EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1916.

CONGRESSMAN SAYS WOMAN'S PART IN WAR JUSTIFIES SUFFRAGE

In Letter to Mrs. Horace Brock, Representative Crampton Denies Her Assertion as to Military Service

POINTS TO PRESENT WAR

Lincoln's Tribute to Mrs. Bixby Cited as Argument for Universal Enfranchisement

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. — Severely eriticising Mrs. Horace Brock, of Phila-delphia, president of the Pennsylvania Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. Representative Louis C. Cramton, of Michigan, today told her she was seek-ing to minimize the sacrifices of women when she contended they should not be eiven the hallot because they cannot go given the ballot because they cannot go to war. In his leter to Mrs. Brock, Representa-

tive Crampton said:

"I am in receipt of your letter referring to the statement of General Leonard Wood to the effect that with the right of Wood to the enert that with the right of suffrage goes an obligation for military nervice. I note especially your conclusion that those who in the last analysis must risk their lives for their country should be solely responsible for its policies." "From this statement, much to my sur-prise, I find that you draw the conclusion

prise, I find that you do catended to wom-that suffrage should be extended to wom-en. I am willing to place my support of suffrage for women on the very chuse in suffrage for women on the very chuse in Lator. aufrage for women on the very churse in your letter which I have quoted. Using your own test, I do not deem women ir-responsible voters. Walving those classes of women who risk their lives for their country at other times than in military crisis, as in childbirth, I do not agree with you that women play no part in the strategies of the country in times of milwith you that women play no part in the salvation of the country in times of mil-furry crisis. Walving even those cases of heroism on the part of woman such as the part played by Edith Cavell and thousands of other women on every European battlefield. I insist that the women at home who send forth to war their hushands and their sons are yielding up to the service of their country all of their happiness, perhaps robbing all their fu-ture of everything but mourning.

think also of the women who remain at home and keep running the machinery of divilization, their day filled with drend of what the news from the front may that has come. They certainly play their part in the welfare of their nation, just is truly as the men that go into line o battle. Lincoln thought so and penned his eloquent tribute to the services of womanhood in his world-famed letter to Mrs. Bixby, extending to that poor woman the thanks of the Republic her five sons died to save. What man has sacrificed more for his country?

Sometimes men smaller than Lincoln have seemed loadh to appreciate the sac-filees of womanhood, but it is to me a distinct shock that any woman of standing should seek to minimize the services rendered in war to the nation by the mother and the wife. I cannot believe that the inevitable trend toward universo fallacious as you have urged upon my consideration."

MISSING BOY'S MOTHER ASKS TOKEN OF HIM

Mrs. Meekins Implores Writer of Letter to Give Sign That Her Son Is Alive

"If the man who kidnapped my Richard will only give me some sign that he is alive," sobbcd Mrs. Annie Meekins, mother of the S-year-old boy who dismother of the 8-year-old boy who dis-appeared from his home, 2449 South 61st Mayor Smith or Councils and ask that the city offer a reward for his return home in safety." Mrs. Meekins, broken by the suffering she has undergone since the boy disap-peared, is distracted with a grief which seems to grow more poignant as time goes on and no trace of the boy is found. "I have aged five years in two months," she said today, and those who have had the opportunity to observe her during that time attest the truth of her state-ment. Lines which worry has traced on ment. Lines which worry has traced on her face grow deeper and deeper day by day. Mrs. Meekins believes that the man who wrote the letter received last week. in which he asserts that he kidnapped the boy, really has Richard. The police are not so sure about it, but they are undecided in their opinion regarding the genuineness of the letter. Mrs. Meekins' appeal today was to the heart of the man she believe kidnapped her son. She wants him to give her a slign that Richard is alive by sending her some article of clothing which she can East Somerset street, to 2713 East On-tario street. some article of clothing which she can identify as his. Then she will ask that the city offer a reward for the boy's return. "I am sure the Mayor won't turn me down when he knows all I have suffered." she said. The only solace of the woman now is in the companionship of her other son, Syear-old James Meekins, and she is tak-ing good care to keep him from harm's

\$320,509,000 ASKED FOR THE FOSTAL SERVICE House Pushes Work on Annual Ap propriation Bills WASHINGTON, Jan. 31,-The House to

The diplomatic bill was also wirthally secretary of State by

completed with submission of requests by Secretary of State Lansing. Secretary of State Lansing. Secretary of Labor Wilson told another committee of the needs of his depart-ment. The postal bill carries \$31,00,000 for rural carriers the same as had year, but an increase of \$1,00,000 over the de-partment's estimates, the committee dis-antroving discontinuance of many unrail routes. Pay to reilroads for mail trans-portation was also increased from sicily, 900 to \$35,150,000 because of the parcel post.

OLD WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE IN CREEK

Victim of Family Tragedies Seeks Relief in Muddy Waters-Now in Hospital

"My life has been nothing but tragedy

from beginning to end," said Mrs. Eliza-beth Ferber, 64 years old, today, as she lay in the Frankford Hospital. She tried commit suicide yesterday by leaping the Frankford Creek, near her home at Kensington avenue and Butler street. She disappeared in the mud underneath the surface in nearly the same spot where her son-in-law floundered after he had shot the woman's daughter dead, had shot down Mrs. Ferher and her husband and then had shot himself. A number of men saw the woman plunge

into the creek yesterday and almost be-fore the splash had subsided they were wading out to her aid. She was dragged from the mud and sent to the hospital. where she went into hysteries. She is still a serious condition from shock, because of her age.

"They wanted to drive me from my little home." the woman was barely able to moan, "It is all I had left. Nothing to mean. "It is all I had left. Nothing but trouble has ever been my lot and I got tired of it '

got tired of it." Last May Mrs. Ferber's husband fell dead on the street. Up to that line the aged couple had managed to get along fairly well, despite the succession of tragedics that seemed to be the lot of the family. They had conducted the little truck farm where Mrs. Ferber still lives, but year by year the encroachment of the neighboring houses had cut down the little plot of ground on which they depended for their livelhood. On Tursday of host weat their livelihood. On Tursday of last week, Mrs. Ferber was told that her house had been sold to make way for a large build-ing operation and she has been framic with despair ever since, according to the police. Mrs. Ferber was obliged to sup-port her daughter and her invalid hus

hand with her gardening and without she saw starvation for her and her love enes. Her other daughter married a man named Jacob Kobler about ten years ago. All went well for if time, as the man was an expert machinist and earned a good

salary. But soon the pair began to quar-rel and one day Kobler shot his wife dead. When her father and mother interceded the man turned his gun on then and shut them both down. He field and attempted to escape across the Frank-ford Creek, where Mrs. Ferber tried to ommit suicide yesterday. When Kohler ound himself sticking in the mud he

hot himself but was saved by the polic He was hanged two years later or his crime. When her invalid son Albert was disabled completely by heart discase a little lajer, things looked very dark for the family. The next blow was the death of her husband, and when she found she was to be ousted from her home Mrs. Ferber sought relief in the muddy depths of Frankford Creek.

LICENSES TRANSFERRED

JANUARY, FREAK MONTH OF WARM DAYS, BROKE THE WEATHER RECORDS

Birds Warbled, Buds Burst, Bees Buzzed and a Lone Straw Made Its Appearance

MEAN TEMPERATURE 38.2

January, 1916, ending tuday, could swell up fix chest with price if it were a per-son, for it was one of the most remark-able Januaries on record in the city. Several records were smashed and others came near toppling during this month of warbling birds, bursting bude humming bees and a straw hat. It was one of the chosen few warm Januaries, but four officially and two unofficially es-

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eredling R. The result for a continuous eight-day warm period in January was left far be-hind during January 21-25, inclusive, when the average daily temperature was more like that of April or August -51.5 degrees, exceeding by half a dozen degrees the pre-vious high mars. The maximum tempera-ture during that period was 69 degrees, on January 27, which is the third high-est point to which the January mercury has ever elimbed in Thiladeiphia. The period is held by January 12, 1590, with 72 degrees: January 23, 1906, with 71 degrees, is second On moveral days the previous reword for that particular Jan-unry day was exceeded or equated.

unry day was exceeded or equaled. The mean temperature during the month, up to last midnight, was 5.2 de-grees. The average daily excess was 6.4 degrees, the normal for that 30-day pe-riod being 31.8 degrees. January, 1913, with an average temperature of 42.2 decs, is the highest in the annals of the Weather Bureau. Unofficial manuscripts chronice if degrees, in January, 1590, as the highest in this section, a volunteer "weather man" in Bucks County having taken the trouble to keep records.

Nine degrees was the minimum ten perature on January 18, five degrees be-low zero on January 10, 1875, holding the record. On only seven days was the tem-perature continuously at or below freez ing during the month-January 7, 8, 9, 11 15, 17 and 18. Snowfall was deficient 2.5 inches falling, whereas 6.6 inches s normal

With a total precipitation of 15 inches of rain up to midnight, this month came within a few hundredths of an inch of equaling the record for low January precipitation, 1.0 inches in January, 1852. In January, 1880, a warm month, 1.51 inches of rain fell.

The normal precipitation for January is The normal precipitation for samary is 3.32 inches, the maximum being 6.74 Inches, that of January, 1915. The de-ficient precipitation is considered all the more remarkable in view of the high temperatures that accompanied it. Rainfal usually goes with warm weather, espec-ally during the winter.

BOOST PHILADELPHIA,

AIM OF CONFABS TODAY

Talk "Ads"

Mayor to Discuss Improvements and Trade Backers to

Mayor Smith, members of Councils' Finance Committee and representatives of the business interests of the city, at conferences scheduled for this aftern will discuss suggested public improve-ments such as a convention hall, the sug-gested Delaware River bridge and plans for advertising Philadelphia throughout the country as a port with exceptional "vantages to offer shipping.

The conference between Mayor Smith and members of the Chamber of Com-merce will have as subject matter a numicipal auditorium. The speakers will be Howard B. French, N. B. Kelly and others. The committeemen will advocate the section of a kell on the site set 44

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Not a Frenchman of Noble Lineage, Asserts a Writer

in a New York Newspaper

HIS SECOND MARRIAGE

Philadelphia society will be extremely nterested in a sensational story which is printed in the New York World this morning, purporting th identify Jean Harold Edward Saint Cyr, who last April matried the widow of James Henry ("Silent") Smith, as John Herry Edward Thompson, formerly of Waco, Tex.

Saint Cyr, who has been known as a Frenchman of noble lineage, was formerly the husband of Mrs. Caroline Redfield, a rich New York widow. Either of his wives was old enough to be his mother. and both immensely wealthy. Hrs. James Henry Smith was Annie M. Armstrong, daughter of a distinguished Maryland

educated. In 1579 she married William Bhinelander Stewart, a wealthy New Yorker, whom she divorced in August. 1905. A daughter by this marriage, Anita Stewart, became the bride of Prince de Braganza, pretender to the throne of Por-tueal. tugal

the will of Saint Cyr's first wife. In that will a codicil cut in two a bequest of \$100,000 to one of hor grandsons. It is pointed out that in the event of re-opening this will case. Saint Cyr might have to tell the story of his first mar-riage, only the bare outlines of which have ever before heen recited. In the story printed in New York this

morning, St. Cyr is described as a man of about 20 years, who was formerly employed in various New York department stores, and who also earned his living for a time as a chorus man. A copy of his first marriage license application was also printed in facsimile, in an attempt to show that St. Cyr himself acknowledged his birthplace as Waco, Tex., and a couple of the name of Thomp his parents.

Beach.

May Know Something of Killing of Man at Souderton

J. H. E. SAINT CYR

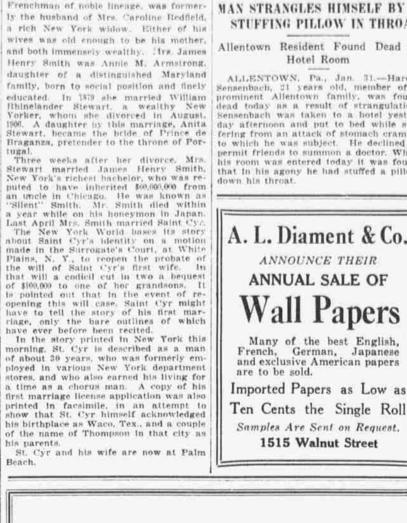
MURDER SUSPECTS CAUGHT

Two umbrella makers, who gave their names as William Schaffer, 864 North 8th street, and Thomas Nash, of Newark, N. have been arrested in Coopersburg, supected of knowing something of the order of Tom Barrett, who was killed in harn in Souderton several weeks ago

Schaffer is said to have admitted that he knew Barrett and had slept with him on several occasions. It is also said that the suspect had in his possession a Barlow knife which tallied with the one taken from Barrett

Robbers Flee When Discovered LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 31.-Cracksmen ist night entered the Marietta postoffice and were preparing to dynamite the safe wered and frightened away, disc getting no spoils,

STORE



CONGRESS ASKED TO DOUBLE FOREIGN SECRET WORK FUND to House Committees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.-This Gov-ernment's international relations were informally discussed today behind closed doors by Secretary of State Lansing with the House Foreign Affairs and Appropria-

tions Committees. To request large increases in the de-partment's funds was Secretary Lansing's principal object. The difficulties with the Ailles and the Central Powers, how-ever, were also touched upon

The Secretary asked an increase in the State Department's secret fund from \$100,-000 to \$200,000. This is the money used at the President's direction for confidential work aboard. for which no account is ever rendered. Mr. Lansing asked \$150,000 for confidential work of consular officers presenting commerce. An increase for promoting conimerce. An increase for maintenance of Embassles, Legations and Consulates was also requested. He ex-plained the unusual financial burden on

ations abroad MAN STRANGLES HIMSELF BY STUFFING PILLOW IN THROAT

American representatives acting for other

Allentown Resident Found Dead in Hotel Room

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 31.—Harold Sensenbach, 21 years old, member of a prominent Allentown family, was found dead today as a result of strangulation. Sensenbach was taken to a hotel yesterday afternoon and put to bed while suf fering from an attack of stomach cramps, to which he was subject. He declined to ermit friends to summon a doctor. When his room was entered today it was found that in his agony he had stuffed a pillow



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Held Under Bail to Keep the Peace Leon Saffian, of 1016 Girard street, whom neighbors regard as a neighborhood nuisance, was held in \$1000 bail today to keep the peace for a year. Saffian was arraigned before Judge Rogers. Saffian has been arrested 10 times within the last few years on complaint of neighbors. The complainants this time were Max Peristedu omplainants this time were Max Peristein and his wife. Several neighbors testified that Saffian was chronically abusive.

Powder Explosion Victim Dies WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 31-J. Williams, of Chicago, who was burned in the powder plant explosion at Carney's Point Friday, died here today.

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Court Grants One Petition and Refuses Several Judges Staake and Patterson, in the license Court today handed down a de-

cision transferring the retail liquor license held by Lawrence H. Reinfried from 255-27-29-31 North 3d street to the southvest corner of 9th and Pike streets, in

west corner of 9th and Pike streets, in the 43d Ward. The court also handed down decisions refusing transfers in the following cases: Patrick J. Coen, 769 East Passyunk avenue, to 870 North 52d street; Thomas C. Brady, 305 North 21st street, 10 Bernard Samuel and from 305 North 21st street to northwest corner of 29th and Tasker streets; Joseph F. Corrigan, 832-34 Walnut street to 643 South 57th street; Henry J. Moyer. 1847 Callowhill street, to southwest corner of B and Outarlo streets, and Frank J. Rozninkownski, 2701 East Somerset street, to 2713 East On-

1500 DRIVEN OUT BY FLOOD

HICKMAN, Ky., Jan, 31.—Fifteen hun-dred persons were driven from their homes in West Hickman today when the leves which holds back the Mississippi River broke, following a rise of 10 inches in 24 hours. The danger had been fore-seen and there was no loss of life. The entire manufacturing district was flooded and thousands are out of employ-ment is backing up into the

nent. The water is backing up into the musiness district.

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to this city. At noon in the Bourse representatives At noon in the Bourse representatives of various trade bodies will confer on plans to boost Philadelphin as a shipping point and inaugurate a new movement urging shippers to mark all goods "Via Philadelphia." George E. Bartol, presi-dent of the Bourse, and Director George S. Webster, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferriez, are spon-sors for the movement, which has the in-dorsement of virtually all manufacturing and shipping interests in the city. Members of Councils Finance Commit-

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tee will held their meeting in Common Council chamber, and at this gathering it is expected that most of the municipal projects now under way will be discussed,

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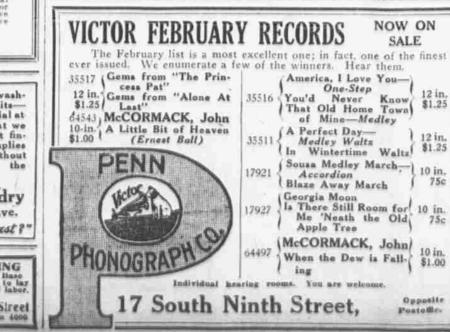
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Mississippi Levee at West Hickman, Ky., Breaks HICKMAN, Ky., Jan. 31 .- Fifteen hun-