# **BRITAIN FAVORS CHANGE OF CHIEFS** ON FRENCH FRONT

Selection of General Haig, Hero of Mons, Enthusiastically Greeted

EXPECT FRENCH RECALL

Gradual Retirement of Commanders in Preparation for Spring Drive

LONDON, Dec. 18. Appointment of Sir Douglas Haig as mmander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium was received with enthusiasm here today.

With the elevation of Sir Douglas, the With the elevation of Sir Douglas, the return of Field Marshal Sir John French to command the armies in Great Britain and the dispatch of General Sir Horace Smith-Dorien to Africa, it is understood that Lord Kitchener has completed the chief steps in the greatest military shake-up the British army has ever received.

The promotion of General Hale makes

The promotion of General Haig makes the Scot warrior the youngest commander-in-chief in Europe. He will be 55 years old next June. Despite the fact that he is much younger than other European commanders, Sir Douglas has nevertheless been a popular hero since the retreat from Mons, which he prevented from becoming

FRENCH RECALL NO SURPRISE.

The recall of Sir John, "at his own in-stance," as the official announcement says, occasioned no surprise in England among those who have been close observ ers of the military situation. Following the war council held at Paris it was understood that Sir John would retire from active field service. Certain considerations made such a step essential.

Sir Douglas Haig, previous to the present war had won fame by his brilliant cayslay tactics which had caused his col-

cavalry tactics, which had caused his colcavalry tactics, which had caused his colleagues to nickname him "von Haig."
His cavalry conceptions have had little
show on the west front since the early
weeks of the war, but he had adapted
himself to the conditions as they have
changed. He was promoted to a full generalcy in November, 1914, for distinguished
conduct on the field and was praised in
dispatches by Marshal French. The latter has been created a viscount.

MORE CHANGES PENDING.

Commanders who have been held responsible for the failure of the British offensive at Loos, in September, are to be transferred to less important posts, There will be a gradual replacing of field commanders before the expected spring

wave of criticism that first beat about Lord Kitchner turned against Gen-eral French, after the British failed to make any considerable gains in the allied offensive of September. It was realized that General French was about to be supplanted, but to the last he retained the friendship of the public, if not their con-

### LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM RUDELY SHATTERED

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said he saw him attack her through the giass panel in the door.

CHARGE AND COUNTERCHARGE. Doctor Brockbank declared that Wilkin-son was a "day dreamer." He told the physician that he had \$5000 when he asked for his daughter's hand, but after being two days on the honeymoon, according to the physician, Wilkinson wired to him for funds. After they were married a short time Wilkinson sot an offer he short time Wikinson got an offer, he said, to go to Australia. He sold sll the furniture bought by his wife, according to the doctor, but returned without mak-

the doctor today," and he thinks of nothing but his own comfort. He also pawned his wife's engagement ring, and was in so many mix-ups that her life was mis-

Wilkinson said the trouble was started his wife's love of fine clothes. He so says she wanted a servant, which he could not provide.

### HE WANTED TO SEE WILSON

Man Who Created Scene in White House, a Philadelphian, in Hospital M. J. Ryan, who says he lives at 6035 West Gray's avenue, this city, is being held under observation at the Asylum Hospital in Washington, following an unsuccessful attempt to settle an imaginary grievance with President Wilson at the White House last night.

According to the dispatches, Ryan attempted to force his way past Policeman Horn, stationed at the White House, declaring that he wanted to see the President before leaving Washington, "He promised to do something for me, but he has not done it." Ryan is quoted as saying. Horn called for ald and Sergeant J. D. McQuade responded. After a short struggle Ryan was removed to a police station and from there to the hospital. Ryan is said to be an iron worker. The city directory does not disclose a M. J. Ryan living at the address given.

### COPS INJURED IN CRASH Chauffeur Also Goes to Hospital After

Chestnut Hill Car Demolishes Patrol

A northbound Chestnut Hill trolley car erashed into the police patrol van of the Germantown and Lycoming station house early this morning. The chauffeur and two policemen are in the Jewish Hospital as a result. They

James Winchester, driver; internal inju-

David Chalmers, acting patrol sergeant; internal injuries and shock. George Ambee, patrolman; internal in-lant and shock. Physicians are to make a second examination to ascertain the extent of the

A call was being answered by the patrol to Lehigh avenue and Hutchinson street. Winchester drove out of the runway which leads from the police garage to the street. The car was halfway over the tracks when the car ran into it. Policemen ran out from the station house and sent for a Jewish Hospital ambulance. No arrests were made of the street car crew.

The street car crew.

Winchester is the least hurt of the three. Chalmers is 30 years old and lives at \$235 Reese street. Ambes is 40 years old and lives at 4000 North Marshall street.

Woman Asks \$25,000 for Injuries it for \$25,000 against the West Jerse. Sait for \$25,000 against the West Jorsey descashore Railroad Company for incident suffered by Jane T. Hall whan an tomobile was atruck by a train at tomobile was atruck by a train at threater in May, 1926, was brought toly in Court of Common Pleas by Atrucy A. T. Ashlon, Another woman a lifted in the accelerate it is consider that the crossing gates were out or her and were so baladed, and that complete materials set in the training the substant of the interaction. May it it is said to in interaction bestitutes a direct result are legisless.

# 85 PER CENT. OF CITY'S BUTTERMILK IS FAKE. SAYS PURE FOOD MAN

Agent Simmers Tells Magistrate Beverage Mixed With Lactic Acid Sold in Large Quantities

TWO DEALERS FINED

Merchants Accused of Using Bad Eggs and Chemicals in Products

Philadelphia is flooded, guratively spenking, with a chemical substitute for buttermilk, according to Special Agent Robert M. Simmons, of the State Dairy and Food Commission. The agent today told Magistrate Harris, before whom violators of the food laws were arraigned, that 53 per cent. of the "buttermilk" con sumed in this city is of the manufactured brand, and that so far the Food Commis sion has been unable to act against the sellers of the beverage.

The manufactured "buttermilk," The manufactured "buttermilk," according to Mr. Simmers, is made of skim milk, obtained from large yestern dairies. This is dried and made into a powder, which is shipped to this city. It is then mixe with water and a small proportion of lactic acid. The mixture makes a more pleasing drink, Simmers said, than the natural buttermilk, but from a nutritive standpoint, it is useless as he asserts. standpoint, it is useless, as he asserts it contains little or no butterfat. The agent also told the magistrate that

a dealer in this city, who sold the natural product, recently had to close his busi-ness because his customers were taken away by a man selling the manufactured "buttermilk."

Simmers gave the spectators at the hearing a good laugh when he presented hearing a good laugh when he presented his evidence against Dora and Jonas Lassansky, of 1501 South 5th street, who conduct a bakery. They were held under \$400 ball for court, accused of having rotten eggs in their possession. According to Simmers, he went to the store to ing to Simmers, he went to the store to investigate and saw a bucket of "canned eggs" in the celiar. As he started down to get a sample for testing, Louis Borossky, a baker employed in the place, grabbed the bucket of eggs and ran up another stairway with them.

With Stramers in clear pursuit Boross.

With Simmers in close pursuit, Borossky traveled to the second floor three steps at a time, meanwhile flinging broken eggs in all directions. The statuway and walls were decorated with the stuff and not more than a quart of it was left when the baker finally hid it in a closet, but Simmers got this. Borossky threw away the stuff to prevent it being tested, Sim

ners said. mers said.

Mrs. Anna Chatliski, another agent for the Pure Food Commission, testified that she hought goat for lamb at 12 cents a pound from another firm. Goldle Brown and her brother, Jacob Pechin, of 1968. Bldge avenue, were fined \$120.50 for having bad eggs and imitation lard in their store, and Kellog & Co., of 26 South Frant street, were held under \$400 bail for court accused of using sulphur dioxide in court accused of using sulphur dioxide in cherries.

## M'DERMOTT HURLS HAT IN RING FOR U. S. SENATE

Willing, He Says, to Let Jersey People Make Amend for "Error in 1910"

TRENTON, Dec. 16. - Frank McDer-mott, of Essex, ex-Assemblyman, who was a candidate for the Democratic indoresment for United States Senator against James E. Martine in 1910, while in the State House yesterday announced that he would again enter the ring for the senatorial toga and that he would be in the race to win. Mr. McDermott re-marked that he had dropped into the cap-itol to refresh his memory on the fight of 1910 by taking a look at the petitions filed at that time by Mr. Martine. Mr McDermott then said:

"It is just as I remember it. It was filed, you will observe, on October 23, just 21 days prior to the holding of the primary. Of course, my good old friend Sam Dickinson had a kindly feeling for the farmer-orator and he succeeded in getting the notice required by the laws of 1907 to the county clerks in time to have Mr. Martine's name of the ballots. That was going some, inasmuch as the law required that notice should be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the county clerks at least 20 days prior to the holding of the primaries.

of the primaries.
"A glance at the Martine petition at that time might have indicated that it was somewhat irregular, both as to form, quality of paper used and other things. An examination of the petition would show that a large part of the signatures were obtained upon tissue paper. How-ever, the prospect of success at that time was so remote that I did not consider it worth while to contest the validity of the petition, and my modesty not only resulted in the Hon. James E. Martine winning, but being your United States Senator for six years.

"I am ready and willing at the next primaries to let the people of New Jer-sey make amends for their error on that occasion by permitting the use of my name as a candidate. Instead of one pe-tition with 1909 signers, I think by way of innovation I will have 21."

### WHITE SLAVER MARRIES GIRL WHO CAUSED HIS CONVICTION

M. L. Diggs, Under Sentence of Two Years, a Bridegroom

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16. - M. I. Diggs under sentence of two years for alleged violation of the Mann white slave law, has been married to Miss Martha Warrington, the girl who brought about his conviction, it was learned today. The eremony was performed in Oakland last

Diggs and Drew Caminetti were con victed in the Federal Court of taking two girls from Sacramento to Reno for im-moral purposes. Caminetti, who is a son ral of Immigration, was sentenced to 18 nonths. of Anthony Caminetti, Commissioner Gen

months.

Both are at liberty under ball on a writ of certiorari. At the time of the scandal trip they were married, but Mrs. Diggs recently obtained a divorce from her husband.

Bill for Playground Recommended Members of the Property Committee of Councils this afternoon recommended favorably a bill condemning a plot of ground bounded by Chatham, Ann and Gaul streets, in the Eith Ward, for playground purposes. This tract adjoins another which already has been condemned, it is consued to make this tract a city. It is planned to make this tract a city park and the ordinances place the new section under the supervision of the Board of Recreation for a playeround.

POLICEMEN!!!

Policemen must not look on page 17 of today's EVENING LEDGER. The little folks of the Rainbow Club have a Christmas surprise for them, and they're holding a secret conference in the corner of that

### SEASON'S FIRST ICE SPILL



Hunting Park Lake was opened for the first skating of the season today. The picture shows the first devotees to arrive.

# ELECTRIC COMPANY ASSENTS TO VALUATION BY THE CITY'S EXPERT

Culminates in Concession by Counsel for Other Side

After a 20 months' fight, Director Cooke, acting for the City of Philadelphia, won Philadelphia Electric Company when counsel for that company today granted permission for an expert appointed by the city to make a physical valuation of the

The permission was the surprise of the day in the hearing before the Public

It came when William Draper Lewis, thief legal representative of the city at the hearing, announced that he had con-ciuded his cross-examination of Prof. Dougal C. Jackson, of the Boston Insti-tute of Technology, who made the prop-erty valuation for the Philadelphia Elec-tric Company.

Mr. Lewis, in announcing that he was through with Mr. Jackson, addressed the

ommission, and said:
"We have only one request to make We make only one request to make. We want to check up the findings of the company's expert with the findings of our own expert. To do that it is necessary for our expert to personally inspect all the plants and stations of the com-pany, and we want the commission to order that this be allowed."

To the surprise of every one Frederick W. Fiotz, chief counsel for the Philadelphia Electric Company, got up and said that the city's expert would be made welcome, would be accorded every cour-tesy by the Philadelphia Electric Com-pany and also every assistance. It was

pany and also every assistance. It was an especial surprise, for all along the Philadelphia Electric has interposed streamons objection to every suggestion along this line. Frederick W. Ballard, chief engineer of the Cleveland Municipal Electric Light Plant, will make the investigation and resultant valuation on the part of the city. The plant he manages furnishes the people of Cleveland electricity at the maximum rate of three cents per kilo-watt hour. The corresponding rate of the Philadelphia Electric is 12 cents per kilowatt hour.

In concluding his examination of Pro-In concluding his examination of Pro-fessor Jackson, Mr. Lewis brought the admission from him that in all the 120 volumes of inventory he has brought be-fore the commission, he has not furnished one complete blueprint of any power station or substation of the Philadelphia Electric, thus making impossible a com-parison to the members of the commis-sion between the physical appearance and the facts as listed in the inventory.

### FIRE CHASES TROLLEY RIDERS

Firemen, Who Were Passengers, Direct Fighting of Blaze in Woodland Avenue Car

Flames shot out of the roof of a trolley car, crowded with passengers, between 62d and 63d streets on Woodland avenue today and all of the occupants were hurried out into the snowy street while two firemen, who happened to be passengers, directed the work of putting out the blaze. The car, on the Darby subway line, had blown out fuses and was being pushed along by the car be hind it.

Captain Stevenson, of the 65th street and Woodland avenue engine company, and John Hughes, a fireman, ordered the motorman to open the doors and when the car was empty he mounted to the roof. The fire had started from defective insulation at the base of the pole. Stevenson yelled to passengers to get buckets of water from a nearby store, and in this way the flames were kept under control until the arrival of a chemical engine. The accident occurred shortly before 9 o'clock. The car was taken to

Held on Charge of Robbing Barber Charles Trube, of Freeport, Pa., was held under \$500 ball for court by Magistrate Pennock at the Central station today, accused of robbing the barber shop of Leonard A. Zito, at 943 South 58th street. Zito said he employed Trube to look after his shop while he went on a gunning trip. Two hours after he left the shop. Zito says, the prisoner took the receiple, together with razors, clippers and shears and closed the place. When arrested Trube had fifteen pawn When arrested Trube had fifteen pawn tickets in his possession calling for barber

# BETTER MAIL SERVICE WITH SOUTH AMERICA NOW BEING PLANNED

Director Cooke's Long Fight Assistant Postmaster General Roper Tells Southern Commercial Congress Letters Come Here Via Europe

### SURPRISE AT HEARING WANT UNIFORM POSTAGE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 16,-"It is sad commentary on the situation that a big point in his complaint against the commercial letters from the Argentine often reach their destinations in this country via Europe." said First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel C. Roper in ern Commercial Congress here today,

"An order for goods from Buenos Aires to London may in time of peace be received, filled and dispatched before a similar order reaches New York. Similarly with remittances and commercial advices."

Mr. Roper outlined several changes in the United States mail service to South America which are desirable and on which the Postoffice Department is work-

These are:

First. The uniform arrangement for fixing first-class postage rates for all countries in the Western Hemi-sphere, according to the domestic rate of the country of origin. This would give us a two-cent rate per ounce for first-class matter for every point in the New World.

Second. The establishment of working and workable mail and parcel post conventions with all of the countries, with provision for advantageous arrangements covering the charge for the delivery of parcels by the foreign administration and the simplithe delivery of parcels by the for-eign administration and the simpli-fication of custom house require-ments. In the mater of custom regulations our own country is the chief offender. For a generation or more our Government has proceeded on the erroneous theory that it is a patriotic duty to keep foreign wares out of America, by cumbersome proout of America, by cumbersome pro-cedure at the port of entry, as well as by prohibitive tariffs. The Latin-American countries have followed our example so that their customs house requirements are notoriously compli-cated and harassing.

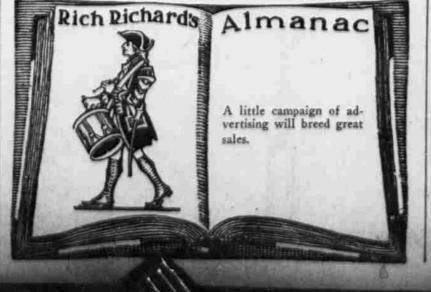
Third. Standard and minimum parcel-post rates between this country and the countries of Latin America. The Postoffice Department has for a number of months been applying itself industriously to the considera-tion of this subject, but here, again, needs the co-operation of interested private agencies at home as well as the co-operation of the South Amer-ican countries, which will result from comprehensive understanding of the situation

Fourth. The inclusion of a collect-on-delivery fee in all of our for-eign parcel-post arrangements, which would greatly facilitate the sale of small articles and initial orders of merchandise. Such an arrangement is being operated in the Hawaiian Islands under our domestic parcel-post act to the great advantage of shippers, and the British Government has this arrangement with virtually every nation in the world. It must be recognized that our extended parcel post, together with the C. O. D. pro-vision, is absolutely necessary for general participation in foreign trade.

RGES CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION F. C. Schwedtman, head of the manu-facturers' department of the National City Bank of New York city, spoke on "Co-operation of Big Banks and Colleges in Commercial Education."

"There are men who believe that the ideal system of commercial education eliminated the schoolmaster more or less." said Mr. Schwedtman. "I am not one of these; I believe that the teacher, in proper co-operation with the practical man of affairs, is the builder of our destinies as a commercial nation.

"It is the combination of American schoolmaster and businessman in co-operation with American government that will give us an interlocking system of commercial education—a system closely fitted to our national qualities. We have, as a nation, an oversbundance of energy and initiative, but we can advantageously acquire a large steek of thoroughness and acquire a large stock of thoroughness and acquire a large stock of thorouganess and experience. Our future system of commercial education, in order successfully to cultivate foreign markets, must be based on a thorough knowledge of foreign countries. We must plan a national educational system for our youths, which will teach them commercial geography, the business language and the financial customary manners of foreign people, while toms and manners of foreign people, while our young men must be encouraged to go into different parts of the world as commercial missionaries to convert the cus-tomers into users of American goods."



# CITY COUGHS, SNEEZES AND SUFFERS CHILL IN EPIDEMIC OF "COLDS"

Doctor Cairns, Chief Medical Inspector, Issues Special Warning Looking to Prevention of Grip

PREDISPOSING CAUSES

Philadelphia is in the grip of an epidemic of celds and kindred miner allments that frequently lead to more serious maladies. A great number of persons in the city have a cold in the head or chest, and the trouble has become so widespread that Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief medical inspector of the Bureau of Health, today issued a special warning on the prevention of the attacks.

One of the most remarkable instances of how colds spread, it was learned today, was in the offices of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, where 18 stenographers were forced to stay home stenographers were forced to stay from by colds. To stop the Infection officials of the company had the offices fumigated. Apparently the malady was brought into the office by a girl who caught cold. A day or two after she left to recuperate other employes became infected, and within a week 18 had to re-

main away from work.

Grip and other maladies caused by colds are particularly severe in some sections of the city. Business men in Fox Chase are having trouble getting their work done, as many of their employes are ill. One place has been compelled to shut down because of a lack of help. In West Philadelphia similar conditions prevail. A baker, near 50th and Catharine streets, fell ill a week ago and within two days s son and daughter also were stricken with the grip. His wife is now attending to the store and taking precautionary measures to fight off an attack of the ill-

DR CAIRNS WARNING

Doctor Cairns' statement follows: "More people probably suffer from common colds than from any other sin-gle aliment. Vital statistics give no hint of the prevalence and importance of these minor affections because the mor-tality is nil and the morbidity records are notoriously imperfect and difficult to collect. Could the sum total of suffer-ing, inconveniences, sequelae and eco-nomic loss resulting from common colds be obtained, it would at once promote

these infections from the trivial into the rank of the serious diseases, "The common colds here considered are a group of acute infections of the mucous membranes of the nose, pharynx, ton-sils, larynx, trachea or larger bronchi. A common cold is not merely a conges-

tion, it is an infection. "Congestion and inflammation of the mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract frequently occur as a result of irritants other than bacteria. Thus, chemical and mechanical irritants will produce a congestion or inflammation an increased acidity causes a flaring up of the mucous membranes, especially of the nose, and many other local and reflex causes lead to acute or chronic catarrhal conditions of these membranes, which may become exquisitely sensitive and sometimes hypersusceptible. In the absence of the proper bacteria, however, these conditions do not develop into infectious colds, and are, therefore, not communicable.

"DRAFTS" NOT PRIMARY CAUSE. "The popular fallacy of colds being due to exposure to drafts, sudden changes of temperature and chilling of the body clings persistently in both the professional and lay mind. These are predisposing causes and will not produce a cold without the presence of the specific cause. The bacteria usually found associated with these catarrhal infections are staphylococci, streptococci, pneumococci, in-fluenza bacillus, the bacilius catarrhalis and other bacteria. The etiological rela-tionship between these organisms and the disease is not always clear. Many of the above-mentioned bacteria are also found normally upon the mucous membranes of mouth throat and upper piratory passages; reinfections must, therefore, be common and predisposing factors which diminish resistance have a special importance. Common colds fremently attack the strong and robust i

CONTAGION IN COLDS.

"Colds are contracted from other per-sons having colds, just as diphtheria is contracted from diphtheria. Arctic ex-plorers, exposed to all the conditions supposed to produce colds, do not suffer from these allments until they return to civ-lization and become reinfected by con-tact with their fellowmen. A campaign to prevent the spread of the common cold would have much collaterial good in ald-ing the suppression of tuberculosis and causing the diminution of pneumonia and other infections. Common colds occur in epidemics and have all the earmarks of a contagious disease. Colds are apt to go through &! the members of a household and outbreaks in schools, factories and other places where people are closely associated frequently occur and result in considerable loss of time and money. "While common colds are never fatal

the complications and sequelae are seri-ous. These are: rheumatic fever, pneumonia, sinusitis, nephritis and a depressed vitality which favors other infections and hastens the progress of organic diseases. "Common colds are perhaps most con tarious during the early stages. If person, would isolate themselves by remaining in bed during the first three days

of a cold, they would not only benefit themselves, but would largely prevent the spread of the infection. The contagiousness and severity of colds vary greatly in different epidemics and different seasons of the year, depending particularly upon the particular micro-organism in-volved and other factors not well under-

PREVENTION OF COLDS.

"The prevention of colds consists, first, in avoiding the infection, and, secondly, in guarding against the predisposing causes. Contact should be avoided with persons who have colds, especially in persons who have colds, especially in-street cars, offices and other poorly ven-tilated spaces, where the risk of persons coughing or sneezing directly in one's face is imminent. Contact with the in-fection may further be guarded against by a careful self-education in sanitary habits and cleanliness, based upon the modern conception of contact infection. Colds, like other diseases conveyed in se-cretions from the nose and mouth, are cretions from the nose and mouth, are often conveyed by direct and indirect contact through lack of hygienic cleanin-ness and a disregard of sanitary habits. Kissing, the common drinking cup, the roller towel, pipes, toys, pencils, fingers, food and other objects contaminated with the fresh secretions will transmit the

The predisposing causes of colds inchide a number of conditions that de-press vitality, and thereby diminish re-sistance. The mechanism by which immurity is lessened has been mentioned. The principal predisposing factors in untching colo are vitiated air, dust, drafts, sudden changes of temperature. exposure to cold and wet, overwork, loss of sleep or insufficient rest, improper food and other conditions that lower the general vitality of the body.

"A special word concerning 'drafts' is necessary. Drafts in themselves cannot produce an infectious cold. The first symptom of the disease is a chill, which is not the cause, but the effect of the infection. It is a common belief that the cold is caught when the chill occurs The rigor frequently consists of only a transient chilliness, and it is during this time that the individual thinks he a draft which is producing his cold.

# HOLD GIRLS, ACCUSED OF ROBBING FATHER

James G. Gavaghan, Downtown Saloonkeeper, Told Police Daughters Took \$300

Two young girls, daughters of a prominent downtown saloonkeeper, were ar raigned before Magistrate Pennock in the Central Police Station today accused of robbing their father of \$300, which they are said to have used to purchase clothes and "have a good time." The girls are Margaret and Catharine Gavaghan, 18 and 17 years old respectively, of 6635 Greenway avenue. They were held under \$300 ball each for a further hearing late today. According to the police, on Sunday the girls went into their father's room while he was taking a nap, removed his keys from his pocket and went to his place of business at 423 South 17th street and took \$300 from a cash drawer. James G. Gavaghan, the father, immediately notifled the police of his daughters' disappearance when the keys were returned to him by a messenger boy,

Last night he learned that they had engaged rooms at the Windsor Hotel. Early this morning he went to their rooms, compelled them to dress and marched them to the City Hall, where they were "slated" as runaways

Both girls are pretty and were dressed in the height of fashion. They told a police sergeant that their father had never treated them liberally, and that they didn't have the clothes and recreation that other girls enjoy. It was at their brother's suggestion, they told the police, that they took the money. Most of the cash had been spent on clothes and at hotels in which they lived since Sun-

They said that they had met two young men and had taken them to the theatre, treated them to luncheon and dinner and then took them on a trolley ride. The girls suspect that one of these men told their father there whereabouts.

The father failed to appear at the heartrate Pennock to hold them until this afternoon. Meanwhile they are under the care of Mrs. Cooper, the matron at the

### JURY VINDICATES BRAKEMAN

Samuel W. Yeager Acquitted of Attempt to Steal Overcoat From Express Car

Samuel W. Yeager, 428½ North 55th street, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was acquitted by a jury in Judge Dickinson's Federal court today of a charge of attempting to steal ar overcoat from an Adams Express Com pany car on November 6. Yeager was arrested on that date while passing through the car by two Adams Express Company detectives, who accused him of opening a package shipped from Chi-cago and extracting the coat. The trial lasted two days. More than

a score of witnesses testified as to Yea-ger's integrity and stamped him as a man of good reputation. The brakeman himself testified that he was passing through the ear in the performance of his regular duties, that the package referred to was lying open as he passed through the car and that he never had the intention of stealing an overcoat or anything else. Many Pennsylvania Railroad employes testified that Yeager had every right to enter the express car and that they had done the same thing themselves under similar circumstances. Yeager has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for more than is years.

SMITH SAYS HE HALTED ACTION

Mayor-elect Takes Responsibility for Delay in Councils

ON HUGE LOAN

LEGAL POINTS INVOLVED

Action on the \$95,000,000 loan was hunted at the request of Mayor-elect Thomas a. Smith. The Mayor-elect made this finnonneement today, and said that no steps on the project will be taken until after the first of the year. "The loan was held up at my request"

he said. "I want it to come up under the new Councils. The City Solicitor called my attention to several legal points that are involved, and I asked Mr. Connelly to sidetrack the loan until these matters we straightened out. I am like Davy Crocked. went to be sure of my ground,"

The Mayor-elect would not discuss the 'legal points' involved. "I am bot a lawyer and therefore I cannot discuss them," he said.

Whether any change will be made in the size of the loan or in the apportion-ment of the money as planned under the loan that is being held up the Mayor-elect declined to discuss pending the solution of the legal difficulties which, he mid were the cause of the gelay.

"The loan will go through, however, and all of the improvements planned will be amply provided for," the Mayor-elect

SITUATION A MYSTERY. What is wrong with the \$95,000,000 loan? This is the pertinent inquiry of many members of Councils who know that the members of Councils who know that he bill is printed and in shape to be called up at this afternoon's session. That it will not be called up for passage is certain, unless some daring member calls for action, and the real reason for the delay may never be fully explained. In the absence of any demand for action, on the permanent loan, the most contact of the permanent loan is the permanent loan. action on the permanent loan, the most important piece of legislation in Select Council will be the passage of the 11.20. 600 temporary loan that will provide funds for city payrolls and for some badly needed supplies. This bill was passed by Common Council last week, and after its passage by Select Council will be taken at once to Mayor Blankenburg for his signature. The money will most likely be supplied from the sinking fund, and will be available for use in a

very few days. The temporary loan does not cover the needs of departments and bureaus for 1915, and a number of transfer bills will have to be authorized if the necessary demands of the cabinet members of the Blankenburg administration are to be met. Charles Seger, chairman of he subcommittee on appropriations of Councils' Finance Committee, admits that the loan will not provide for the needs of the city for the closing months of the year, but insists that the money will be made up by the transfer bills.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Next in importance to the loan legislation comes the passage of the appropri tion bills. The members of the subcomittee on finance have completed their task of going over the demands of depart ments, and all the appropriation bills will be favorably reported at a meeting of the Finance Committee, scheduled to be held minutes in advance of the session of

Councils.
City Solfcitor Ryan, in a communication to Councils today, calls attention to the fact that provision must be made by the city to comply with the workmen's com pensation law, under which 12,000 musi-ipal employes are entitled to compensa-tion in case of injury while in service No action on the compensation problem is likely before next week.

The City Solicitor in his letter to Com-

cils says: "I respectfully suggest that it is highly important for Councils to take us promptly the question of what provision shall be made for the payment of com-pensation to such of these employer at may be injured while in the service of the city, and whether insurance is to be taken against such liability, or appliestion be made to the workmen's comi sation board for exemption from the necessity of taking out such insurance, because of the city's being a mental authority having the right to levy

Three Drug Users Freed by Court Two Chinese and another man, virtims Two Chinese and another man, vicinis of the drug habit, who are taking the cure, were discharged today by Judge Dickinson, in United States District Court, when they pleaded guilty to having narcotics in their possession, in violation of the Harrison act. It was testified that none of the three peddled the drug. The men were Thomas Messington, Hock Ning and Charles Jung. drug. The men were Thomas M Hock Ning and Charles Jung.

\$3000 for Injured Superintendent A jury in Common Pleas Court No. 2 today awarded \$3000 damages to Charles Clark, a superintendent of building con-struction, for injuries he received when a load of lumber pinned him to the ground near the Huntingdon Valley sta-tion last April. The lumber wagen was owned by William M. Lloyd & Co. the defendants. It was testified that the driver discharged the load at the wrote place and the lumber struck Clark while his back was turned.



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