EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1916.

FOUR COMPANIES **RAISE EMPLOYES'** SCALE OF WAGES

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Three Firms in Philadelphia and One in Camden Announce Increases

BIG BOOM IN SHIPYARDS

Reports of prosperity have taken tang-ible form in wage increases of more than 550,000 by the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, the I. P. Morris Company, the New York Shipbuilding Company and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, coincident with re-ports of wage increases in other cities. The largest Increase is at Cramps' The largest increase in other others, where more than 4000 workers were granted 'raises' of 10 per cent. In the hourly wage rates, the new scale to go into effect February 28. The increase announced by the Balti-more and Ohio Railroad, effective Feb-

nore and Onio Railroad, effective Feb-ruary 1, amounts to 1 per cent, an hour in the wages of machinists, numbering several thousand men. The advance will be received by all machinists on the sys-tem whose hourly wage varies accord-ing to locations and working conditions.

STRIKE IN CAMDEN.

At the plant of the New York Ship At the plant of the New York Ship-building Company, Camden, a strike was in part responsible for the increase granted the workmen there. One hun-dred and fifty plate and angle shop helpers went on a strike for a few hours. In which time their wages were increased from \$3.64 to \$10.06 a week. Fifty other men in the same department are now on a strike but the diffuence will be safe a strike, but the difficulty will be set-tled, it is expected. Five hundred "bolt-ing-up" men walked out a few days ago and received more pay, and machinists, who threatened to strike, received a 3 per cent, increase, the company officials realizing that skilled labor for shipbuilding is becoming scarce.

pany.

For the last year and a hair there has proposed by the Administration. For the last year and a half there has been an unusually heavy demand for new tennage and the Cramp company has received many contracts. So large was the volume of this work that the com-pany is now spending about \$1.250,000 re-organizing its yards and enceting new ahipways, traveling cranes and buildings. As all the yards along the Delaware river are runhed with work and elamoring for labor, it is thought that the voluntary was given to their men to keep them from accepting employment in other accepting employment in other yards

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Seven hundred employes of the Tyler Tube and Pipe Company plant here have been given a 10 per cent. increase in wages. All em-ployes are affected except those doing piecework. The advance in creases of company's payroll about \$500,000 annually.

'LEAVE YOUR PAJAMAS HOME,' POOR RICHARD **CLUB TELLS 'AD' MEN**

Intimation of Message Is That Delegates Will Be Too Busy to Sleep During June Convention Here

Fire Toll in Hotels and **Apartments** in 12 Years

November 23, 1903—Lodging house, Johnstown, Pa.; 28 Hyrs lost. July 29, 1907—1522 Chrystle street, New York; 20 Rives lost. Article 10, 1913—Lodging house, Bos-ton; 30 Rives lost. Determber 3, 1913—Lodging house, Bos-ton; 30 Rives lost. Article 17, 1914—Allston Apartments, Boston; 7 Rives lost. Article 17, 1914—Allston Apartments, Boston; 7 Rives lost. Article 1914—East side tenement, Yor York; 12 Rives lost. November 5, 1914—Mast holdsing house, New York; 6 Rives lost. Becember 24, 1914—Mast holdsing house, New York; 6 Rives lost. Becember 24, 1914—Nest side tene-ment, New York; 6 Rives lost. January 26, 1915—703 South street, Phildelphia; 4 Rives lost. Movember 2, 1915—North ath street tenement, Brooklyn; 13 Rives lost.

DEFENSE HINGES ON PLAN TO GET REVENUE FOR IT

Wilson Emphasized Need of Preparedness, but Money Is Lacking

REAL PROBLEM TO COME

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. - President Wil-son returned from his first "preparedness tour" today, satisfied that his speeches had aroused the Middle West, heretofore indifferent as to the Administration's military program, to the necessity of ade-quate protection against an invasion. Those who accompanied the presidential party as correspondents said the cause was presented forcibly and that the op-position would gradually disappear to-ward the chief proposition.

The real problem has not yet been set-tled, according to those who followed the President and attempted to carefully ana-At Cramps' the same "boom" spirit prevails. Notices announcing the increase are posted in the yards. Officials of the company explained that, after several lean years, the Cramp company now had on its books work that would keep the entire plant going at capacity for the next two years. As the company is earning large profits, the management thought that it was no more than just that the employes should also share in the prosperity of the com-pany. entirely different manner than has been

PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS

PLANS TO RAISE FUNDS. After all, the crux of the situation in the opinion of those favoring pressred-ness is that the people will not support a taxation system that seems to full upon them directly. About the only plan that can be devised to raise the revenues is to issue bonds and increase the rates on the income taxes, or resort to in-creasing the tariff schedules.

In the opinion of the best observers, the Administration will have no trouble in

passing the preparedness program as few Republicans will oppose the measures. The opposition that is of moment is directud entirely against the proposed taxes for the program. President Wilson found on his visit what has been apparent here all along, and that is that the opposition a based on the taxes. That he will set ut to overcome this opposition by pro-osing some new means of raising the required revenues was suggested today by several of his advisers.

Congressmen are beginning to hear from the trip and the strong opposition shows evidence of disappearing except from a few States of the South, notably North Carolina and Texas. It is in the South that the President must do his work toward converting his own parts. When she dis

"I cannot see that the President bas made any impression on Congress by his speeches through the West. He has not been definite in his talks and has not con-vinced the people opposed to preparedness on account of the great tax burden that



PHILADELPHIANS IN FIRE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. W. Schmidt and children, of 5482 Washington avenue, this city, escaped from the burning hotel at Atlantic City by jumping. Mr. Schmidt, whose portrait appears in the circle, was taken to a hospital.

SEVEN DEAD IN ATLANTIC CITY AS FIRE BURNS HOTEL

Continued from Page One

of the fire-raised hotel. He was known • a heavy slooper, "Bridgle" Weber, a beach guard was here of tragedy. Weber, who is an hiete and a bardy devilency save club; direct several from the hotel, including a oman whom he was connected to earry.
• Bilward Erringer, a police sergeant, saw fireman and scores of helpers tried validy is reach the doomed man. "Every labels was in use at other win-dows, but even if they had been available it would have been impossible to bring be a beavy pthlete and a hardy, devilancy care chais, belied several from the hotel, including a woman whom he was connelled to carry When the fire made it impossible for him them into use, for the entire side of the to go back, he took a position on a roof botel was a solid sheet of flame," the and instructed several new low to reach the ground by clinging to wires. WOMAN, REAL HEROINE The police sergeant said. "It was just before the wall went down on the upper side of the hotel that we

on the upper side of the hotel that we saw him first stagger to the window and hoth: non: and, women for their escape from the bre, throw up his arms. I guess a thousand herefore of the trageds which persons velled to him to jump. I know I ked the city and started a 'de-found myself shricking at the top of my or a rigid official investment value. Girls in the Bell Telephone Centhankfill the real become of the trageds which persons yelled to him to jump. I know I has shocked the city and started a de-mand for a rigid official investigation value. Gothe him the Bell Telephone Cen-was Miss film Lawrence, housels eper of trail, has across Lount Vernon avenue.

North Carolina and Texas. It is in the South that the President must do his work toward converting histown party to hist program KITCHIN STILL OPPOSES Representative Chaude Kitchin, majority 'T cannot see that the President has eader, said: 'T cannot see that the President has been definite in his talks and has not con-the most statisfied. Must lawrence, home second to presaredness to has president must do his speeches through the West. He has not been definite in his talks and has not con-the most statisfied. Must lawrence, home second to presaredness the overbrook. 'The home switchboard and set avery tele-nhone switchboard and set avery tele-nhone on the sloeping floors ringing floors ringing to a notice to the sloeping floors ringing to Even then not satisfied. Must lawrence the not satisfied, Must lawrence the most statisfied. Must lawrence the floor statisfied floor st

Record of Explosions at Fires at Du Ponts

The du Pont explosions and fires

April 30: April 30-Powder mixer, Car-ney's Point, N. J. Six hurt. May 15-Powder stillhouse, Carney's Point. Six killed. June 26-Powder hill, Wayne,

N. J. July 13-Part of powder plant, Carney's Point. One killed, three

August 10-Part of plant at

Wilmington, August 29-Part of plant at Wilmington, Del. Two killed. September 29-Part of plant at

Haskell ,N. J. Four killed. October 1—Part of plant at Pompton, N. J. One killed. October 12—Part of plant at Pompton, N. J. Seven burned.

November 13-Powder mill, Ris-

November 13-Fowder init, the ing Sun, Del. November 30-Greatest explo-sion in history of company, at Hag-ley Yard plant, near Wilmington. Thirty killed, seven hurt. January 10-Sories of three ex-plosions, Drving house, Carney's

Plosions: Drying house, Carney's Point, three killed. Pollet mill, Upper Hagley yard, one hurt. Furnishing mill, Upper Hagley, January 28—Seven injured, five of whom have died, in fires which destroyed five buildings at the plants at Carney's Point and 180,-000 pounds of powder, with a loss of between \$100,000 and \$175,000.

the money and valuables of the guests, But they were driven back repeatedly and finally forced to desist.

finally forced to dustat. The actual property loss outside that of the Overbrook is not great, thanks to the desperate work of Atlantic City's st-ficient fire department. Twelve companies under the direction of Chief William J. Hlack, who learned his business in the Pulladelphia fire service, stood un-flichingly driving back the fire when it seemed that it would be unpossible to prevent its spread through the closely built-up neighborhood of frame structures extending along Mt. Vertion and Kentucky avenues toward Atlantic and down both streets to the Boardwalk. The loss in all probability will not exceed \$200,000. The intor estimate, based upon the statement of an insurance man, is attributed in part to the fact that the Overbrook was an old building.

PHILADELPHIANS ESCAPE. As a further precaution against the sweeping conflagration Atlantic City always has feared, because it is a "frame" town, all electrical currents were turned off shortly after the fire started. The simplified the task of firemen

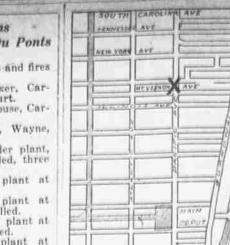
forced to cut their way through many Among those who escaned with compararively slight injuries were Mr. and Mrs. C. P. W. Schmidt, two children and maid, of 5484 Washington avenue. Philadelphia, They were asleep on the third floor and escaped by leaping to a roof below, where they were carried on ladders by firemen to safety. Mr. Smith was cut about the

the fourth floor of the hotel, while thous ands watched him from the street in fas-chated impotence. Edward Erringer, a police sergeant, said foot and the maid was also injured. Schmidt risked his life to save panic-stricken guests. He helped several to reach the ground, and going back, discovered two little children. He tossed them to firemen upon the adjoining roof of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, and in so doing lost his footing and

plunged 15 feet to the ground.

SIX WOMEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH WHEN FLAMES SWEEP BROOKLYN HOUSE

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. Six women were hurned to death early today when fire destroyed the four-story and base-ment house at 247 Hancock street, one of



LOCATION OF BURNED HOTEL The map shows the relation of the Overbrook, at Pacific and Mt, Vernon avenues, to the Board-walk.

COAL STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED, SAY **MINE OPERATORS**

Representative of Employers Denies Situation Is Serious

WILLING TO ARBITRATE

The situation that threatens a strike of the anthracite miners is not as serious as it seemed this morning, according to the explanation this afternoon by one of the committee representing the anthracite operators. Nearly all the members of this committee are presidents of coal compension they represent. The man who maye the interview requested that his name be not used. The explanation was made at the Instance of the New York agent who is handling the advertising to the public on the part of the operators, He telephoned to the EVENING LEDGER from New York, and said the published

datement that the operators had "refused" the miners' domands was wrong. This statement was supplemented by the interview with the member of the operators' committee. As explained by this man, the miners' lemmals have not been refused, but have imply been "explained." "We have not refused the demands."

said this operator, "and it is unfortunate that the public should have been so in-formed. As yet we do not know officially what those demands are; we only know

them through publication, and we could not refuse them when they had not vertice been formally made. What we did do was to explain our side of the demands. That doesn't mean, however, that our position is unalterable. We may change rr minds several times between n February 21, when both sides will meet in New York.

To say that we had 'refused' the demands would mean. If the miners per-sisted in them, a strike. Now that is in nowise the case. The demands have not been refused. We want that made plain. We have simply explained our position in light of the demands, so that the pub-lic may get our side. We want it made ar that the consumer must pay if the

dena that the consumer must pay if the demands are to be met. "We make the explanation in our ad-vertisement, and we don't say in if that the demands are refused. That word gives entirely the wrong impresion. Nothing is settled; we expect to get to-gether. It is, just like a business corre-pondance. You may write a latter sating pondence. You may write a letter setting forth your side of a controversy, but that

Assassin Still at Large

TO REMAIN LONG TIME IN U. S. POR' May Be "Maritime Guest

APPAM EXPECTED

Till End of War-Internment Papers Due

ALL BRITONS OFF SHI

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 4 .-- A wir less dispatch received here at noon p ports that a French cruiser had a rived off the Virginia Capes and w patroling there to prevent the Appar from escaping from Newport News,

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb 4 The British liner Appan. German prim was today prepared to remain an b definite marilime guest of the Units Intes

Formal internment orders were e pected from Washington today. The Appum was made snug and fast we anchors at how and atern as if he captors planned a long stay. Most of the 400 British passengers an crew of the Appam and other Britis ships sunk by the mysterious Germa raider Moewe or Ponga, had left Ham

ton Roads. All the Britons were free to go; so we All the Britons were free to go: so were the Germans, providing they took the prize along. Legally, the Germans were as free to leave port as the Briton physically there were some difficulties. Chief of the latter was the cordon of the for the latter was the cordon of British cruisers reported outside the two capes, guarding the entrance to Hampto

Roads. Most of the Appam's passeng, a an crew were today en route to New Yor or other ports to take passage abroad The British Government is paying mos of the expenses. An Old Dominion line from Norfolk last night took out mos of the British. New York bound.

from Norfolk last night took out ma of the Britons, New York bound. The legal complications facing th Appam herself today principally involve possible prize-court proceedings. In British owners are expected soon to fin a claim, starting the prize-court m chinery. Frince von Hatsfeldt, Germa Embassy counselor, is remaining here thandle the legal proceedings in behalf of the German Government. On board the Appam today the 40 Ger-

On board the Appan today the 40 Ger mans, with wives of three of those wh were once prisoners on the ship, had so charge. Captain Harrison, the Britis commander, is remaining here at the English owner's orders, but is at a hot from the German ensight flapping he musthead to the engine from, where Ger man stokers keep up a low fire, the Ap pain was German controlled throughout

BRITISH FROM APPAM SPEED BY LINER TO NEW YOR

Sir Edward Meriweather to Urg

Firm Blockade of Germany STEAMSHIP JEFFERSON AT SEA (bg wireless via Norfolk), Feb. 4.—The Old Dominion liner Jefferson is speedin up the coast today in an effort to read New York tonight and kind 227 passes

gers and officers of the British ships, who were taken across the Atlantic on the iner Appam. iner Appam. In the first cabin of the Jefferson an 129 passengers, including Sir Edward and Lady Meriwether. Sir Edward, Engla Governor of Sierra Leone, declined an a vitation to visit the British Ambassador at Washington because he is unxious b

reach London at the earliest possible At the British capital Sir Edward will confer with Arthur J. Belfour. First Led of the Admiralty, and urge that Ged Britain establish a firm blockade of Ge-many. The British official believes that which captured the Appan the raider escaped from Kiel.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE

HELP WANTED-MALE

ROOMS WANTED

DEATHS

ROBINSON.—On February 3, 1016, st. Be holioth, Det. HELEN ENFIELD, wife as Dr. Walter P. Robinsen, Funeral service on Sandar, Echarony 6, st. Epworth M. H. Church, at 12:30 o'clock. Internent at M. H. Cemetery, Rehobeth, Del.

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YOUNG MAN, about 21 years of size, for 11 electrical mechanical work. Aubly by br today, stating experience, wages using nearest telephone summer, etc. Aug liox 31 Sui, Lecher Office.

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ANNOUNCE BIG PROGRAM

"Leave your pajamas at home. This is the advice the Poor Richard Club is sending to advertising men an over the country in its invitations to at-tend the annual convention of the As-sociated Advertising Clubs of the World

in this city, June 25 to 30. The advice is not to be taken literally It is a symbol. It is to indicate that the Philadelphia advertising men will show the visitors such a good time when they get here that they will have no time to

Announcement of the detailed program for the convention was made today at the weekly luncheon of the Poor Richard Club, held in the clubhouse on South Camac street, by Irvin F. Paschall, chair-

man of the Publicity Committee. It is expected that 10,000 persons will attend the convention and every "ad" expert who is a regular attendant at all the accessions of the convention will have a apecial degree conferred on him by the Poor Richard men. It will not be a col-lege degree, but the men here say it will

be more significant. The degree will be known as "B. K." The letters stand for "Better Knowledge" and there will be regular ceremonies on Thursday afternoon of the convention week at which the degrees will be conferred.

It was announced today that prizes would be awarded to students in the architectural school of the University of Pennsylcania for the best posters adver-tising this city and the advertising con-vention. The best designs submitted will sent all over the country for distribu-

The convention will open on Sunday with services in churches, in which the delegates will participate. One of the big events of the week will take place Mon-day night. It will be a pageant in Broad street, in which the development of advertising in Philadelphia will be shown through floats and banners. Following the parade a cabaret show will be held in

a hotel. Buildous sessions will be held in the Commercial Museum at the University of Pennsylvania. On Tuesday of the con-vention week the delegates will be rention week the delegates will be metric to the navy yard at League Taland, where they will witness special drills and maneuvers. In the evening the savy yard will be especially lighted for their benefit.

Wednesday the advertising men will to be Willow Grove to hear Victor Her-bert's orchestra. On Thursday evening, a marine pageant will be held on the schuylkill-the first affair of the kind ever held in shis city. On Friday, the dele-gates will go to Atlantic City to frolic in the surf and on the Boardwalk.

It was announced today that the cam-pairs to obtain 1000 members of the As-sociates of Poor Richard was progressing rapidly and that already there were 400

mannes. Inset E. Gable, of the Poor Richard those at the luncheon today learned. I while Charleston, S. C., on February in Impress on advertising men. who I have a local convention there, the cantages of coming to the Philadelphia restion in June.

Dr. Mackridge Heads Church Paper The Rev Dr. John Mockridge, rector The Rev Dr. John Mockridge, rector and the second church has been multi-desitor of the Church News of the Diocease of Pennsylvania, to succeed the Dr. George C. Bertlett, who re-ming mas installed dean of the Philadel-the University School. In the curvest is-acted the Church News, Bisheng Rhine-acted the Church News, Bisheng Rhine-ter Church News, Bisheng Rhine-

will be necessary for his military pro-gram that his taxation measures will not fall heavily on the masses. I believe that there will be more than enough Repubicans to pass the preparedness program in Congress. The trouble will come when the revenue measures are reported. More than thirty Democrats have written to me that they will not support preparedness inless a bill increasing the income tax

rate is added. At least twenty other Dem-ocratic Congressmen have expressed similar views." BORAH ASSAILS SPEECHES

Senator Borah, of Idaho: "President Wilson's speeches lacked mything concrete and I believe instead of helping his program they worked against it. The people want to know just what is proposed and this the President failed to do. He must win his own party over to his program and chiefly to his taxation system. The time passed when the Presi-dent can say to Congres unless 'you grant this repeal I will not know how to deal with greater problems." He has not enough power to jam through legislation unless backed by cold logic and facts."

OLIVER FOR DEFENSE.

Senator Oliver, Pennsylvania: The bountry is waking up to the necessarity of better preparedness and I believe the peeches the President made greatly dimulated the indifferent people of the

West. There is no doubt about the senti-ment favoring preparedness on a large scale. The objection is leveled against the way the money for the program shall

HARMON SUPPORTS PLAN. Former Governor Judson Harmon, o hio, announced himself in favor of pre-

Ohio, announced himself in favor of pre-paredness today in a letter to Representa-tive Allen, of Ohio, which was read today on the floor of the House: "I hope the opposition to preparedness is subsiding," the letter ran. "The more I think of It the more indignant I be-come that anybody with pretensions to the rank of patriot should oppose the President's policies in this respect."

DOREMUS WITH WILSON.

Representative F. E. Doremus, of Mich-igan, chairman Democratic National Con-

gressional Committee: "T think President Wilson has made a very profound impression everywhere he has spoken for preparedness. His speeches will do much toward crystallizing senti-ment in favor of national defense. I am for material increases."

ALLEN BACKS PRESIDENT.

Representative A. G. Allen, of Ohio, one of the majority members of the Ways and Means Committee which will report the bill to raise the accessary revenue for defense: "My city of Cincinnati is known as 'over the Rhine,' but nine out of every 10 men there were for prepared-ness even before the Prelident started or ness even before the President started on his trip. I have not had over 10 in two months against preparedness."

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Representative Simon D. Fess, of Ohio Representative simon D. Fess of Onio-"A prominent Judge of my district has written me asking: 'Is there any way of gagging public officials, so they cannot expose our weaknesses to our enemies. Recail the President and let Congress consider our needs in executive session.'" Representative Patrick H. Kelly, of Michigan, a Republican member of the

Michigan, a Republican member of the House Naval Affairs Committee-"I think President's trip will have a good ef-I am for increasing the navy as fect.

much as is necessary, according to ar-pert naval officers, but I am not in favor of increasing standing army materially. Why build two 3-cell fances instead of one 6-call?"

ran the elevator to the top of the shift wight. alone, and began a round of the over-pled rooms, drumming upon the doors until she received a response. She was pule and gasping for breath when she finally returned to her post to find flame-sweeping into the office. Firemen forced her to leave, and she went weeping be-cause she could do nothing for the infortunate persons who begaed for help at tion. the windows

FIREMAN'S DARING DEED.

The beroism of Allen Durby, captain of Truck A, who scaled the blazing tower of the Ascension Church, with a scale-light, which he played upon the walls and windows of the blazing bool, made pussible for the bremen to save many the might otherwise have been best barby's clothing was after when mate-laceword his peril. They costed him with water, which promptly turned to ice. Mayor Riddle deduced the investigation would be as right as is possible to make it. Efforts are being made to find and re-ward the negro bellioy who can through their doors. the halls sounding an alarm and who kept his elevator running until the shaft was The firemen were unable to save frim

Hall, a small bounding house of two staries in the near of the Overbrook, on Mount Verbon avenue it was de-stroyed while they fought to stop the apread further about Mount Version ave nue

GUESTS AV HOTEL.

Pfaff furnished the police a list of the guests in the Overbrook list night so far as he could recall them. The register is said to have been destroyed. The list given to the police and now being checked up follows:

arter de up follows; Hichard H, Mott, proprietor, and Mrs. Mott: Charles i chmidt, Philadelphia, Mrs. Schmidt and two children: Mose Anna Doughty, John F. McCarren, Mrs. Mc-Carren, Alexander Andrew, Miss. Andrew, William Gilroy, Mrs. M. L. Murphy, Miss M, Murphy, Nicholas Dellay, Miss Ada Vinner, Ernest F. Jacob, Mrs. Jacob, George B. Bencker, John E. McCoy, Mrs. Edith Y. Miller, Thomas Matt. Mrs. Thomas Moit, Mrs. Dors B. Lenhart, Mrs. Charlotte Johnson and two chil-dren, Mrs. Josephine Garsee, Mrs. ... Johrson. ohnson.

Ernest Jacobs, who is employed at the today furnished a clue to the fraymore.

"My room was filled with smoke when awoke." he said, "and 1 hardly had ne to seize my clothing and flee. The from the rear, and it was our helief that it had originated in the engine room."

DRESSED AS THEY FLED.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. McCarren, Phila-delphians, had a thrilling experience. They saved nothing except the clothing they gathered up and wrapped about them

as they field. At the hospital at noon it was said that George Bencker, the Germantown man, was at the point of death. He was one of the engineers for Cramp & Co., who ilit the Traymore.

John McCoy, of West Hoboken, another of the injured, has a punctured lung and his condition is serious. McCoy was the waterproofing contractor on the Trayhe crowd

Thomas Moit, aged father of Proprietor Mott, of the hotel, was an lowan, who came East with his wife, who also par-iabed, to escape the rigors of a Western winter. SAW MAN BURN TO DEATH. Guesta and those of the hotel staff were mable this morning to give any opinion as to the identity of a man who burned to death, a blaning pyrs in a window of

ORIGIN OF FIRE

This was at the extreme rear of the

WOMAN LEAPED TO NET.

LOSS PROBABLY \$200,000.

CAROLINE TAG. 25. HELEN TAG. 31. daughter of Mrs. Tag. HANNAH SI ARELY, 98. cousin of Mrs. Tag. MISS JENNIE F. STEADMAN, 29. a trained The fire is believed to have started in the basement klichen of the hotel or the

heater room. The supposition is that the

engineer attempted to cope with it single-handled for it was 440 before Miss Stokes saw the reflection of the flames and teleshoned an alarm to the central fire stapoliceman sounded the first box

When the firemen arrived the blaze, which started on the first floor, was sweeping through the centre of the

sweeping through the centre of the house. Another alarm was turned in. Policemen Friel and Gerlinger fought their way into the house. On the third floor they found Mrs. Tag and rescued her unconscious. Then the flames be-came so flerce that the policemen were forced to leave the burning house. After a hard fight the firemen got the blaze under control. A search of the house revealed the bodies of the seven women. All were in bedrooms on the second and third floors and were in such

an invalid. He believes she perished. The Overbrook was a five-story struc-ture of frame and brick, the frame sec-tion being a part of one of the earliest buels here. Years ago it was known as the Margate. About 5 years ago O. H. Guttridge built a brick addition to the Pacific avenue front and the Overbrook of recent years had been known as a freproof house. Miss Steadman had been in the Tag home only one day. She had been en-gaged only cesterday to nurse one of the family, who was ill. She was sleeping on the third floor.

Casimir Tag died September 21, 1913. He was 60 years old and left an estate valued at \$1,500,000. He was in the to-bacco business for many years with his father before taking up banking.

PHILADELPHIANS INJURED

IN FIRE AT ATLANTIC CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Andrew and George Bencker Victims

This was at the extreme rear of the building and was virtually useless, since the fire, which started in the rear of the house, had driven those trapped in the upper floors to the windows on the Pa-citic avenue and Mount Vernon avenue Several Philadelphians were injured in the Overbrook Hotel fire in Atlantic City; none is listed among the dead or missing. For a time it was thought that William clific avenue and Mount Vernon avenue fronts of the hotel. There was no one on duty in the office of the hotel at the time of the fire, ac-cording to a statement made to the police this morning by Edward W. A. Pfaff, the clerk. Pfaff said he sometimes slept at the Overbrook and sometimes at the Champion, where he has an apartment. He was at the Champion last night. Gilroy, a salesman for the Smith, Kline & French Company, of this city, was dead, but he escaped from the third floor clad in a pair of trousers and an over-

Charles P. M. Schmidt, of 5842 Washington avenue, with his wife, two children and a maid, were rescued by Fireman

Conover from a perilous situation on the third floor. All were taken down ladders. George B. Bencker, of the injured, lives in this city at 5326 Chew street. He is a draftsman and had been doing some work for the Traymore and made his home at the Overbrook

WOMAN LEAPED TO NET. Mrs. Andrew, the aged Philadelphia woman now in the hospital, saved her life by leaping into a life net. She obeyed coolly and implicitly the directions that were shouled to her from the streat. Her husband refused at first to jump, but after he had been assured his wife was safe. followed, her in a flying leap to the tautily held net in the street below. For a time the horrifled spectators feared the aged Philadelphia couple at the fourth-story window were doomed to at the Overbrook. Alexander Andrew, about 60 years old, an upholsterer, at 5 North 20th street, lives at 6145 Christian street, this city. Since December 6 he and his wife and son, William Andrew, have been living at the Overbrook, Atlantic City, where Andrew was renovating the Brighton Ho. he fourth-story window were doomed to he same fate that befell the man burned Andrew was renovating the Brighton Ho Andrew was renovating the Brighton Ho-tel. News of his injury visibly affected Barry Rank, for 37 years his foreman, who lives at 550 North Robinson street. For 25 years they worked side by side in a shop at 17th and Market streets. An-drew, who was born in Scotland, has a married daughter, Mrs. Eugene A. Skil-ton, of Norwood, wife of a member of Wood & Skilton, lumber dealers. Com-mercial Trust Building. o death while frantically signaling for elp. Word that they had landed safely the nets brought a roar of joy from mercial Trust Building.

> Dies Protesting Innocence of Murder OSSINING, N. Y., Feb. i - Protesting his innocence with his last breath, (iii, seppe Marenel was electrocuted today for sepps Marenet was successan in Br the mudar of a policeman in Br two years ago.

sn't mean that you definitely reject the demands made on you by the other party. That is why we want the news article out from New York corrected."

Ferdinand Theiollo, G years old, 33 Goodman street, at 5th street and Rider Sun hane, is still at large. The police ar he is Savia Cardiwala, 500 Marshal street, and a rigid search is being con-ducted for him. **'SOME' SHAKE-UP TODAY** FOR YOU. DETECTIVES! TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

COOK wanted, white; small family in Our-brook. Phone Overbrook 5229. Director Wilson «Prepares for Upheaval in Department This Afternoon

Director Wilson said today that there origida be a shake-up in certain burgaus f the Department of Public Safety. He ald there would be some shake-up in the Detective Bureau, with a strong ac-ent on the "some." Others said it would e a "tremendous" shake-up; but the some," coming from the Director, was

'Will there be changes at once in your "When? At this moment?" "Well, today." "Today." he echosed. "Well, yes, to-day. And believe me it will be some

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Will the changes include changes in the Detective Bureau?" "They will," he said, "But as for the further scope of the changes I cannot go

SHEDAKER, --- On February 2 1 CLARLES & SHEDAKER Relatives friends are invited to attend the functal Moniay morning, at 7.30 o'clock, from late revidence, 510 West Coulter street, mantown, Solenn Hequiern Muss at Vincent's Church, Germantown, at 9 a Interment private. "Would you call the changes a shake-

Yes, I would even call them some

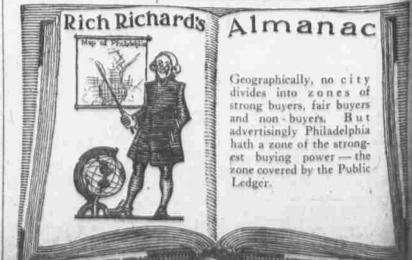
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"What time?" Four o'clock this afternoon," was the iteful reply of the Director.

Chinese Woman Held for Killing

Chinese Woman Held for Killing Testimony that the shot, which killed Margaret Wah, the white wife of James Wah, a Chinese, who was shot on January 27 at her home, 123 South street, was fred accidentally was offered today at a Coroner's inquest. Dorothy Foy, wife of the partner of the dead woman's husband, was held without bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. The pistol, the police say, was in Mrs. Foy's hand when the shot was fired. James Wah, husband, of the dead woman, and Chrispea Valaguez, a negro woman, were held as material witnesses. witnesses.





appearing at every window on the Pa-cilic avenue front of the hotel. The fire-bad gained such headway before they had an inkling of their peril that halls

the time the terrified guests opened physician wandered about in the crowids at the fire scene this morning begging for information of a woman whose name was unknown to him. He such he was called to attend her at the Overbrook yesterday. She was virtually an invalid. He believes she perished The Overbrook was a flyc-store strue.

tify them.

second and third floors and were in condition that it was difficult to iden-

Almonce of a high wind, Chief Black, of

Atomice of a high wind, Chief Black, of the five department, admitted this morn-ing, probably saved the resort from one of the werst fires in its history. Some one will have to explain to the public officials and aroused public opin-ion why there was but one fire-escape upon the five-story structure, three-fourths of it of frame construction. This was at the extreme rose of the

ANNIE CAIN, 52, servant, LIZZIE CAIN, 45, servant,

LIZZIE CAIN, 45, servant. The fire broke out about 3 o'clock. It was discovered by Miss Caroline Tag. She called up her brother, Dr. C. H. Tag, and then the Fire Department. It is be-lieved that she then tried to arouse the

others who were in the house. It was the last seen of her. She was to have been married February 16. ment, ordered a second alarm as soon as arrived, summoning every available There was a reason. "T people were

were filled with smoke or cut off by fire

The fire was caused by defective in-