RTY LEADERS "UP A TREE" IN VOTE FORECAST

Find Trouble in Getting Line on Sentiment of Country

TREND TOWARD HUGHES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—With the pre-milal election only three weeks away, ther the Republican leaders nor the emocratic leaders feel certain of success-eaking in confidence, they admit they a 'up a tree," no matter what extrave-

Speaking in confidence, they admit they are "up a tree," no matter what extravagent claims they make as votors' ball. Men who have been making nonpartisan country-wide polis for years say that nevet before have they had such a hard time getting a "line on" the country as this year. Straw votes taken in every State in the Union Indicate that the election will be very close, with the trend now toward Hughes. Among the things that have brought the muddled situation are:

The "kept us out of war" talk. The Mexican situation.
The eight-hour day railway legislation. The growth of woman's suffrage.
The nation-wide prosperity.
Hepresentative Frank E. Doremus, of Detroit, chairman of the Democratic national congressional committee, who returned to his home today to look out for his personal campaign, is sincere in the belief that Woodrow Wilson will carry the country next November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped. As chairman of the country sext November, but he admits his views may be warped to the Achieman of the said today that more than 14,000,000 pleces of Democratic literature have been mailed to the voters of the United States. More of Democratic literature have been mailed to the voters of the United States. More than 4,000,000 copies of the speech made by sa-Governor Martin Glynn, of New York, at it Louis, when President Wilson was resominated, have been sent out. A copy of this speech was placed in the hands of every voter in New York.

HUGHES LEADS POLL

In a nation-wide poll, which has just beer completed by nonpartisan interests. R is shown that out of a total of 107,408 votes cast. Hughes received 54,804; Wilson, 49,878; Benson, 2518; giving Hughes a plurality of 4926. This slender lead in the popular vote could be easily wiped out by a slight change in one of the States having many electoral votes.

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It can be truthfully stated that one of the big surprises experienced by the Republicans is the strength of President Wilson in the western States generally regarded as Republican. Perhaps the biggest surprise to the Democrats comes from the State of California, which was split wide open a few months ago by the fight over the senatorial nominee. Since Governor Hiram Johnson won the Republican senatorial nom nation there has been a rapid solidification of hostile forces, and polls made in that State indicate there has been a greater trend toward Hughes there than in any of the other western States.

The "kept us out of war" argument has been very effective in the states west of Ohio and Indiana. The further west you go the stronger is the feeling for Wilson, because he avoided hostilities. In the great agricultural districts, where unprecendentd regiments is being enjoyed, the Democrats are comis and of winning many states that are norm as Republican. Two of the most interesting that fights are on in Ohio and India. In this it sate on in Ohio and India. In this it sate on in Ohio and India. In this it sate on in Ohio and India. In this it is strong not only in the farming "ections, but in the big industrial centers.

A few weeks are the Republicans were

A few weeks ago the Republicans were confidently claiming Ohio and conceding that Indiana likely would go Democratic. Now the very opposite is true.

Another State that was generally considered Republican until a few weeks ago is Wisconain. Now it is referred to as the "political madhouse." The Republican ranks are split wide open as a result of the steps taken by Senator Robert M. La Follette since he won the senatorial nomination in a standpat-progressive battle. La Foliste since he won the senatorial nomination in a standpat-progressive battle. La Follette has been making a vigoruous campaign, but not in one of his spareches has he mentioned the name of his party's presidential nominee. Charles E. Hughes. Instead he has let it be known that he does not intend to mention it. When Hughes spent two days in Wisconsin, La Foliette was in hiding. After he left the State, La Foliette took the stump and "knocked" most of the speeches Hughes made. Because La Foliette voted for the Democratic tariff bill and the Adamson eight-hour law, many of the standput Republicans are saying: "We would rather have a genuine Democratic Senator than one who poses as a Republican and votes with the Democrata." That feeling is widespread and it is believed there is a good chance not only of electing a Democratic Senator, but of carrying the State for Wilson.

HUGHES STRONG IN EAST

In some of the Eastern States there are thereating situations. Take New Jersey, to home State of President Wilson, for intance. The Republicans really believe they fill carry that State by 50,000. Their hope here is based on wide differences in the temocratic party. President Wilson did of favor the renomination of Senditor Marine, but he won the nomination over the resident's candidate by a large majority. The Republicans are counting on carrying. The Republicans are counting on carrying ow York, but the Democrats believe they

Maryland, which is normally Democratic, likely to go Republican this year because of a bitter fight over the senatorial mination. Biair Lee, the present Senar, was defeated in his race for renomation by Congressman David Lewis, ther of the parcel post. Lewis was a coalmer, and he has many socialistic tendence, such as favoring government ownerip of railroads, telegraph and telephone as. The Lee supporters are very bitter, do have failed to participate in the camign for election. West Virginia is another State in which Republicans plan to make good gains and State is a protectionist State and see has been a perceptible growth of Reblican sentiment there lately.

DENOUNCE EIGHT-HOUR LAW

Implement and Vehicle Association Delegates Convene at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. Jk.—President A. Brosseau, of Albien, Mich., today welmed 400 minufacturers and dealers at opening session of the National Implement and Vehicle Association at Hotel

R. TO SEEK INJUNCTION

atest Against Order Forbidding of Munitions in Jersey City

WEST SWINGING TO WILSON. VANCE M'CORMICK DECLARES

Reports Almost Too Good to Be True,

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Returning from Chicago, where he had conferences with national committeemen from all the western States, Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, to-

ern States, Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, to-day voiced glowing optimism as to the outlook for the November election.

"The western pendulum is swinging in favor of Wilson," he said. The reports I received while in Chicago are almost too good to be true. The Republican campaign has collapsed in many States, and is on the verge of collapses in many others. The Wilson sentiment is growing among all clauses of voters, everywhere.

"The situation in Michigan is truly wonderful, Detroit, with a normal Republican majority of 26,000, will be carried by Wilson by between 15,000 and 20,000.

"Wisconsin, Nebrassa and Hilmois are for Wilson. Indiana and Microurt are safely Democratic. In North Dakota and Kansas the leaders are confident that Wilson will sweep these two States.

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"In Illinois the balance is held by 1,800,-600 women qualified to vote. They are two to one for Wilson,"

"LITTLE MOTHER" DIES AS RESULT OF BURNS

Child of Twelve Years Victim of Accident While Preparing Family Meal

Effort of physicians in the Episcopal Hospital to save the life of Catharine O'Neill, burned while enacting the role of little mother in her home, 2604 East Somerse street, proved unavailing. She died at an early hour today.

Catharine's mother has been ill and con fined to her bed for several days and the girl took up the task of preparing meals and caring for her little sister and brother without even so much as a complaint, even though she attended her classes in St. Ann's parochial school, Lebigh avenue and Cedar street.

Yesterday she met her sister Cecilia, fiv years old, and her brother Joseph, seve years old, and her prother Joseph, seven years old, and accompanied them home. Then she started to prepare the evening meal. She placed some wood on the fire, but before she could replace the stove lid a sudden draught shot the flames towar her dress, which became ignited. Catharin dashed into the street and neighbors smoth ered the fire and she was taken to the hos pital. Physicians say she inhaled the flames. News of her daughter's death is being held from the mother for fear the shock might cause a relapse. The father, plta1. John O'Neill, is a plumber.

Will Lay Keel of Dreadnought

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.-The annu ent has been made to Admiral W. S. Ber son, Acting Secretary of the Navy, that the keel of the latest American dread-nought, the California, will be laid at the Mare Island Navyyard at San Francisco on Wednesday, October 25. Soon thereafter the keel of the dreadnought Tennesses will be laid at the New York Navyyard afte

SCANDAL IN KEYSTONE **GUARDS REVEALED BY OUSTING OF OFFICERS**

Captain McKamish Resigns and Two Others Ordered to Quit on Charges of Friction

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 18 .- The resignation F. First Pennsylvania Artillery, which was

F. First Pennsylvania Artillery, which was demanded and accepted by the War Department, probably begins the unfolding of a scandal in the Pennsylvania Guard, Other resignations have been requested.

Colonel William S. McKee demanded Captain McKamish's resignation for insubordination. The resignations of Captain Robert G. Snyder and Second Lieutenant William J. Miller, both of Battery E, have been asked and likely will be forthcoming when the artillery regiment returns from target practice in ten days. target practice in ten days.

Colonel McKee and Lieutenant Colone Albert V. Crookston have not been in har-mony since the regiment came to the bor-der. Crookston has openly contended Col onel McKee lacked ability to command the

Captain McKamish allied himself with Lieutenant Colonel Crookston, as did Cap-tain Snyder and Lieutenant Miller, Colonel ment by political preferment and his train ing as a hotelkeeper did not fit him to com-mand a regiment. He was also accused o

being uncultured.

Regular army officers say McKee is a capable National Guard officer. The trouble in the regiment has been such that when it leaves here in November it will not be recalled, should there be active service.

There is much strife in the Pennsylvania division. General Clement has been opposed and criticized by brigade commanders and if a call to the colors is ever sounded, there will be two brigader generals in the Pennsylvania the pennsylvania of the pennsylvania in the Pennsylvania in

will be two brigadier generals in the Penn-sylvania division left behind. Despite the opposition, General Clement, with the aid of Colonel George Van Horn Moseley, of the regular army, who is chief of staff of the division, has made the train-ing of the division with the exception of the First Artillery a success.

CONGESTION OF CARRIERS A HIGH FOOD COST CAUSE

President of Farmers' National Congress Says Distribution Is Faulty

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 18.—Congestion of transportation is the indirect cause of the steady advance in the price of foodstuffs. H. E. Stockbridge, president of the Farmers' National Congress, asserted today.

"Our distribution system is faulty," said Stockbridge. "In one place some class of food is abundant and the price low and in another place it is impossible to purchase the same predict at a reasonable price. Railroads say that it is 'shortage of cara.' But it is really a congested condition of transportation facilities."

The farmers are planning to go to Congress to get relief for the car shortage. A Federal investigation may be asked.

REPORT ON CHURCH UNION

Rev. C. A. Hare Will Discuss Proposed Merger of Baptists With Church of God

PEACE HOPE RISES AS KING OF SPAIN **MEETS DIPLOMATS**

Conference Between Monarch and Allied Envoys Stirs Europe

MAY MEAN END OF WAR

LONDON, Oct. 18,

A conference that has raised great interest throughout Europe and revived hopes for an early constion of the European war is taking place today between the Ministers to Spain of France, England and Russia and King Alfonso of Spain. The Entente diplomats have assembled at the latter's summer villa at San Sebastian and were afterward joined by the King.

The British Foreign Office is silent on he metive of the conference and officials refused to state whether the British Minter to Spain had been ordered to attend the conference by Sir Edward Grey or what his instructions were.

This is the second conference between the Allied diplomats to Spain and the Spanish monarch. The first was held several months ago, when the Ministers gathered unos tentatiously at San Sebastian and conferred with Aifonso on what was then said

to be a plan for peace negotiations.

It was also reported at that time that the United States might be asked to Intervene in the European war and offer media. tion to the belligerents. In view of the opposition roused in Germany to the United States acting as peacemaker because of the supply of munitions by the United States to the Allies, it was reported that King Alfonso would be acceptable to the Central Empires. In view of this report, considerable importance is aftached to the present conference at San Sebastian.

"LET'S GO RAIDING," COP INVITES PREACHER; HE SAYS, "I'M NO RAIDER"

Captain Tempest Tells Rev. A. J. Ferry He Will Make Arrests If Pastor Shows Disorderly Places

PROMISES PICKED POLICE

Captain George Tempest, head of the Fifth Police Division, which covers West Philadelphia, today replied to additional charges by the Rev. Asa J. Ferry, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Temple, Fiftyfourth and Spruce streets, that vice flourished in West Philadelphia and that the police were well aware of it.

The captain invited Doctor Ferry to ac-ompany the police on a wholesale raid on places beyond the law and offered to place at the clergyman's disposal every patrol wagon across the Schuylkill, to be manned y picked policemen.

The charges and denials today added another chapter to the verbal retoris passed back and forth since Doctor Ferry made his first charges last week. Accusations, counter-charges and reproaches on the part ARMY MEN BACK McKEE

of the clergyman, coupled with rebutals, denials and invitations on the part of policemen from Superintendent Robinson down have made both church folk and their foes along South Fifty-second street await anxiously the final "show-down."

"PAID BY THE TAXPAYERS"

be disappointments. Doctor Ferry said this afternoon that he was a minister and not a raider and insisted that the file at the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station would

"I am through talking about vice for the The clergymen said, however, when told

that Captain Tempest was ready to send out every patrol wagon in his division and as many policemen as were necessary, if he would point out the resorts, that he had no intention of doing something for which the police were being paid by the taxpayers.

Doctor Ferry also emphatically denied the umors that he was planning to resign his harge as a result of a controversy between himself and prominent members of his congregation following his remarks last Friday evening, when he was quoted as saying that South Fifty-second street was "rotten." Later Doctor Ferry insisted that DENIES RESIGNATION RUMOR

The rumor that I am going to resign, said Doctor Perry, "Is nonsense. I am going to stick in this fight to the finish. I stand by my original statement that the police of West Philadelphia know that vice exists in that section. No, I won't go on any raiding party. If the police can't find those places themselves then I am sorry for them. It is very nice for the police to invite me to go along on their patrol wagons, but I won't. Let the police find the places that I have reference to." Captain Tempest, whose district covers the section named by the minister, said to-day that he had personally visited Doctor Ferry and had pleaded with him to give him the addresses of the places where vice existed, but that his request was ignored.

existed, but that his request was ignored.

"I again stand by my first statement that the section ramed by Doctor Ferry is clean," said Captain Tempest, "These statement made from time to time by Doctor Ferry are not only read by grown-up persons, but also by children. I suppose they must wonder what sort of a man I am to permit such conditions to exist. After Doctor Ferry's charge that vice flourished I personally made a careful inspection of the section named by the minister and found that everything was orderly.

"GIVE US INFORMATION"

"If there is vice in West Philadelphia and Doctor Ferry knows where these places are tocated, it is his duty as a minister and a citizen of the community to come forth and give us the information. We don't want him to supply us with evidence. All we ask of the minister is to give us the addresses where the law is being violated. I am ready to cart out every natrol waren in my division and have them manned with trained policemen and visit the places that Doctor Ferry speaks about.

"If the police have sufficient grounds on which to make raids I can assure the minister that they will be made. I do not know where these places are, and I will call upon Doctor Ferry to accompany us and point out the places.

"On the police force we have honest men who have wives and children and minny of whom live in the section named by the minister. Takes policemen would only be too glad to make sych raids." "If there is vice in West Philadelphia and

Oak Lane Review Club Meets The Raview Chile of thak Lane will in the afternoon in the Dak Lane library. A I. Frentius Nicholis president of the 2 entury Club: Mrs. hijear Marburg, ac-cept of the Philopoleian Club: and lenry flower, president of the Butter





CHILDREN IN STOLEN AUTO Gustav Beckett and his little sister Helen were sitting in their father's automobile when it was "borrowed" last night. The car and children were found later, safe, in another part of the city.

THIEF DESERTS AUTO ON FINDING CHILDREN SLEEPING IN TONNEAU

Father, Who Left Son and Daughter in Car to Go Visiting, Finds They Have Vanished

SEARCH BY POLICE ENDS

Helen Beckett, five years old, and her Helen Beckett, five years old, and her brother Gustav, seven years old, children of Samuei Beckett, a cigar dealer of 207 North Third street, were left sleeping in the Beckett automobile last night, while the rest of the family went into the home of their grandfather, Maurice Beckett, 2228 Ridge avenue, for a visit. Gustav was curied up on the floor of the car and Helen was in the seat. When the family returned to the street, the automobile and the two children were gone.

The police of the Nineteenth and Oxford streets and the Twenty-eighth and Oxford streets and the Twenty-eighth and Oxford

streets and the Twenty-eighth and Oxford streets stations were notified, and had started on a hunt, when a call came in from a woman at Calumet street and Ridge avenue, saying that an abandoned autoblie, with two children in it, was in front of her house.

The children had slept while the auto-

mobile thief drove the car on the way to Manayunk. The police believe the thief did not know the children were in the car when he stole it, and, on discovering their presence, decided not to add kidnaping to

PRESBYTERIANS OUST SOCIAL SERVICE HEAD FOR "LIBERAL" VIEWS

New Jersey Synod Deposes the Rev. J. J. Moment, Who Favored Opening "Movie"

the Rev. John J. Moment, of the Newark Presbytery and chairman of the permanent committee on social service, appeared beadvocated a liberal Sunday law with regard to moving-picture shows, caused a sensa-tion at the third day's sessions of the ninety-fourth annual meeting of the Pres-byterian Synod of New Jersey. After the program had been interrupted for a half hour the convention finally removed him

hour the convention finally removed him as chairman of the committee. In making its annual report the social service committee had recommended Doctor Moment for re-election as head of his com-mittee. When it came time for the adop-tion of the report the allegations against its chairman appeared from several directions, and further business was suspended pending a settlement of the difficulty which had de-

a settlement of the difficulty which had developed unexpectedly.

Objections were made from the platform to "inflicting any punishment in the absence of Doctor Moment, who should be given opportunity to defend himself."

There was a division of opinion immediately. One minister declared: "If the position of the ministry is so wobbly that it must fear the consequence of deteating a man for such an important position when that man is under suspicion it is time we had more inspiration from on high."

Others pointed out that it was a question whether Doctor Moment, in appearing before the legislative committee, represented the synod, his Presbytery, or spoke only as a citizen. If he appeared as chairman of his committee the prevailing thought was that he should not be the leader in the future.

Through a suggestion from the admin istration put through a member from the floor, the delicate matter was finally settled by reducing Doctor Moment to the ranks of the social service committee and replacing him with the Rev. Mr. Chapman, also a member of the Newark Presbytery.

News at a Glance

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18,-The propose ten-cent increase on the present forty of per hundred pounds rate on lumber other similarly rated commodities in California to Texas and New Mexico the Ei Paso and Southwestern were de-clared reasonable by the Interstate Com-merce Commission today.

of living hit Uncle Sam today. So he an-nounced that, unless specially ordered, he'd quit sending out health service documents.

VIENNA, Oct. 18.—An order prohibiting the sale of more than one cigar daily to the same customer will be issued in a few days by the Hungarian tobacco monopoly, which controls the sale of tobacco in Hun-

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 18.—Immediately following the rise in wheat prices, balars here slapped another cent on the price of pread. The family lost new costs vight sents.

OUST TAX BOARD, MAYOR'S PLAN IN LEGISLATIVE ACT

'Ripper" Bill Would Kill Arbitrary Power of City Assessors

HAS STRONG BACKING

What the Passage of Bill to Oust Tax Board Would Mean

PLACING the city on a "cash" basis, instead of a financial "hand-to-mouth" existence. Adding an amount, estimated to be \$3,000,000-\$5,000,000, every year to City Treasury, sufficient to pay interest and sinking fund charges on mammoth \$104,000,000 loan bonds.

Bring assessment question more directly to citizen-taxpayer, through placing it in hands of Councils, a body elected by the voters, instead of the present board, named by judges.

> DIVERGENT VIEWS OF LEADERS

Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Finance Committee of Councils and intimate counselor of Mayor Smith— "I don't believe in overassessing some persons and underassesing others."

Simon Gratz, head of tax board—
"It's all bosh! The present system
is fair. The city would not be a
cent richer if their plans went
through."

City Administration leaders are back of a movement to frame a "ripper" bill by which the State Legislature is expected to

which the State Legislature is expected to grant to City Councils the right to formulate a system of tax assessments and by which the present Board of Revision of Taxes will be ousted from office.

The power of Mayor Smith and his political associates, the Governor and the Vares, will be brought into play to pass the bill when the Legislature convenes, it was learned today from men thoroughly conversant with the policy of the city administration. The support assured to the measure through the Mayor and his backers, heartly in accord with his views on the valuation question, makes virtually certain its speedy passage.

tain its speedy passage. The opinion in political circles today, when the news of the "ripper" became known, was that the tax board had dug its

who was that the tax board has dug its
own grave, was certain to fill it and should
have no sympathy.

The trouble, politicians say, has been
that the tax board was not progressive. In
it has been vested full authority to make
assessments of every jot of real estate in
the city; it has done it. New systems of taxation have been devised—the Somers system among them—but the tax board has continued to do business in its own antiquated way.

BOARD'S POWER ARBITRANY

Being appointed by the Board of Judges Being appointed by the Board of Judges and responsible to no one, it even went so far as to take to court the Somers system when that was planned to succeed the present method of valuation. The board won, the Court decreeing that Councils had no right to interfere with the rights of the board. The decision today of the city administration to introduce the "ripper" bill is the sequel to years of dubious under and over assessments. In addition to this the Mayor is sincerely

desirous of placing the city on a "cash" basis. Although he refused to state today whether his plans for raising money in-cluded a more equitable assessment plan. it was authoritatively stated that the "ripper" bill was looked upon favorably by bim as a means of raising additional At present the financial outlook of the

city is not promising, unless means are found to raise revenue without additional Shows on Sunday

DISSENTING MEMBERS

borrowing. Department estimates for 1917
were \$44,000,000, \$8,000,000 more than they
were first thought to be; interest rates and
sinking fund charges for the \$104,000,000 and transit, must be met and other financial troubles must be adjusted. "The "ripper" bill, from estimates of ad-

ministration financiers, will wipe out these difficulties. With the question of assess-ments in the hands of Councils, there will be a system, if the Mayor adheres to his original plans, of fair and just taxationoriginal plans, of fair and just taxation— system by which a sum, estimated from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 annually, will be available for use. This will provide for the increased budgets of the city depart-ments; it will take care of the interest rates and sinking fund charges on the mammoth bond issues and it will relieve the financial condition of the city.

FOR CASH BASIS

The financial "hand-to-mouth" existent The financial "hand-to-mouth" existence of the city, borrowing, is not, it is said, pleasing to the administration. An increase in the tax rate was at first thought to be inevitable, but the statements of advisers of Mayor Smith in regard to the "ripper" bill bring to light the fact that perhaps the Mayor is certain that the city can pay its way if far assessments were the rule and but the exception.

not the exception.

The members of the tax board, which is The members of the tax board, which is virtually responsible to nobody but itself, are Simon Gratz, J. Wesley Durham and David N. Fell, Sr. It has been said that the board taxed owners of homes to the fullest extent and allowed bigger properties to be put down on the books at a valuation far below their real worth. These claims were substantiated by articles in the Evening Lebour last week, exposing the antiquated system, in which it was shown that properties were offered to the Government at a cost far in excess of their as-

OHIO THE BATTLEGROUND IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Republicans and Democrats Concentrate Energies on Buckeye State

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 .- During the next

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—During the next two weeks Ohio will be the national political battleground. Both Republicans and Democrats have marshaled their forces for a tremendous "political drive." Speakers of national prominence will be pitted against each other in this crucial arena. National headquarters of the Republican and Democratic parties today gave out lists of speakers who will be sent into Ohio between now and the election. Every section of the State will be bombarded oratorically.

Senator Charles F. Johnson, of Maine, in charge of the Democratic speakers, predicted today that the State would surely go Democratic. In answer to this William R. Willock, the autional Republican chairman, gave out a telegram from Charles Haffield, the Republican chairman of Ohio, declaring the success of the Republican ticket is assured.

Ralph D. Cole, in charge of the Republican speakers' bureau, has gone to Ohio to direct in person the activities of the Republican orators.

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Bishop James A. McFaul, of Trenton Was Consecrated 22 Years Ago

TRENTON, Oct. 18. — The Right Rev sames A. McPs. was consecrated twenty we years ago today as hishop of the Tem on discuss, and his analysemary is being deserved by a donation day at Morris Hall

NO SHIFT FOR LEHIGH VALLEY Changes in Railroad's Officials Fail

to Muterialize The much talked of changes in management of the Lebigh Valley Railroad did not take place at the mosting of the company's directors in Philadelphia today. For pany's directors in Principles to the Fresh-seme time it has been reported that Fresh-dent E. B. Thomas would resign and that he would be succeeded by E. E. Loomis, vice president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. According to the statements made in the financial district from time to

name in the mancial district from time to time the changes were to have been an-nounced today.

President Thomas presided at the meeting and immediately after its adjournment the president and other officials left on a trip of inspection over the road.

ONE KILLED, TWO HURT AS AUTO STRIKES POLE; MACHINE DEMOLISHED

Clarence Burke, of Glenolden, Dead as Car Crashes Into Telegraph Post in Darby. Skull Crushed

OTHERS BADLY INJURED

One man was killed and two others

One man was killed and two others seriously injured today when a touring car occupied by them crashed into a telegraph bole at Main street and Ridge avenue Darby, demoilshing the automobile and hurling the occupants to the pavement.

The dead man was Clarence Burke, twenty-five years old, son of a prosperous builder of Glenolden. His death was instantaneous, due to a broken neck and fractured skull. The injured are William Marshall, a drug clerk, of Glenolden, who Marshall, a drug clerk, of Glenolden, who is not expected to live, and James Russell, of Folcroft, who escaped with a fractured leg and internal injuries, nine stitches also

leg and internal injuries, nine stitches also being taken to sew up a bad cut in his head.

William Marshall was driving the car, and at Main street and Ridge avenue he lost control of the steering gear. The big machine plunged head-on into the telegraph pole with a crash that awakened nearby residents. The front of the car was caved in and the front wheels were broken. Burke, who occupied a seat beside Marshall, was hurled more than ten feet, landing on was hursed more than ten feet, landing on the back of his neck. Dr. F. H. Dick, who lives near the scene of the accident, was oned. He rushed Marshall and Rus sell in his automobile to the University Hospital. After having his wounds dressed Marshall was arraigned before Magistrate Baxter and held in \$500 ball.

STRUCK BY IRON POLE

Plumber Believed Dying in Roosevelt. Hospital

Frank Develin, fifty-two years old, a plumber, residing at 1929 North Twentieth street, is believed to be dying in the Roosevelt Hospital from injuries received yesterday when a heavy iron pole that supports trolley guide wires snapped in half and fell on him.

The accident is said to have been caused when the pole of a Cland

when the pole of a Girard avenue car slipped from the feed wire and struck the guide wires with such force that the iron pole broke.

City News in Brief

CAUGHT UNDER a steam shovel while CAUGHT UNDER a steam shevel while working on some construction work near Paulsbore early this morning. William Pennington, forty-three years old, of 2129 Cypreas street, Philadelphia, is in the Cooper Hospital, with both feet probably broken. Pennington was working near the steam shovel when it toppled over, pinning him beneath it. He was removed to the Cooper Hospital. An X-ray examination of the injured feet will be made today.

MISSING HIS footing when he attempted to get on his milk wagen early this morning. William J. House, thirty-five years old. of \$38 South Eighth street, suffered severe bruises and cuts. the wagen passing over him. He was sent to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital.

A LETTER OF CONDOLENCE has been received by the family of Edward J. Kelley, 2918 Girard avenue, from General Kelley, 2918 Girard avenue, from General Joffre. Kelley was killed several weeks ago at Verdun while serving as an ambulance driver. J. Maurice and Walter Kelley, brothers of the slain ambulance driver, brought the letter from New York yesterday, where it had been sent in care of the American ambulance committee.

AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN, believed to have been an inmate of the Philadelphia General Hospital, was found dead at Fourth and Cherry streets this morning by Policeman Beatty, of the Third and R. station. His body was taken to the Morgue.

A FLYING POOTBALL TACKLE by A FLYING FOOTBALL TACKLE by District Detective McCullough, of the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, brought down Kinsley Hysiop, of 5123 Chestnut street, while the latter was trying to escape after being caught early this morning in a rooming house at 1708 Arch street. The prisoner was later held without bail for court by Magistrate Collins accused of breaking into the house,

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS in the street at Aramingo avenue and Somerset street, at 9 o'clock last night, John Rollly, thirteen years, 2437 Ann street, was taken to the Episcopal Hospital in a serious condition from a fractured skuil. His brother James went to the Belgrade and Clearfield streets went to the Belgrade and Clearfield streets with the manufacture of the street that station house the morning to report that the younger brother had not been home all night. The police communicated with the hospital and the boy was then identified. It had not yet regained consciousness, and the police are at a loss to know how he was injured.

EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD today by the United States Civil Service Commis-sion for the position of herdsman, fruit crop specialist and truck-crop specialist. The first position pays \$720 to \$1000 annually, while the salary attached to the last two ranges from \$1800 to \$2000 a year.

A BELGIAN SOLDIER has opened A BELGIAN SOLDIER has upsned a studio here. He is Oncar de Clerck, who was honorably discharged from the Belgian army after having been wounded in action against the Germans. He is what they call in Belgium an artist-sculptor, and has opened his studio at 34 South Sixteenth street. A brother, who is in the Philadelphia Orchestra, is his only relative in America and the reason for de Clerck locating in Philadelphia.

A CIRCUS WAS to town. Friends at Charles H. Grakelow, a florist, of Broad and Cumberland streets, watched the antice of clowns, ringmasters and acrobats last night in Lu Lu Temple, Broad and Spring Garden streets. The circus, the idea of Mr. Grakelow, was his way of celebrating his thirty-seventh birthday.

ADMITS REQUEST **UPON POLICEMAN** FOR PARTY FUND

Nicholas Ward Identified in Alleged Officers' "Shake-Down"

NOW FEARS TROUBLE

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At least one of the tentacles of the Papublican Organization octopus, which extend into every division of each of the forty-eight wards in Philadeiphia, any engaged in "shaking down" a \$100.000 vuluntary" contribution fund from policementerm, officeholders, and even city laborers, has been identified.

This tentacle, which has enveloped the forty-fourth division of the Pifteenth ward is Nicholas Ward, a machinist, residing at \$67 North Ringold street. He was identified by minute descriptions given by wive of city jobholders who had been asked for "voluntary" contributions. He admits he is a henchman of Magistrate John Collina i leader in the Fifteenth Ward. At first Ward denied having visited any home with the object of gatting funds, voluntary or otherwise.

"VOLUNTARY" GHTS

Later, however, he said he had asked for

Later, however, he said he had asked for a "voluntary" contribution and showed a reporter his list with mysterious marking. He emphatically denied that he was the official "satchel man" in the division for the organisation. A number of housewises, however, gave a description of him which left no doubt as to his identity.

He upholds the legal right to ask for "voluntary" contributions. Nevertheless

"voluntary" contributions. Nevertheless he fears he may "get into a lot of trouble on account of this," and announced today that he was "going down town to see about

Following is Ward's Interview, in part, as given to an Evenino Ledger reporter.

Q. Are you the committeeman in this fivision, Mr. Ward? A. I am. Q. Do you represent Mr. Collins? (Re-ublican ward leader.)

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been soliciting political assessments from the police and other office-holders? A. No, not me.
Q. Then you deny that you are the man that tried to get contributions from Patrolman Auble, 889 North Twenty-fifth street.

and other office-holders in the same block! "DIDN'T SOLICIT"

A. I work at night and sleep in the daytime. I haven't time to go around and get contributions.

Q. How is it that a number of persons in that block described you so accurately that I knew immediately that it was you?

A. I didn't solicit anybody.

Q. How did all this trouble arise? Can't you explain it? u explain it?

A. Well, I will tell you. Policeman.

Auble is a hot-headed man. I went around there with a book and asked him for a voluntary contribution. voluntary contribution.

Q. Then you did see Policeman Auble?
A. Yee, but I did not compel him to pay anything, nor did I threaten to take the matter any farther.
Q. Then it was not a "shake-down"?
A. Certainly not. I went to his home and asked for \$10 for the city committee.

and \$5 for the ward committee.
Q. lan't it illegal to collect from police A. I don't think so. I can't make him pay if he doesn't want to. I went to see Mr. Auble like a gentleman and he treates

me otherwise. Q Are you sure that you didn't go to any other policemen's or firemen's homes in the neighborhood? A. No: that was the one place How did you find out about this?

1). It is comparatively easy to find the collector when he lives in the same division.

Ign't that true, Mr. Ward?
A. Oh, yes; of course.
Q. Then you merely went around with your little book and asked for voluntary

ontributions?
A. Yes; now I will show you my list. MYSTERIOUS MARKINGS Beside the names of the various "victime of the bystem were mysterious little marks. First there were "Rs," which might mean First there were "Rs," which might meas "retain" or "retire" or "right" or "Republican." as the key to the satuation would likely disclose to the uninitiated.

Then a few of the names were marked N. P., which might of course mean, "Not Paid." or "Not in Politics," or "No Privileges." or "Nonpartisan." Take it as you like, for Mr. Ward did not give the key to the notes.

Question by reporter-Then you are not regular collector for this division, Mr.

Ward? A. No. I will have to go down town and e about this affair. Q. Who are you going to see?

Q. I thought you were going to press this matter farther. Are you going to take any action against Auble? A. No.
Q. It is not against the law to ask for oluntary contributions, is it, Mr. Ward? A. No. Policeman Aubic will be sorry that he started this.

Q Then you are going downtown to as about having Policeman Auble called to secount for his attitude?

FEARS TROUBLE A. No. But I may get into a lot of trouble on account of this affair. Are they going to use my name in the paper? I hope they will keep me out of this.

Reporter gave no answer.

Mr. Ward—Why did you pick on this particular division? Isn't this same thing going on all over the city in the same man; ner? Are you going to see other people.

Reporter—We came to this division because we knew about the conditions here on account of the story of Policeman Aubie. Are you sure now that you did not so around to any other homes, Mr. Ward? It is possible that the ghost of this question may arise at any time.

Mr. Ward—Oh, I have nothing to feat from the rest of the people living in that block. There are two policemen who live in my row. I have never asked them for a solitary cent. Go ask them.

SEVEN GERMANTOWN BODIES OPPOSE REROUTING OF CARS

Chestnut Hill and Other Organizations Fight Avenue Men's Plan

The transit committees of scree business inco's associations of Upper Germantows and Chestnut Hill went on record last night as Being opposed to any rerouting of trail-lines on lower Germantown avenue. The meeting was held in the Vernon Building Germantown and Chesten avenues.

The organizations represented were updermantown and Chestrut Hill Improvement Association, the Germantown Business and Chestrut Hill Improvement Association, the Germantown Business (Association, the Cliveden Deprovement Association, the Cliveden Deprovement Association, the Cliveden Deprovement Association of the Kast Germantown Individual Association and University of the Individual Association and Individual As

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