FIVE ACTORS DIE IN BLAZE IN NEW YORK

Victims Trapped as Fire Sweeps a Boarding House Near Broadway

CHORUS GIRLS ESCAPE

One Woman, in Presence of Thrilled Spectators, Climbs Along Ledge of Building

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. - Five persons lost their lives in a fire which swept a theatrical boarding house on West 44th

street early today. The dead: Thomas Keratous. Peter Janes.

Thomas Mustarpulus. Christy Antony. Emily Tobisch All the victims were theatrical people.

The hodies of Karatous and Miss Tobisch were found on the top floor at the
foot of a ladder leading to the roof. They
had been asphyxiated by fumes within a

few feet of nafety. Janes, who jumped from the fourth floor, was decapitated. Fire Chief Kenton held an investigation after the fire, but was unable to determine its cause, Within five minutes after the flames were discovered the house was wrapped in fire from

By the time the firemen arrived about 25 chorus girls and actors were at windows on the upper floor, some of them preparing to jump.

Before starting to put out the fire the

firemen and policemen began rescuing the terror-stricken inmates of the building. One young woman, in the presence of the thrilled spectators, made her way along a 12-inch ledge on the fourth floor to an

a la-lich de la control de la which had formerly been a private resi-dence. A restaurant is on the second

The fire is believed to have started in the rear of the house on the parlor floor. Hundreds of guests in the Claridge and Lenox Hotels, within a few hundred feet of the boarding house, were aroused by the flames. Police and firemen began a search of the ruins immediately the blaze was under control, fearing more than five persons may have been trapped

PAGE "ADS" PREACH FORD'S ANTI-DEFENSE

Twenty-five Newspapers Carry Pleas Against U. S. Preparedness

NEW YORK, Feb. 22,-With an ope ing smash of full-page advertising in newspapers throughout the country Henry Ford today opened his anti-preparedness Ford slipped quietly into New York and

went to the Waldorf, failing, however, to register and denied himself to callers except those who are to have a part in the mpaign.
"Mr. Ford is out on business connect

ed with the anti-preparedness plan." was the announcement from his headquarters at the hotel. "He may not be back until evening."

The headquarters statement also said Villiam J. Bryan had no connection with

BOY SCOUTS HUNT "BEARS"

Exciting Sport Marks Their Celebration of Washington's Birthday

Echoes of Colonial Pennsylvania were heard in the meadows and woods in the city's suburbs today, when more than 2006 Boy Scouts took part in their an-nual Washington's Birthday frolic, a

bear hunt." Eight bands of scouts scoured the countryside for the "bruins" and their "dens"

and many exciting captures were made with the lasso. Or the "animal" was "slain" by his intrepid pursuers if he did not lay them low with a stroke of his "paw." a straw club.

Picked scouts took the part of "bears"

and led the others merry chases Scouts from the central part of the clty entered New Jersey in their hunt, concentrating around Gloucester City.
Those from the north central section searched through Carpenter's Woods. The West Philadelphia scouts were at Drexel Hill and the Cobb's Creek neighborhood; those of Manayunk, Germantown, Chestnut Hill and Roxborough played the game in the northwest and the North Philadelphia scouts went to the woodlands near Ogontz avenue. Late this aft-ernoon the "bears" and hunters gathered in eight groups for the award of trophics. The ranking officers of the bands were W. Y. Berg, S. G. Friedman, S. C. Ogden, H. W. Rolston, H. A. Gordon, Wood, W. S. Crowell andd L. L.

SEEK MYSTIC AND GEMS

Seloma Evidently Forgot to Leave Woman's Jewels Behind

Have you seen mysterious Seloma the

Mystic?

Don't be surprised today if a policeman should ask you this question. For every policeman in town is looking for Seloma, and so is Mrs. Helen Eidel, of Ogonta,

and so is Mrs. Helen Eldel, of Ogontz, Pa. said to be a wealthy widow.

Mrs. Eldel has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of the mystic one, accusing him yea it's a "him"—of stealing \$1000 worth of jawelry. And Mrs. Eldel is not the only victim the police say. There are others they say, who will appear against the fortune teller if he's not too "mystic"

Mrs. Eidel said she went to Seloma's apartments on 8th street near Green street Wednesday, to have her fortune told and her troubles charmed away. A strand of her hair and a strand of his, placed in a chamola skin bag with her Jeweiry, would break all evil spells he told her. She wore the bag two days and then gave it to him to wear for two days, while he was in a "trance." Scioma vanished Sunday. He evidently forgot to take off the chamols skin bag.

JOE BUSH SAVED BY ALIBI Mack's Pitcher Escapes Jury Duty

Because of Southern Trip Bullet Joe" Bush twirler for the Athelies was excusul today by Judge Mar-in in Common Pleas Court from jury duty for the coming term. One of the main-mays of Counts Mack during the 1212 series with the Giants based his successful places as the fact that he would soon start

att on the spring training trip. Club to Present Cohan Play Fitts Miles From Boston, George harr three-act coundry drams, will be smiled in the middle-thin of the Geo-dren Dept Club Issigh, 3a members the L Principle Club.

CHESTER POLICE GET BUSY ON REPORT OF MURDER

Begin Inquiry Into Subject Hitherto Treated as a "Joke"

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 22. — Following several days of inactivity concerning resorts of a supposed murder in the heart ports of a supposed murder in the heart of this city, Chester police today are investigating cries of "murder" and "help me" which residents near 9th street bridge across Chester River heard early Thursday. It is expected the police will drag the river before nightfall for the body of Thomas Van Dyke, 53, of Dover, Del., who has been missing since February 12 and who, some persons believe, was the victim of an assault and his body was the victim of an assault and his body

then thrown into the river.
Despite the rumors and newspaper conments on the mystery, the police treated the matter as insignificant and looked upon the whole affair as more or less of a joke. Citizens found a torn collar and tis and a glove on the bridge, where there was a pool of blood. Blood spots were traced down the river's bank, where a hat was found-Friends believe the hat beonged to Van Dyke.

Van Dyke had been employed here for

everal weeks prior to his disappearan

VAIL BOY THREATENS TO END EUROPE'S WAR

Youth of Prominent Family. Under Delusion, Sought as Stowaway

"I'd like to be a stowaway and go to France to fight," said a well-dressed 16-year-old boy to a friend today after be had been released from a cell in the 11th and Winter streets police station. Phones and automobiles have been busy, as a result, covering out-going ships and making efforts to pregoing sings and making chock to be vent the boy from doing as he said. He is Theodore Vail, 16 years old, 125 West Chelten avenue. He is the nephew of Louis de Pul Vail, a prominent attorney, with offices in the Franklin Bank Building, and Ernest M. Vall, also an attorney and members of an old Philadelphia fam

The youth has a delusion that he will become a great general and that he car specific end the war by applying the reasoning of a "detective" and by using "Indian warfare" tactics.

The family of the youth blame his de-lusions on motion pictures, cigarettes and late hours. The boy said he was going take passage today on a British sugar

ship, if possible. He was arrested last night by Patrolman Quinlan, who found him acting uspicious manner near 11th and Market treets. When approached, the lad said. Don't you know me, officer? I'm the rreat detective Vail, of Scotland Yard. find Crones, the poison chef." When Quinlan started to lead him to City Hall, the boy said he was only fooling, that he was a reporter from one of the local morning papers. When taken to that office he could not be identified and was

Before Magistrate Collins this morning the well-dressed youth told a queer story. He said his family wanted him to join the navy and that in two days he was to have his eyes examined for the final test. He said that he earned his living by swim-ming. He persisted in his story that he was a detective, saying that he was doing great work in helping City Hall detectives clean up the "Willis robbery" mystery. He also said that he had done quite a ittle cowpunching and understood Indian

Vail was discharged on his promise to to home. But later he was seen going to-ward the river. His family have been notified and have been making efforts to find him. The youth ran away from home once before and we next heard of in Norfolk, Va., according to members of the He went to Germantown High chool, Germantown Academy and George

"His condition has gradually become today said Ernest M. Vail, his "He stays out till all hours of the night and this, coupled with the fact that he smokes cigarettes incessantly. has weakened his health romantic imagination and thinks he can do anything. He has long had the idea that he is a detective and that he would make a famous warrior. His father is not living and he was worried his mother into worried his mother into the state of invalid."

WANTS U. S. NAVY STRONG ENOUGH TO CLEAR THE SEAS

Admiral Badger Details Mammoth Plans to House Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 .- "A navy WASHINGTON. Feb. 12.—A may strong enough to defend this country from invasion will not suffice," declared Rear Admiral C. J. Badger, of the General Board, who appeared today as a witness before the House Naval Affairs Commit-

"In addition to preventing invasion, the merce and drive the hostile fleet from the "Developments of the European war,

the General Board believes, afford ample reasons for modifying the recommendaions made for the last 11 years. of the size previously recommended canot be considered efficient " Rear Admiral Badger detailed the build-

ing plan laid out for the five-year program of \$500,000,000, calling attention especially to the need of 10 more dreadughts, 6 cruisers, 10 scouts and 50

TWO DEATHS ON LINER

New York Arrives After Unusually Stormy Voyage

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—With two deaths resulting from the terrific storm that bat-tered the great liner for a week, the steamship New York docked today from Liver-pool. Mrs. F. A. Wallace, of Winches-ter, Mass. wife of the secretary of the General Electric Company, was found dead in her berth from heart disease superinduced by the wallowing of the ship.

A coal passer was crushed to death by 20 tons of coal, which the tossing of the vessel swept down on him. The New York was caked with ice from stem to stern as she crept into the bay and looked more like a phantom ship than a transatiantic liner.

FIREMAN KILLED ON WARSHIP Victim of an Explosion of Water Evaporating Shell

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-An explosio of the evaporating shell on the battleship Delaware off Guantanamo Sunday night caused the death of Edward McNuity Rebey, the Navy Department announced

Rebey's father at Janesville, N. Y., was notified. Rebey was a first-class fireman, in charge of the evaporator which distills fresh water from sea water.

P. O. S. of A. in Celebration While the P. O. S. of A. will make its principal efforts in honor of Washington's Birthday anniversary in the big parade and independence Square celebration today, all of its camps not in the immediate neighborhood of this city will hold celebrations in their respective localities. That we may never unabeath the sword catopt in the Norwood camp will present an American flux to the local public school. The Rev. A. M. Wilwer, of Slicam M. E. Church, of this city, will be the meaker.



What Washington Thought on Subjects Now Troubling U.S.

If we remain one People, under an efficient government, the period is not far off when we may defy material injury from external annoyance; when we may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality we may at any time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected.-From the Farewell Address.

It is one of the evils of democratical governments, that the people, not always seeing and frequently misled, must often feel before they can act right; but then evils of this nature seldom fail to work their own cure. —From a letter to Lafayette, 1786.

It will be worthy of a free, enlightened, and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence .-From the Farewell Address, 1796.

A passionate attachment of one nation for another produces a variety of evils. Sympathy for the favorite nation, facilitating the illusion of a common interest in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the wars of the latter, without adequate inducement or justification.-From the Farewell Address.

PENN ORATOR ECHOES 1776 CALL FOR DEFENSE

nations of the earth. How long are we remain defenseless against enemies that may come upon us, and how long are we to be powerless to protect and preserve our right inheritance from those

A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

Plunging boldly into his subject with the premise that self-preservation is the highest law of a nation, the orator of the day fastened the attention of his hearers by pointing out the similarity of condi-tions between the Administration of President Washington and the present time; war raging among the nations of Europe, with this country at peace, but on the edge of the maelstrom.

He pointed out that "common defense of the country was the highest duty, and quoted at length from Washington's public utterances, which insisted on national preparedness.

"IN TIMES OF PEACE." "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace," he quoted. "'A free people ought not only

to be armed, but disciplined; to which end uniform and well-digested plan is requisufficient guard against the depredations a sufficient guard against the depredations of nations at war. The United States ought not to indulge a persuasion that, contrary to the order of human events, they will forever keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, must be able to repel it; if we desire to avoid insult, we secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war'; and, in their most secure ready for war's and in the ready for war and in the ready for war's and in the ready for war and in the r rendy for war'; and, in their protest against war and preparedness for war, let the advocates of peace at any price, in appealing to the Bible to sustain them, not forget that the God of Israel was the Lord of Hosts and the God of battles for His chosen people

DANGERS ABOUND.

"The firebrands of war are now upon the earth, spreading death and desol tion as they were never spread since mar first drew his sword against his fellew

"Those brands have not reached our shores, but they may reach us. God be prayed that they do not, but, if they should, we must be prepared to shield ourselves from them by now preparing to meet them, and down to us through 125 years we hear a voice saying: "The disturbed situation in Europe, and particularly the critical posture of the great maritime Powers, whilst it ought to make us the more thankful for the general peace and security enjoyed by the United States, reminds us at the same time of the circumspection with which it becomes us to preserve these blessings." These words of Washington are being "Those brands have not reached our

"These words of Washington are being heeded. On all sides there are the evidences of a rapidly growing and constantly spreading conviction that this great nation must be prepared for war if its peace and all the blessings of peace are to be secure.

"It is the call of no particular party, but of united, patriotic Americans, for whose common defense against all ene-mies they, too, are ever ready to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sac red honor."

"FOREVER THE TRUTH."

"FOREVER THE TRUTH."
"I have quoted at length the words of Washington open the consumingly interesting question of these times, because his words, as the Father of his Country, ought not to be unheeded by its children, who, if they will stop to consider, will know that what he said was the truth then, as now, and forever will be. While he spoke under conditions then existing it seems as if with prophetic vision he must have seen from afar what is now transpiring throughout the world." world.

Chief Justice Brown pictured the of a European nation unprepared for the war now raging. "No one member of a family of nations can remain unprepared for war when all the other members have prepared for

he declared. DEFENSE AS PEACE AID. Peparedness for war, he said, is not war; it is for the prevention of war, or

of successful war, against peace.
The orator of the day assailed those who clamor for war and those who clamor for "peace at any price." "National security, peace and prosperity are constantly menaced on the one hand by the acts and utterances of those who, imagining themselves to be the only patriots in the land, clamor for war on every pretext; and, on the other, by the every protext; and, on the other, by the hysterical cries of equally unreasonable creatures for peace at any price," he asserted. "The public welfare is in as great danger from one of these classes as from the other, and it seems to be im-possible to reason with either, if there be any reason in them. To the first, always accoving their patriotism in the name of Washington, let his home be repeated Washington, let his hope be repeated. That we may haver unabeath the sword except in self-defense, so long as justice and our essential rights and national respectability can be preserved without it.

patriotic utterances with their unrestrained clamorings.

A MAN OF PEACE. The first wish of Washington, soldier that he was, was to see war, 'the plague of mankind, banished from the earth." said the speaker, quoting a letter to Rochambeau in 1789. "Notwithstanding might probably in a commercial view e greatly for the advantage of America that a war should rage on the other side of the Atlantic, yet I should never so divest myself of the feelings of a man interested in the happiness of his fellow men as to wish my country's prosperity might be built on the rulns of that of other nations."

No difference of opinion now exists or e question of the necessity of prepared-ss, he said, but the differences arise in These he left to Congress and the President, in whom he expressed con-

FAITH IN PRESIDENT.

"Let us have faith to believe that they inspired only by the loftiest patriotism, will strive to maintain the peace of the country with honor and dignity, and promptly adopt such means as will preserve the peace of the nation, maintain its honor throughout the earth, defend it against every fee and protest every Amer. against every fee and protect every American citizen in all his rights in every cline," he appealed. "We hear much of the dangers which beset us from within as well as from without. There can be no danger from within unless as a nation we become sinners against the laws of God, and there can be no danger from without

people, the standard of which is found in the precepts of the great lawgiver of God's chosen people and in the teachings of our later system of truth," he con-tinued, "God-fearing men and women were our forebears."

RELIGION AND LAW. Christian religion is interwoven with the entire system of government, he pointed out, Christianity being and al-ways having been a part of the common law of the State. Patriotism, "pure and undefiled," he defined as "the handmaid

religion."
"The duty of intensifying patriotism The duty of incessions patriousin starts in the home and first rests upon the fathers and mothers of the land," he said. "It is for them to instil in the youthful minds of their children the principles of morality and patriotism, and, if they do so, their children will not depart therefrom. Intenser patriotism is next to be taught in the schools, colleges and universities, and that is what the great University of Pennsylvania is doing at this hour, for, after all, when these exerises are over, what will be longest re-nembered of them will be that they made still stronger love for country. This day in every year should, as here, be set uside at all seats of learning in the land for

the special teaching of lofty patriotism "The duty of teaching patriotism.

"The duty of teaching patriotism rests largely with the public preas, which reaches every home," the speaker continued. "Its vigilant eye is upon the whole world, and faithful editors stand as sentinels upon the watch towers. To then the people look for signals of dan-ger, and from them no false signals must come. As the people heed the warnings of come. As the people heed the warnings of a faithful editor, so they look to him for words that will strengthen the common patriotism and intelligently point out the way of common duty. With a due sense of the great and grave responsibility resting upon the public press, those who control it, and have controlled it, have not been faithless but, with rarest exceptions, have strengthened and are strengthening the patriotism of the people, who will conthe patriotism of the people, who will con-

tinue to look to them for strength.
"And what should our patriotism
be?" asked Chief Justice Brown in conclusion. 'It should be love of country as strong and pure as love of home; it should be as intense upon the field of battie, as in defense of the hearth; it should remember the regret of the dying patriot that he had but one life to give for his country.

1000 "GRADS" ATTEND. A thousand alumni flocked back for the day, falling on the 184th anniversary of Washington's birth. A patriotic signifi-cance was lent the historic commemora-tion, the exercises at the Academy of Music being further marked by the presentation of degrees. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Chief Jus-tice Brown and 34 other degrees were

awarded to students.

The entire student body, augmented by many atumut, gathered at Horticuitural Hall at 2 o'clock this morning, for the annual march up Broad arrest to the Academy of Music. Marching in columns of two the students filed across the stage and took seats on the lower floor. The student procession was followed by the Provost, Vice Provost, trustees, the orator of the day and the members of the faculty.

After invocation by Biskop Rhinelander awarded to students.

After invocation by Biskop Rhinelander and the singing of "America," Provest Edgar Pahs Smith introduced Chief Justice Brown as a fellow alumnus of Pennsylvama College, at Gettysburg. The bonorary degree of Lieft, was then completed on the Chief Justice.

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York, Pa., September 11, 1849; was grad-York, Pa., September 11, 1849; was grad-uated from Pennsylvania College in 1868 and was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court September 25, 1899, to succeed Henry W. Williams, and was later elect-ed. His appointment as Chief Justice was made last year. In 1901 Dickinson College conferred the honorary LLD, degree on him. He was delegate to the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jur-lets at the St. Louis World's Fair. sts at the St. Louis World's Fair.

DEGREES CONFERRED. Other degrees, won last June, were con-

Other degrees, won list sune, were serferred as follows:
Buchelor of arts (in arts and science): Wendell Sooy, Martin G.
Stein and Philip Wendkos.
Bachelor of science (in college course): Powett Sondberg and Vic-

tor Paul Donohue.

Bachelor of laws: Edwin Leroy
DeLong, Walter Williams Hess, John Oberly and Francis John

Bachelor of science in architecture Orin Kenneth Dise and Hugh Abner Hamilton.

Bachelor of science in civil engineering: Charles Robert Hughes.

Bachelor of science in electrical engineering: Salvatore Donato Bloci-

Bachelor of science in mechanical engineering: Wesley Benton Tourte-

Doctor of dental surgery: Justin Waite Bourquin, Walter Egbert Gre-vatt, Benjamin Vine and Milton Harold Weiss.

Bachelor of science in economics: Thomas Andrew Bartley, David Mac-Laran Church, Benjamin Esberg, Frank Henri Forster, Emil A. Gretz-macher and Amos Long Horst. Doctor of philosophy: Wesley Lynn Hemphill.

Master of arts: Saladino Vincenzo di Santo, Gertrule M. Fairlamb, Anne M. Goshen, Louise Walrond Howell, Ralph Linton, Franklyn Crescey Pas-chal and Charles Reitell. Master of science: Abraham Hen-

Doctor of veterinary medicine: Russell Stauffer Detwiler.

LESLEY PORTRAIT PRESENTED. Prof. Amos P. Brown then presented a portrait of the late Dr. J. Peter Lesley.

28. professor of geology and mining from 1872 to 1899 and professor emeritus until his death in 1993. The portrait, painted by Poctor Lesley's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lesley Bush-Smith, is the gift of Joseph G. Rosengarten. Joseph G. Rosengarten.

Doctor Lesley was born in this city September 17, 1819. After several years spent in the ministry, he devoted the remainder of his life to geology, becoming State Geologist and dean of the Towne Scientific School of the University. He was an officer and member in numerous scientific societies in this country and abroad and was the author of important geological works.

After the ceremonies at the Academy of Music the provost and trustees entertained the special guests, marshals and aides at a luncheon at the University Club and following this the annual Uni ersity Day Tea was held in Houston Hall.

Three thousand invitations have been sent to alumni of the "Old College," consisting of graduates of the college, Whar-ton School and Tone Scientific School to attend the annual dinner at the Adelphia at 7 o'clock. Those who will speak in-clude Provost Smith, "Bob" Folwell, new head coach of football; "Joe" Wright, rowing coach; William A. Redding, the new trustee chosen by the alumni, and Forrest E. Dager, '75. Chester N. Farr, '50, will preside. A quartet from the University Glee Club will aing.

On the executive committee, in charge of the annual University Day Tea in Houston Hall, were Mrs. Edgar R. Smith, Mrs. Alexander C. Abbott, Mrs. Clarence G. Child, Mrs. Arthur L. Church, Mrs. Samuel G. Dixon, Mrs. George E. Fisher, Mrs. Barton Cooke Hirst, Mrs. Samuel F Houston, Mrs. Solomon S. Huebner, Mrs Morris Jastrow, Jr., Mrs. Edward C Kirk, Mrs. Warren P. Laird, Mrs. John Frederick Lewis, Mrs. J. Bertram Lippin cott, Mrs. Edgar Marburg, Mrs. John Marshall, Mrs. John Bach McMaster, Mrs. William E. Mikell, Mrs. George A. Piersol, Mrs. Burton Alexander Randall, Mrs. John C. Rolfe, Mrs. Felix E. Schel-ling, Mrs. Allen J. Smith, Mrs. William R. Newbold. Honorary members, Mrs. George F. Barker, Mrs. William Pepper, gates G. Wormley, Mrs. Hampton L. Carson, and Mrs. John H. Musser.

URGE CITY TO ANNEX WATER FRONT STRIP

Business Men Think Plan to Take in Whole of Delaware County Not Practical

A modification of Mayor Smith's pro-posal to annex Delaware County to Philadelphia is being urged by men prominent in the industrial and commercial life of this city. The plan to annex the entire county, it was shown last week, would not meet the approval of its residents, and for this reason it is suggested by men who have studied the question that instead of the entire county a strip of land lying directly along the water front be taken over by this city.

The Mayor's reason for planning the annexation, it is pointed out, was to develop Philadelphia's commercial advantages through increasing the port facilities. To take over that part of Delaware County lying along the Delaware River business men say, would serve the purpose named by the Mayor almost as well as the annexation of the entire county. as the annexation of the entire county.

George W. Norris, former Director of he Department of Wharves, Docks and Perries, expressed the belief that the residents of Delaware County would never submit to the annexation of the entire county. The taking over of the land di-rectly along the river, however, Mr. Norris said, could be done with little opposition and the cost would not be excessive, as the land now is largely marsh.

Andrew Wright Crawford, secretary of the Art Jury and City Parks Associa-tion, was inclined to the view that annexation of the entire Delaware County was rrelevant. "I believe, however," he said the boundaries of Philadelphia should be extended along the Delaware River to in clude Chester, or to the northeastern limits of that city, at least. How far they should be carried into the interior of the ounty is a matter of expediency."

The plan of annexing the entire county instead of a part of it, however, met with the approval of other Philadelphia busi-ness men. Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, said that he had discussed the project with the Mayor some time before the plan was made public and that personally he was heartily in favor of such a move

First City Troop Parade Today Washington's Birthday will be observed by the members of the First Troop. Philadelphia City Cavairy, with their time-honored dinner at their armory tenlight. Preceding the dinner the troop, under Captain J. Franklin McFadden, will march in dismounted parade at 5:30 p. m., from the armory to 23d street to Wainut, to 13th to Chesmut and back to the armory. Only members of the active, non-active and honory rolls will be present.

William F. Fell Dines 80 Printers Permanency of employment and co-peration between the employer and the operation between the employer and the employe were the keynotes of a complimentary dinner given last night by William F. Fell, president of the William F. Fell Company, printers, to 80 employes in the gold room of the Hotel Adelphia. Mr. Fell was toustmaster. The dinner was in colstration of the 19th antiversally

TWELVE SAVED FROM FIRE IN SOUTH SECOND STREET

Police and Firemen Rescue Members of Two Families

Twelve persons who were sleeping on the second floor at \$40 South 2d street, while a fire raged beside the only exit, were saved today by police of the 2d and Christian streets station and firemen who answered the alarm. The house in which the fire occurred is directly across the street from the police station.

In the second floor front, above a cigar store, were Jacob Kramer, his wife and

store, were Jacob Kramer, his wife and daughter, and an addition built at the rear were Israel Cohen and their six small children. The only stairway from the addition and the rooms at the front led nto the store.

House Sergeant Black, seated in the solice station, saw flames in the store and called Policemen Speizer and Hassan, who broke into the place, ran up the stairs and roused the occupants of the rooms. They carried down the children, hurrying them past the blaze in the store, which was spreading, and helped Kramer, his wife and the Cohens down the stairs. The fire started from matches ignited by heat from a furnace in the cellar. The loss is

LAST MAN'S CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE MISSING

Civil War Veterans Gather in Eleventh Meeting-Survivors Fund

Two score white-haired Civil War vet erans gathered today in the State House for the 11th annual Washington's Birth-day roll call of the Last Man's Club. The club, which is composed of survivors of the famous 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Ar-tillery, now has 87 members. Most of these, however, answered the roll call not

n person, but by letter, or by some friend. There were seven missing, however, seven who have died since the roll call a ear ago. When the president came to heir names on the list a hush fell over the assembly, the music played an anthen in their memory, and friends who knew

them delivered a short eulogy.
The following officers were re-elected:
President, Lieutenant C. F. Gramlich;
vice president, Frederick Bregler; treasurer, James L. Staats; secretary, George

W. Ward.
The club was formed 11 years ago by members of the regiment, and at the suggestion of several members a fund was started to be divided among the three sur-viving members. Three hundred dollars was donated by the late William H. Berger, who is one of the seven in whose honor the club meets today. The fund has grown to almost \$80¢. The program for the day began with

an assembly at 9 o'clock, followed by a greeting by the president of the club, Christian F. Gramlich, of 5315 North 15th street. There was a meeting of the members at 11 o'clock, and rations were served at 1:30, followed by a camp-fire in the late afternoon. The regiment, which comprised 12 batteries at the beginning of the war, num-

ered 5500 men. In February, 1866, but

618 members remained. There were 175

survivors who formed the club in 1905.

There are less than a hundred of us in the contest," said Mr. Gramiich, who is 70 years old, and we are all anxious to be among the last three." The empty chairs at the ration table today bear the names of William Rehm, George W. Freeman, William H. Berger, William H. Bratton, John Bowen, George

'DRY" AMENDMENT IN HOUSE OFF UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION

M. Green and William H. Strubel.

Time Not Ripe for Pressing Measure, It Is Believed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22,-Arrangeents were made today to postpone action on the Nation-wide prohibition amend-ment in the House until the next session of Congress. The House Judiciary Com-mittee, in charge of the measure, after conferences with Prohibition leaders out-side Congress, determined to take no acon on the constitutional amendment for

nation-wide prohibition at this session.

It is possible that prohibition advocates in the Senate may force the nation-wide amendment to the floor of that body durthe present session. The supporters the "dry" proposal, however, believe that the time is not propitious for pressing he measure and they will probably decide not to force a fight on the amendment

under present conditions. GEORGE E. MILLER

Lehigh Valley Transit Superintendent Dies at Allentown

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 22. - George E. Miller, 49 years old, superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Transit system died to-day of pneumonia. He is survived by his offe, eight children and four sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Stephen Wilde, of Phila-

Born in Pottsville, Mr. Miller began life as a printer on the Pottsville Chronicle, and entering the employ of the Reading Rallway, was for several years in charge of the yards at St. Clair and the electric ght plant at Port Carbon. In 1898 he became master mechanic of he Jackson, Miss. street railway, whence

e went to Chattanooga, and then to Du orque. Iowa, and then back to Chat-anooga, where he remained until 1910, when he was made superintendent of the ansit lines. He was an early advocate f safety first, and during the last five cears carried one hundred and fifty mil-tion passengers without loss of life. He organized his five hundred car men into singing clubs, gun clubs and ball clubs, and was an earnest worker for clean mor-

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BAN ON DRINKING FIXED FOR 10,000 IN CITY'S EMPLOY

Bureau Chiefs Determined That Men Must Stay Sober

LAPSE MEANS DISCHARGE

Rule Made in Behalf of Effciency and to Protect City

Ten thousand employes of the city has learned either by direct orders or by usmistakable verbal instructions from the chiefs that they cannot drink liquor and remain in the city's service. More than two thousand have been directly instructed that the use of intoxicants, in any degree, means suspension and a repetition of the neans suspension and a repetition of the offense discharge.

The stringent orders against drinking The stringent orders against drinking among city employes is due to a number of causes, chief of which is the desire is maintain the high standard set in sens of the most important bureaus during the administration of former Mayor Blankenburg. The last four years marked a notable change in the habits of mes es the various payrolis of the city as departmental heads and bureau chiefs waged a quiet but efficient warfare against losses quiet but efficient warfare against lique

UNDER FORMER REGIME Many of the bureau chiefs who inaug-Many of the bureau chiefs who haug-urated the movement under former Maper Hankenburg have been retained, and have carried their custom with the full approval of Mayor Smith and his Cabiet members into the present administra-

Among the new directors are several Among the new directors are several who are opposed to liquor in any form. Notable in this list are Director Wilsos who, as head of Public Safety, is chief of the police and fire forces and who has direct charge of the thousands of uniformed men, and Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, whose department includes the activities of the Bureau of Highways and others employing large bodies of working men, subbosses and inspectors. uses and inspectors.

Director Wilson has so far issued as circular letter on liquor to his byreau chiefs, but has given unmistakable eridence of his opposition to the use of liquer by men under him. So well known is his opposition to drinking that the "tip" has been quietly passed down police and fre channels that the man unfortunate enough to be Jacked up for drinking may expect no mercy if his case reaches trial. Officials of Director Wilson's office famquestion have lost no time in making them generally known, and one bureau chlef. McLaughlin, of the electrical forces, has compiled a list of rules for certain classes of men under him, making drinking a fault that leads directly to suspension and dismissal. These rules have not yet here

dismissal. These rules have not yet been published, but when complete will be given to each man on the payroll, with instruc-tions to learn them by heart and to take them to heart. Director Datesman by approving qualifiedly a set of rules prepared and put into effect yesterday by Chief Carleton E. Davis, of the Water Bureau, which provide for suspension and trial of all mes caught drinking or under the influence of liquor, took the first step in his cam-

paign to wipe out and keep out liquor as roblem in the operation of his importint department REASONS FOR RULE.

Drinking to excess or in such a man-Drinking to excess or in such a man-ner as to have it impair the efficiency of individuals is indulged in mostly among outdoor workers, who are more or less exposed to danger by reason of their condition. Naturally, the campaign against liquor is being directed toward these different classes of workers. It is not denied, however, that the rule is likely to affect clerks and others is more important positions in City Hall and in the various branches of the seri-

Orders against drinking have been quietly circulated, as it was feared by some of the municipal heads that giving such action publicity might lead to the unfounded belief that drinking is gen-erally indulged in among men on the erally indulged in among men on the city's payroll. Not only is this far from being the case, but the number of men tried for drinking in the last few years

has been unusually small. All of Mayor Smith's department heads are in favor of the prohibition of liquer, not only in behalf of efficiency, but because of the possible effects upon the

Another reason for the battle against liquor arises from the fact that the city is now liable for accidents to employes under the provisions of the compensation Act. A drinking man, it is contended. is less able to care for himmself than a sober man and for that reason becomes greater risk to his employer, the city.

Y. M. C. A. in Annual Meeting The annual meeting and banquet of the West Philadelphia Branch Y. M. C. A. will be held this evening. Speakers will be ludge John M. Patterson and Dr. W. Quay



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