. We believe that he will be a worthy successor to Mayor Blonken-burg. We know that he is in entire sym-pathy with the plans for the future develpathy with the plans for the future development of this city, which have been conceived and got under way by this administration. We are confident that if George D. Porter will consent to become a maddate for Mayor his election in November will be assured.

"The following letter was sent by this committee to Director George D. Porter.

ormally requesting him to announce him-elf as a candidate for Mayor to succeed on George D Porter.

Director of Public Safety, City Hall, "Philadelphia, Pa.

"We citizens of Philadelphia, who are deeply concerned in securing as Mayor a man by character and capacity fitted to occupy that high office, earnestly request that you permit the use of your name as a candidate at the coming primary." We are convinced that your long-tested character, your consistent fidelity to the ideal of independent public service, and your proven executive capacity in the important office which you now hold mark you as the man best fitted to render the proper service to your follow citizens in the arduous position of the city's chief Magistrate.

Sincarely yours, F. I. REINZNER, Chairman,

B. SCOTT.
M. LONGSTRETH,
M. LITTLE,
W. JENNINGS,
R. CARPREY,

WILLIAM WUNDER.
"JOHN MARSDEN,
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GERMANY WILL DISAVOW ACTS

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lively cleared up by Germany as quickly WILL NOT SEE WILSON.

it was explained that he had not asked for any interview with President Wilson, as he believed that he and Secretary of State Lansing would be able to reach

State lanning would be able to reach a common understanding.

The Ambassador is understood to have told a fellow diplomat that if newspaper reports from Herlin quoting the Imperial Chancellor as indicating a willingness to placate the United States were accurate and he believes they are—he will probably convey Germany's apologies to the United States for the Arabic sinking, if Germany linesly surrumes the blame, within the next few days.

From sources close to the German Embassy, it was learned that the following

tassy, it was learned that the following is the German viewpoint at the present

When the British blockade was pro chaimed Germany was compelled to direct the indiscriminate torpedoing and sink-ing of all enemy's vessels regardless of the rights of neutrals. That policy was maintained until the Russian first line of resistance was crushed and Warsaw was taken. With the successes in the East to brow up the German sprifts. E of resistance was crusted and the successes in the East to buoy up the German spirits, It was felt advisable to take steps which would absolutely prevent any further complications with neutral nations and especially with the United States. In pursuance of this plan orders were sent out to every submarine commander that the requirements of international law were to be rigidly adhered to in the desirution of all passenger-carrying merstruction of all passenger-carrying mer-chant ships. Germany thus is in position to disavow the sinking of the Arabic, if she accepts responsibility, and to claim that the commander responsible exceeded

This change is specifically attributed to the German successes in the East, which will make possible, the Germans claim, an independent Poland under German protection and will enable Germany to secure there the foodstuffs that have been cui off by the British blockade."

Reports from Berlin that the German Foreign Office has told Ambassador Gerard that it is prepared to "make concessions" to the United States found no confirmation at the hands of the Secretary. He stated that he had received no wor from Ambassador Gerard dealing with the Arabic situation, and said if any mea-sages has been started toward Wash-ington they have not arrived.

#### GERARD CABLES GERMAN STATEMENT TO WASHINGTON

By CARL W. ACKERMAN

BERLIN, Aug. 26. Germany's position regarding the sinking of the Arabic, on the facts obtainable. was laid before the State Department at Washington today. It is believed to pave the way for a peaceful settlement.

Ambassador Gerard last night cabled to Washington a long code message. He refused to discuss the contents of this communication, but expressed the convic-tion that the Arabic matter will be set-tled without a break between the United States and Germany.

Gerard's cable went forward after two Gerard's cable went forward after two conferences which marked the beginning of the informal discussions through which it is believed the situation will be adjusted satisfactorily. At 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the American Ambasandor conferred with Foreign Secretary you Jasow. At 5 o'clock an official of von Jagow. At 5 o'clock an official of the Foreign Office called at the embassy for a second conference. It was after this last conference that the cable message was sent to Washington.

The Admiralty today had not yet re-ceived reports from German subma-rines operating in the region in which the Arabic was torpedeed and was unable to state officially whether the liner was submarined or min

If the commander of a German sub marine exceeded his instructions in sink-ing the Arabic, the German Government will give full satisfaction to the United States, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg informed a correspondent in an intervie

The Imperial Chancellor made the following statement of Germany's position on the sinking of the Arabic:

sinking of the Arabic have not been fully cleared up it is impossible for me to make a definite statement. Thus far we have received no report about it. Now we do not even know whether the sinking of the ship was caused by mine or by a torpedo fired from a German submarine, nor do we know whether in this latte, case the Arabic herself may not by her actions, perhaps, have justified the proceedings of the comperself may not by her actions ier of the submarine.

'Only after all these circumstances have been cleared up will it be possible to say whether the commander of one of our ubmarines went beyond his instruction in which case the Imperial Government satisfaction to the United States as would conform to the friendly relations existing between both Governments."

#### WOMEN'S ST. GEORGE ORDERS ABANDON PLAN FOR MERGER

One Body Insists on Limiting Memberships to Englishwomen

Plane for the amaignmation of the Order of Daughters of St. George and the In-dependent Order of Daughters of St. George were abandoned today when the latter voted unanimously against the proposed union.

The action followed a meeting of com mittees representing the two organiza-tions at the Hotel Windsor last night, when a commutee of the Sons of St. George endeavored to facilitate the merging of the orders so that the resulting or-ganization might be recognized as an aux-iliary to the men's order.

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It is understood that the point upon which the women's committees differed was one involving the right of the Order of Daughters of St. George to admit to membership women not of English descent. It is said that they refused to consider merging with the Independent Order unless this privilege be relained. Both organizations held business meetings this morning to hear and consider the reports of the committees. The meeting of the Independent Order of Daughters of St. George, at the Hotel Rittenhouse, was an unusually long one, but the unanimous vote against the amalgamation of the orders was speedily cast, to the undisguised satisfaction of all present. The order, in session at Eagle Temple, is understood to have commended its committee for the stand taken on the membership question.

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It was decided to hold the next convention of this hody at Chicago in 1817, it was not thought probable that further attempts to merge orders will be made. The Order of Daughters of St. George visited Willow Grove this afternoon. They will have supper there and will attend a special concert to be given by Sousa's Band this evening.

## MOSQUITO CAUSES DEATH

Woman Scratches Bite and Blood Poi soning Results SELLERSVII.D. Pa., Aug. M. Infec-ion by scratching a mosquito bite on her face last Saturday caused the death and night of Mrs. John Creasman from lood poisoning.

blood poisoning.

When the bits became slightly infected the woman paid no attention to it. On Minday the abrasion became seriously infected and lever set in. Mrs. Crassman died in streat agony the is the wife of a merchant here and topyes a familiar

JITNEY COMMITTEE WHICH IS RAISING FUNDS FOR LEGAL FIGHT



Left to right are W. E. McGiil, W. H. Kelly, A. W. Ruwell, J. F. Lieb, Jr., J. E. Burt and J. J. Foley, who are members of the joint committee organized to wage war on the ordinance which put the majority of jitney owners out of business

## SERVIA TAKES FIRST STEP TO GET AID OF BALKANS FOR ALLIES

Important Concessions Made in Note to Italian Government. Bulgarian Demands to Be Met

ROME WELL SATISFIED

Rights of Italians in Albania to Be Given Due Consideration, Reported

LONDON, Aug. 26. Servia has taken an important step toward obtaining the aid of the other Balkan countries for an attack on Coastantinople, it was persistently reported in diplomatic circles today.

The note from the Servian Government sanded to the Italian Foreign Office by the Servian Minister Ristic yesterday, does not contain an unqualified agreement that Servia will cede Macedonia to Bulgaria, according to information from sources usually well informed. But it does placate Italy, thus paving the way for the second step in the Balkan negotiations, by which the Ailies hope to gain Bulgaria's aid, it is reported here. At the same time Servia, it is understood, indicates to the Allies that she is not averse to making concessions to Bulgaria if she receives some assurances

The fact that the Servian note was presented to the Italian Foreign Office and not to the representatives of the quadruple entente at Nish, gave these reports.

B. Smith, was another factor in the swiftly moving dramms of the campaign.

The Earle and Taylor papers had scarcenuch credence here. It was pointed out that had Servia made definite answer to requests of the Allies her reply probeously to the representatives of each of the Powers at her capital.

Rome dispatches today said that neither ne Servian Minister nor Baron Sonnino, Italian Foreign Minister, would discuss the Servian note until after it has been selivered in London. It was understood in Rome that Servia is not disposed to combat Italy's claim in Albania. A sat-isfactory agreement between Servia and Italy with respect to Albania heightens the prospects that Bulgaria and Servia will come to terms that will insure the former's entrance into the war.

No confirmation was obtainable from Sofia today of the London Times report that Austria and Germany have no Bulgaria they intend to traverse garian soil in a new invasion of Servia

#### CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT FACING SERIOUS PROBLEM

Authorities Fear Present Force Inadequate to Cope With New Situation

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 28.-The Chester police department is facing a problem that promises to become a grave one. Every indication is that within a few weeks the 30 members of the department will be unable to cope with the situation here. The war between Italy and Austria has taken many of the citizens of both of those countries from this city, and to replace them as laborers Southern negroes are being brought here, there being as many as lill in one railroad gang. Some of these negroes have already appeared in the Police Court on charges ranging from fighting to raiding a store with intent to steal.

Exclusive of the chief, sergeant, house and participers there

and patrolmen, there are 25 or 27 men available for street duty in Chester, a city of 40.0., inhabitants. Most cities have one patroiman for every 1600 in-habitants. The population of Chester will also be increased when operations are begun at the plants of the Reminston Arms Company, the Eddystone Munitions Company, the Chester Shipbuilding Com-pany, the Benzol Products Company near Marcus Hook, and at the other new in-dustries now preparing to begin business. dustries now preparing to begin business Already scores of workers are being at tracted to this city by these new plants

## SCOTT MAY GO TO CARRANZA TO URGE PEACE CONFERENCE

U. S. Army Staff Chief on Way to Washington to Report

WASHINGTON, Aug. S.—General Hugh L. Scott, army chief of staff, is on his way to Washington loday from northern Mexico, where he went to scek General Villa's co-operation in a peace program. It is believed he will be sent to Vera Cruz or Mexico City to see General Carranse. He was successful with Villa, but his resected appeal to Carransa is deemed a fortern hop.

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A converence on Mexico was held at the state Department today following the call of German Ambassador von Bernstors with Secretary of State Lansing.

Minister Mendez, of Guatemaia, and dinister to Mexico Ortega, of Guatemaia, and dinister to Was deported from Mexico Dy Caranam, called to see Herretary Lansing, it was believed that plant to tall another conference of the Latin-American anyone were to be taken up.

#### ROTAN NOW UP AS "HARMONY" HOPE Continued from Page One

lelaying the open break with McNichol and Penrose until all the plans for the ampaign of Congressman Vare for the Mayoralty had been perfected, the scheme being to prevent McNichol and Penrose from looking too close to their ward fences until a time too late for them to repair the damage done by the Vares in their quite quiet movement to build up a strong organization in wards heretofore held securely in the McNichol-Penrose

TALK OF ROTAN'S SUCCESSOR. Senator Vare said :

"I cannot discuss any other man's name until Congressman Vare has given his Added weight was given the Rotan candidacy report, however, by rumors that William Findlay Brown, first Assistant District Attorney, was this after-

noon mentioned as a candidate to suc-ceed Mr. Rotan as District Attorney, Mr. Brown is a brother to Francis Shunk Brown, Attorney General of Pennsylvania, and attorney for the Vares. At Mr. Rotan's office, it was said he was in Virginia attending to business matters. As late as two weeks ago Mr Rotan said he would not be a candidate for Mayor unless he had the undivided

support of all factions. SERIES OF ANTI-VARE MOVES.

During the last 24 hours a series of anti-Vare moves has been made, with the result that the Organization followers are more at sea than ever. These moves were the circulation of nomination papers appeared on the street late yesterday fternoon when nomination petitions for Congressman William S. Vare were put in circulation. The Vares plan to gain the largest possible number of signatures and file the Congressman's papers before

he makes any announcement as to whether or not he will be a candidate. Many still profess to believe that Vare's candidacy is "staged" and that Smith is y the sarmony candidate of the and McNichol factions. It was dereally the clared today that Congressman Vare went to Maine several weeks ago with Smith and saw Governor Brumbaugh before the latter appointed Smith a Public Service

According to this story the Congressman was a party to preparing the letters which were to pass between the Governor and Smith in regard to the latter's ac ceptance of the appointment, which made him appear the favored harmony candi-date of the Governor for the Mayoralty. Congressman Vare would not discuss the matter today, on his return from At-lantic City, and Commissioner Smith refused to answer any questions about the history of his appoint

SENATOR VARE DEFENDS COURSE State Senator Vare was more approachable. He said that his brother had not been out of town more than three days at a time for the last six months. Even if it was true that he and his brother had urged the appointment of Smith, what wrong was there in that, he wanted to know. It was just as proper for a State Senator to advise and recommend an appointment to the Governor as it was for a United States Senator to recommend an appointment to the President, which was done openly, and without criticism. Whether the Vares are really supporting Smith's boom, with no intention of hav-ing the Congressman run for Mayor, their followers really seem to believe that "Hill" Vare will make a fight for the office himself. This belief was strengthened by a letter received by the Vares from Alexander Lieberman, who, four years ago, was chairman of the United Citizens' League which supported Earle. In his letter, Lieberman pledged the support of his organization to Vare this year.

## HAITIANS FIRE ON U.S. PATROL IN THE CAPITAL

Admiral Caperton Reports an Attack on Marines at Port au Prince

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.-Haltians fired n the American patrol in Port au Prince last night, Admiral Caperton today notified the Navy Department. No mention was made of casualties. Officials here believe that the trouble was quickly put down or Caperton would have advised further. A hand of Cacos, the northern Haltian tribesmen, who are giving the American authorities trouble, invaded Port Depuix last night. They did not start any treuble.

The gunboat Nashville, with several companies of marines and four machine guns, has arrived at that port. The French cruiser Conde has taken the piace of the French cruiser Descaries at Port of Prince

# MOTHER STEALS OWN CHILDREN POLICE HUNT INTRUDER

Takes Her Four From Orphanage on Visit-Disappears

The police are still searching for four small children, inmates of the Odd Fellows' Orphan Asylum, at Chelten and Ogontz avenues, who have mysteriously disappeared, along with their mother, Mrs. Alverta Nace, formerly of 111 Wash-ington lane, Germantown. The children are Ruth, 11 years old:

Robert, 9; May, 7, and Eather, 5 years old. They have been in the orphunage for the past four years and were taken out by the mother on August 4, who wanted to take them on a visit to friends at York, Pa. So far no clue as to their wherenbouts has been found in either this city or York.

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Mrs. Nacc was employed as housekeeper at the home of William J. Barstow, one of the directors of the orphanage, who lives at 111 Washington lane. He said today he had no knowledge of the woman's whereabouts and had not heard from her since she disappeared

## KILLS HIS YOUNG WIFE FOR BEING OUT LATE

Shoots Her and Himself to Death When She and Girl Friend Return

CORRY, Pa., Aug. 26.-Fred. Braedon, 14 years old, junior partner of Weeks & for George H. Earle, Jr., and Director Taylor. The elimination of J. Hampton Moore from the contest by the Kensington Beard of Trade, which shifted to the support of former Postmaster Thomas B. Smith, was another factor in the swiftly moving dramms of the compater swiftly moving dramms of the compater. old, on the porch of their home, on ing. He then shot himself through the head. Both were dead when and the police reached the scene.

Mrs. Braedon and a girl guest had been out for the evening. As they were walking homeward through the stree Braedon came up to them and spoke. He then took his wife by the arm and they proceeded toward their home. As they reached the door of the house the husband whipped a revolver from his pocket. placed it behind the woman's ear and shot her. An instant later a second shot rang out and Braedon was dead.

## BREST LITOVSK FALLS: NEW SLAV LINE LOST

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portant part in the capture of Brest Litovsk. Cavalry armies under General Vot Koevess and General Pulhallo drove north-ward from the Lublin-Chelm-Kovel line and in the rear of Brest Litovsk. Finally, when only one railway line remained in possession of the Russians, and their defenses on the western side of the city were smashed by the Ger-manic forces, the order was given to re-treat.

RUSSIANS PURSUED.

The pursuit of the Russians east of Brest Litovak is going on vigorously. Brest Litovak was defended by two girdles of forts. The main chain of fortifications consisted of 12 strong works, built by the best military engineering genius in the Russian Empire. The forts mounted 6, 8, 16 and 12 inch guns. There were also long lines of redoubts and strong bridgehead positions. The fortress, unlike Novo Georgievsk, defended a city of 50,000 inhabitants. Brest Litovsk is 153 miles south of Grodno, with

which it is connected by rail. It is the seat of an Armenian bishop, who is head of the Catholic Armenians in Russia. of the Catholic Armenians in Russia.

Capture of Brest Litovsk deprives the Russians of a field base of sufficient size to serve for the operations of the huge Russian field armics. Deprived of their base at Warsaw, the Slavs counted upon Brest Litovsk. No other Russian city possesses the railway and natural advantages necessary for an important military base nearer than Moscow or Petrograd.

## FELIX ISMAN SUED

Former Philadelphian Defendant in New York Case

Pelix Isman, formerly a real estate man in Philadelphia, is one of five defendants in a suit brought by Andrew L. Steele in the New York Supreme Court for an accounting of the funds and property of the Jamaica Estates. The other defendants are Michael J. Degnon, head of the Degnon Contracting Company; George K. Barnes, former Controller Edward M. Grout und the Jamaica Estates

Among other counts made in the complaint is one which asserts that Isman, was indebted to Wolf Brothers & Co. of this city, in 19th, holding collateral security in the form of pis. 600 worth of bonds of the Jamaica Estates Company, which Isman owned. It is ascreted that the Jamaica Estates Company borrowed \$12.700 for its own use from Wolf Brothers & Co. 1st is further alleged that the Wolf concern bought this Jamaica Estates bonds from Isman at psr. depositing all collateral to back up the surchase contracts for the mis of the Jamaica. Estates is input.

# AFTER HE ATTACKS GIRL

16-Year-Old Beaten and Left Unconscious - House Ransacked-Nothing Taken

The police of the Branchtown station are making a search of the suburban sections of the city today in an effort to find the man who entered the home of Caspar Broomall, 1101 Louden street, Logan, and attacked Irene Bryan, the 16year-old daughter-in-law of Broomail, after she discovered him in the house. The young woman was in the house

done, according to a report submitted to Superintendent of Police Robinson by the police of the Branchtown station, Miss Bryan has not been able to furnish the police a very good description of the intruder, owing to the fact that the hallway in which she met the man was dark. She remembered that he was a man of medium height and wore dark clothes.

Broomall and his wife were out visiting friends last night and left the young woman in the Logan house with two men. Later in the evening they left the house and told Miss Bryan that they were going safter some ice cream at a neighboring atora." The young woman says she got tired of waiting for them to return and went to bed. A short time after she had gone to sleep she was awakened by noises outside of her room and got up to investigate. As she walked into the hall she was grabbed by strong hands and thrown to the floor. In the struggle that followed, the young woman screamed for

a blunt instrument and she fell to the floor in a dazen condi-tion. The instrument made a gash in her head about the size of a half dollar, and, weak from the loss of blood, Miss Bryan lapsed into unconsciousness.

When the men returned to the house

they found the young woman on the floor in a pool of blood and summoned the police. The police went through the house and found that the intruder broken into every room and thrown the contents of the bureau drawers on the floor in his search for loot. Followi the arrival of the police members of the family said that nothing of value had

The man gained entrance to the Louden street house, the police say, by climbing over the back fence and climbing into a back window, after he was able to reach it from a back shed roof.

## LONG BANANA FAMINE PREDICTED BY SHIPMASTER

Hurricane's Damage Will Be Felt for Nine Months, He Says

A banana famine for at least nine months was predicted today by Captain Robert Juel upon his arrival here from Port Antonio, Jamaica, on the Norwegian steamship Oregon. The recent hurricane which swept through Jamaica and thence on to Galveston and St. Louis is the

on to Galveston and St. Louis is the cause of the shortage.

The Oregon brought 10,000 bunches of bananas, about half its usual cargo. These had been left on the ground after the hurricane had blown down more than 80 per cent, of the trees. Captain Juel and that it would take fully nine months. said that it would take fully nine months to bring the supply up to normal again. Conditions in Jamaica, he declared, were chaotic. Raliroads were either blocked or washed away, telegraph lines were down, and communication and transpor-tation on the Island were made almost impossible. said that it would take fully nine months

impossible.

Representatives of the West India. Representatives of the West India Importing Company and the United Fruit Company share the captain's views concerning the shortage of fruit on the island. These firms are undecided as to whether they will send their ships for more cargoes at this time on account of the conditions.

## CITY ESCAPES COLD WAVE

Just a Mere Touch Hit Early Risers; Forecast Today Is for Fair Weather

Philadelphia escaped—or suffered, as you will—with a mere touch of the cold wave that swept the Mississippi Valley yesterday and was said by Washington Weather sharps to be on its way east. Normal temperature for today is 72 degrees, and at 5 o'clock this morning the thermometer recorded five points below that figure.

The real cold snap in this city came a 5 o'clock, when early risers bumped int an exhibitanting temperature of 64 degrees. At Scranton and Harrisburg the mercuras down to 50 degrees, while at Bing hamton 52 degrees was the lower recorded.

The forecast today is for generally fair and continued cool weather tonisht and Friday, with moderate west winds and not much change in temperature. Mr Rilas doesn't think there will be an recurrence of the 5 ovicek sold snip this vicinity, so those who have over hauled overcools may put them away

## INJUNCTION PETITION FILED BY JITNEYMEN WITH JUDGE ORLADY

Regulating Ordinance Declared Unfair, Unreasonable and II. legal by Union Motor Bus Company

ALLEGE DISCRIMINATION

Machines Charging Five-cent Fare Alone Dealt With-Taxicabs and Others Exempted

A petition for an injunction restraining Director Porter from enforcing the jitney ordinance was filed by Harry M. Berkowitz, representing the Union Motor Bus Company, with Judge Orlady, to Common Pleas Court No. 4, this after The petition alleges that the litrey

ordinance is discriminatory in that a regulates only the cars which ask a new cent fare, but falls to deal with taxicals and other vehicles for hire. It charges that the passage of the bill by Councils constituted an "unfair, unreasonable and illegal regulation of the public highways The Union Motor Bus Company is an

The Union Motor Bus Company is an organization of Jitneymen formed recentity. All of the members are supposed to own their own cars. The petition was signed by Paul Randolph, president, and Charles Sheidrake, treasurer.

The court is asked to declare the jitney ordinance unconstitutional and void. If the preliminary injunction is granted, the court will be asked to make it permanent.

Jitneymen scored another victory Jitneymen scored another victory today. The two drivers arrested last night when handing navy yard employes from of the hauling navy yard employes free of charge to Broad and Shunk streets were dis-charged by Magistrate Beaton in Central

Station.

John Cornell, of 128 East Wyoming street, was charged with violating the jitney ordinance. Frank Robertson, of 709 houth 5th street, was charged with the same offense, and, in addition, was accused of having operated without a license and overloading his automobile. Had the two men been held, it is thought that a test case would have been based on their arrest.

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Many of the jitney men, indignant because of the arrest of Robertson and Cornell because, they say, Director Porter had notified them they would not be interfered with, were in court today.

Michael Francis Doyle, attorney for a joint committee of the Philadelphia Jitney and the South Philadelphia. Association, and the South Philadelphi Jitney Owners' Association, insists the neither of the men arrested last night had violated an ordinance, and that the police had no authority to interfere with them. The men, with about 50 others, were givrides to create public sentiment in

rides to create public sentiment in their favor.

The Navy Yard employes are incensed because of the enforcement of the little ordinance, which has driven the cars from the street. For several days the little men have been hauling the employes up town free of charge. It is said that the Rapid Transit Company has had inspectors at League-Island keeping account of the number of men riding in these free cars and obtaining the numbers of the cars giving free ridea. Another Bill in equity is planned to

the numbers of the cars giving free rides. Another Bill in-equity is planned to day by the Joint committee, which Attorney Doyle represents. He is hoping to have the court set Monday as the day for a hearing on the application for an injunction.

A mass-meeting for all owners and owners of Jitneys will be held at 8 o'clock this afternoon in the headquarters of the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association, at 1804 South Broad street, when definite plans for the "Tight-to-s-finish" will be made.

The Joint Committee, in charge of the fight for the South Philadelphia and Philadelphia Jitney Associations, is com-posed of John F. Lieb, Jr., Thomas Mac-Farland, Harry Ruwell, H. Roades and H. Oste, of the Philadelphia Jitney Association, and James Foley, M. J. Bush, John E. Burt, William Kelley and Wiliam Alexander, of the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association. The presidents of the respective associations, William McGill and Joseph C. Tallman, are ex-officio members of the committee. Since Pennsgrove, N. J., has become so busy and has been growing so rapidly because of war orders for du Pont powder, many jitneymen who had been driven from the streets of Philadelphia by the

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tringent ordinance, are operating cars

in that place. They report that business

Employes of Morgue Do Not Know Addressed The coroner's office and employes of the

morgue were mystified today by a telegram from Baltimore addressed to George W. Brown, at the Philadelphia Morgas. The message read as follows: "Come at once. Mother is dead. Don't

A man named George W. Brown is employed at the Coroner's Office, but he says his mother died 15 years ago, and M doesn't know any Robinsons in Baltimers. The measage was received at the Morgue today. Emplayes there have two unidentified bodies of men. They make George W. Brown was on his way to this city from Baltimore to attempt identification of the bodies. tion of one of the bodies.



\$1.00 Atlantic City, Cape Stay, Wild-wood, Ocean City, Holly Beach, Anglesca, Stone Harbor, Wildress Crest, Sea Isle City, Avalon. Daily until September 15, inclusive

7:00 A. M. dally; additional on Bundaya Atlantic City 7:00 A. M.; Vildwood Branch 6:48 A. M.

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