

SMITH FAMILY CABINET GROWS; SEVEN IN IT NOW

Two Brothers-in-Law of Mayor's Wife on Public Payroll

SALARIES TOTAL \$23,100

Officeholding Record of Mayor's Household

JUST DISCOVERED

Fred S. Smith—Bill clerk in Germantown Tax Office. Brother of Mayor Smith. Salary, \$1,100.
John G. English—Surveyor attached to State Highway Department. Brother-in-law of the wife of Mayor Smith. Salary, \$1,200.
John H. Lansing—Appointed chief in Water Rent Division of the Department of Receiver of Taxes January 1, 1916, from position as registering clerk in same department. Brother-in-law of the wife of Mayor Smith. Salary, \$2,000.
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
Dr. Wilmer Krusen—Appointed Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities. Family physician to Smith family. Salary, \$10,000.
Joseph C. Smith—Appointed private secretary to Mayor. Mayor Smith's brother. Salary, \$6,000.
Herman Smith—Appointed district elevator inspector. No relative to Mayor Smith, although same surname. Employed as butler in Mayor Smith's Glenside home. Salary, \$1,000.
William S. Robertson—Appointed chief of investigation and research, Civil Service Commission. Job just created by Councils. Mayor's son-in-law. Salary, \$1,800.

The "Smith Family Cabinet" continues to grow.
It came to light today that another brother-in-law of the Mayor are on the public payroll. This brings the total strength of the "Smith Family Cabinet" to seven members. The combined salaries drawn annually from the public treasury by the "cabinet" members amount to \$23,100.
By virtue of the positions held by the three latest additions to the "cabinet" it can be seen that the Smith family influence extends into the State Highway Department, and into the State Highway Department. One of the new "cabinet members" was promoted following the inauguration of Mayor Smith, and his salary was boosted from \$1,100 to \$2,000 a year.
NEWLY REVEALED MEMBERS
The new "Smith Family Cabinet" members follow:
John H. Lansing, a brother-in-law of the wife of the Mayor, Chief Clerk in the Water Rent Division of the Department of Taxes, at a salary of \$2,000.
Fred S. Smith, brother of the Mayor, Bill Clerk in the Germantown Tax Office, at a salary of \$1,100.
John G. English, another brother-in-law of the wife of the Mayor, surveyor attached to the State Highway Department, at a salary of \$1,200.
John H. Lansing lives at 2314 North 17th street. He is a committee member of the 28th Ward. Lansing has been an active Republican Organization man for many years. He is a member of the Thomas B. Smith Republican Club, at 22d street and Glenwood avenue. Lansing married Miss Laura Barrett, who is a sister of Mrs. Smith, wife of the Mayor.

MAYOR PROMOTES HIM

For ten years Lansing has been employed as clerk in the water rent bureau at City Hall. Following the inauguration of the Mayor, on January 1, 1916, Lansing was promoted from the position of registering clerk to that of chief clerk in the division of the Department of Receiver of Taxes. His salary was raised from \$1,100 to \$2,000.
The polling place of Lansing's division in the 28th Ward is a store occupied by C. G. Matthews, on the northeast corner of Boulevard and DuPont streets. Matthews' business card reads: "Leading brands of cigars, pool room—Pinochle."
"Jack Lansing has a lot of friends in the 28th Ward," said Matthews today. "We are all glad to hear that he has landed a better job. He is around here every night."
If you want to know how Jack stands, go up to the Thomas B. Smith Republican Club any Sunday afternoon and talk with the big guns and the rest of the crowd up there.

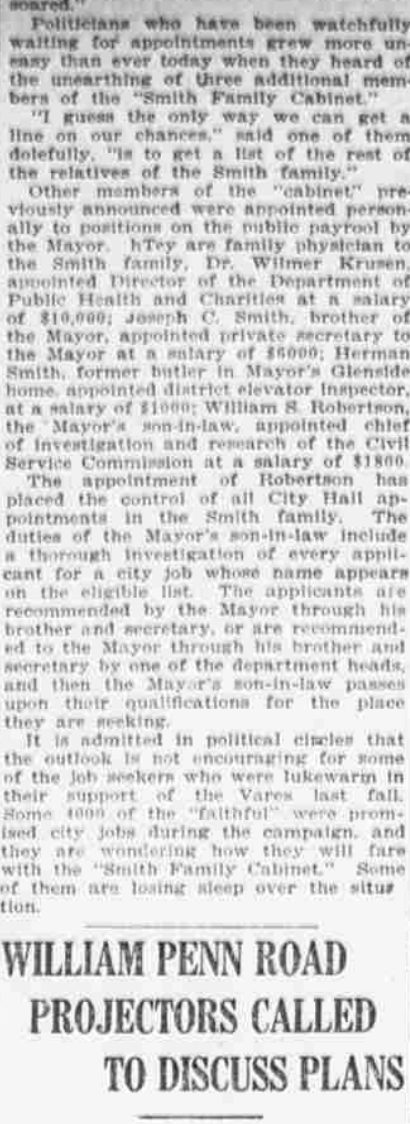
DENIES GETTING FAVORS

When interviewed in the Water Rent office, Room 126, City Hall, Lansing denied that his relationship with the family of Mayor Smith had any bearing on his recent promotion to the chief clerkship of the bureau.
"I have been here for 10 years," he said, "and during that time I have given faithful service. Suppose I am related to Mrs. Smith—what has that got to do with it? I assure you that this relationship had nothing to do with my promotion."
"Yes, it is true that I am earning more now than heretofore, but my present position is a more responsible one, and is deserving of an increased income. If it had been somebody else that was promoted to my job he would be getting the same salary I am receiving."
John G. English married Miss Elizabeth Barrett, a sister of the wife of the Mayor. He is employed in the State Highway Department as a surveyor, and has occupied that position for several years. He receives a salary of \$1,200 a year. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. English occupied a house with the Lansings at 2314 North 17th street. Mr. and Mrs. English removed to a place near Harrisburg, so that English could be nearer his work.

BROTHERS HAVE PLACES

Fred S. Smith is 44 years old and unmarried. He resides at 2409 North 17th street, which is in the 8th Division of the 28th Ward. Mr. Smith has been employed since May 15, 1904, as a bill clerk in the Germantown Tax Office, which is known as Branch No. 1. This office is in Germantown avenue and Toga street. His salary is \$1,100 a year.
Living with Mr. Smith is his brother, Joseph C. Smith, who was appointed private secretary to Mayor Smith at a salary of \$6,000. Prior to removing to the North 15th street address, Fred S. Smith resided at 2414 North Broad street, which is the home of his brother, Mayor Smith. While living at 2414 North Broad street Fred S. Smith was in the 14th division of the 15th Ward, which was his brother, on Mayor's staff, which is not much more than a year ago.
"My appointment is not a new one. I have held the job ever since 1904. My salary is \$1,100 a year, which is not much more than a year ago. The price of lamb is \$1.00 a pound."

TRANSPORT HANCOCK TAKES ON SUPPLIES AT NAVY YARD



Carloads of provisions are being rapidly put aboard this ship, concerning which no news is given out except that she will sail soon "for southern waters."

WILLIAM PENN ROAD PROJECTORS CALLED TO DISCUSS PLANS

Cross-State Highway Will Be Subject of Conference at Harrisburg in Response to Governor's Invitation

ROUTE TO BE CONSIDERED

HARRISBURG, March 17.—Virtually every commercial man of size between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, by way of Reading, and between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, by way of the Juniata Valley, will be represented at the conference called by Governor Brumbaugh and held in this city March 27, for the purpose of taking definite action looking toward the establishment of the new cross-state road to be known as the William Penn highway.
E. L. McCollin, secretary of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, will go to Harrisburg Saturday to confer with Governor Brumbaugh, president of the Chamber of Commerce in that town, and arrange final details for the meeting here.
At the conference a program for the session will be drawn up. It is the intention of those at the head of the movement to have the conference not only decide on a permanent route, but also effect permanent organization.

Mr. McCollin today mailed letters to the various towns along the tentative route of the proposed highway and asked that the names of those who will attend the session be forwarded as soon as possible. Represented at the meeting will be commercial organizations, automobile associations, City and Borough Councils, County Commissioners, and in attendance also will be members of the Legislature and the various officials through which the highway passes.

Among those present will be M. H. James and Senator Tompkins, of Ebersburg, and the County Commissioners of Cumberland County; W. H. Spencer, of New Bloomfield; Sherrard Eitel, of Reading; John Drass, secretary of the Hollidaysburg Chamber of Commerce, and 10 delegates, including Senator Snyder; George W. H. Smith, of Harrisburg, president of the Altoona Chamber of Commerce; the president and secretary of the Johnstown Chamber of Commerce and 10 members of the Good Roads Committee; committee of the Good Roads Chamber of Commerce; Richard Beaton and Jack Johnson, of Tyrone; John S. Eby and a committee of 10, of Newport; M. S. Hershey and E. S. Hervey, of Hershey.
Assisting the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce in the highway movement are the Chambers of Commerce of Altoona, Bellefonte, Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon, Johnstown and Pottsville. The Harrisburg Chamber will be host to the various delegations and the rooms of the local organization in the Kunkel Building will be placed at the disposal of the visitors. The sessions will start at 10 a. m. on Saturday, March 18, and will continue until 2 p. m. will be held in Fahnstock Hall in the Y. M. C. A. Building.

GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH, E. M. C. AFRICA, OF HUNTINGTON; E. J. STACKPOLE, OF HARRISBURG, AND OTHERS IN THE MOVEMENT, WILL MAKE ADDRESS.

There is much rivalry for representation on the route through the Juniata valley, where Newport, Tyrone, Bellefonte, Hollidaysburg and some other towns are interested in having the line as originally intended changed so as to take in their communities. This William Penn Highway will be one of the two main routes across Pennsylvania, and already has rebuilt long stretches of the road, which are in first-class condition, so that the big work to be done will be the connecting up of these links.

BURLINGTON FIREMEN WILL HOLD CELEBRATION TONIGHT

Feast Will Mark 121st Anniversary of Endeavor Fire Company

BURLINGTON, N. J., March 17.—One of the most unique celebrations ever held in this city will be the 121st anniversary of the Endeavor Fire Company, of this city, which will take place at the engine house tonight.
The celebration will be in the form of an old-time St. Patrick's Day supper, followed by a smoker.
The anniversary celebrations of the fire company have become a fixed feature and are looked forward to with great interest by the community.
It is expected that fully 400 guests will attend tonight.
Mayor Ellisworth E. Mont, of Burlington, will be among the guests and will make the opening address on behalf of the city.
J. Snowden Haines, president of Mechanics' National Bank and president of the City Council, and several other members of City Council will attend.
The entire upper floor of the fire house will be decorated in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.
The Endeavor Fire Company, which has an unbroken record of 121 years of service, dates its history back to a few years after the Revolutionary War and was the first fire company organized in the State, and under the direction of the Quakers to protect their homes and property. The company counts among its members the most prominent residents of this city. On the membership roll can be found the names of the Mayor and Quakers of this city, as well as men who have won honors in various other fields of activity.

AMERICAN DESCRIBES SINKING OF TUBANTIA

Richard Schilling Says Explosion Tore Great Hole in Side of Liner

AMSTERDAM, March 17.—"When the Tubantia was sunk she was traveling through fog at a slow rate of speed," said Richard Schilling, one of the survivors, who arrived here today on a special train from Maastricht.
"It was after midnight and all the passengers were asleep. I was aroused by a loud crash and there was a rush of water, as though the vessel had been engulfed by a tidal wave. Water spouted high into the air and fell upon the vessel, drenching it from stem to stern."
"Although the ship tossed, she continued on her course for some minutes before she actually came to a stop. Frightened passengers, most of them in their night clothing, crowded to the deck.
"The explosion had torn a big hole in the liner's side and her hold began to fill, but the captain said that we had time to dress and the officers advised all to do so.
"The sailors at once began lowering the boats, but the ship was heeling over so sharply that this work was found very difficult. Some of the passengers thought they could save themselves by jumping overboard, but the men took off their overcoats and wrapped them around the women and children. There was a great deal of excitement, but it did not rise to the point of panic and the scene of getting off the passengers was carried out in an orderly manner.
"One of the lifeboats was caught by a wave and dashed against the side of the ship, but whether it was smashed or not I do not know. I heard that some of the passengers were drowned, but I did not see any actual drownings myself.
"All the time the passengers were being placed in the lifeboats, and already the continued pounding of the "S. O. K." call and giving the location of the ship.
"Officers of the ship believe that she was attacked by a submarine, but she may have struck a mine. It is said that the German submarine fleet has been putting mines in the North Sea off the Belgian coast since the outbreak of the war, and for their new naval base at Zeebrugge. Some of these mines may have drifted loose."

DISPATCHES ASSESS SHILLING IS AN AMERICAN EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED STATES ON A CONTRACT SERVICE. HE, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER WERE REPORTED AS BEING THE ONLY THREE AMERICANS ON BOARD.

"DROP-NICKEL-IN" FARE BOX TO GO

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novel system takes a nickel and flies away the edge until it is the exact circumference of a penny. The fare box, due to its mechanical perfection, separates the coins according to their size and registers them accordingly, as dimes, nickels or pennies.
The conductor then waits for a passenger who will give him a quarter to change. In making the change he hands out two dimes and the filed-down nickel. The passenger drops the nickel in the fare box. The mechanism of the box indicated that one penny has been dropped in. The conductor then winds out the coins and repeats the trick.
After five times the box has recorded five pennies or one fare for the company, and the conductor has gained four cents five times, or a total of 20 cents. The plan can be worked indefinitely, and with little fear of detection, for there is comparatively little difference between the diameter of a penny and the diameter of a nickel when both are new.
When the company first learned of the trick, inspectors, or "spotters," as they are known by the conductors, were assigned to all lines. In the course of several months they managed to collect more than half a hundred of the filed-down nickels. A number of the conductors were dismissed, but the system was too well established, and according to the employees at the car barns, the company decided that the only way to prevent the conductors from working the scheme was to revert to the old system of ringing up the fares.

Suit to Halt Plant's Sale Settled

A settlement was reached today in the suit to restrain the public sale of the plant of the Thomas Kent Manufacturing Company, at Clifton Heights, Delaware County, and the suit, which was begun by Frederic Schoff and his wife, Mrs. Hannah K. Schoff, who had an interest in the worsted mill, was dropped. Mr. and Mrs. Schoff alleged that the sale was to be made in the interests of Charles J. Webb, a receiver for the company, and that he planned to buy it after the sale at a lower price than the property was worth. This was denied by directors who had ordered the sale.

SECTION HANDS QUAIL AT SIGHT OF PISTOLS

Truculent Strikers Throw Up Hands and Lay Down Beligerent Shovels

Sixty Pennsylvania Railroad section hands on strike marched along the tracks from Norristown today to recruit laborers all the way from there to Philadelphia. News of their march on Philadelphia came to the Manayunk police station. It was said that the strikers had stabbed a man because he refused to join their ranks. A detail of police marched up the tracks to meet the approaching army.
They met. There was no battle.
The strikers were said to be armed to the teeth with long knives and revolvers. The police lay in ambush near Lafayette. When they saw the small struggling band of postulating Italians stumbling along in the ice and snow on the ties, they sprang out and presented a solid front of 44's. The strikers threw up their hands. The worst weapon found was a shovel.
The strikers were marched to Lafayette by the police. G. R. Sinnickson, superintendent of the Schuylkill division, and several other officials who arrived post-haste from Reading at news of the "wholesale bloodshed" in connection with the strike, discussed with the strikers their demands.
They wanted a 15-cent raise.
Mr. Sinnickson assured them that he would think the matter over, and went back to Reading. The strikers were allowed to disperse when it was found that the man thought to have been stabbed to death at Norristown by them had been hit by a train and killed. He has not been identified.

DU PONTS BUY SITE FOR BIG NEW PLANT

3000 Acres Purchased on York River, Virginia, for Dynamite Factory

WILMINGTON, Del., March 17.—Announcement was made today of the purchase by the Du Pont Powder Company of a site for a new dynamite plant of moderate capacity on the York River, near Yorktown, Va. The site is of 3000 acres and is a few miles northwest of Yorktown and about the same distance east of Williamsburg and in touch with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and has all the physical properties to make it an ideal manufacturing site.

238 EMPLOYEES OF CITY EXEMPTED FROM TESTS

Difficulty in Obtaining Men for River Service Cause of Exemptions

A total of 238 city employees in the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries were today exempted from Civil Service tests by the commissioners, the request of Director Webster. The ruling follows a precedent set during the Blankenburg administration.
Director Webster asked that all men employed at the city dredging plant and on the city leveaux be permanently exempted, but this request was refused and the exemption was made for the period of one year, starting April 17.
The reason given for the year's exemption was the difficulty always experienced in obtaining men willing to work along and on the rivers and nearby streams in all kinds of weather. The exemption plan was started five years ago, at a time when the city's river force was maintained with great difficulty.
The list of exempted places include captains of iceboats and dredges, engineers, firemen, dock hands and laborers.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

DRESSMAKER wants finisher on suits and coats. Call for work. Canningham, 1609 Walnut.

HELP WANTED—MALE

CLERICAL WORK—High or business school graduate. 17 to 19 years old. For work on sales record system and general clerical work. Call Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. 705 Lafayette Building.

STENOGRAPHER—From man. experienced. Reliable and accurate. Wanted by the Hale & Kilburn Co., 1914 and 1915. Apply today.

CHIEF—Single, white, experienced with Pe. 1 and able to make repairs. Write.

BOY—14 to 16 years old. Wants \$4 per week. Above work waiting. A 134 Laker St.

Other Classified Ads on Pages 18 and 19

AIDS BOY WHO STOLE TO HELP HIS FAMILY

Victim of Theft Intercedes for Lad—Father Arrested on Desertion Charge

A turn in the fortunes of the Heiser family of a mother and eight children, who walked 165 miles when they moved to Camden from Mahanoy City, came today when the man from whom sixteen-year-old Anson Heiser, Jr., stole \$15 interceded for him and promised to get him a "good job."

MAIL AWAITS THE PAIR

Mrs. Ingles sets forth that Stevens' automobile is in the charge of the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Ingles characterizes Stevens as a "villain because he ran off with a young girl suffering from tuberculosis."

When Miss McLaughlin disappeared from her home last December she is said to have carried with her \$200,000 worth of securities in her handbag; also \$5000 worth of jewelry.

LETTER FROM THE AUNT

Mrs. Ingles' letter follows in part:

When my niece left home she left a note, in which she stated she was going to marry Stevens. She asked me to forgive her, and to write her the next day, care of the Bellevue-Stratford. I did not write as she requested but I wrote to him and told him what a villain he was to run off with a young girl who he knew was suffering from tuberculosis.
He wrote me a most impudent reply, saying he was a gentleman, and in the future would attend to his wife's health.
"There has been no ceremony we are certain, but when we do know, we know that it was in Philadelphia or some nearby town. Our District Attorney says if we can find out where he is, we can indict him for bigamy, perjury and for violation of the Mann act. My niece had Stevens baptized as a Catholic. She is a convent-bred girl and one of the best that ever lived. The manager of the Widdemore Hotel in Philadelphia has refused to allow his register to be seen, as he says he must protect his guests. There is mail waiting Stevens and my niece at the hotel. When Stevens left New York he owed \$3000 in rent for his garage. A friend who saw him in Havana, Cuba, says my niece was a pitiable sight—all skin and bones. We know that Stevens watches her closely and will not allow her to communicate with her friends. I have heard that my niece's automobile was stolen from in front of the Bellevue-Stratford.
Detective Shea said there was no record of any marriage of the pair in Philadelphia, and that the police had no record of any automobile belonging to the girl being stolen.

FIELDER SIGNS MEASURE REGULATING JITNEYS

New Law, Result of Compromise, Pleases Jitneys

TRENTON, March 17.—Governor Fielder today signed the Kates bill for regulation of jitneys. The measure, as introduced, was fought by jitney men from Atlantic City, Camden and other parts of the State. The jitney men contended that "jitney" corporations were to be eliminated by the measure. After a hearing, a substitute bill was passed and signed today by the Governor.
Among the provisions are that jitney owners must carry \$5000 insurance, each jitney instead of being bonded, that 5 per cent. of receipts go to the municipality where the jitney operates and that the Public Utility Commission, the request of the Public Utility Commission. The jitney men are pleased with the new law.

Germany's Debt Interest Amounts to \$575,750,000

Doctor Helfferich, Secretary of Finance, in introducing the new budget in the Reichstag, announced that interest on the national debt is \$575,750,000, against \$317,000,000 last year.

New war taxation bills, introduced by the financial secretary, will increase the Government's revenue by about \$2,500,000 a week.

Doctor Helfferich said that up to the present time Germany has floated \$6,250,000,000 war loans, whereas France has not even raised \$2,500,000,000 and England has floated less than \$4,750,000,000 in war loans, of which \$3,750,000,000 are short-term bonds.

In January and February, the financial secretary said, the cost of war for Germany was reduced to \$500,000,000.

German savings banks, he asserted, now contain \$125,000,000 more than in 1914, notwithstanding the fact that \$1,125,000,000 was withdrawn to apply to war loans.

HEIRRESS TO \$250,000 WEDS HER CHAUFFEUR; AUNT SEEKS HER HERE

Letter Calls Husband "Villain Because He Ran Off With Girl Suffering From Tuberculosis"

BRIDE FROM NEW YORK

Grace McLaughlin, \$250,000 heirress, daughter of the late Patrick N. McLaughlin, deputy chief of police of New York, was married in Philadelphia or some nearby town to George N. Stevens, chauffeur. This in mid-winter in a letter to Mayor Smith today from the girl's aunt, Mrs. R. Ingles, 4 West 129th street, New York.

In the letter, which was opened by the Mayor's secretary, Mrs. Ingles asks that the Mayor ascertain who married the pair. She said that her private detectives had ascertained that the ceremony took place, but they were unable to find exactly when and where it happened. If these facts can be obtained she wrote that it would be possible to proceed against Stevens on a charge of bigamy, as she alleges that under the conditions of his divorce from his first wife he cannot remarry until April 17.

The first move to take to a higher court the Government probe of brewery contributors to political campaigns was made by counsel for the brewery interests today, when Judge Thomson for the second time in a month ordered the counsel secretary of the United States Brewers Association, for contempt. Fox, instead of being committed to jail, furnished \$1000 pending an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeal was granted. It may not be decided in that tribunal within a year.

"I am compelled to adjudge the said Hugh F. Fox guilty of contempt and do order that he be committed to the custody of the United States Marshal."

This was the phrase in which Judge Thomson delivered the ruling, from which Fox made his prompt and successful appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which it is figured today, may not be decided within a year.

In overruling the motions of counsel for the brewers, Judge Thomson gave as his opinion that his court had jurisdiction and that the original commitment was legal in form.

The formalities of the appeal were not through until Fox once going actually into the custody of a deputy marshal. Fox had been out on \$1000 bail, furnished by John A. Friday. A new \$1000 bond was put up for him by John A. Beck. Fox returned to the courtroom and took a seat.

FOX AS GOVERNMENT WITNESS

Fox disposed of the contempt case completed last night against Gustav W. Brumberg, of Jersey City, treasurer of the United States Brewers Association, was resumed. To the surprise of every one, United States Attorney Humes called Fox as the first witness. The Government announced it proposed to have Fox identify the records of the United States Brewers' Association.

The Government offered a number of exhibits, including a copy of an agreement between the United States Brewers' Association and Percy Andrea, the alleged "440,000-a-year employee," showing Andrea's relation with the situation.

Andrea, a Chicago and Cincinnati broker, is president of the National Association of Commerce and Labor, which the Government asserts is a committee of the United States Brewers' Association.

Mr. Scarlett, chief counsel for the brewers, objected to admission of the agreement as evidence.

NEW SHIPS TO RUN FROM HERE

Steel Passenger Vessels Will Be Built Soon

Two large modern steel passenger and freight steamships soon are to be built for the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company. They will run between Philadelphia and Boston in the summer, and between this port and the South in the winter.

It has been declared that so popular has this line become, and so great its increase in freight and passenger traffic, that officials have been contemplating the construction of these vessels for some months.

Two vessels of a similar type are to be built for the service out of Baltimore.

Baby Poisoner Sent to Asylum

Mrs. Mary C. Fields, the Camden mother who killed her two babies with poisoned milk, was committed to the Camden County Insane Asylum at Blackwood today by Judge Boyle, of the Camden County Criminal Court, on recommendation of County Physician Sten. Poor and alone, Mrs. Fields poisoned 14-month-old Frank and 3-month-old Mabel last Thanksgiving, and drank some of the mixture herself. She was indicted for murder on her recovery, and women's clubs and other organizations interceded for her. She lived at 23th and Sherman streets.

EVERY Saturday morning the leading editorial in the Public Ledger is a frank talk about life, striking some note of strong human appeal. In many a scrap-book these editorials are treasured and marked with evidences of the reader's interest. Philadelphians frequently and gladly acknowledge the fact that they owe something fundamental to these writings. Read tomorrow's editorial. It contains something for you.