VICTORY SCORED BY U.S. IN LIQUOR **SLUSH FUND PROBE**

Brewery Interests Withdraw Their Appeal From Court's Decision

ATTORNEYS ARE HAPPY

Government Counsel Asserts Action of Opponents Is "Complete Laydown"

A victory for the Government was scored today in the liquor slush fund probe when attorneys for the brewery interests sithdrew their appeal from the decision of Judge W. H. S. Thomson not to quash the Federal subpocass, and agreed to produce all of the books and records of three big brewery associations before the Federal Grand Jury in Pittsburgh next Mon-

we withdrew our petition for appeal.

"We withdrew our petition for appeal,"

mid Attorney George E. Shaw, representing the brewery interests, "when the
Government compromised by changing
the form of the subpoenas."

That there was any compromise whatever was denied by a Government official
who is closely connected with the case.

"It was a complete laydown on the part
if the brewery interests," he said. "The
attorneys for the brewery interests knew
fait their petition for appeal had no
seal status whatever, and they seized
you this excuse of a change in the form
if the subpoenas, to crawl out. The
lovernment simply informed the brewery if the subpoenas to crawl out. The lovernment simply informed the brewery interests that we would put in writing what we have said many times verbally, that all of the breweries and persons subpoenaed in this case are included in the same investigation. It was a surrender pure and simple on the part of the brewery people. We will have the books and records of the three big brewery associations next Monday."

It was planned to hear the petition for an appeal at 10:30 this morning before Judges Buffington, of Pittaburgh; J. B. McPherson, of Philadelphia, and Victor B. Woolley, of Wilmington, in the United

Woolley, of Wilmington, in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Federal Building, this city, but the petition never reached open court.

WITHDRAWAL AT CONFERENCE. A few minutes before court was sched-uled to open a conference of Government secutors and attorneys for the brewery Interests was held in the chambers of Judge McPherson. The conference, which did not last more than 10 minutes, resulted in the withdrawal of the petition for appeal. The Government was repre-mented at the conference by United States Attorney E. Lowry Humes, of Pittsburgh, and his associate, Neil W. McGill. Attorneys fow the browery interests present were George E. Shaw and J. J. Heard, of Pittsburgh, and S. P. Tull and D. P. Hibbard, of Philadelphia.

ediately following the conference Judge Buffington boarded a train for Pittsburgh. It was said today by Govern-ment officials that the petition for appeal presented by attorneys for the brewery interests had so little foundation that it would not have gained in any event consideration of a hearing in open court.

The three brewery associations which will produce their books and records next Monday before the Federal Grand Jury, as the result of the Government victory today, are the United States Brewers' Association, the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association and the Brewers' Association of Pennsylvania. Government officials ex-pect to show by these books that the brewery interests have expended millions of dollars in a slush fund to influence election and other matters of political im-

portance. The officers of all three associations also under subpoena. The officials of United States Brewers' Association

New York.

The officers of the Pennsylvania Assoment and one of conspiracy.

Methodology Indiana Construction of the Pennsylvania Assoment and one of conspiracy. ciation are John Gardner, president, of Philadelphia; E. F. Ettla, secretary, of

Philadelphia, and Edward A. Schmidt, treasurer, of Philadelphia. Officers of the Brewers' Association of Western Pennsylvania are Charles F. Kirschler, ex-Mayor of old Allegheny, president: Charles F. Fisher, treasurer,

president: Charles E. Fisher, treasurer, and B. A. Mason, secretary. Edward A. Schmidt, who has been sub-poenaed as trustee of the United States Brewers' Association and as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, is president of the Northwestern National Bank, of Philadelphia. The Northwestern National Bank is under subpoena, and has already produced books and other documents before the Federal Grand Jury. It is said that these records have revealed some startling information concerning the alleged partnership between rum and politics in Pennsylvania.

In a decision handed down in Pitta-burgh last Tuesday, Judge Thomson re-fused to quash the Federal subpoenas, and appeal was taken.

TWENTY POLICEMEN SENT BACK TO HOME LOCALITIES

Director Makes Transfer, He Says, to Get Better Results

Director Wilson this afternoon transferred 29 policemen from various parts of the city to their home districts. The Director expressed the belief that better results are obtained with the contract of the co are obtained when men are doing duty in localities with which they are

Acting Detective E. H. Guilford, of the 19th and Oxford streets station, was returned to street duty in uniform, and Harry Haggert, of the same district, was made acting detective. Acting Detectives Andrew Coup and Alexander M. Ritchte, of the 5th and Jefferson streets station, were demoted to street duty.

Street Sergeant Forrest Colbridge, of the Germantown station, was transferred to the Sist and Thompson streets station, and Street Sergeant Hugh MacMullen, of the latter station, was sent to Germantown.

It was announced by the Director that all the changes were made for the good of the service.

PINCHED BY LOBSTER AND COP

West Chester Man Given Six Months Sentence by Magistrate

"Harry," a trained lobsten whose home a on a large cake of ice in front of a ratial rant on Vine street west of 8th, is the hero of the tenderion today as a small of his heroic action, when he inched" a man who was apparently trynas to kidnap him. The victim. Harvey lied folkaon, of West Chester, was sentined to six months in the House of Corvetion by Magistrate Beaton in the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station. Magistrates Beaton in the 10th and Buttonwood streets police station. Magistrates a simpleyed in the ransgrove plant of the du Pont Fowder company, has been stranded in this city, be bolice say, since Saturday. He was sealing Mecibert's restaurant, on Vine itset when he saw "Harry" and a number of other lobaters peacefully reposing in the case of ice.

According to the police, he seized one is acting it returned and stole two its large and the lobater stuck to his

and Policeman Wunderlich but it ended in the heart of

MISTAH RUNKEL, FORTUNE TELLER, "HE WUZ SUTTINLY NO ORDIN'RY MAN"



He Didn't Receive Money, But Invited Negroes to "Cross My Palm With a Coin"-Downfall Comes in Tangle Over Jewelry

ket will no longer strike terror to the hearts of the negroes in West Philadel-

Peace once more reigns among those in the neighborhood of 42d street and Fairmount avenue. For many days Runkel has been holding house-to-house evangelistic meetings in the negro homes. He pictured herrible futures for all who came within sound of his voice and declared avenue, that there was only one thing to save them from perdition—and that was to have their fortunes told.

There was something uncanny about Runkel. The negroes agreed that he "wuz suttin'ly no ordin'ry man." His welrd black eyesbrows quivered ominous-ly whenever he raised his voice. His black, bushy hair seemed to straighten like quills of a porcupine when he ranted through denunciatory adjectives. Like a flash, he could turn from temper to tears. And those who listened in little, crowded kitchens and parlors turned with him.
"Hallelujahs" and "Amens" emanated riotously from these meetings—and every negro who listened felt sure he or she could be saved only through the efforts of "Mistah Runkel."

WASN'T CHARGING ANYTHING When he told their fortunes, the evan-gelistic seer made it plain that he wasn't

charging them anything.

"You can cross my palm with a coin,"
he said with apparent reluctance, "but that is only part of the ceremony.' Occasionally, when there were no coins available, Runkel said, that in order to get a line on the characteristics of the negroes, it would be necessary to let him have their rings or watches. He explained that as the jewelry was worn close to the person, the metal absorbed the electricity, which in turn radiated at night in sparks.

The piercing black eyes of Morris Run-el will no longer strike terror to the parts of the negroes in West Philadel-and passed his hands over it. The electric sparks came from the jewels to him and therefore he was able on the following day to tell the owner of each jewel all that would befall him for years to come.

As he was about to get three rings to-day from Lillu Brown, of 672 Brooklyn street, Mary Jones, of 4230 Fairmount avenue, told Miss Brown that the "prophet" took some of her rings and forgot to return them. The woman also declared that she knew of other cases where the evangelist forgot to return the

Runkel declared that he would "go get his lawyer immediately." When he ran down the street several negroes ran after him shouting, "hallelujah." But every time that Runkel paused and gave them a black look they stopped suddenly, some what awestricken. Walter Weitzel, of 4235 Haverford ave-

nue, son of Policeman Weitzel, saw the with a revolver as he was about to jump car. The boy then turned the man ver to Assistant Fire Marshal Frank Gallagher, who was passing.

Gallagher took the prisoner to the 39th and Lancaster avenue station. There Runkel was astounded to learn that the youngster had stopped him with a broken revolver which was unloaded. Detectives Farmer and Roseboro made Detectives Farmer and Roseboro made a quick investigation, and had several negroes at the hearing before Magistrate Stevenson. They remained a safe distance from Runkel as they told of his fantastic methods. He threw flashing glances at them, but the presence of the cops took away the effect. Runkel was held in \$800 ball for a further hearing next Sunday.

LORIMER WINS FIRST TILT AT BANK TRIAL

Court Consolidates the Three Indictments Against Ex-Senator-Woman Lawyer Aids

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Former Senator William Lorimer won the first skirmish today in his trial on charges of wrecking the Lorimer-Munday chain of banks. At the opening of his case before Judge are Edward A. Schmidt, trustee, of Phila-delphia; Gustaf Lembeck, treasurer, of Jersey City, and U. Fox, secretary, of

> Work of getting a jury, which probably will occupy several weeks, was begun. A special venire of 100 were in court. One of the venire, William J. Moxley, millionaire butterine manufacturer, and personal friend of Lorimer, was promptly excused. A. Covington, of 3403 South 52d stringer porter, whose coat was grounded. Lorimer is standing trial alone. Indictments against Charles G. Fox, J. B. DeVorey and Thomas McDonald, officials of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, were nol-prosped. J. G. Seagreave, former State bank examiner, and H. W. Hutting, a Muscatine, Ia., manufacturer, will be tried separately. Charles B. Munday, Lorimer's partner, is already under the years, penticularly sentence.

under five years' penitentiary sentence.

Lorimer's counse; said today they consider this trial a battle for vindication. They declared it would not have been

necessary for the former Senator to stand trial, as lack of evidence would have war-

ranted a plea of dismissal.

"I'm not saying anything about the probabilities of my acquittal," Lorimer said. "I'll let the verdiet stand for that."

The courtroom crowd buzzed with excitement when a young woman sat down at Lorimer's coursel table. The former at Lorimer's counsel table. The former Senator had engaged a woman lawyer to aid in his defense. She is Miss Agnes McHugh, of Chicago.

REWARDED FOR NABBING THIEF Men Who Caught Jewelry Robber Receive Cash

One hundred dollars in rewards were distributed today by the Jewelers' Se-curity Alliance of the United States to the men who figured in the sensational capture of an armed jewelry thief who,

South 13th street, October 2, 1916.

The amounts awarded were \$40 to John A. Covington, of 3403 South \$2d street, the negro porter, whose coat was grazed by a bullet (it's his birthday today, too); \$30 to Charles Maroney, of 1262 South 22d street, an iceman, who was the first to lay hands on Nathan Heller, the man captured; \$20 to Edwin Chaflin, of 3611 Aspen street, who helped subdue him, and \$10 to William Asher, a negro policeman. \$10 to William Asher, a negro policeman of the 12th and Pine streets station.

Frank Tabasso, of \$25 South 9th street, the 15-year-old messenger boy, who re-covered \$5000 worth of the gems dropped in the pursuit, was awarded a gold watch by the jewelry firm recently.



L'INIZIO DELLA FASE **DECISIVA DELLA LOTTA** PER DURAZZO E VALONA

Le Truppe Bulgare, Duramente Provate, Sono Scontente ed il Popolo Minaccia la Rivoluzione Contro il Re

DURAZZO AI BULGARI?

ROMA, 17 Febbraic. Notisie giunte qui ed a Londra dalla Penisola Balcanten dicono che la lotta inale per il possesso dell'Albania e' finale per il possesso cominciata. Le armate armate austriache cominciata. Le grante sustriache e bulgare operanti rispettivamente da Scu-tari e da Elbassan hanno operato il collegamento e sono ora in contatto con le forse di Essad pascia', formate di nlbaneal, serbi e montenearini, che tentano di difendere Durazzo.

Net tempo medesimo si apprende che un dipiomatico neutrale, recentemente ritor-nato dalla Bulgaria, ha detto che le per-dite subite dai bulgari finora sono state di 160,000 uomini, e che l'esercito bulgaro e ridatto ora ad appena 180,000 uomini, forze che non sono sufficienti per alutare i tedeschi nella loro progettara offensiva contro Salonicco. Oltre a cio' le truppe bulgare sono a razione ridotta, avendo i tedeschi requisito tutti i viveri e tutto il grano. I bulgari sono stanchi della guerra e temono le future rapresaglie della Russia.

Il diplomatico in paroia dice che i bul Il disionatico in parola dice che i bil-gari danno al re la colpa di aver cen-ditto la nazione al tedeschi, e re Ferd-inando comincia a diventare poco ben veduto dal popolo, Si dice anzi che il re si e' recato a Vienna col proposito di prendere accordi con l'Austria e con la Germania su misure che sara' necessario prendere in Bulgaria per evitare una rivoluzione. rivoluzione

Pure da fonte diplomatica si dice che re farire con l'imperatore Francesco Giusenne circa la campagna in Albania. Il re av rebbe detto che la Bulgaria avrebbe rifiu tato la sua cooperazione con le forze aus triache nell'Albania se Durazzo non fos stata formalmente promessa al bulgari, sebbene il kniser l'avesse gia' destinata al orincine Guglielmo di Wied. Ora re Fer-dinando minaccia di ritirare le sue truppe dall'Albania se il principe di Wied non

Non e' improbabile che la minaccia di Ferdinando sia stata rafforzata anche dalle recenti voci di pace separata che la Bulgaria avrebbe avuto intenzione di trattare con gli alleati dell'Intesa.

Le potenze della Quadruplice Intesa Le potenze della Quadruplice Intesa hanno lirmate un nuovo accordo col quale st impegnano a non cessare le ostilita' se l'indipendenza politica e economica del Belgio non e pienamente assicurata e se il Belgio non sara' indennizzato per i danni sofferti con l'invasione tedesca. L'accordo, che gia' tempo fa era stato concluso dalla Francia, Russia ed Inghil-terra e' ora firmata anche dall'italia. terra, e' ora firmato anche dall'Italia e dal Giappone. L'accordo c' stato co-municato al governo belga all'Havre. Le forze russe operanti nel Caucaso, che sono agli ordini del granduca Nicola. hanno conquistato la fortezza di Erzerun

la plu grande plazza forte del turchi nell'Armenia, nella quale erano di guar-nigione 160,000 uomini ngli ordini del maresciallo von der Goltz e del generale von Sanders. Non si sa con certezza se questo esercito turco e' caduto nelle mani del russi, ma corre voce che i russi hanno fatto 80,000 prigionieri. Altre notizie di-cono che von der Goltz e' riuscito a riti-

Un commerciante americano, Un commerciante americano, che o appena térnato in Italia dall'Austria-Ungheria dove si e trattenuto per un mese circa, ha detto che l'America e piu odiata in Austria che non lo sia l'Inghilterra, perche' si ritiene che la guerra e' stata prolungata dall'avere gli Stati Uniti for-nito munizioni agli alleati, "munizioni che ecidono migliaia di soldati austro-tedes chi." Il commerciante americano ha detto: "L'Austria-Ungheria si avvicina rapida-

mente all'esaurimento. A parte la crescente scarsezza di viveri, che comincia a diventare carestia, tutte le indistrie sono paralizzate. Io sono convinto che la du-plice monarchia non potra' resistere alla uerra piu di altri tre mesi.

Crown Prince's Command Enlarged PARIS. Feb. 17.—Crown Prince Fred-rick William of Germany has been placed erick William of Germany has been placed in command of the German armies in Alsace-Lorraine as well as of that in the Argonne, according to the Echo de Paris.

He University of Wisconsin, Illinois, and chapters will be shortly installed at the University of Michigan and Northwestern University.

Among the five new members elected to-

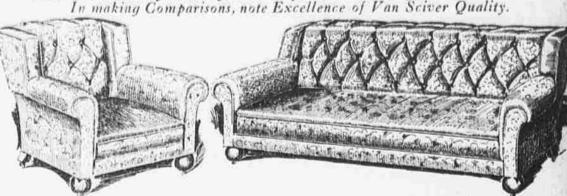
New Fraternity at the U. of P. A chapter of a national honorary fraternity has been installed at the University of Pennsylvania, in the Wharton School, and 10 undergraduates elected to membership. The new society is the Beta

day to the local chapter was a blind stu-dent, named Harold de V. Howard. James P. Lichtenberger, A. M., Ph. 25, Instructor in sociology; George A. McFar-land, Fellx Rothschild and Fred J. Rum-mel were also elected today.

Budapest Exchange to Reopen Gamma Sigma. Other chapters are at the University of California, University BUDAPEST, Feb. 17.-The Budapest stock exchange will reopen on February 21, but the hours of trading will be

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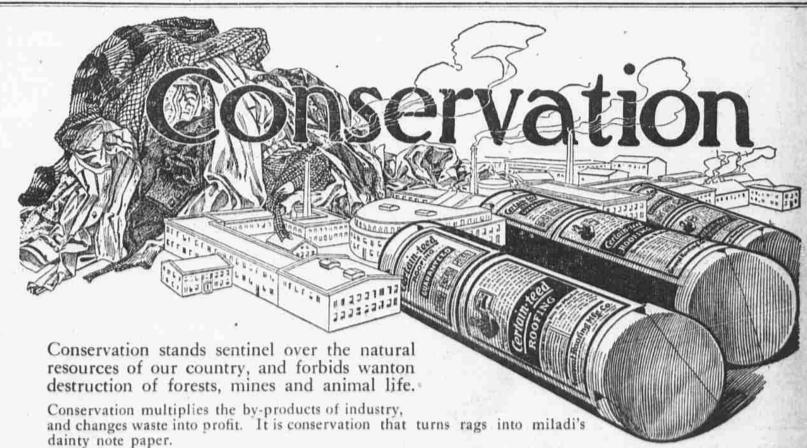
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