WOULD QUIT CITY BEFORE BUSINESS. MAYOR DECLARES

Smith Says He Would Not Leave Bonding Concern

RESIGNED PRESIDENCY

Mayor Thomas B. Smith has announced that rather than relinquish his interest. In the bonding business he will resign as Mayor of Philadelphia.

The Mayor made that declaration after his attention was directed to the action of the New York Legislature in forcing the retirement of Public Service Commissions? McCall, who was found to own stock in a gas company, the business of which came under the regulation of the commission. The Mayor was asked commission. The Mayor was asked whether or not he was in the same posi-tion, since contractors doing business with the city and city employes are bended to the city against loss or liability through the Smith agency for big bonding con-cerns, and the law distinctly states that no member of any department of the civil government "shall be in any way inter-ested in such (municipal) contracts directly or indirectly" and fixes loss of office as a penalty for violation.

"If the Legislature of Pennsylvania "If the Legislature of Pennsylvania, ahould take such action as to declare unlawful my holding the office of Mayor and retaining my stock in the Smith Company," said the Mayor, "I would resign as Mayor first. It is true that I own the controlling stock in the Thomas B. Smith Company, which I organized and in which my interest remains intact. When which my interest remains intact. was nominated for the Mayoralty I esigned as president of my company, but don't see why I should quit as a stock-

The Mayor was asked to explain his The Mayor was asked to explain his statement published in an afternoon paper that he had counseled members of his department to arrange for their bonds with any company except the National Surety Company, when, as a matter of fact, eight of the twelve bonded heads of departments actually patronized the company of which he now admits being the largest beneficiary. He said:

ONLY TO A FEW. "That is because I only said that to

Then is it to be understood that you no advised only four of the twelve offi-

"I don't know how many I spoke to. They came to me and asked me what they should do,"

Mr. Smith was questioned upon a report that just prior to his assumption of office four-year agreements were entered into between the Thomas B. Smith Company and several firms doing large city contracting businesses. He denied this and said he never heard of four-year con-

and said he never heard of four-year contracts or agreements for contract bonds. Then he vouchsafed the information:

"Years ago, long before I thought of becoming Mayor or even Postmaster, we signed up permanent indemnity bonds with Jim' McNichol and Ed' Vare. But that was simply for the sake of convenience and didn't prevent them from going anywhere for bonds at any time."

"Well, Mr. Mayor," it was asked, "do you regard it as strictly in conformity with the spirit, if not the letter, of the law, that you should be the chief beneficiary of a corporation engaged in bond-

ing city centractors and city employes while you are Mayor of the city?"

"Why certainly i do," he replied. "If I did not, I would not be doing it." And then he added, with a giggle, "It's a good

then he added, with a giggle, "It's a good thing fo do,"

The Mayor complained that newspapers were d ing his company an injustice when it exposed the fact that the concern snjoy d almost half of the patronage of city centractors and municipal employes, and failed to state that the company had been in the local field longer than any other, and that its capital stock was creater to the company had been a company to the company had been a company to the company that the company t was greater to in that of any competitor. Then it was a ked:

Is that the reason the Philadelphia Electric Company transferred its patronage from the Fidelity and Deposit Com-pany of Maryland and gave you the light-ing contract bond in December just beyou became Mayor?"

no," the Mayor said. "That bond "Oh, no." the Mayor said. "That bond is toe big for any one company, anyhow, and we have done business with the Electric Company for many years."
"But you did not get the lighting contract bond until last December, did you?"
"Oh. yes," he said, "we have had it for a long time. We have had a part of it.

ause there isn't a company in the busi-

because there isn't a company in the busi-ness strong enough to take it all."

"Nevertheless, the Thomas B. Smith Company got the commission on all of it this year, regardless of what companies were included in the reinsurance?"

"Yes, that is true. But we have had the lighting contract bond long before this year."

"Then every other person who knows anything about the matter is mistaken, for they say that you did not have it for

at least five years previously."

But the Mayor was insistent. He was sure his company wrote the lighting contract bond not later than three or four ears ago. The Mayor gave a statement to an aft

ernoon newspaper yesterday. In which he announced his intention of refusing to permit an examination of the bond records because he "did not propose to help rot-ten newspapers obtain information with which to make personal attacks" upon The statement was concluded with

I am a man of high ideals. I will not Tam a man of high ideals. I will not wrong myself and I will not permit ybody under me to do wrong." During the interview the Mayor said dewapapers were perfectly right in ying that the Thomas B. Smith Company enjoyed the great bulk of the bonds business at City Hall, and remarked: "We're going to advertise it. Wait until uses. We're going to nut an ad, in the

We're going to put an ad. in the pers. It's a big thing for the busi-

True to his word, it was later discovered the Mayor's company sent to the newspapers a display advertisement for publication in today's editions, "thanking" the Public LEDGER and other newspapers for "articles telling of the success of the Thomas B. Smith Company," and stating that "from time to time we may spend for "articles to time to time we may spend for dollars in advertisements calling dollars in advertisements calling attention that similar articles are in

In Justice to Mayor Smith it must be ald that this discriminating rate has been in force for years, under all administrations, and that most of the employes who pay it are beyond the reach of the Mayor's office heing attached to the offices of the Receiver of Taxes. Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills and City Treasurer, the stoads of which are elected by the people.

WILLS PROBATED TODAY

Only Private Bequests Made in Property Worth \$19,800

Wills admitted to probate today were one of Abiguil Young, 1205 South 4th rect, which in private bequests disposes property valued at \$13.800; Barnet oner, 2528 North Broas street, \$15.000; args C. Arnold, \$121 Wayne avenue, we Mary V. Martin, Montreal, N. C. and Everyu J. Brock, Pittatus, Pa. 1018 Dispose in Buckley, 1522 French to 2518; Mary McChundé, 1135 South 1 Mirch, 1200; highlight Leeng, 2201 in Street, 1200; highlight and Feter to the street of t



FRANCES L. BITTERLICH Nurse who is to become bride following a hospital romance.

MAN WILL WED NURSE WHO SAVED HIS LIFE

John Carline Shedland and Miss Frances L. Bitterlich Will Be Married Tuesday Night

Another chapter in a romance which began a year ago will begin next Tues-day night, when Miss Frances L. Bitternurse, will wed John Carline Shed of 1942 Wolf street, a former pa tlent

Last April Shedland was stricken with yphoid fever. His condition had reached a critical stage, when Miss Bitterlich, a graduate of the Hahnemann Hospital Training School, was called in to nurse him. The physician said it was largely due to her efficient nursing that the patient recovered.

Miss Bitterlich lives at 520 Taske street. She is the stepdaughter of Otto Zimmerman, a constable, who has offices in the Commercial Building.

At the ceremony Fay Shedland, a sister of the bridegroom, will be the bridesmaid, and Harry Bitterlich, a brother of the bride, will act as best man. Follow-ing the wedding the couple will go on a honeymoon through the South.

U. S. AMBASSADOR TO ITALY SAILS FOR VACATION AT HOME

Mr. Page to Confer With President; Other Passengers

LIVERPOOL, April 15 .- Among the Americans sailing for home today on the American liner St. Louis were Thomas Nelson Page, United States Thomas Neison Page, United States Ambassador to Italy; Mrs. Page; Theodore Marburg, former United States Minister to Beigium; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marburg, Jr., of London and Baltimore, and J. Davidson, sculptor.

W. H. Page, American Ambassador of England want to the railway station.

to England, went to the railway station in London to bid farewell to the departing Americans.

T. N. Page is going home on a vacation in pursuance with Secretary Lansing's suggestion to the American embassies that vacations could be taken now. While in Washington Mr. Page will consult with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing on the general Italian

MR. AND MRS. G. J. LEVY MARRIED 50 YEARS TODAY

They Are 77-76 Years Old, Respectively-Will Give Reception at Mayer's

Today marks the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried J. Levy, of 3345 North Gratz street. A re-Levy, of 3345 North Gratz street. A reception and dinner will be given in Mayer's Drawing Rooms, 1620 North Broad street, to mark the event, and a large number of friends, as well as members of the family, will be present. With the aged couple will be their three children—

aged couple will be their three children— Joseph Levy, of Buffalo; Ferdinand Levy and Miss Pauline Levy, of this city. Mr. Levy was born in Prussia 77 years ago. Mrs. Levy, who is one year his junior, is a native of Bavaria. Mr. Levy came to this city at the age of 25 and entered the meat business, conducting a stall in the Girard Avenue Market until 1887. He then moved to 420 Fairmount avenue, where he remained until his retirement in 1907. The couple lived at that address more than 47 years.

CAMDEN WOMEN ORGANIZE

Big Preparedness Meeting at Y. M. C. A. Tonight

Members of Nassau Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, are the spon-sors for a big meeting in the interests of preparedness, to be held tonight in the Camden Y. M. C. A., Broadway and Fed-eral street. The women of Canden County have already been organized for

preparedness.

Two members of the House of Representatives' Committee on Naval Affairs will tatives Committee on Naval Affairs will address the meeting. They are Congressman Patrick H. Kelly, of Michigan, and Congressman William J. Browning, of New Jersey. Another speaker will be Dr. William Louis Abbott, of Philadelphia, who will discuss the needs for preparedness in this country in the light of events in Europe. State Treasurer William T. Read will preside. events in Europe. State ? liam T. Read will preside,

RUINS PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Vandals Use Emery Paper on Hagers town (Md.) Store

HAGERSTOWN, Md., April 15.—The large plate glass windows of Isador 8. Kahn, jeweler, in the New Maryland Theatre Building, near the public square, were ruined by vandals last night. Broad sweeping scratches were made, apparently with sand or emery paper.

Mr. Kahn is a citizen active in public welfare movements and some think the defacement was done in revenge.

\$450 Engagement Ring Stolen A diamond engagement ring, valued at \$450, was ateien from Mrs. Ethel Rogers, who conducts a boarding house at 1510 Montgomery avenue, by a well-dressed young man, who applied at the house for rooms. Amother diamond ring, valued at \$250, was also taken. The youth called resterday and engaged two rooms. After the rooms of the rooms. restricted and engaged two rooms after conversing pleasantly the man went to his quarters. Several hours later, not hearing him about, Mrs. Rogers investi-gated and discovered the robbery. Several bureau drawers were rifled and the jewel-ry, including the ring, belonging to her daughter, was missing.

Speech Wins Scholarship at U. of P. A full term art scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania has been awarded to Edwin "Ske of the Chester High School A scholarship for one semester was granted to Harry C. Hart-man of Brown Preparatory School. The

'RATING OF TEACHERS' THEME OF SCHOOLMEN

Recent Transfer of Principal Not Yet Forgotten, Adds Interest to Meeting

Intense interest was manifested today in a discussion of the "rating of teachers" at the final sitting of "Schoolmen's Week," a convention of educators held at the University of Pennsylvania. The auditorium of Houston Hall was crowded when Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools of this city, introduced the speakers on this subject.

The record-removal of William H. Sowden from the principaliship of the Filter

den from the principalship of the Fitler School and the consequent "strike" of the pupils, in sympathy with Mr. Sowden, was still fresh in the minds of the teachers. When Mr. Sowden was removed it was ex-When Mr. Sowden was removed it was ex-plained that this was due to the fact that he had been "rated" lower than the prin-cipal who succeeded him. Subsequently there arose a demand for a revised system of rating teachers and the discussion to-day was, therefore, regarded as especially

day was, therefore, regarded as especially significant.

The principal speakers were Lotus D. Coffman, dean of the College of Education of the University of Minnesota; Dr. Theodore L. MacDowell, associate superlintendent of schools of this city, who has charge of the rating of teachers, and Henry W. Kind, principal of the Sheridan School, G and Ontario streets.

A discussion of college entrance requirements was another feature. Those who spoke on this topic were Dr. C. C. Heyl, principal of the West Philadelphia High School for Boys; George Galley Chambers, director of admissions of the University of Pennsylvania; C. D. Koch, inspector of schools of the State Department of Public Instruction; J. W. Gapp, principal of the Pheenixville High School, and William D. Lewis, principal of the William liam D. Lewis, principal of the William Penn High School.

BEST DEFENSE IN SWORD OF SPIRIT, SAYS PREACHER

Munition Plants Do Not Mean Preparedness, Lenten Speaker Asserts

"Preparedness does not consist in the munition plants," Rev. W. L. Hunton, at the noonday Lenten service in St. John's Lutheran Church, today. "The best preparedness consists in the word of the Spirit waging conquests of love, and not prosecuting the Jealous rage of men. It is offering forgiveness and returning good for evil.

"In view of the Christ spirit, how anti-Christian is the international spirit of hate that has been engendered by the great world-war. To crush and to destroy, to capture and to kill, to starve and to ruin out of jealous and malicious rage is the spirit of Satan, and not the spirit of Christ. If the forgiving Saviour could christ. If the forgiving Saviour could only be lifted up again upon the cross, He would overcome the world with love and the war would cease. For He said, "In Me fc have peace." In Him who answered the taunts of His enemies and the cruel thrusts of His crucifiers with a prayer for forgiveness, we have a timely lesson for those who are preaching and inflaming international hate. He who could call fire, who could open the earth or call down a legion of angels to crush His enemies, prays rather for their full and comple. forgiveness. He even re-bukes one of his followers for drawing a word in His behalf.

"Not guns, but Bibles; not 42-cent centi-meters, but prayers, should be our weapons of preparedness. The sword of the Spirit set to win the real victories of the

JERSEY REPUBLICANS DO NOT LIKE PRIMARY RULING

Attorney General Wescott Says They Can't "Write In" Name of Favorite

TRENTON April 15 -Attorney Gen eral Wescott has transmitted a ruling to county and municipal clerks by which thousands of Republican voters will be on April 25.

As no petitions were filed with the Secretary of State by the Republicans ask-ing that names be placed on the ballots under the "Choice of President" column, the Attorney General rules that no blank spaces shall be left to permit the voter to write in a name.

The ruling is not being generally fol-lowed. Nevertheless the Republicans de-clare the ruling is unfair to them and will bar them from doing what the Democrats will be able to do in their primary. A petition was filed by the Democrats asking that the name of Woodrow Wilson be placed on their ballots. His name will appear on the slips and beneath his name will be a blank space in which the voter may write another name if he so desires. On the Republican ballots there will be no column headed "Choice of President." The ticket will be headed by the column for delegates-at-large.

PHILADELPHIAN'S SPEECH ROUSE DEFENSE SENTIMENT

Compare City to Constantinople and Shore to Gallipoli

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., April 15 .-Captain Robert Morris, a Philadelphian, nade preparednell a live issue by picturing Philadelphia as Constantinople and Atlantic City as Gallipoli peninsula after masses of statistics supplied by former Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge and other speakers had soured over the heads of a big audience in the Morris Guards Armory. "Atlantic City's beach in case of war

with a foreign foe would put conditions similar to those which existed on Gallipoli peninsula." declared Captain Morris. "Gallipoli was defended by heavy guns. yet 120,000 men were landed under the fire."

When he finished therew as a rush to join a shore branch of the National Security League. curity League.

545 DEATHS THIS WEEK

Lowest Weekly Rate Since Grip Epidemic Last Fall-638 Same Week Last Year

The total number of deaths throughout The total number of deaths throughout the city from all causes this week was \$45. This is the lowest weekly rate since early last fall, when the grip epidemic started. Deaths during the corresponding week last year totaled \$58.

The deaths during the week were divided as follows: Males, 270; females, 275; boys, \$2, and girls, \$4.

The principal causes of death were:

phoid fever ... riet fever noping cough htheria and croup

SUFFRAGISTS WILL TAKE "ACTIVE PART" AT PRIMARY

Meeting Next Monday Will Determine What Their Duties Will Be

Voting at the spring primaries next month will be an entirely different propo-sition from what it has been heretofore. This became known today, following an

ray, Miss Evelyn MacDonnid, Mrs. L. L. nith and Mrs. J. Claude Bedford.

NEW SHIP PLOT CLUES SOUGHT IN BANK BOOKS

U. S. Examiner to Probe Accounts of Alleged German Bomb Syndicate

NEW YORK, April 15 .- Clues that will lead to the identity of the men "higher up" who furnished the money for the al-leged conspiracy to manufacture and distribute bombs to destroy munitions ships, for which eight men are under arrest, are expected by the Federal authorities to be revealed through the examination of the bank accounts of Dr. Walter T. Scheele, who now is being sought. A national bank examiner will come here from Washington today. Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood said last night, to investigate six accounts carried by Doctor Scheele in banks in Hoboken.

"If anybody handled the big sums it was Scheele, and we hope to be able to find where he got it," Mr. Wood said. Scheele was the head of the New Jersey Agriculture and Chemical Company, at Hoboken, where it is alleged the explosive materials were placed in the bombs after they had been constructed aboard the North German Lloyd liner Friedrich der Grosse, interned at Hoboken. He disapeared from his apartment here on April

The authorities also were interested a locating his secretary, Miss Ruth Fosa, Additional developments in the investigation of the alleged conspiracy are ex-pected also from Savannah, New Orleans and other coast cities.

All except three of the eight men under arrest have made confessions, Mr. Wood

Captain Otto Wolpert, superintendent of the Atlas piers of the Hamburg-American Line, accused of receiving the completed bombs; Captain Enno Bode, superintend-ent of the Hamburg-American Line piers at Hoboken, both of whom were arrested Wednesday, and Carl Schmidt, chief en-gineer of the Friedrich der Grosse, ar-rested yesterday, have refused to make any statements to the Federal authorities. "The silence of these three men," Mr. Wood said, "indicates they are probably the most important prisoners of the eight we have arrested."

Schmidt and his three associates were arraigned yesterday and held for examina-tion on April 27, Schmidt in \$25,000 bail and the three others in \$6000 bail each.

PRAISE SPOILS SECRET

Moorestown Man, Ally Agent, Professed Teutonic Leanings; Canada's Compliment Brought Out Truth

The action of the Canadian Horse of Parliament in publicly complimenting him has revealed the fact that Albert C. Mid-dieton, of Moorestown, N. J., has been deprived of an opportunity to register their individual preferences for President Allies in this country and has placed orat the New Jersey presidential primaries ders amounting to \$60,000,000 for munitions since the beginning of the war. Mr. Middleton has made every effort to keep the matter from the public and even has gone so far as to misrepresent his connection with the Allied cause. He said he feared the activity of German sympa-

thizers. "A few weeks ago," he said, "I was visited by a delegation of German-Ameri-can citizens who wished to know if I was the 'Mr. Middleton' referred to in the Canadian Parliament. It was not to my advantage or to the advantage of the interests I was serving at the time to announce my connection with the matter. I, there-fore, expressed surprise, even horror, that my name should have 'een used in such onnection.

"I professed to be an ardent supporter of the Central Powers and begged per-mission to contribute a check for \$50 to their cause. The money was accepted. I not believe I ever spent \$50 to better advantage."

Submarine Attack Survivors Here Thirty-three survivors of the steamship Englishman, of the British and North Atlantic Steamship Navigation Company's fleet, which was sunk by a submarine north of Ireland, about three weeks ago, arrived here yesterday on the American liner Cornishman. All of the survivors except Dr. J. D. Helic, of Montreal, Canada, are Americans. Doctor Helic said the vessel was torpedoed after the crew had left the ship in small boats. The Englishman wan returning to Portland after delivering a large number of horses to the French army, at St. Nazaire, France. The crew numbered 104 men. numbered 104 men.

Fishing Club Plans for Season A score or more lovers of the rod and line gathered in the Rittenhouse last night to attend a meeting of the Ocean City Fishing Club and discuss plans for William Meehan, superintendent of the Fairmount Park Aquarium, gave a lecture on sait-water fish.

METERS TO CURB VAST WATER WASTE IN CITY

Chief Davis Declares 100,000, 000 Gallons Lost Daily. Blames Carelessness

Chief Carleton E. Davis, the \$10,000 head of the city's Water Bureau, is authority for the statement that vast quantities of water are wasted by householders and in factories which are without meters. In some cases this waste, which is estimated at 100,000,000 gallons a day, due to defective plumbing and in other

There have been incorporated in the proposed \$47,425,000 municipal loan two terns for the water system, aggregating \$525,000. A part of this money will be expended for the installation of meters in factories where the greatest waste has been found to exist under the ordinary charges for water consumption. The greater portion of the money will be used for new pumps and modern machinery at access of the number staffons.

for new pumps and modern machinery at several of the pumping stations.

The greatest waste of water among householders is now being recorded from the southeastern section of the city. So low is the supply in that section that persons living on the upper stories in many of the houses are compelled to lay up extra supplies to last when the pressure

becomes low.

Chief Davis, after placing the responsibility for waste upon carelessness of consumers, said: "There will be temporary improvement as the result of increased pumping facilities, which we will obtain with the money in the loan bill, and a start to cut down the waste will be made with the money provided for the purchase of meters for factories."

An attack made upon conditions at the Lardner's Point pumping station by Harry Hillegas, a former engineer, before the

Hillegas, a former engineer, before the Councilmanic Committee investigating ap-pointments during the Blankenburg ad-ministration, was uncalled for, said Chief Davis. Hillegas told the Councilmanic Davis. Hillegas told the Councilmanic probers that conditions at Lardner's Point were deplorable and that he would not take back his old position at the works if it were offered him. The witness declared that no repairs were made during the Blankenburg administration. Chief Davis, in discussing Lardner's Point, said the pumping station was in better condition now than it was when Hillegas was in charge. He also said the city has saved about 10,000 tons of coal a year in the operation since the

FATALLY HURT RESCUING TWO WOMEN IN FIRE

coal a year in the operation since the

New York Manufacturer Carries Them to Safety, Then Falls

NEW YORK. April 15.—Kenneth B. Collins, 30 years old, president of the Collins & Alkman Company, dealers in plush, at 135 5th avenue, and living at 225 West 86th street, was fatally injured last night while trying to rescue two women from a smoke-filled flat at 61 West 86th street. He managed to carry the women down a fire-escape from the third to the second floor and then fell to the sidewalk with a ladder which he was attempting to put in sition in order to finish the descent.

His skull was fractured and his left shoulder was broken. Mr. Collins was taken unconscious to the Knickerbocker Hospital, where he died late last night. Although there was much hustling mong the tenants to reach the street and several narrow escapes were reported, not a person in the eight families was hurt. Among those rescued was Mrs. J. K. Michaels, an elderly blind woman.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE THE SOL

PLANK OF WOMEN'S PARTY Congressional Union Issues Call for National Convention

WASHINGTON. April 15.—Congressional Union members announced today that they had thrown their hats in the ring and with the formal issuance of 100,000 calls to their June meeting in Chicago were well on their way to a regular political convention.

and Republican meetings. It will independently of all existing political or-ganizations" and no other plank except universal suffrage will be considered. Chicago headquarters have been opened.

CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE

Girl's Alleged Assailant Captured and Held in Bail

A chase of three blocks followed the escape of 16-year-old Lucy Verti, of 1126 Morris street, from the grasp of a man who dragged her into an alley near 11th and Reed streets, when the girl, pointing out her assailant to Policeman Quigley, of the 15th street and Snyder avenue station, directed hlm in the pursuit. Quig-ley caught Frank Armentano, 33 years old, of 1115 Alder street, after chasing

him to Camac and Morris streets.

The girl was on an errand for her mother last night when Armentano selzed her. She identified him today before Mag-istrate Baker, at the 15th street and Sny-der avenue station. Police recalled that der avenue station. Police recaries that many complaints had reached them from parents who said a man answering Ar-mentano's description had annoyed their children. Pending investigation along this line. Armentano was held under \$2000 bail for a further hearing next Tuesday.

Collingswood Pupils in Musicale COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., April 15.-A Garfield School's musical fund was given last night in the High School auditorium. The room was filled to capacity. An opening chorus by the children of the lower grades reflected great credit on the efforts of Mrs. A. Amizen, who couched them. J. Earle Simplin's rendition from Pagliacci was excellent and received much appliause. A sextet of the High School girls was an-

other feature of the good program

ALBELT GLOCK'S DEATH DRAWS NO FRIEND EVEN TO IDENTIFY HIM

Morguekeeper Says "Nup, No One's Come to Claim "The Mayor of Sansom Street"-Listed There as "Unknown"

"Nup!" said "Dad." thumbing the pages of his book. "Nobody's come to claim him." He slowly traced the epitaph of Albert Glock. "The Mayor of Sanson Street." Himminated by single ray of gunshine that flitered through a clink in the shutter, it read." "Unknown man, 60 years old. Brought from 806 Wainut street. Head crushed." In the barren, cheeriess basement room lay the body of the man. Twenty-four hours had passed and not one in hundreds of former friends had taken the trouble to go through the formality of identifying him.

Where, 20 years ago, or 10 the absence. the shutter, it read:

Where, 26 years ago, or 16, the absence of "Mayor" Glock from his usual haunts around 8th and Sansom streets would have caused inquiry as to his whereabouts from hundreds of friends.

Those who helped him down the path from comparative affluence to poverty, who were instrumental in stripping him of his self-respect, his family and his home, who singped him on the back and called him a good follow when he was huyled drinks—teday act nin of these

"Dad" Winkel, keeper of the Morgus, raised himself from his couch and opened the door in response to a knock.

"Nup!" said "Dad," thumbing the pages of his book. "Nobody's come to claim him." He slowly traced the epitaph of Albert Glock. "The Mayor of Sansom Street" was found yesterday morning on the steps feading to the basement at 806 Wainut street." Itiuminated by single ray of sunshine that flitered through a clink in

Fifty Club to Hold High Jinks

Egyptian vaudeville, Oriental special ties. Hawaiian harmony and shad ros will be the features of the 26th anniversary of the Fifty Ciub of this city, which will hold forth tonight in the Manufacturers' Ciub grill. A novel program has been arranged, in which every member of the club will participate. All the songs were specially composed by club members. A play, written for the occasion by Joseph B. Miller, to music by Ralph Hingham, will be presented with Harry S. Evans, president of the ciub, as ringmaster. He will be aided by Charles E. Carpenter, W. Freeland Kendrick Charles E. Hague and E. M. Cooper. A style drama will be unrobled by it lumber assumers of the club. C. A. Biler is chargeness of the Dinner Cooper.



Underwood Photo CAPT. CHARLES VON-KLEIST Brother-in-law of General von Bressen and relative of Prince Bismarck, who was arrested in New York for complicity in plots to sink Allies' ships. He is superintendent of the New Jersey Agriculture and Chemical Co. He confessed, according to the po-lice, that the fire bombs were loaded in his company's place of

REAL FIRE FOLLOWS **FALSE ALARM IN HOTEL**

business.

Burglar Chase Caused Guests' Panic in Tremont House, Then an Actual Blaze

Twenty or more guests in the Tremont

resignation of the former engineer in 1913. Hotel, 237 North 12th street, came in for enough excitement early today to last them for a lifetime. Twice they rushed out of their rooms and down stairways and fire escapes in their night clothes—the first time when T. H. Horner fired three shots at a supposed burglar, and the second time an hour later when a guest to soothe his "jangled" nerves, lit a cigarette and set fire to his bed clothing. At 4:30 a, m., Frank Bradley, night clerk, thought he heard a noise in the rear part of the house. Be awakened Horner and together they went burglar stalking. A figure was seen crouching behind a table in the kitchen and Horner opened fire. The intruder scrambled out of a rear door, vaulted over a fence and made his escape Things began to happen after the shots rang through the house. Lights flashed in rooms, and frightened guests did a marathon down the stairs to the hotel office. When the situation was explained to them they want back to bed.

At 5:30 a, m. Bradley's suspicions were again aroused. He sniffed several times—yes, he was certain he smelled smoke. He again aroused Horner, and together they went "sniffing" through the house. Both were armed with fire extinguishers. They found the hallway on the third floor filled with shoke, and the source of the trouble

seemed to be in a room occupied by Wil-liam Cleland, of Lancaster, Pa.

They broke down the door, and the fire extinguishers weres prayed on the bed occupied by Cleland. The man from Lan-caster was partially overcome by smoke, but the wetting he received was sufficient to revive him. He didn't stop to inquire

political convention.

This convention is to be held June 5, 6 When the crew of Engine Company No. 26, 10th and Buttonwood streets, arrived hey found Horner lying unco the floor in Cleland's room. With each hand he clutched a fire extinguisher. He was taken out on a fire-escape and quickly

MOTOR FANS MEET TONIGHT

TO BOOM CITY SPEEDWAY Citizens' Committee Gives Banquet.

Celebrities to Attend Aviation and motor celebrities, as well as 50 leading business and professional men of Philadelphia and nearby States, will attend the Motor Speedway dinner at the Bellevue-Stratford tonight to help est the project of constructing a motor speedway for Philadelphia. The dinner s given by the Citizens' Committee.

The principal speaker will be Edward F. Trefz, secretary of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who will address the diners on the "Speedway as a Civic

Ralph De Palma, Dario Resta, Ralph Mulford and other "speed kings" will be present. Others to attend will be William Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America; Everett Thompson, manager of the Sheepshead Bay track, and Fred Wag-ner, official starter for the A. A. A.; Will-iam H. Wilson, Director of Public Safety, and City Statistician Edward J. Cattell. Following the dinner tonight the Citi-zens' Committee will start an active camuj jo postqe stj tilk 'slequest loj užjed greasing its present membership to 4000.

CARMEN PREPARE TO FIGHT

Want to Organize Their 6200 Men and Defeat Existing P. R. T. Plan in July

Harry F. Flynn, president of Division 477 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Rallway Employes of America, who sent out letters several days ago urging the 6200 motormen and con-ductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit ductors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to organize, announced today that this was a preliminary move to defeat the co-operative plan under which the men are working, and open the way for hetter wages and working conditions.

Flynn said the Rapid Transit employes are not satisfied with their present agreement with the company. The association intends to make a test of the question whether the men wish to continue under present conditions or to come into the union.

The existing arrangement provides that questions calling for adjustment shall be decided by joint committees representing the employes and employers. In July the men will vote on the question of ratifying the co-operative pian for another year. The carmen's union has never recognized this contract between the company and the men, and, according to Flynn, the case will be brought to an issue in the July balloting.

The intention of the union is to work for the adoption of the Toledo plan, which for the adoption of the Toledo plan, which allows the men \$2 cents as hour and pro-The existing arrangement provides that

for the adoption of the Toledo plan, which allows the men 13 cents an hour and pro-vides for a 19-hour working day, pay and half-pay for overtime, a two weeks' vacu-tion every year with pay and the recog-nition of the union.

Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Company, declined to com-ment on the situation.

Charity Ball Benefits Hospital A charity bail, the proceeds from which will go toward the erection of the new Ostoopathic Hospital at 19th and Spring Garden streets was held has night in the Hotel Adelphia ballroom. More than 100 persons attended.

NO CONTEST OVER WILL OF GRACE M'LAUGHLIN

Aunt of Heiress Who Wed on Deathbed at Havana Will Not Go to Court

The will of Grace McLaughlin, hereins of a pathetic romance that ended will her marriage and death at Havana, will not be contested.

Miss McLaughlin, a New York heiresa

who eloped last January with George M. Stevens, a Harlem garage proprietor, and made unsuccessful attempts to marry his made unsuccessful attempts to marry his in this city, willed most of her \$50,007 estate to her husband a few days before she died. It was at first believed that her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Ingles, of \$1 West 129th street, New York, would contest the instrument on the grounds that the marriage was illegal. It was performed at Miss McLaughlin's deathbed Sunday, more than a week before the law would allow Stevens, a divorcee, to marry again. Mrs. Ingles was willed the rest of the estate.

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The body of the helress, which now rests in a vault at Havana, will be sent to New York later.

'ADS" SECRET OF SUCCESS, SUNDAY SCHOOL CHIEF SAYS

Miss Cora N. Coates Tells Workers Value of Advertising

"Advertise, advertise and do it system-atically in the daily papers," was the ad-vice of Miss Cora N. Coates, elementary superintendent of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, when she told 500 Sunday school teachers how to increase Sunday school attendance. Miss Contes spoke at the elementary Sunday school institute in Bethany Presbyterian Church, 22d and Bainbridge streets, last

She declared advertising Sunday school ervices in the newspapers had revolutions and methods of adding numbers to the

ized methods of adding numbers to the Sunday school roll.
"Even the cradle roll may be benefited by advertising in the daily pepers," she declared, and then told how her cradis roll at the Fourth Presbyterian Church had been increased from 25 a year ago to 126 and added, ""advertising did it." She gave the teachers to understand that what she had been able to do by advertising they could do, too.

The address was delivered in connection with an exhibit of elementary Sunday

with an exhibit of elementary Sunday school work that astonished even the Sun-day school teachers themselves. It was under the auspices of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association. The program was prepared by the Philadelphia Graded Unions and included addresses by Miss F. H. Darnell, teacher of blackboard illustrations; Miss A. J. Smedley, Beth-any Sunday School; Miss A. S. Harlow, president of the Philadelphia Union; Miss J. M. Kinkaide, elementary superintendent of the 10th district; Mrs. H. H. Hubbard, State superintendent of moral instruction; Miss M. E. Priest, of St. Paul Sunday School, St. Paul, and Mrs. M. J. Baldwin, State elementary superintendent.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO DRAW PRIZE EMBLEM

Big Rewards Offered for Best Idea

for Electrical Week Next December High school students in Philadelphia, as well as all over the country, will compete for \$2200 in prizes to be distributed for the best emblem designed for the electrical week next December, beginning on the 7th. The Society for Electrical Develop-ment offers the prizes. The grand prize will be \$1000, the second prize \$500 and se

on down. All the great electrical companie backing the affair, which is for the pur-pose of showing how much electricity has to do with the country's greatness and how much it will have to do with its

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unknown.

The art competition will be on until ine I. Every art teacher in the United States has been asked to have his or her pupils enter the competition.

CHOKES HERSELF TO DEATH

Woman Makes Noose of Apron

Strings to Commit Suicide Mrs. Anna Zeyher, 63 years old, of 939 North Hutchinson street, committed 239 North Hutchinson street, committed suicide last night by hanging herself with her apron strings. Her body was discovered by her husband, Fred Zeyher, upon his return from work. After calling his wife several times and receiving no response, he went upstairs. In a second street from your heavy her body. ond story front room he saw her body suspended from a large nail, which she had driven in the wall. Around her neck

the strings of an apron were knotted. Zeyher immediately notified the police of the 10th and Thompson streets station. An investigation was conducted, but as yet her reasons for killing herself are

RECALLS AUTO-MULE "STUFF"

Locomotives Have to Rescue Disabled Electric P. R. R. Trains

Electric service on the Main Line divi-Silectric service on the Main Line divi-sion of the Pennsylvania Ralliroad was disabled by the high wind last night. After crippling two of the electric trains, the wind put out of commission the feed wire, so that the last train from Broad Street Station had to be run by steam. The 10:30 p.m. train was greatly delayed at Wynnewood, when three of the pantographs were bent down from the wire by the gale. The 11:10 was put entirely out of commission at Overbrook when all four pantographs were bent so that contact with the wire was impossible. A locomotive was sent after it. The wind then broke the feed wire, necessitating the

12:10 to be run by steam.

The gale subsided early today, and melted into balmy breezes that tempered a rather warm atmosphere.

The sun is shining again, and the temperature, rudely joited down to 43 degree, the coldest for four days, is up again, bobbing complacently between 55 and 60 degrees. The forecast is fair tonight: Sunday, increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain that night.

Boy Bicyclist Hurt in Collision

A 9-year-old hicyclist suffered a frac-ture of the skull today when he col-lided with an automobile driven by Al-hert L. Frank, 2215 Orkney street, at Louden and Green streets. The boy gave his name as George Matterson, 130 West Logan street, at St. Luke's Hospital, where he was taken. The motorist was held under \$300 ball for a further hear-ing by Magistrate Penneck at the Ger-mantown nolice station. antown police station.

Boy Hurt in Collision George Matthewson, 9 years old, of 5937 Stenton avenue, while riding his tricycle last night collided with an automobile at freen and Launton streets, Germantown. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital with concussion of the brain.

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