# **BRITAIN FACES ELECTION OVER** LABOR'S STAND

Government May Appeal to Country Over Conscription Issue to Avoid Trouble

PENALTY FOR DODGING

Referendum on New Bill Suggested as One Way of Solving Vital Problem

LONDON, Jan. 8.

Premier Amuith had a consultation yes-terday with several of the leading mem-bers of the Cabinet. The situation as re-gards the computation bill is causing some anxiety, because, although the bill is assured of a majority in Parliament and in the country at large, it is felt that some of the Labor Congress spokesmen have so pledged themselves that there may be trouble when the bill becomes operative. The Government is examining closely such a contingency, and the passions. losely such a contingency, and the pos-ibility of a general election as a soluon of the present difficulties is consid-

The text of the conscription bill has been issued. The penalties prescribed for those who attempt to evade military service include imprisonment not exceed-ing six months without hard labor for ons making false statements and a fine not exceeding £50 (\$250) for failure

to notify the authorities of a change of circumstances.

Sir John Simon, who resigned from the Cabinet as a protest against the com-pulsion bill; John Burns, the Labor leader, who resigned from the Cabinet on Great Britain's entry into the war; James H. Thomas, representing the rall-way men, and Ramsay MacDonald, La-bor member for Letester, toted against the bill on its introduction in Parlla-

MAJORITY REASSURING.

The political situation today was calmer after the overwhelming vote obtained by the Government in the House of Commons Thursday night on the first reading of its compulsion bill. The reassuring size of the Government's majority offset a considerable degree the anti-con-iptionist vote of the Labor Congress, ich also was partly discounted by the attitude of such important labor leaders as Arthur Henderson, who resigned as president of the Board of Education, and John Ward, George Nicoll Barnes and John Hodge, members of the House of

The position of these men is that the vote of the Labor Congress was too hasty and ill-considered to be regarded as reflecting the actual feeling of the labor men of the country.

In some quarters talk of a general election still persists, but it is certain that a considerable rest of some the convention.

considerable part of even the opponents of compulsion do not want a resort to the ballot.

To the American reader one of the most interesting suggestions heard in London today was the proposal to introduce the referendum as the alternative for a general election if dangerous hostility ap-pears to be developing in the country at large during the later stages of the con-scription bill before Farliament. The referendum frequently has been suggested in England during the last few years as a desirable addition to the legislative ma-chinery of the kingdom. It was adopted as a part of the Unionist program of constitutional reform five or six years ago.

An important meeting of some 15 of the leading Unionist members of the House of Commons was held and it was decided to form a war committee of Unionist bers to secure a more vigoro cution of the war. Sir Edward Carson was elected chairman of the committee and Sir Frederick Banbury vice chairman. They will invite the Unionists to join the movement, which is virtually the long-threatened new opposition to the Govern-ment under Sir Edward Carson's leadership, its aim being the subjection of the

Ministers to the severest criticism SEEK TO AVOID ELECTION.

While it is admitted that a general election would result in securing the support of the country for the measure the Government is evidently desirous of avoiding such an eventuality if it is in any way possible. Certain papers, how-ever, notably the Daily Mail and the Daily Telegraph, give it as their opinion that with the open opposition of the Labor Congress to the bill the election is inevitable.

#### FRANK J. CUMMISKY NAMED TO HEAD PROPERTY BUREAU

Councilman Hutt's Son Also Gets Job in Works Department

Frank J. Cummiskey, one of the State insurance examiners, was today appointed chief of the Bureau of City Property by Director of Public Works Datesman. He

Director of Public Works Datesman. He succeeds William H. Ball, whose resignation was accepted when the Smith administration began work.

Cummiskey lives at 2840 Frankford avenue, in the 25th Ward. Prior to the last election he was a member of Select Council from that ward, but declined to be a candidate for re-election.

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Mr. dummiskey has held city and State offices for many years. Born July 16, 1875, he was educated in the public schools of this city and entered the employ of the iladelphia and Reading Railway as clerk. He became subsequently a clerk in the City Tax Office, was for five years a clerk in the office of the Hoard of Revision of Taxes, and when David Martin became State Insurance Commissioner in 1906, was appointed one of the insurance niners, holding the position since that

As head of the Bureau of City Property Cummiskey will receive \$4300 a year, received \$3000 per annum as an insur-

ance examiner.

Another job in the Public Works Department filled today, was that of clerk in the Bureau of Surveys. It went to William Hutt, of 294 Oxford street, a son of Louis Hutt, Select Councilman from the 28th Ward. The position pays \$300 a

Breaks Both Arms in Fall Down Stairs SEAFORD, Dei., Jan. 8.—Thomas Sharp, a well-known citizen of Greenwood, fell down a long flight of stairs last night, breaking both arms and two ribs. He had recently moved lato a new home, which he was inspecting when the acci-

# THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.

WASHINGTON, Jan. & sasters Pennsylvania and New Jer-Fair tomight and Bunday, with slow-sing temperatures gentle to moder-sorthenst to southeast winds. It could be a cold area of high barometric presents was central north of the take on yesterday has moved slowly east. I and has increased in size and entit to central over northern New this morning and overspreads the e country except the far Northwest. I have do further decrease in temperature in the Atlantic and Guif States. the Atlantic and Guif States, in the Atlantic and Gulf States, the te-hour drop has been virtuestic as it originally promised first 26 hours. The snow area waves ever Virginia and North perferment has oursed eastward.

COP'S COLLAR CAUSES ARREST

Man Tried to Lick "Guy" Who Wears It, and Pays \$10 Fine

"I can lick the 'guy' in the high collar," said a noisy passenger in a Spring Garden street car.

Thereupon the man wearing the high collar stood up quickly and a fist went through the air.

It struck the passenger on the jaw and he went down in a heap. Then it was learned that the 'guy in the high collar' was none other than Policeman Kelly, who was off duty. He took the passenger to the 38th and Lancaster avenue station and was disgusted to learn that his prisoner was also named Kelly.

"You're the first Kelly," said the cop, "who couldn't make good."

"Ten dollars or ten days," said Magistrate Stevenson. As Kelly was "broke," it was 10 days.

## FIRE DESTROYS PLANT OF PRESSED STEEL CO.

Standard Concern Suffers Total Loss of Equipment. 100 Out of Work

Fire destroyed the equipment of the Standard Pressed Steel Company, 20th and Clearfield streets, early this morn

The fire was discovered by the plant's angineer, Joseph Christensen, of 4148 Salem street, when he reported for work at 6 o'clock, it was then burning in a bin in the machine shop. He set the plant whistle going and then sounded an alarm to the Park avenue and Cambria street fire station. When they reached the fire they sent in another alarm, and the companion were at work. companies were at work soor

Harold P. Gade, vice president of the ompany, who arrived at the scene a half our after the blaze was reported, said it came at the top of the best business year the company had had in its 10 years f existence. He said he could not explain the origin

of the fire, but thought it was the result of carelessness. The company, he said. dealt in no munitions business, but used its machinery only in the manufacture of steel hangers and set screws. Mr. Gade said that the company's 160

employes would have to be without work for at least three weks while the plant was being rebuilt. What financial loss the fire would cause both in material damage and in lost contracts he was not

able to say this morning.

The fire was kept confined to the plant, though at one time a boxcar on the Reading tracks—the Norristown branch runs along the steel company-was afire

#### MILLER, BROKER, ARRESTED FOR FRAUDS OF \$500,000

Albert P. Miller, Jr., Said to Have Lost on Stocks Here

BOSTON, Jan. 8.-Albert P. Miller, Jr. Providence (R. I.), broker, accused of em-bezzling half a million dollars and los-ing it in wild speculations on war stocks on the New York and Philadelphia exchanges, was arrested, here this fore-neon, and is now undergoing a grilling by police officials.

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Miller was a prominent churchman and his victims are said to number more than a hundred, many of them widows and orphans. The case is one of the most sensational in New England since George W. Coleman almost wrecked the Na-W. Coleman almost wrecked the Na-tional City Bank of Cambridge. It was indicated after an examination of papers found in Miller's Providence

office by the police that others may be implicated in the defatcations. Investigations of the broker's affairs are being hastened today by the Providence authorities, and, in the meantime, an involuntary petition in bankruptey has been filed against him in the United States Court there on behalf of Beach

# & Sweet, Inc., because of insurance premiums due two of his alleged victims SULZBERGER PORTRAIT PRESENTED TO COURT

Painting of Honored Jurist Given to Law Association Also

Judges of the Federal, State and county ourts and many prominent members of he bar attended the presentation of two oil paintings of ex-Judge Mayer Suis-berger to the Court of Common Pleas No. 2 and the Law Association, held in the City Hall today.

Judge Norris S. Barratt made the pres-Judge Norris S. Barratt made the presentation to the court. The picture was painted by Albert Rosenthal and is a duplicate of the one painted by him for the Jewish Hospital. Mr. Barratt, in his speech, said that the painting was made by Mr. Rosenthal at the instance of Justice von Moschizisker, Judges Martin, Audenreid, Wiltbank and himself, without the knowledge of Mr. Sulzberger, as a token of the high exteen in which he a token of the high esteem in which he vas held by his associates.

Mr. Sulzberger was a judge of the Com-mon Pleas Courts for more than 20 years, having served since 1895. He was presi-dent judge from 1902 to 1916, and upon his voluntary retirement was made a mem-ber of the Board of City Trusts.

"What Horace Binney said of Jared In gersoil," said Judge Barratt, "is equally true of Mayer Sulzberger at the bar. "He was infallible in every statement he made whether of principle or of evdence; and the only hope of the opposite side wan to show that what he said might be true without helping his cause.' Judge Bar-ratt said that many higher positions had been tendered Judge Sulzberger, but he refused them all because he felt that he was serving the best interests of the peo ple by remaining on the bench in this

The ceremony was held in Room D at It o'clock, and the picture will be hung in Room O of the court this week.

Former Attorney General Hampton, L. Carson made the presentation speech of the picture presented to the Law Asso-ciation on behalf of 30 members of the r. The picture was accepted by Frank Pritchard, chancellor of the associa-on. It was painted by Henry R. Rit-

#### O'CONNOR APPLIES FOR POSITION AT PENN

Brown's Track Coach Wishes to Succeed Mike Murphy

Another man has entered the list o Another man has entered the list of candidates for the position of track coach and football trainer at the University of Pennsylvania. He is Edward O'Connor, now occupying a similar berth at Brown University. O'Connor's chief claim upon fame is that he developed Norman Taber, holder of the world's one-mile record of 4 minutes 12 2-5 seconds made in Boston last summer.

White O'Connor has not personally are

While O'Connor has not personally applied for the position, he has let friends in this city know that he is obtainable, and that he would like to take charge of the Quaker athletes. Before training at Brown University O'Connor was the truiner at Workester Academy.

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Tabor declares that O'Connor is one of the best trainers in the country, and after he made his world record last sum-mer gave O'Connor credit for the per-formance. Taber came back from Oxford last summer to start training for his as-sault on John Paul Jones' record. He put bhaself in the hands of O'Connor and trained with him for nearly a month. LONDON, Jan. 7.—Reports from many points indicate that throughout the United Kingdom there is a rush for the marriage registry offices, following the conscription bill which drafts all single men under 41 years of age for military service. Backelors and widowers who come under the provisions of the bill are evidencing sudden interest in the fair sex, it is said. Orphan asylums and foundling institutions are being besieged by applicants for children, the adoption of which would execute men from military agrees. exempt men from military service.

# FIREMEN BATTLE WITH FLAMES AT STEEL PLANT



was destroyed by fire early today. One hundred men were thrown out of work because of it. The picture shows the dense clouds of smoke against which the firemen had to struggle in fighting the flames.

# HERE IS A GENUINE ROMANCE IN POLITICS

Exchange of Complimentary Votes at 12-Year Interval Brings About a Marriage

SELINSGROVE, Pa., Jan. 8.—When P. F. Reigle, of Middle Creek, was a candidate for Associate Judge 12 years ago in his canvass be came to the home of Charles M. Ingram, of Trexelville, and, in the absence of Mr. Ingram, gave o his daughter Edns his card, telling her to give it to her father, and also asked her to solicit his vote for him, that in so doing he promised her one of his boys fra husband. Miss Edna told her father and the vote was cast accordingly. and the vote was cast accordingly.

and the vote was cast accordingly.
Last fall Mr. Ingram was a candidate for Associate Judge. He came to the home of P. F. Reigle and found Mr. Reigle away from home. He left his card with Mr. Reigle's son Roy, telling him to give it to his father and also solicited his father's vote through the zon, saying that if he would persuade his father to vote for him he promised his daughter for a wife. Roy got busy and Mr. Reigle cast a return complimentary vote.
Reigle, Jr., and alies Ingram were wedded today.

#### LITTLE GIRL FATALLY BURNED WHILE PLAYING IN KITCHEN

With Clothes Aflame, She Rushes Through Apartment House

A little girl, blazing from hend to foot, ran screaming through an apartment house at 1001 North 2d street today for several iminutes before she was caught by two men bearders, who smothered the fames by wrapping her in a rug. They then carried her to the street, called a passing automobile and rushed her to the Roosevelt Hospital, where she is dying. The child, Bella Gershon, 5 years old, was left in the kitchen of her parents apartments in company with another little girl of her age when her father and mother went out on an errand. There was a bright fire burning in the coat range, but the parents thought the child

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range, but the parents thought the child was perfectly safe.

They had been gone about 20 minutes, it is said, when the child suddenly ran out of the kitchen into the other boarders' rooms with her hair and clothing abiaze. She was screaming and persons in the house were thought. in the house were thrown into panic. Two men, however, had sufficient presence of mind to grab her and throw a rug around her. She was then rushed to the hospital.

How the child caught fire is not known as the other little girl, the only witness to the accident, seems speechless with fright. The parents returned from the errand to be told of the terrible accident. They rushed to the hospital to see their child and to be with her in her last mo-ments. Physicians say it is impossible for her to live. The parents are pros-

#### WILSON TO RECONSIDER WILKES-BARRE POST

Appointment of Southerner as Postmaster May Be Recalled

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Reconsideration of the Wilkes-Barre postmastership by President Wilson was assured today following a charge of unpatriotic conduct made against C. P. Mebane, understood to be the President's choice for the place. Congressman Casey, who has urged the selection of mother was presented. selection of another man, presented to the President a letter from Morris Ziegler in which the latter alleged Mebane once refused to buy an American flag, saying it was not his flag. Mebane is a South-

Powder Salesmen to Meet

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 8.-One of biggest conventions that has ever been brought to Wilmington will be here from February 21 to 24, when the du Pont Powder Company's salesmen meet.

TODAY:

# NEW HAVEN JURY RESUMES ARGUMENT AFTER NIGHT'S REST

Twelve Men Debate Criminal Responsibility of Defendants in Accordance With Court's Decision

UNABLE TO AGREE

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- Following a night spent at the Hotel Knickerbocker, the jury in the conspiracy case of eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, resumed their deliberations at the Federal Building at 10 o'clock.

When the jurors retired to their room it was reported that a majority of them stood for acquittal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.-No decision was eached today by the Jury that has been rying since the middle of October the Edward D. Robbins and eight other ex-directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company. The ease was given to the jury by Judge Hunt at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and they settled down to its consideration after they had been taken out to lunch-con, but they had not reached a verdict at il o'clock last night, and so were take off to the Hotel Knickerbocker to bed They resumed their consideration of th case this morning.

# GARVIN WINS \$1200 ON MERCUR SLANDER

House Clerk Gets Verdict for Charges of Fraud in Media Speech

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 8 -A verdict for \$1200 was returned shortly before midnight last night in the slander suit brought by Thomas H. Garvin, clerk of the House of tepresentatives and chairman of the Reublican Executive Committee, against J Watts Mercur, of Wallingford.

The stander was alleged to have been done in a political speech in Media Oc-tober 22, 1913, when Mercur said:

"The leaders of the Republican machine in this country are dishonest, and if most of them had their just descrits they would be in State Prison today. I will name some of them. Tom Gayvin. During the fall campaign of last year a man went to Philadelphia and signed a contract with a company by which he paid \$100 for post-ing fake Bull Moose and Progressive party posters in certain precincts of the The name of Frank C. Perrin was forged to the contract and the man who signed the name of S. D. Shuster and paid the money was Tom Garvin. There s no S. D. Shuster in Delaware Co The case was tried yesterday and Mer-cur admitted that he made the remarks moved, but declared he did not say that Garvin forged the name of Perris

Rich Woman Found Unconscious Rich Woman Found Unconscious

Mrs. Sarah Foster, wealthy and 63
g years old, who for manly years has lived
alone in her three-story house at 253
North 10th street, was taken to the
Episcopal Hospital today in a dangerously weakened condition. For three days
her neighbors had not seen her, so
when a fireman was passing this morning they told him to learn what was
the matter. He broke in the door and
found Mrs. Foster unconscious in the
kitchen.

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BRAVE BACHELOR BRITONS GRAB

WEDLOCK TO AVOID WAR SHOCK

YOU'RE THE 'OPE

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Reports from many points indicate that throughout the

OF MY LIFE

#### Germantown Representative Sleeps Soundly While Robbers Steal His Cash

CONGRESSMAN DARROW

VISITED BY THIEVES

Thieves broke into the paint store of longressman George P. Darrow, at 5621

Germantown avenue, early this morning, and took \$150 in money and tools, scat-tering the contents of several rooms in Congressman Darrow and his family,

the occupy apartments above the store, vere not awakened by the marauders. were not awakened by the marindars. The robbery was discovered by clerks who opened the store this morning.

The inner doors of a safe in the main room of the store were pried open and \$89

n cash removed. Some valuable papers which were in the safe are thought to be missing. The outer door of the sufe was open and the thieves had no trouble, evidently, in removing the strong box. Another safe, containing several thou

and dollars, was overlooked by the men, or they, at least, did not succeed in open-Pennies were treated contemptuously

were scattered on the floor, with papers, tools and other articles, including bottles of acid. The cash drawers were rifled and the contents which did not appeal to the burglars were dumped on the floor. Besides money, the thieves took a quantity of chisels and hammers. They cained entrance through a rear window, which was forced open, giving them no-cess to the entire first floor of the build-ing. The police of the Germantown station are puzzled i. the apparent ease and recklessness of the burglars, who boldly cattered articles in the store in con-

#### 251 DIE OF GRIP HERE IN YEAR'S FIRST WEEK

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ing point in the comparison with last year's figures is that the number of deaths from epidemic diseases is nearly the same as the difference between the total mortality in the first week of 1915 and the first week of 1916, showing that the increased mortality is directly trace-able to epidemic causes. Influenza this week claimed 60 victims

and diphtheria and croup 1t. Physicians bave reported 71 new cases of diphtheria, as compared with 67 last week. In comparison with the increases in most of the communicable diseases is a sharp reduction in scarlet fever. Only 27 new cases have been reported, as compared with 48 last week, and only two deaths were re-

COMMISSION TO MAKE STUDY The commission of medical men to be appointed by Director Krusen will make "an intensive study of the pneumonia problem" and devise rules by which a recurrence of the grip epidemic can be kept off as nearly as is humanly possible. The commission first will make a study

of the present epidemic of pneumonia. It is said that Doctor Krusen has acceptances from several prominent physicians he has asked to serve on the commission. "The records show that from the stand-point of health we were having a very good year in 1915," said the Director today, "until the epidemic of pneumonia developed. It all happened really within the last two weeks of the year, but it has been terrible."

Director Krusen refused vesterday to accept the resignation of Dr. A. C. Abbott, of the Board of Health. Doctor Abbott was one of the city's most valuable assets in the public health service, he said, and he finally prevailed upon Doctor Abbot to withdraw his resignation. He said he did not contemplate making any changes in the prevent making any changes in the personnel of his department.

"This department," said Doctor Krusen, is out of politics.

In order to prevent the spread of grip in West Philadelphia and in sections be-yond the county line, physicians have recommended that for the present it would be wise to keep away from parties and other assemblies. The disease is easily contracted, they said, where there are numbers in rooms in which, owing to heat, the grip germs are easily research. It is understood that the Police Depart-

It is understood that the rollee Depart-ment will be called upon to enforce the ordinance against splitting in the streets and that the conductors of both railroad and irolley cars will be instructed to eject any one detected spitting on the floor of cars. The causes of deaths in the first week

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Finds Husband, Suicide, in Bed ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 5.—Christopher Maurer, 65 years old, committed suicide last night by turning on the gas in his room, ite was found dead in bed by his wife. Maurer had been in ill bealth.

# FIRE IN CHEMICAL PLANT

One of Harrison Brothers' Shops i

West Philadelphia Destroyed A big blaze in one of the shops of the chemical plant of Harrison Brothers & Co., 36th street and Gray's Ferry road, early this morning, destroyed the shop and caused \$55,000 damage before it was checked by firemen after a half hour's hard work. Officials of the company said Freshies Scurry to Cover From

hard work. Officials of the company said today that the building would be ready for occupancy within a short time. It was also the belief of officials that If was also the belief of officials that the fire started from crossed wires under the corrugated shed of the shop and not by incendiary means or an epiosion, as was first reported. Officials also labeled as untrue the report that two men had been injured and a score had been overcome by the dense smoke. They said the fire had been free from any accident. fire had been free from any accident

# MAYOR MAY APPOINT TRANSIT HEAD MONDAY

Selection of Twining Regarded as Certainty Following Conferences

William S. Twining as the new Director of the Department of City Transit is expected to be made by Mayor Smith on Monday

The Mayor is still withholding the announcement of Director Taylor's successor, and is having frequent conferences with Mr. Twining. The latest was held late yesterday. It was immediately followed by a rumor that the Mayor would announce Mr. Twining's appointment at once, but in answer to a question, Mayor Smith said he was "not ready to make any announcement just yet." It was said to-day, however, that the announcement would be forthcoming on Monday,

The selection of Mr. Twining is re-The selection of art.
garded as almost a foregone conclusion.
The Mayor praised his ability as an engineer before he took the oath of office, and admitted at that time that he was not considering any one else for the po-

His conference with Mr. Twining yesterday atrengthened the belief that Mr. Twining would succeed Director Taylor, who resigned last Tuesday.

"Is Mr. Twining the new Director?" the Mayor was asked. "Mr. Twining is a very able engineer," the Mayor replied, "and we have had sev-eral conferences. But I am not ready to amounce my appointment."

Mr. Twining is thoroughly familiar with the Philadelphia transit situation. He was chief engineer of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and the Union Traction Company when the Market street elevated and subway were being built, and as chief engineer for the firm of Ford, Bacon & Davis he has been consulted by Director Taylor all during the formation of the Taylor plan

#### PRESIDENT PRAISES SENATOR FOR SPEECH ON DEFENSE

John Sharp Williams Thanked for Support of Wilson Schedule

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-The White House today gave out a copy of a letter President Wilson sent to Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, con-gratulating blue on his stirring speech in defense of the Administration's foreign olicy. The letter follows:

"That was a splendid speech you de-livered yesterday, and I cannot refrain from sending you this line of admiring thanks. I am particularly grateful for your generous reference to myself. Al-"Cordially and sincerely yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

# HABEAS CORPUS PLEA IN TRUNK MURDER CASE

Counsel for Edward F. Keller Asks for Prisoner's Release

Clarence P. Sterner, counsel for Edward F. Keller, who yesterday was held without bail by the Coroner, went into the Court of Quarter Sessions today and asked for the release of Keller from the county prison on a habens corpus writ.

Judge Rogers made the writ returnable January 17, when argument will be heard. Keller is accused by the police of the murder of Daniel J. McNichol, a second cousin of State Senator James P. McNichol, whose body was found several weeks ago in a trunk buried in the cellar of 4062 Frankford avenue, a building that had been used by Keller as a laundry.

Detectives declared that the motive for the murder was robbery. The defense, it is believed, will attack the identification of the body, which was almost entirely decomposed by the lime that had been placed in the trunk.

### FREEZES WHILE FISHING

Park Guard Finds Man Unconscious From Cold Along Wissahickon

A man's love for fishing nearly cost him his life by freezing to death today, Joseph Glackens, of 225 West Somerset Joseph Glackens, of 2215 West Somerset street, went fishing in the Wissahickon creek yesterday. A park guard found him unconscious from the cold on Ridge avenue, near Wissahickon drive today. Heside him was a string of fish. At St. Timothy's Hospital he was revived. The first question he asked the doctors was:

"Where are my fish?"

It is believed that Glackens while fighfrom the cold before awakening. He will be kept at St. Timothy's Hospital for several days for purpases of observation.

Fire in an Explosive Plant MOUNT UNION, Pa., Jan. & - Fire, supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion due to overheating the building, destroyed the finishing plant of the Aetna Explosive Company early today. Loss was about \$15,000.

# Last night a meeting was held at the

PORT OF MISSING MEN

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tle for Bowl

WHERE IS PRESIDENT?

"Somewhere in Perkasie" is, hiding in a cellar under a barrel, perhaps, the pres-dent of the freshman class at the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania.

versity of Pennsylvania.
In nearby suburban sections are hidden other class officers, while scouting parties from the sephomore class are doing their little best to uncover the missing fresh

PENN FIGHT IMPENDS

Last night a meeting was held at the Phi Sigma Kappa house by the marshale of the bowl fight, which is to take place Monday. It was officially decided at the meeting that kidnapping officers of the freshman and sophomore classes would be permissible, but it must not be done until after the dread hour of midnight tomorrow. Spies from both classes are said to have been hidden behind curtains and doors of the conference room. As soon as the decision was passed, phone got busy. Officers of the two classes took no chances. Approuncement of the appointment of to chances.

The first suspicious sign of hasty departure from the moon-kissed walls of old Penn was when a taxi was summoned to the curb in a dark spot slong Woodland avenue, by two young meand a short, stocky "girl." The "girl leaped into the dark depths of the machine with musual celerity and vigor. A group of sophs, acting as pickets, became suspicious and dashed after the machine. But to their loud cries of "hait," they were given only a merry "haw, haw," in a tone that was decidedly masculine.

SMUGGLING TACTICS.

Another group of sophomore sleuths arrived at 33d and Spruce streets in time to see a "sack of potatoes" hoisted onto a baggage wagon and driven rapidly away in the direction of the B. and O. Statien. It is rumored that one officer even went so far as to have himself arrest. went so far as to have himself arrested and put in fall where he couldn't be sat-out, but this could not be verified. So far two of the freshmen have left

town or at least disappeared from the

sight of their sophomoric enemies. They are Sidney Thayer, Jr., president of the class, and L. M. Parsons, vice president, Class, and L. M. Farsons, vice president.
Only two officers of the class remain.
They are H. H. Bonsall, secretary, and
E. B. Cunningham, treasurer. Both are
members of the staff of The Pennsylvanian, the college newspaper. A dariar attempt was made last night to capture them and keep them in captivity unti-midnight tomorrow, when they might be "regularly kidnapped." Both young men were leaving the office of The Pennsylvanian very early this morning, but they happened to look over the ground out. happened to look over the side. Several shadows were seen mer-ing about and the youngsters took no chances. They made their escape through the cellar and a coal chute areaway.

No effort was made to make 'way with
them in broad daylight today, when they
attended classes at the University, but
both have their every move watched by
the sophomore sleuths, a small squad of

which dogs the footsteps of each. OUT TO THE "TALL."

One of the missing freshles is thought to have gone to Perkasic. A mysterious note was found torn up near the campus sophomores, on which the words it " " near Perkasie," were faintly discernible in pencil.

The freshmen are more concerned la hiding the officers of their own class than they are in trying to kidnap the "terri-ble" sophs, but the officers of the latter class are evidently taking no chances. Gny P. Nevin, president of the sophs, has gone into seclusion, and his whereabouts have not been traceable since as early hour this morning. "Bill" Quigly and "Tom" Hunter also have sought us

mown climes. The reason for all the activity in con-nection with the bowl fight is that this will be the fight that will decide supremacy between the two lower classes

at the University. The idea of the fight is to battle over a bowl.

In the first half of the light the sophomores try to touch the freshman "bowl man" with the bowl which the formst have in their possession. In the second half the side wins thur has the most half the side wins that has the most ands on the bowl at the end of 29 mine

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### RECALLED FACE OF "DIP"

Detective Tate Identifies Suspect in \$1448 Theft

Memories of the Tricentennial cele-bration at Quebec eight years ago, to which he had been detailed to look out for pickpockets, today came back to Lies-tenant of Detectives James Tate, when he identified a suspect arrested here years-day as a man he arrested in Quebec durday as a man he arrested in Quebec during the Tricenteinial.

The man gave his name as James Ward Tate recognized him at once, he said, stone named Frank Howard.

Ward, or Howard, was accused of the theft of a pocketbook containing life from James Smith, of 6006 Walnut street. He was held by Magistrate Pennock is \$500 ba!

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