DOCTOR DIXON'S STATEMENT.

"The infantile paralysis now epidemic in

New York and its suburbs is serious, as the death rate, up to the present time, would appear to be about 25 per cent. This is unusually high, and, unfortunately, we do

not know what produces this distressing disease, nor have we any specific for its

"Pennsylvania statistics, compiled during an epidemic a few years ago, indicate it was not easily communicated from one per-son to another, for the reason that most of the homes in which the disease existed had

wo or more children and it was a great

with infantile paralysis, were taken to hospitals and put in wards with other children, they did not transmit the disease. Notwithstanding this fact those sick with the dis-

ease should be kept in a separate room away from other children, and those rooms should be made proof against flies, or, in

other words, insects, rats, mice, cats and

"It is possible that Insects may produce

children, or, in some cases, to adults. It is again possible that this disease might come from pollen or seeds of vegetable life.

INFANT SCOURGE MAY CONTINUE

NEW YORK, July 7 .- Overworked Board

of Health officials, who have been striv-ing unsuccessfully to check the infantile paralysis epidemic, admitted today their

bellef that the scourge would probably continue throughout the summer. The mo-tality continues at about 24 per cent-

higher than ever recorded in previous outreaks here. Twenty-two deaths were reported in the

24 hours ending at 10 o'clock, against 24 in the previous 24 hours. There were 87 new cases reported. During the preceding 24 hours 133 new cases had developed.

Although the figures are smaller, it was said that the disease was increasing in some districts which had hitherto been

There are 400 cases being treated in two hospitals in Brooklyn, whereas on July 1 only 321 cases of the disease were known

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ALL SUMMER IN NEW YORK

last night he said;

treatment.

BIDS TO BE ASKED

Mayor Ready to Rush Work on Rapid Transit System

Last enabling legislation passed by Councils.

Mayor announces work will be be-

gun as soon as detailed plans have been completed by Transit Depart-

Transit Director Twining be-lieves plans will be prepared early in October.

Mayor will follow advice of former Director Taylor as to which line shall be begun first.

Impossible to carry on work on all lines simultaneously on account of

Mayor will call conference on proposed P. R. T. operating agreement early next week.

Mayor Smith announced today, following the action of Councils yesterday afternoon, in taking the last legislative step necessary to place the \$57,100,000 transit loan at the disposal of the Department of City Transit, that work would be begun on all lines of Philadelphia a bigh angel systems. Philadelphia's high-speed system as soon as detailed plans have been completed by the engineers of the Transit Department.

Transit Director Twining has advised the Mayor that the detailed plans and specifications upon which the contracts for the new work can be let will be ready early in October. It is likely, therefore, that bids will be advertised for at that time for the first work on either the Darby elevated or the Roxborough-Manayunk subway-ele-

It has not been definitely decided which of the two lines will be begun first, the Mayor maid today. It is unlikely that both lines will be started at the same time, the Mayor explained, since the present condition of the labor market would make it impossible to get enough men to carry on the work on both these new lines and the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated simul-

SMITH READY TO PROCEED.

"I had a talk recently with former Tran-sit Director Taylor as to the best way to proceed," the Mayor said, "and although I am not at liberty to announce now what he suggested, I can say that I am in full agreement with his views. It was agreed that the present condition of the labor market would make it impossible to carry on the work on every line of the high-speed system

When asked whether the prevailing high prices of steel and other building materials would cause any delay in letting contracts, the Mayor replied that unless the prices of materials soared beyond all reason this should not cause any delay, particularly since former Director Taytor, in making the cost estimates of the various lines, added 10 per cent. for possible higher prices of materials.

"The people by their vote on May 16," continued the Mayor, "proved beyond all question that they want rapid transit, and it is for me as Mayor to see that they get what they want as soon as possible.

LEASING PLAN NOT SETTLED.

When asked what progress has been made in the negotiations with Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company for the leasing and operation of the city-built high-speed system, the Mayor said:

The ad men's convention and the moving of the troops have so occupied my time for the last two weeks that I have had no opportunity to call a conference of the city members on the Transit Board as I had planned to do. matters cared for I shall call a meeting early next week to take some definite

steps."

The Mayor is anxious to work out an agreement with the Rapid Transit Company agreement with the Rapid Transit Company as soon as possible, since no work can be done on the Frankford elevated south of Callowhill street until it is known how the line shall be operated. If the Rapid Transit Company fails to make an equitable agreement, the appropriation bill passed yester-day by Councils provides \$5,000,000 to build a Chestnut street subway as a link between the Frankford elevated and the Darby elevated and also to make the city-built high-speed system a complete unit, which may be leased to an independent

"RIVER PIRATE" HELD IN THEFTS OF BOATS

Man Arrested in Media Confesses to Stealing of Five Craft

Numerous thefts of canoes, rowboats and launches from points along the Delaware River front from Cooper's Point to Edge water Park, that have puzzled the Camden police authorities for more than a month were solved today when City Detective John Painter returned to Camden from Media, where he had been sent to look over a man giving the name of Richard Long, under arrest at the latter place.

Painter recognized the prisoner, who had been arrested while trying to sell a rowboat near Essington on July 4, as Richard Simmear Essington on July 4, as Richard Simmons, an old-time "river pirate" whom Painter had arrested on a similar charge 13 years ago. The recognition was mutual, Simmons greeting the detective as an old acquaintances, remarking, "I'd rather be arrested by you, John, than any policeman I know, and I know a lot of them."

When Painter remarked that Simmons must have some commutation to serve at the State Penitentiary, the prisoner repiled: "They don't give you time off at that

the State Pentinniary, the prisoner re-plied: "They don't give you time off at that place; they just lend it to you, and I'll have to pay back a lot of time I owe them." Under Palnier's questioning. Simmons ad-mitted stealing five boats, including a steam launch, within the last month. The launch he sold at Lavalette, N. J. He will be brought to Camden as soon as requisition is arranged. is arranged.

Fix State Convention Date DOVER, Del., July 7 .- The Republican State Central Committee of Delaware met late yesterday and decided upon Tuesday, August 22, as the date for the State con-vention. Saturday, August 19, was speci-fied as the date for the primaries.

School Holds Belated Commencement MORRISVILLE, Pa., July 7.—A class of 12 was graduated last night from the Morrisvie High School, the commencement having previously been postponed because of an outbreak of diphtheria.



U. S. EXPERTS SENT HERE TO PREVENT SPREAD OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Will Arrive Tomorrow to Assist City and State in Checking Disease Among Children

NO EPIDEMIC, SAYS KRUSEN

Experts from the general service board of the United States Public Health Service at Washington were ordered to Philadelphia today to assist the city and State health officials in establishing precautionary measures against the invasion of infantile paralisis.

ysis.

They will probably arrive tomorrow morning and confer immediately with Dector Krusen, director of the Department of Public Health and Charities, and assist the

Public Health and Charities, and assist the department with their technical, expert knowledge of preventive methods. Philadelphia already has established a strong first line of defense against invasion of the epidemic which is gripping Brooklyn and Greater New York. And it was amounced this afternoon by Doctor Krusen that additional precautions would be taken until the city becomes as near impregnable to the epidemic as it is possible to make it. VICTIM SERIOUSLY ILL.

Florence Alexander, 5 years old, daughter of Samuel Alexander, of 1930 East Erie avenue, the latest of the only two victims of the malady, who was taken to the Municipal Hospital at 2 o'clock this morning, developed total paralysis of the legs this afternoon. She is in a serious condition.

The other victim, Joseph Curran, 17 months old, of 2125 Delaware avenue, Kensington, was the first one to be taken to the

months old, of 2135 Delaware avenue, Ken-sington, was the first one to be taken to the special ward in the hospital.

Besides a special ward and a special corps of trained physicians and nurses at the Municipal Hospital for the care of the cases, Director Krusen has appointed two specialists of the pediatric staff of the hos-pital to answer calls of families and med-ical men. These two specialists have been given an automobile for the special purpose of making quick trips in answer to such calls.

CAIRNS STUDIES METHODS.

Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief medical inspector of the Department of Health, is in New York today conferring with specialists of the Department of Health there. He is learning the latest methods being employed there for the care and disposition of cases and the general precautionary measures being taken. He will return to Philadel-phia tonight prepared to put into effect here whatever measures he has learned that will be necessary to guard against the

Director Krusen is having printed today a pamphlet which will be used as a form letter to be mailed to physicians through-out the city, giving them instructions on the scientific precautions necessary. He expects the pamphlets to be off the presses tonight and will have them mailed tomor-

NO EPIDEMIC, SAYS KRUSEN. "There is no infantile paralysis epidemic in Philadelphia," Doctor Krusen said. "At present there are known to be only two cases of the disease in the city. They have been isolated in the ward which has been set aside for such cases in the Municipal Hospital. Two cases do not make an

"I believe that Philadelphia is in n danger of a general spreading of the dis-ease. One of the principal reasons it has taken such a hold in New York and Brook-lyn is because of the extremely congested districts there. Philadelphia is a city of homes. As a consequence, a majority of such diseases are individually isolated. But regardless of the fact that conditions are in our favor as compared with conditions in New York and Brooklyn, we are not overlooking any precautionary measures.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUBLIC. "I would like to instruct the people through the Evening Ledger on what they should do to help the Department of

minute your child is taken sick. Of special importance is this to be done if the child has a high fever, is stricken with nausea and becomes apathetic.

Second. If the family physician is in loubt he should be requested to send to the Health Department for one of our trained diagnosticians.

Third. If you are afraid of possible in-fection or of carrying infection, do not kiss a child's lips. Also be wary of persons who are coughing or succeing.
Fourth—Keep flies away from the child's face. Swat the fly.

Fifth—In caring for a sick child keep the ands thoroughly clean. Sixth—Particular sanitary care of the ersonnel and habitations should be taken.

Seventh. Make sure of the sanitary con-lition of all food and drink. "If these rules are followed by the people of Philadelphia it will be almost impossible for infantile paralysis to become epidemic

OUTDOOR CAMPS URGED. Dr. Charles K. Mills, emeritus professor of neuresthenia in the University of Penn-sylvania and senior member of the staff of the Philadelphia Hospital, who has made investigations of infantile paralysis epi-demics and conducted campaigns against them in the Lehigh Valley, on the Atlantic

coast and in Sweden, advises the establish-ment of outdoor camps, entirely isolated, if the disease should obtain a foothold in Philadelphia. "While the exact methods in which pollomyelatis, or infantile paralysis," said Doctor Mills, "spreads in a community has not been fully established, there are good reasons for believing that this disastrous result is brought about in two or three

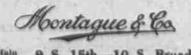
Ways. "In the first place, the infection is undoubtedly conveyed by such agencies as the fly, the insect host or whatever it may be. Unquestionably it has a tendency to disribute itself over given regions, as it did n the Lehigh Valley and is doing now in

"This being the case, it is clearly dering being the case, it is clearly de-strable and possible of even going to the expense of removing children who may be threatened as well as those already af-flicted to localities where the disease has not shown itself. I understand that the State Board of Health is making provisions

pearing on the question, such as the estab-ishment of tent camps for children.
"It is self evident that if the camp or "It is self evident that if the camp or any form of segregation is resorted to, it should be done in such a way as not to threaten new communities. The place for segregation should be as far as possible from places closely inhabited, such as, for example, the slopes of the Alleghanies. "By removing children attacked on one hand and children of a community or neighborhood which have not become victims of the disease, two things are accomplished. One is the danger of climatic and atmospheric conditions in the community are not

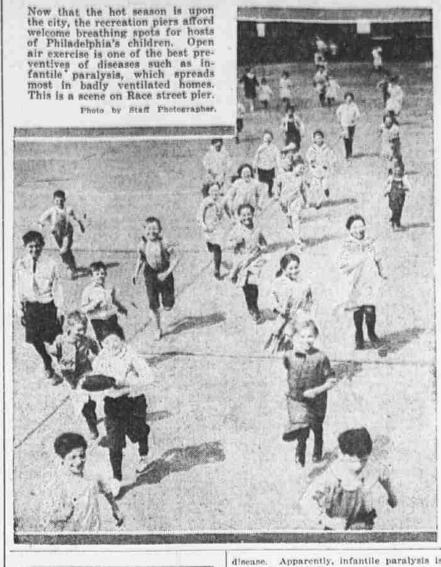
pheric conditions in the community are not present. The second is that it prevents the spread of disease by individual contact. "One of the things that has not only

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PARALYSIS VICTIM

Florence Alexander, 5 years old, of 1930 East Erie avenue, is one of the two children in this city seized with the infantile paralysis which is sweeping New York. She has been taken to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Discases.

become self-evident in my study, but by researches and studies of authorities, i hat the disease probably enters and leaves y the nose and throat. The mucous mem ranes of these parts become the secondary est of the disease germs.

"As you cannot pick out children who are able to resist the disease, the manifest duty of the doctor and health authorities is to shield them as far as possible. During the serious prevalence of the disease families, as far as possible, should keep their own children away from other children, especially those they know noth-

With regard to the carriers of the disease, it is difficult to be exact. I have known of cases of the disease in which chickens. birds and cats have been the carriers. Therefore it stands to reason that the parents should keep their children away from cats and other animals they know

PLAN LINE OF DEFENSE.

The borders of the State will be patrolled by the State health officials to prevent any of the cases coming to Pennsylvania from New York. State Health Commissioner Dixon has ordered 2000 health officials to naintain the patrol, and has called a meet maintain the patrol, and has called a meeting of the State Health Department advisory board for tomorrow morning to discuss the disease. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock, at the Philadelphia offices of the State Health Commission.

CLOSE WATCH FOR CASES. Doctor Dixon has officially declared Pennsylvania quarantined against all per-sons suffering from the disease, and has issued instructions to all local health boards to telegraph to the State Department of Health all cases as soon as they are re-ported in the various com-aunities.

The case of the Curran baby was reported to the department of health at 8 o'clock last night by Dr. F. A. Murphy, of 3019 Richmond street. The child has been ill only three days, but his left arm and leg are completely paralyzed, and little hope is held out for his revocery.

The second case was reported after 1 o'clock this morning, after it had been under careful observation for eight hours. Physicians of the city health department made a diagnosis at once in both cases, and the patients were removed in closed ambulances to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contention Philadelphia Contagious Diseases.

Director Krusen said that he had the special ward fitted out at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contaglous Diseases, "in order to be on the safe side. I was only carrying to be on the safe side. I was only carrying out the doctrine of preparedness," he said. "I still maintain the disease is only mildly contagious, if at all," Doctor Cairns aid. "Now, take in the year 1910, when we had 155 cases of infantile paralysis, there was a total of 198 children who were exposed to the 155 who were affected. Yet exposed to the 155 who were affected. Ye of that 198 children only two contracted the



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PENROSE, OF OLD GUARD, CHOSEN BY HUGHES FOR CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Announcement of the Senator's Name and Other Members Expected Within a Short Time

VARE RAPS 'OTHER OUTFIT'

Senator Penrose has been selected by harles Evans Hughes as a member of his

Charles Evans Hughes as a member of his campaign committee, according to reports from New York today. The candidate has selected his committee, it is said, and it will be announced within a short time by National Chairman Willcox.

Senator Penross is the only one of the 'Old Guard' leaders who fought Roosevelt in the 1912 convention to be mentioned for a place in the body that will have charge of Mr. Hughes' campaign. The Republicans who are understood to have been chosen are:

iosen are: Charles B. Warren, Michigan, for vice Charles B. Warren, Michigan, for vice-chairman of the National Committee; Her-bert Parsons New York, with George B. Cortelyon as a noncommittee member as-sociate, James A. Hemenway, of Indiana; John R. Adas, Iowa; F. W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; Ralph E. Williams, Oregon; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia; E. B. Howell, Nebraska A. T. Hert, Kentheke; Boies Pen-rose, Pennsylvania, and W. H. Crocker, California.

ELECTORS' LIST IN FEW DAYS. The Varen will have five of the six district electors in Philadelphia. The delegates to the Republican National Convention have selected most of the electors in the \$2 districts throughout the State, and the complete list is expected to be ready to present to Mr. Hughes within two or three days for his approval.

Four of the district electors have been definitely chosen in Initadelphia, while tentative selections have been made in the other two. They follow: other two. They follow

First District—Either Ellis A. Gimbel or General E. V. Morrell. Second District-Thomas Robins. Third District—Virtually certain that agreement will be reached on Dr. James Van Buskirk.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, commissioner of the State Department of Health, contends with Doctor Cairns that the disease is not easily communicated. In a statement he gave out Fourth District-Mayor Thomas B. Smith.

The Penrose support was thrown to the Mayor in this instance.

Fifth District—N. C. Broadhead.

Sixth District—Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith. Sixth District—Dr. Edgar Fans Smith.
Mr. Robins is the only electer of the six not affiliated or selected by the Vares. He is a Progressive, and was selected by Senator McNichol and Judge Charles L. Brown for the purpose of helping to win the Progressives back to the party.

VARE TO CONTINUE WARD FIGHT. Senator Edwin H. Vare, in a speech last night, declared that any movement for harmony between the warring factions of the Republican Organization would not keep him out of the fight for control of the 24th exception when we had more than one case in a single family. "Then again, when the children, suffering Ward. The Senator spoke at a dinner given by Michael I. Crane. Vare leader in the ward, at Judge's Cafe. West Philadel-phia. Crane was defeated for city committeeman by Blake McCaughn, Penrose-McNichol follower, at the last election.

"I am looking you men squarely in the face," said Senator Vare, "when I say that I am with you in your future fights, and for anything I can do to aid you, count on me. There should never have been any fight at the last election. That other outfit thought it would beat us when it flashed that letter about Governor Brum-baugh. But despite the fact that the Govor carry the disease, and they may get the poison from those suffering with the dis-ease and transmit it indirectly to other ernor was ill and out of the campaign for 32 days, the Penrose-McNichol crowd only won by seven votes when it came to an issue about naming the Governor at the Republican convention. If he had not been ill and out of the fight as far as doing any t is not probable that it comes from food-It is not probable that it comes from food-stuff, for, if so, more children in the same families would become infected than our statistics show.

"When a child is stricken with this dis-ease, it should be under the constant care of the physician, as the general treatment from the very beginning of the attack has much to do with the final recovery. campaigning was concerned, we would have

"PUT ME IN PRISON," SAYS FUGITIVE DOCTOR **ACCUSED BY GIRL OF 15**

Spring City Physician Appears Late at Night at Prison Door and Gives Himself Up

FOUND GUILTY OF CHARGE

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 7.—Dr. J. C. Mewhinney, of Spring City, who had been missing for several months and wanted here to serve a sentence for a criminal assault on Margaret Bertolet, 15 years old, daugh-ter of Warren Bertolet, of the same place, is in a cell at the Chester County prison-He surrendered late last night to Warden John L. Clower and asked that he be locked up.

Mewhinney fied from the courtroom here near the close of his trial when it appeared certain he would be found guilty. He disappeared before officers could ap-He disappeared before officers could apprehend him. He went from here to his home, arranged his affairs and left again the next morning, announcing that he was coming to court here. He falled to appear and a bench warrant was insued for his arrest. When a search of several days failed to reveal his whereallouis a reward was offered and his ball, given by a prom-inent Spring City merchant in the mim of \$1000, was declared forfeited. Later the search was given up after detectives had traced him to Canada.

Late last night, on answering the bell at the big studded door of the Chester County prison, Warden John L. Clower was confronted by two men.

"I am Dr. J. C. Mewhinney, of Spring City, and I desire to surrender to you," said one of the men, and he presented papers to show he was telling the truth. The other man was Dr. Edwin Mewhinney, of Nor-ristown, his brother, who had accompanied

ristown, his brother, who had accompanied him to the prison after the fugitive had appeared at his home. It is likely that Mewhinney will be taken



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into court and sentenced as mon as possible. The evidence at the trial bought out his misconduct with the little girl, whose family he attended as a physician. The physician had professed the strongest friendship toward the father of the girl, and they were bosom friends until Mewhinney's arrest.

Ratify Naming of General du Pont DOVER, Del., July 7.—Before adjourning tate yesterday the Republican State Central Committee ratified the action of the Republican National Committee in electing General T. Coleman du Pont a national committeeman from Delaware. Contrary to expectations, the meeting today made no indorsements of any candidates for office.

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