## BERGDOLL MODEST SPENDER, WITNESSES IN SUIT TELL COURT

Jail Warden, Chauffeur, Two Pretty Girls and C. P. Wynne Testify for "Speed Fiend" in Sanity Trial

SAY HE IS THRIFTY

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was a modest spender, despite the income from his estate of nearly \$900,000, and never paid more than 25 or 50 cents for his meals while on automobile trips, according to witnesses who testified in his behalf today before Judge Shoemaker in the Court of Common Pleas No 1.

Eight witnesses, two of whom were girls, were called by Grover's attorney, N. H. Larzalere, to refute the allegations of his brother, Charles A. Bergdoll, who is asking the court to appoint a guardian for Grover on the ground that he is mentally incompetent to manage his large

One of the witnesses, Lemuel Roberts, warden of the Norristown juil, told the court that Grover was a model prisoner while confined at that institution for 90 days as a result of conviction for assault and battery. He frequently instructed the other prisoners, Roberts teld the court, when the regular tutor falled to turn up at the prison night school.

turn up at the prison night school. Thomas E. Furey, who has been Bergdoll's chauffeur and mechanician for three years, was the first witness called. He said that when they were touring the country Grover instructed him to get a list of the hotel prices in every town they stopped. These lists, he said, were gone over carefully and the cheapest "good-walker," betal nicked out.

looking" hotel picked out.
"Grove never spent much money," the
witness said, "and never paid more than
E or 50 cents for his meals. If the hotel charged too much we always got our meals outside."

meals outside."
This testimony was corroborated by George MacDonald, of \$703 Lansdowne avenue, a personal friend of Bergdoll, who added that Grover "never drank anything stronger thun beer, and then only two or three glasses."

Miss Emma Strong, of 6100 Hayerford

Awrite and Catharine Weber, of Bryn
Mawr and Wynnefield avenues, made
quite an impression when they took the
stand. Both of the young Indies are
pretty and each caused a laugh when in
summing up their opinion of the young
man they used the same expression, "He is a perfect gentleman and perfectly

Joseph R. Connell, of Hayerford township, Delaware County, characterized Bergdoll as "one of the brightest young men I have ever met. Wynne, former president of the Aero Club, also testified in the young man's

#### MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA ELECT OFFICIALS TODAY

Officers of Blue Lodges to Be Chosen Within Next Week

Election of officers in the Grand Chapter of the Grand Lodge of Royal Arch Masone of Pennsylvania will be held to-day. Officers will be elected in the blue lodges throughout the country within the next week. The officers will be installed December 27 along with those elected last night at the quarterly communication in

Louis A. Watres, former Lieutenant Gevernor of Pennsylvania, was elected right worshipful grand master, and Abraham M. Beitler junior grand warden last Other officers elected were: James B.

Rranse, deputy grand master; John S. Bell, grand warden; William B. Hacken-burg, grand treasurer, and John A. Perry.

The records show that there are 120,000 members in the Pennsylvania jurisdiction. Reports of the Committee on Masonic Homes detailed the construction of a new hospital and two new cottages at Elizabethtown, where there are 250 guests. The new buildings will accommodate 80

#### PLOTS AGAINST U. S. ARSENAL FRUSTRATED

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to Washington by Lieutenant Colonel George W. Burr, commandant at the post, relating a series of mysterious cir-cumstances. As a result a small army

cumstances. As a result a small army of guards is stationed on the Federal reservation at all approaches, and no one is allowed to pass the sentry posts without accounting for his presence.

The report tells of the discovery in November, 1914, that a man who had previously been ordered off the reservation was sending secret code messages to a foreign Government, telling what munitions were stored at the arsenal, It says that in May, 1915, an I. W. W. plot to raid the arsenal and start a revolution was discovered; that on August 21 last a man in a rowboat with 150 pounds of Gynamite was arrested while trying to land on the island; that on September 19 it was discovered that the fire extinguishers at the shrappel plant had been guishers at the shrapped plant had been tampered with, and that three weeks ago, when the officers' golf clubhouse caught fire, the arrenal fire department was helpless because all its hose had been cut to still the same and the same arrenal fire and the same arrenal fire department. been cur to ribbons.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 -Officials at the War Department today said no report had been received yet from Colonel Burr at Rock Island. In the absence of offi-cial knowledge of the alleged attempts to droy the arsenal, they refused to dis-

#### FIRE IN BATTERY PLANT ATTRIBUTED TO INCENDIARY

Several Explosions Precede Blaze That Caused \$100,000 Damage

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 2.—Police and officials of the French Battery and Carbon Company, of East Madison, today are investigating the mysterious fire. ben Company, of East Madison, today are investigating the mysterious fire, which destroyed the battery plant, causing a less of \$100,000. Several explosions were heard by the night watchman just before the fire was discovered, causing the belief that it was incendiary.

The company has been rushed for six months niling orders for batteries for war automobiles.



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## FORD AT THE HELM OF PEACE SHIP OSCAR II

He Arrives in New York and Says Liner Will Sail Saturday

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.-Henry Ford returned from Detroit today and began to put his peace expedition to Europe on a business basis. He declared that the liner Occar II would sail promptly at the hour set, 2 o'clock, on Bainrday afternoon. with the American contingent of peace

The first leg of the liner's voyage will take the Ford party to Christiania, where the Americans will be joined by peace advocates from other neutral countries.

Mr. Ford said he expected delegates from Norway, Swiden, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland and Spain. As these delegates will not officially represent their countries, Mr. Ford will pay their expenses as well as those of the American party. Each of the seven national groups is to select five persons as its leaders. These 35 persons shall constitute it permanent neutral gouncil which shall remain in existence until the war is over. or until neutral nations have formed an official council.

This council, Mr. Ford explained, will not make any suggestions of peace to the belligerent nations, but will, instead await suggestions from the powers involved in the war,

"Ne polleve," said Mr. Ford, "that the belligerents are only waiting for such board through which to make a move. We believe they are anxious for peace and are deterred from suggesting the terms only by the fact that the present inter-national machinery furnished no effectual Intermediary machinery."

#### FORD PILGRIMS DECLINE TO BE BERTILLONIZED

Cheltenham Police Chief Thanked for Finger Print Offer

Nameless graves may or may not be wavning for the members of the Ford seace party. At any rate it is their wn fault, for no longer ago than this afternoon they turned down flat the offer of Chief Gldeon S. Lever, of the Chel-tenaam police force, to finger-print them free of charge, so that they might be-come identified dead in the event of being torpedoed, instead of unidentified

"Thank you very sincerely for your kind, and courteous offer," said the wire received today by Chief Lever, "Our committee does not feel that it is practicable to accept your offer with reference to er-printing the members of our ex-

The telegram was signed by L. P. Lochner, secretary for Henry Ford. It was in answer to the following from

"I offer my services as a finger-print expert to you and your guests salling on December 4. If agreeable to you, I will come to New York, at your convenience; will make two sets of finger prints of will make two sets of linger prints or each person sailing; said prints to be re-turned to the owner or subject, upon your safe return of your expedition. In case of accident these records would prove invaluable and would positively prevent any unidentified dead. Advise immedi-ately.

G. S. LEVER, Chief Cheltenham Department Operator." Chief Cheltenham Department, Ogontz."

## FORD TO SHUN WAR ZONE

His Secretary Says Trip Will Be to Neutral Nations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Official announcement was made at the State Department today that Henry Ford's secretary, in a letter to Secretary Lansing, made it plain that the peace pligrimage intended to visit only neutral countries. The letter said that passports therefore would not be wanted for the countries at war. The officials added, however, that it had been decided any way to issue the passports to the party only to neutral

Twenty-five requests for passports had been made by prospective members of the Ford party at the passport division to-day. This number did not include Mr. Ford or any of the so-called leaders of

## TWO DEAD IN BLAST FEARED TRAGIC END

Philadelphians Killed in Powder Explosion Had Premonition of Disaster

Premonitions of disaster preceded the Premonitions of disaster preceded the death of the two Philadelphians who were among the 50 workmen blown to pieces in the powder explosion at the Henry Clay plant of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, near Wilmington. The two young men left behind them two women, a young wife and a them two women, a young wife and a

sweetheart, who teday are in serious con-dition as a result of the tragedy. The wife, Mrs. Elijah Gilton Springfield. is not expected to live, as her condition is delicate. Her husband, barely 23 years is delicate. Her hussand, early years old, was compelled to take the dangerous job through force of circumstances, in spite of a premonition that it would cause his death. He had been employed at the packing house only 24 hours before the terrific explosion occurred. He lived at 252 Nowth 58th attreet.

terrific explosion occurred. He lived at 233 North 58th street.

The swestheart of Wesley Simpson, 23 years old, of 4718 Woodland avenue, the other Philadelphian who met death in the powder blast, is Elizabeth McHenry, of 1514 Gray's Ferry road. They were to be married Christmas week, after he had saved enough money to quit his dangerous occupation, as demanded by his mother. Mrs. Catherine Simpson, who was haunted by a foreboding of disaster.

# 100 LIVES LOST IN MYSTERIOUS

April 1-Equitable powder factory, Alton, III.; explosion; five men

plosion; three killed. May 15-Du Pont de Nemours still house, Carney's Point, N. J.;

August 16—Aetna Powder Works, Sinnemahoning, Pa.; explosion; five killed.

November 10—Bethlehem Steel Company's ordnance plant, Bethlehem, Pa.; fire; loss, \$1,500,000 (estimated).
November 10—Midvale (Pa.) Steel and Ordnance Company; fire;

November 11-Roebling's steel rope plant, Trenton, N. J.; fire; loss, November 30-Du Pont powder plant at Wilmington, Del.; explosion;

Detective Says Thomas J. Farley Was Wounded Trying Was \$58,290.66 to Stop Fight

Politics was at the bottom of the shooting of Policeman Thomas J. Farley, of the 2-th and Oxford streets station, who was dangerously wounded last night in fight between Christian Krauss, of the rew of the police boat Stokies, and ouis Trefz. This statement was made today by Detective William Callahan, head of the homicide squad, who is incatigating the shooting. Physicians at St. Joseph's Hospital, where Farley was taken, said today he had a slight chance of recovery. Farley was shot outside the 20th Century Republican Club, at 28th and Oxford streets. Krauss was held

this morning without ball. "From the information gathered we may reason to believe that the shooting was deliberate," Callahan said. "Krauss had resigned from the chir when the Blankenburg administration went into power because the administration wished the police to stay out of politics. long ago, when Krauss was proposed for membership. Trefs, who is a cierk in the Prothonotary's Office, and lives at 2734 Master street, is said to have made an insulting remark in asking why Krausa' name was proposed. "Krauss heard of it, and when the two

men met in a saloon an argument and fight followed. When they reached the street Furley attempted to act as peace-maker and was shot in the mix-up. When Krauss told Licotenant Tate that the shooting was an accident he was requested to tell all the incidents that led to the shooting, but declined."

Krauss made a statement in his cell in City Hall after the shooting and admit-ted drawing his revolver and shooting. but he said the wounding of Parley was

In a statement to Magistrate Morris, wounded man placed the blame on

Krauss.

In his cell Krausa refused to talk until Captain Cameron sent for former Captain Souder. This was done, and then Krauss told the story of the argument and Farley's attempt to play the peacemaker.

Farley's attempt to play the peacemaker.
Farley's home is at 254 Oxford street.
Krauss lives at 1221 Dover street. According to Policeman Doughass Clerg, of
the 25th and Oxford streets station,
Krauss has been on the force three years.
He was at the 19th and Oxford streets
station for two years, and then was sent
to the 29th and Buttonwood streets station.
Only recently has be been on the policeboat. Clerg said Krauss is of a very excitable nature.

POLICEMAN DIES IN HOSPITAL John McMahon Underwent an Opera-

tion a Month Ago Policeman John McMahon, of the 7th and Carpenter streets station, died in the

St. Joseph's Hospital last night, following an operation for a stomach disease on

McMahon, who lived at 213 Montrose street, is survived by his widow and three children. He was assigned to the 33d Dis-trict on his appointment to the force, in April, 1961, and was a familiar figure around the Washington avenue wharf,

90-cent Gas for Lancaster

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 2-Ninety-cent gas begins in Lancaster this morning, marking a decrease of 5 cents. During the last 12 years the price of gas has been cut in two. In 1903 it sold for \$2 a

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# MUNITION PLANT FIRES

One hundred lives approximately have been lost in mysterious American munition plant fires and explosions since the European war began. The following is a list of the more important fires and explosions:

August 30, 1914—Du Pont de Nemours powder plant, Pompton, N. J.; explosion; one killed.

January 1, 1915—Buckthorne plant of John A. Roebling's Sons Company, Trenton, N. J.; fire; loss, \$1,500,000.

March 6—Du Pont de Nemours powder plant, Haskell, N. J.; explosion, five killed.

May 12-Anderson guncotton warehouse, Wallington, N. J.; ex-

explosion; six injured. osion; six injured. June 26—Du Pont de Nemours plant, Wayne, N. J.; explosion. July 7—Harrison Brothers' benzol factory, Philadelphia; fire; loss,

August 19-Du Pont plant, Wilmington, Del.; explosion.
August 29-American Powder Company's factory, Acton, Mass.;

August 29—Du Pont plant, Wilmington, Del.; explosion; two killed.
September 1—National Conduit and Cable Company's shell factory,
Hastings, N. Y.; explosion.
October 6—Aetna Powder factory, Emporium, Pa.; explosion; four

October 28-Russians' munitions warehouse, Seattle, Wash.; fire; loss, \$500,000.

two buildings destroyed.
November 10—Baldwin Locomotive munitions plant, Eddystone, Pa.; fire; loss, \$50,000.

## POLICEMAN'S SHOOTING | REPUBLICANS FILE CAUSED BY POLITICS CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

Total Amount Received by State Committee During 1915

> Charles Johnson, treasurer of the Re-publican State Committee, today filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg his financial re-port for the year ending December 2 1915. The report shows in detail the names of all persons who contributed during the entire year. The total contribu-tions amounted to \$8,280.66. The persons contributing \$100 or more are as follows:

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> James P. McNichol. \$5000; Fred T. Chandler, Charles Seger, W. H. Clarke, John B. Hend, J. Heinry Williams and Harry C. Trexler, each \$2500; M. M. Garland and James R. Sheehan, each \$1500; George B. Orlady and A. W. Meilon, each \$1600; C. F. Wright, \$250; Samuel C. Dixon and Frank E. Baldwin, each \$200; Charles H. McKee, Henry Hunks, R. J. Chroningham and John Price Jackson, each \$200; Charles H. McKee, Henry Hunks, R. J. Chroningham and John Price Jackson, each \$250; K. D. Heaten, C. J. Chroningham and John Price Jackson, each \$250; W. D. Uhler, \$210; R. D. Heaten, C. J. Chroningham and John Price Jackson, each \$250; F. E. Charles, J. C. Chroningham, C. J. Chroningham, C. L. Chroningham, C. L. Chroningham, W. L. Schaffer, John P. Dohoney, James N. Moore, Coleman J. Joyes, James S. Roderick, and James A. Carey, each \$150; Nathan R. Buller, \$135; James Fond, \$125; Ilarone J. Marshall, W. J. Honey, Samuel W. McCulloch and Charles D. Wolfe, each \$120; Nathan R. Buller, \$108; Joseph W. Warren and James A. Steene, each \$105; C. A. Emerson, Jr. Edward A. Devilla, C. A. Habbe, Charles W. Bray, Charles Delang, George D. Horst W. M. Henderson, C. M. Clark, Frank Schoble, Thomas H. Garvin, William H. Smith, George F. Sproule, John I. Moore, Webster Giffith, John W. Kephart, W. L. Hunder, William Pawell Wilson, Nathan C. Schaeffer, Robert van Moochisisker, W. A. Wynne, John S. Spicer, B. Frankin Royer, L. A. Wattes, R. E. Fonter and Frank W. Jackson, each \$100.

The money collected was expended in liquidating the deficiency left over from the 1914 campaign, the maintaining of the party headquarters and publicity work in connection with the committee.

The receipts and expenditures are as follows: RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand December 3, 51,808 44 Total contributions 58,230 03 Notes discounted 30,000,00 EXPENDITURES. Hotel expenses 5.71.14
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## A. J. DREXEL BIDDLE NOW A GRANDFATHER

Millionaire Baby" Born to Mr. and Mrs. Angier Buchanan Duke in New York Home

Another "millionaire baby" has arrived. He is the son of Mrs. Angler Buchanan Duke, who was Miss Cordelia Biddle, the debutantes of this city whose marriage on April 28, of this year, at the Holy Trinity Church, was the most brilliant event of the year.

The new arrival was born at Mr. Duke's home at 100 5th avenue, New York, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The event caused great excitement in both the Duke and Biddle families, and both Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Droxel Biddle, the parents of Mrs. Anger B. Duke, immediately hurried to New York that they might befold their new grandehild as soon as possible.

soon as possible.

Air and Mrs. Duke have been living at the 5th avenue address since October 1. Last Saturday both stiended the Army and Navy game, and Mrs. Duke's beauty as usual, excited no end of commen among those who were near the box she

Duke has renewed talk of her wedding in this city when she received, among her wedding gifts, jewels valued at \$500,000. These included a diamond necklace valued at \$25,000 from her hindand, and a pearl mediuce valued at \$75,000 from her father and mother. Her hin-Tobacco Company.

NO PARDON FOR SWINDLER

Armstrong, of Lumber Company Deal, Gets Lighter Sentence

A pardon has been refused William Armstrong, one of the men convicted in connection with the International Lumber Company swindle, according to dispatches from Washington today. It is understood however, that Attorney General Gregory has recommended a slight reduction in

The Attorney General, according to the dispatches, is of the opinion that Armstrong should serve a large part of his sentence as soon as he is sufficiently recovered from an attack of rheumatism. Armstrong is the only one of the convicted officers who has remained out of prison.

The report of the pardon attorney of the Department of Justice and the recom-mendation of the Attorney General have been sent to the White House, but it is said that the President will not take any action in the matter for several days,

Building Bought for Synagogue

The building at the northeast corner of 7th and Parrish streets, will be used as a synagogue by the Congregation Gillas israel, which has purchased the property from Louis Vereshefsky. Conveyance was made subject to mortgages of \$5200.

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