# INSURANCE CHIEF IN CITY TO PROBE PENSION MUTUAL

Commissioner Promises Scandal in Insurance Company's Deals

PREPARES FOR FIGHT

Gathers Information From Banks Here on Wood Concern's Operations

Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Nell nivived here today from Harrisburg, Pa., and held a conference with Chief Examiner William J. Roney, of the Insurance Department, discussing the affairs of the Penalon Mutual Life Insurance Company. of Pittsburgh, and the Union Casualty Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. An application for receiver has been made for both companies, both of which are contrelled by the Consolidated Investment Comtrell. I by the Consolidated Investment Company, with offices in the Finance Building.
The visit of Commissioner O'Neil to this city followed reports he had received that the two companies would make a legal fight against the application for receiver which will be argued in the Dauphin County courts at Harrisburg. November 27 and 29, "I will call on several officials of banks," "I will call on several officials of banks," said Commissioner O'Neil, "who had dealings with the companies controlled by Lynden D. Wood. I want to equip myself with all the information possible because I have heard that Wood is planning to oppose the application for receivership in the case of the Union Casualty and the Pension Mutual. We are getting more information every day. Before this investigation is ended I predict there will be a scandal and I don't care whom it hits."

Commissioner O'Neil brought with him

Commissioner O'Neil brought with him many records and documents dealing with the two companies LOSSES OF PENSION MUTUAL

By a Staff Correspondent

ESTIMATED AT ABOUT MILLION;

HARRISBURG, Nov. 17.—Insurance Commissioner O'Neil and Attorney General Brown probably will get together today and decide on the best steps to take in regard to the tangled affairs of the Pension Mutual te Insurance Company, The State officials now estimate the loss

to policyholders at almost a million dollars They want to do their best by the policy-holders in way of making a return to them; they also want to make any of the com-pany's officials who violated the law pay their penalty, and finally they want to de-termine the best way to prevent in the future any insurance company's being al-

lowed to bring its affairs to such a pass.

However the positions of the stockholders and the officials whom Commissioner O'Neil believes wronged them are finally determined, the State probers are determined to see that the future insurance companies will be held to a more strict accompanies will be neglected as more strict accomplishing all places the line as that a Pension counting all along the line, so that a Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company story can't be written under another name.

Nearly every train reaching Harrisburg Nearly every train reaching Harrisburg brings one or more policyholders of the Femion Mutual Life Insurance Company. Sems of them come from as far as Kenfucky. Among the arrivals are women. Some of them are in the twenties; others are in the fifties. As they walk out of the railroad station, they make their way toward Capitol Hill. They are here to find out whether they have lost the money which they have invested in policies of the cumpany. Insurance Commissioner O'Neil's latest estimate of loss to policyholders is \$349,195.

From Chambersburg, Pa., came two men Pepresenting a group of investors who ex-changed their stock in a solvent company for stock in the insolvent Pension Mutual for stock in the insolvent reliable a con-Life Insurance Company. They held a con-with Commissioner O'Nell, who assured them that he was trying to untangle the affairs of their company.

A former stable boy at a western race track and now in the sixtles, walked up the steps of the Capitol this morning. He held a policy issued by the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company. For years he has been paying premiums to that company. "I'm a game loser," said the former stable boy, whose home is Lexington, Ky., "and many a day passed by in my life that I never cashed in on a ticket, but I never kicked, because I had a run for my money. But this is the rawest deal that I ever got

my batting experience. I guesa I'll leave the insurance game for a while."
The next visitor to the Capitol was a girl

tudent in the Wadleigh High School, in New York. She represented her mother, who is a policy holder in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company.

"Mother lost her syssight recently and the policy which she has was to become due aboutly. We were planning to send mother than

the pelicy which she has was to become due shortly. We were planning to send mother to Vienna to have her eyes examined by a specialist. I guess our plans will not materialize new," said she.

"I guess not, girlie," said the former stable boy from Kentucky.

The occupations of some of the policy holders who are seeking to be enlightened on the affairs of the Pension Mutual Life Company range from laborer to There are physicians, merchants and also a few lawyers who frankly admit that they now realize that they don't know as much about insurance law as they

### VICEGERENT TO RULE POLES TEMPORARILY

Berlin Dispatch Says King Will Be Chosen Later-Jews to Be Factor

AMSTEIRDAM, Nov. 17.—A vicegerant will be appointed for Poland until a king is chosen, says a dispatch from Berlin to-

Jewish churchmen will play an impor-tant part in the new government of Po-land. The administrative councils of coun-ty communities will be composed of eleven combers, three of them rabble, based on the principles of proportional representa-

The Supreme Jewish Council will be

cal communities will have their affairs sistered by subboards chosen by the

special organization is provided for the Jewish communities. It will be ad of parishes delegates having parantary powers. he parish delegates will form a part of

Dies After Breaking His Leg Floring, fifty years old, died at the Chirurgheal Hospital today from acts of breaking his log when he a subcou at 1714 Market street No-Holme, who lived at 1157 North



Playwright, who indorses the work of the Evening Ledger in expos-ing the drug traffic. He is the author of a drama dealing with the effects of narcotics.

### WAGE BOOST REFUSED, THREE POLICE RESIGN

Patrolmen Say Net Income of \$1000 a Year Can't Pay Cost of Living

Three policemen attached to the Sixtyfirst and Thompson streets station have resigned during the last week because of failure of the city to increase their pay and make it commensurate with the increased cost of living.

PROTEST OF POLICYHOLDERS The three, the last of whom handed in his badge and keys to Lieutenant Ewing this morning, have served an aggregate of fifteen years.

These resignations are taken to indicate that many policemen throughout the city, disgusted by the stand taken by Mayor Smith and Councils' Finance Committee in refusing to increase the wages of policeman from their present rate of \$3 a day, will quit the force to work in munitions factories. Considerable feeling has been aroused among the policemen over their wages.

The policemen who resigned and time served follow: DAVID JACOBS, 6060 Callowbill street, four

years on force. JOHN MEHLMAN. 2125 South Lambert street, three years on force GEORGE THOMAS, 4524 Westminster avenue. wight years on force. elifit years on force.

The patrolman receives on an average of \$1100 a year. Out of this he must pay a political assessment of \$15, about \$55 a year for the pension fund and other items. and this year the increased cost of uniforms over the amount alloted him by the city forces him to pay \$22 from his own pocket.

# This brings his net income down to \$1000 a year—an amount that the police say is inadequate to support a family. STEWART AND RADNOR HUNTS CHASE THE FOX

Forty Riders Follow English Pack in Exciting Day's Sport

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 17 .- Folowing the English pack of the Radnor Hunt, about forty riders representing the W Plunkett Stewart Hnut of Unionville, and the Radnor Hunt started from Unionville early today for the second day of joint hunting by the members of the two organizations, being joined by Victor Ma ther and wife and Gilbert Mather, of th

Charles E. Mather Brandywine Hunt. A fox which promised some good sport was started soon after leaving for the open country, and the English pack went away in fine form, the ground being in much better condition than it was yesterday, when the chases were slow and dragging although three foxes were chased to ging, although three foxes were chased t ging, although three foxes were chased to cover after runs of about an hour each. The first one was found at the Webb woods, circled about and took to cover near the Street road. The second one was found in a field at the Logan farm, but popped into a hole before giving the hounds any sport. The third started at the Pierce farm, ran for an hour and gave a splendid

chase, the condition of the ground having much improved by the afternoon. The Radnor hunters were entertained over night at the Stewart place and made an early start for the meeting point today. Comorrow the Radnor Stewart, Pickerins and Mather hunts will meet for the start at Marshallton, as they have done for several seasons, and the Pickering and Mather

unds will probably be the only ones used Among the members of the two hunts following the bounds today are Victor Mather and wife, Gilbert Mather, of Philadelphia; Thomas Cotesworth, Walter Strawbridge, William Miles, Miss Collins, David B. tharpe, Orville Roborts, Jerry King, James R. Warren, Benjamin Chew, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munn, Mrs. Montgomery, William Cotter, Antelo Devereaux, Mrs. Antelo Devereaux, Wil-liam Kerr and William Lloyd.

# City News in Brief

FALLING DOWN a flight of steps last night at the Southern high School, Broad street and Snyder avenue, Joseph Hutchin-son, sixty-four years old, of 1899 South Papth street, suffered a broken left leg and possible injuries. Hutchinson was making his rounds of the building when he slipped and fell fifteen steps to the first floor. He grawled to the front door, where he was found by a policeman, who sent him to Agnes's Hospital.

A CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING of sixteen branch sewers, to cost \$250,000, was given out today by Director Dat sman, of the Department of Public Works. The work is to be done in different sections of the city. Most of the work was awarded to Emilio Pascuzzi, a city contractor.

CITY APPOINTMENTS today included Gustav Weiss, 2145 North Pairhill street, engineer, Bureau of Pire, saiary, \$1200; James A. Alexander, 1130 East Eric ave-nue, apprentice in the Electrical Bureau, salary \$739; Raymond McGes, 1211 Tioga street, clark, Bureau of Health, salary, \$730.

FIRE DESTROYED a large billboard which stood on a vacant lot at Wyoming and Bellfield avenues. According to the police, boys, who had made a bouffre hear the hillboard, are remountable for the sign having less set after. Evigen company No. 18. From Charles avenue near the company.

### PRESIDENT WILSON'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION ISSUED TODAY

IT HAS long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness, our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war, and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking also of their part. We cann their pitiful distress. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking also of

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the thirtieth of November, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer and urge and advise the people to resort to national thanksgiving and prayer and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure. And I also urge and suggest our duty in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitliessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings. Our people could, in no better way, show their real attitude toward the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the sufferings which war has brought in its train.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of

the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the

independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON (Signed.)

#### RAILROADS AND MEN PREPARED FOR HEARING ON EIGHT-HOUR LAW

cific or the Santa Fe Railroad, it has become known here. These petitions to hold up the law's effectiveness on January 1 tre set for argument next Thursday. They are the first of the contemplated 5000 actions, and as time is the important element in the present litigation the choice

probably will fall on them.

The Department of Justice attorneys continue working out their course of action. It has been fairly definitely decided now to take a single case, the decision on which will hind every other court of lower jurisdiction on the same suits. Whether Attordiction on the same suits. Whether Attor-ney General Gregory will waive the neces-sity of filing auits by every road in every judicial district has not been announced yet. The railroad men have sent word to nim they will agree to any proposition he offers.

#### STATE RAIL COMMISSIONERS RESUME DEBATE ON QUESTION OF SURRENDERING AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.-The National Association of State Railroad Commissionrs resumed the fight started yesterday over the question whether Federal or State com-missions shall regulate issues of stocks and bonds of interstate public service corpora-tions. A resolution indorsing Federal control has been temporarily rejected.

Former United States Senator Bristow, of the Kansas commission; Commissioner Phompson, of Illinois; Commissioner Phorne, of Iowa, and others are contending hotly for State sovereignty, while Commis-sioners Carr, of New York; Edgarton, of California, and Duncan, of Indiana, are righting for Federal control, declaring that chaos will continue unless the Federal Gov-ornment is given absolute control of secu-

A special committee was appointed to co-operate with the Interstate Commerce Commission in its probe of the nation-wide ar shortage Frank H. Funk, commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission, of nots, was named chairman of the com-

A resolution urging Congress to confer upon the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to establish rules and regulations with respect to exchange, interchange and return of equipment between the rallroads

#### TRAINMEN EXPECT NEW ACT FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY IF ROADS WIN FIGHT IN ADAMSON LAW

CLEVELAND, Nov. 17 .- Confident tha hould the Adamson eight-hour law fall President Wilson will provide another measure which will insure trainmen of an eight-hour day, heads of the railroad brotherhoods here today scouted the posbillity of a general strike in January.

Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherood of Locomotive Engineers, said that

f the Adamson eight-hour law was knocked out trainmen looked to President Wilson or an effective substitute. Possibilities that the strike vote taken last summer would not hold good for a strike in January loomed today, and broth-erhood officials said this question would have to be determined at a meeting in

Washington Monday. Washington Monday.

News of a possible further conference
between railroad heads and employes coming from Washington preceded the statements from the brotherhood heads. This believed to indicate the willingness of the brotherhoods for further consideration of the eight-hour law and amendmenta which might make it more satisfactory to

W. S. Carter, president of the Brother hood of Locometive Firemen, and George H. Sines, vice president of the Brother-hood of Railroad Trainmen, both doubt the mibility of a strike.

"A railroad strike is a remote possibility," William G. Lee, president of the Broth-rhood of Railroad Trainmen, alone refused to comment on the situation.

SIX HUNDRED CORPORATIONS VOTE TO SUPPORT RAILROADS

# IN FIGHT ON EIGHT-HOUR LAW

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—The National Founders' Association, representing more than 600 of the leading manufacturing corporations of the country, has voted in session, here to put "the entire power and influence of the organization behind the railroads in their fight to prevent the enforcement of the Adamson oight-hour law." It was said that this resolution would be followed by similar resolutions to be adopted soon by other great industrial organizations in various parts of the country, all of which are included in the newly organized National Industrial Conference Hoard, which came into existence at Wednesday's session of the Founders' Association. One of the main purposes of the board is to resist demands by labor organizations, which its members consider unjust. The convention of the American Federation of Labor in Baltimore is marking time NEW YORK, Nov. 17 - The National tion of Labor in Baltimore is marking time as its leaders prepare for the eight-hour night. The trainmen's brotherhoods leaders will ask and get the federation's support next week. The convention may launch a greater fight for an eight-hour law for all

#### COMMERCE CHAMBER COUNCIL WOULD HAVE NATION ENFORCE MASTER-SERVANT CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON. Nov. 17.-Regulation of

WASHINGTON. Nov. 17.—Regulation of rallroads and prevention of rallroad strikes were questions subjected to critical analysis by some of the country's biggest commercial figures today, at a special meeting of the national council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

When the national council convened Henry R. Towne, of New York, urged selections of contractural relations between employers and employees on public utilities as a means of preventing strikes. Mr. Towne sessuice that his plan had the full indominants of the Marchanic Association of New York. All Chames of rational requirements

the delegates for the purpose of framing definitely the views which the national council will lay before the joint Congres-

Warning that railroad men "may hold up Congress at the next session if they are successful in the present Adamson eighthour law controversy" was given by President Charles R. Van Hise, of Wisconsin University.

"Whether the last election had anything to do with the passage of the Adamson law." Van Hise said, "you can judge as well as I. Four hundred thousand men held up the governing power of the United States. The ignominious situation may be repeated indefinitely unless courage is exhibited in future matters of the sort which was not exhibited in this case."

Congress has the undoubted right under the Constitution to prescribe both hours of labor and amount of wages, not only for railroad employes, but for others in interstate commerce, Representative Adamson, vice chairman of the joint Congressional Committee on Interstate Commerce, told the "Whether the last election had anything

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chamber.

Judge Adamson said he was unalterably Judge Adamson said he was unalterably opposed to Government ownership as a solution of the public utilities problem. Prominent speakers debated such phases as the Canadian Disputes Act: necessity for a public investigation without award for the purpose of permitting public sentiment to be formed upon facts publicly brought out before a strike can take place; and the fixing of a minimum wage by the Interstate Commerce Commission or some other commission, permitting labor to appeal to this commission just as a shipper can appeal in the case of rates and permitting him to cease work within thirty days after the decision of the commission, but making conspiracy to injure the public service a crime.

#### TWO MORE ROADS BEGIN SUITS TO SET ASIDE ADAMSON LAW: ACTION ORDERED BY ANOTHER

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 17.—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Com-pany today brought suit in the United States Court here to test the constitution-ality of the Adamson law. The bill of com-plaint asks an injunction to restrain the employes from taking any legal proceed-ings under the new law to collect additational wages until the court shall have passed upon the validity of the act. The case will be submitted to Judge George W. Ray.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad today authorized an injunction suit against the operation of the Adamson act. This action was taken after the first dividend since November, 1914, had been declared. Today's payment was two per cent. lay's payment was two per cent.

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—Suit was filed in the Inited States District Court today by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for an injunction against the enforcement of the Adamson law, Judge Morton announced a hearing for December

#### FEDERATION OF LABOR READY TO BACK TRAINMEN AND FIGHT FOR UNIVERSAL EIGHT HOURS

BALTIMORE, Nov. 17 .- Labor is er trenching itself here for one of the greatest fights of its career for an eight-hour day for all workers.

The crisis, which leaders freely admit is impending, may come during the present convention of the American Federation of Labor, but in all likelihood it will be de-ferred until January 1, when labor's first great victory, the rallroad eight-hour day. will be put to test through the operation of the Adamson law. The preparation for the battle, however, is being made here. The convention proper is marking time.

It probably will continue to do so until the first of the week, when the big four" of the railroad labor world—Stone, of the engineers; Garretson, of the conductors: Carter, of the firemen, and Lee, of the train men-will come here to address the hun dreds of delegates. It is expected they will ask the indorsement of the federation for the measures they will take to prevent the railroads from having the Adamson bill declared unconstitutional, and they will be backed to the limit. Furthermore, they are confident of winning. They believe that they have the support of the Administration and they "point with pride" to the result of the election as proof positive that they have the 'indorsement of society."

As to the whether the railroad men will trike in the event the railroads succeed in solding up operation of the Adamson law

holding up operation of the Adamson law past January 1, leaders here profess to have no knowledge.

President Gompers turned it off this way:
"The Adamson law will go into effect on January 1, regardless of injunctions, contests or what the railroads do."

He declined to amplify the statement.
Of discussing the possibility of a nation-wide sympathetic strike in case the railroad men do go out, everybody, high and low, fought shy. They left it alone as though it were hot.

The convention today took its usual po-

The convention today took its usual no stition as opposing the compulsory arbitra-tion of labor disputes. Some delegates, however, said that action at this time assumes slightly more than its customary significance, as it will serve as additional warning that labor will not tolerate the taking away of its cherished right to strike. A recommendation that the convention o on record as favoring the appointment

high cost of living was carried only after a long and tedious debate.

The convention was thrown into an upoar of merriment when, by direction of resident Gonners, the reading clerk read, newspaper clipping maying that Senator Sterman of Illinois had been sued for \$10,-

000 by a Springfield, Ill., women, who al-leges the Senator owes her that much "We'll get that man yet," cried Gompers above the turmoil, and his statement was roundly cheered.

President Gompers and Senator Sherman

have given out some sarcastic interviews concerning each other since Sharman formed the labor chief a "public nuisance." The convention adjourned at a colonial

## METHODISTS WARNED OF PROSPERITY'S PERILS

Discussion of Its Grave Dangers Attends Vote to Increase Salary of Mission Board's Secretary

CHURCH DUTIES IGNORED

Reports Say Material Success Too Often Involves Spiritual Decadence

After a half-hour controversy on the cost of living and ministers' salaries, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church in its annual meeting at the Wesley Building, Seven teenth and Race streets, this morning ap-proved of adding \$1000 house rent to the \$5000 annual salary of its corresponding secretary, the Rev. Dr. David D. Forsyth.

of Chicago.

The leaders of the opposition to the increase were A. J. Wallace, ex-Governor of
California, and the Rev. John Stephens,
district representative of the board in Cali-

fornia.

The Rev. Mr. Stephens said: "A missionary board is not an institution in which handsome salaries should be thought of. We are not dealing with a business proposition. The missionary field is one for the spirit of sacrifice, and this increase in salary for our secretary is not an example of sacrifice. This \$1000 increase will cost us much more than its face value when we go home and tell it to the people who are stinting themselves to give to the mission-Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of New York

Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of New York, upheld the increase and said that many railroads in the United States would gladly pay a man with the ability of Secretary Forsyth \$10,000 or \$15,00, a year. He declared that the secretary should be paid a saiary that would free him from all personal worry and allow him to devote all his

B. G. Moore, a lay member of the board, f this city, said that in the last two years men in his employ have had salary in-creases of forty per cent, and he could see no reason why the cost of living did not demand that men in ministerial work be paid in the same ratio. Other speakers said that \$6000 was not at all out of har-mony with the salaries of many large churches

PROSPERITY AND WORLDINESS Reports were read this morning on the five fields of work for which the board will provide individual superintendents and excutive committees at this sessio

ceutive committees at this session. They are rural, city, frontier, church extension and evangelistic work.

A warning against rural conditions is contained in the report on rural work. It declares that prosperity has been so universal as to cause the farmer to become increasingly intelligent, influential and wealthy, and "it is feared that in many cases he is also increasingly worldly and sinful." The report spoke of the great work to be done in this direction, and of the "startling moral conditions" prevalent. "Congregations are dwindling, churches are being closed, and the people are left without the restraint and inspiration of religion," the report adds. Hundreds of thousands that have strayed away from the church in the rural districts must be church in the rural districts must be prought back to the fold, along with many ew members.

Dealing with the work to be done in the

Department of City Work, the report added that much was to be done owing to the tide of immigration that was changing life and replacing old American blood. "Poverty and wealth alike," the report read, "im-peril us in our attempt to conquer the cities" organized selfishness, heartless inquities and Christless commercialism." It was emphasized that unless the cities were won the redemption of the country is impossible. CHURCH ITS OWN EVANGELIST

"Every church its own evangelist" is the slogan that has been adopted as a guide for the work in the department devoted to vangelism.

Without reflecting to the slightest degree on the work of the approved evangelist."
the report continued." the chief evangelistic
task of Methodism is to create evangelists

task of Methodism is to create evangellsts in the regular ministry and laity."

In speaking of the department for frontier work, the report observes that "America will surely determine the future of the world: From her will go out the deciding factors in the realm of politics, industries, social life and religion. The Methodist Church, with her great numbers, should be chief among the determining forces of America." Then added were the details of the planned work. details of the planned work.

The report on the work for the church extension division was more of a review what had been done in past years. In f ears the Methodist Church has established 17.800 churches and donated \$5,343,000 and oaned \$3,710,000 for the building of new mes, surpassing "any record of church uilding enterprises known in the Protestant

Bishop Joseph Berry is presiding over he meeting of the board, which terminates tomorrow. This meeting of the board is regarded as one of the most important held the church for years.

### 15 FINED FOR LOAFING

Judge Barratt's Cousin, Arrested on Similar Charge, Will Be Arraigned

Tonight-"Blunder," Jurist Says Fifteen men were fined \$10 and costs ach by Magistrate Mecleary when ar-aigned before him this morning on charges f corner loanging and disorderly conduct. A sixteenth, Clarence Hickman, 1932 Spruce street, cousin of Judge Norris S. Barratt, of Common Pleas Court No. 2, will be arraigned on a similar charge tonight before Magistrate Pennock. A seventeenth, George A. Brennan, 1718 Wallace street, was dis-charged by Magistrate Mecleary.

Detectives Lee, Christine and Hurns, of the vice squad, who made the arrests, tentified that they had been watching the men during the last month, appearing nightly about the corner of Twelfth and Market streets and annoying pedestrians.

Judge Barratt resents the arrest of his
cousin, who he explained, was talking with on old acquaintance from the Navy Yard while standing at Tweifth and Marke streets, when two detectives arrested them "It's simply another police blunder," said the Judge. "The policemen were in plain elother; they refused to show their creden-tials, they did not have a warrant and they said that Mr. Hickman had been arrested before for a similar offense, and I know that to be absolutely false. The charge is

'It was entirely a case of mistaken iden ty," said Hickman. "The matter is now Judge Barratt's hands."

### CALL'S SON SEEKS DIVORCE

Wife Left Him Thirteen Years Age Without Warning, Joseph, Jr., Tells Court

Divorce proceedings were brought today in Common Pleas Court No. 1 by Joseph Call, Jr., of 1917 North Eighth street, son of Magistrate "Joe" Call, against Dalay According to the libellant he has not seen

his wife for more than thirteen years. When questioned today regarding the suit Call said: Thirteen years ago my wife, who was Daisy Hawkins of 2048 Marshall street, left me without warning. We had only been married a short time and I never knew why she left me. All I can may is that I naven't seen or heard from her since then, to I figured that it was about time to start

get a legal separation." "Chief Singer" in Army In the financial army a rehict



RICHARD J. BALDWIN Indications are that Senator Penrose will make an initial test of his strength in the next legislature in a contest backing Baldwin for the Speakership of the House of Representatives.

# News at a Glance

TRENTON, Nev. 17,-Colonel Austen Colgate today declined the proffer of the office of Adjutant General to succeed the late Wilbur F. Sadler, Jr.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—The first occan-going vessel built in Chicago in many years cleared today for the Atlantic to ply be-tween New York and Santo Domingo. The vessel is the Manta, and was built at a cost of \$500,000 for the Atlantic, Guif and West Indies Steamship Company, owners of the Clyde Line. The trip will be made through the Welland Canal.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 17.—The Steelton and Highspire Railroad Company, to join the Steelton and Highspire plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company, was chartered today. Quincy Bent, general manager of the Bethlehem Steel plant here, is president. The line will be little more than three miles in length.

LONDON, Nov. 17 .- Suggestion that the government take over operation of British mines producing coal, for the navy was made today by Lord Rhondda, one of Engand's principal coal mine owners.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President Wilson will take no further vacation efore Congress reconvenes. The President met with his Cabinet today for the first time in two months. He is hard at work on his nessage to Congress. He expects to an-nounce the members of the tariff commission and shipping board within a week.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17 .- The nahes of the chicago, Nov. 17.—The ashes of the body of Joseph Hillstrom, shot to death for murder by the State of Utah a year ago, today were being made up into 600 packages for distribution to the delegates who will be here Sunday for the annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, of which Hillstrom was an organ-izer.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Nov. 17 .- Harold TWIN FALLS, Idahe, Nev. 17.—Hareld and Lynn Lovelace, brothers of twelve and eleven years respectively, are free today. The jury that tried them on charges of murdering Prof. F. T. Hammill, to which they confessed, acquitted them on the ground that their mentality was such that they could not be held responsible. Hammill was slain when he caught the boys robbing his ranch house. Steps will be taken to place them in an industrial school. taken to place them in an industrial school.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.-Mr. and Mrs. Charles E Hughes, accompanied by Wil-liam R. Willeox, the national Republican chairman, and Mrs. Willcox, will go to fined \$25, while John Wanamaker still de

HARRISBURG, Nov. 17,-The Board of Pardons today refused to grant George F. Hofmelster, convicted of larceny and mis-demeanor as a bank official in Allegheny County, a rehearing. Last night the board held the case under advisement and today refused the rehearing.

with Secretary of State Martin today, Conrressman John H. Capstick declared he

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Dutch passen-ger steamship Koningen Regentes, which was seized by the Germans on November 11 and taken to Zeebrugge, has been re-leased, says a news agency dispatch from Amsterdam today. Three Americans on oard had previously been liberated.

State Printer Makes Appointments HARRISBURG, Nov. 17.—A. Nevin Pome-roy, Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding, has announced the appointment of the following: Proofreaders—George W. Wagner and John W. Parks, Philadelphia, and John T. Wilson, Beileville; copyholders —George McArthur, Robertsdale; Lester J.

First, Harrisburg, and Fred W. Taylor, Leb

# BANDITS AGAIN CLOSE IN ON CHIHUAHUA CITY

Villistas Prepared to Attack Trevino Garrison of 2000, Now Isolated

EL PASO, Nov. 17 .- Villista troops are again closing in upon Chihuahua City from all sides and Carranza's stronghold in the north is again isolated.

General Trevino now has fewer than 1000 men in Chihuahua City and is preparing to evacuate, according to advices received by Federal agents here. He will try to move southward and join the forces of General Murguina, who is moving north

from Torreon. Colonel Mariano Tamez, one of the Villa leaders operating along the railway north of Chihuahua City, wrote his brother, who lives here, that he with the notorious Quevedo brothers and Manuel Chao, all Villa leaders, were planning an early at-

tack on Juarez. It is believed here that the bandits who held up a train yesterday at Terrazas were part of the Quevedo force. Victims reach ing the border reported that more than 200 men, women and children were forced to atrip in the cold beside the tracks while the bandits searched their clothing for valuables. Much of the clothing was stolen

Worries Over Clash; Shoots Himself CARBONDALE, Pa., Nov. 17.—Broading

# PENNSYLVANIA OPENS **AUTO WAR ON NEIGHBOR**

Retaliates on Delaware for Law Requiring License for Motortrucks Doing Business in That State

MAKES SIMILAR RULE

Called Foolish Rule Which Discriminates in Favor of Individuals

Result of Tariff War on State Auto Traffic

DENNSYLVANIA and Delaware declare tariff war, knocking out automobile license reciprocity privi-

Pennsylvania State Highway Commissioner issues orders to police au-thorities to stop Delaware motor-trucks lacking Pennsylvania licenses when they cross State line.

Action is result of Delaware's "foolish law." Highway Commissioner was urged on by Motortruck Association of Philadelphia.

Delaware concerns will suffer most, since their own State licenses cost \$5, while Pennsylvania's cost from \$15 to \$35 each.

Motortrucks must have licenses whether engaged in continuous inter-state traffic or cross line only occasionally.

Pennsylvania and Delaware entered into Pennsylvania and Delaware entered into a tariff war today when the Pennsylvania State Highway Commissioner answered the Delaware law which requires commercial motor trucks of this State to obtain Delaware licenses before crossing the State line, Heretofore Delaware commercial motor trucks have been privileged to deliver Delaware goods in Pennsylvania without having Pennsylvania automobile licenses, while Pennsylvania concerns delivering goods in Delaware were required to pay for Dela-ware licenses or be fined \$25 every time a truck crossed the State line.

After endeavoring for more than a year and a half to bring about the repeal of the Delaware law or a nullifying amendment, action was taken by Pennsylvania today. Notices were sent out by the automobile division of the State Highway Department to the authorities in all towns along the State boundary line that all Delaware commercial, vehicles found in Pensylvania. mercial vehicles found in Pennsylvania must be stopped and their drivers notified that Pennsylvania registration must be ob-tained. The police of Philadelphia also racelved the notice.

CALLED "FOOLISH LAW." The action taken today by State Highway Commissioner Black was a move which the Motor Truck Association of Philadel-phia had about persuaded the late State Highway Commissioner Cunningham to

"Thus to fight back," said W. H. Metcalf, secretary of the Motor Truck Asso-ciation, "is the best way to bring about eciprocity between the two states, because Delaware licenses cost only \$5 while from \$15 to \$35 a license, according to the weight of the truck, will have to be paid by Delaware concerns that want to operate their delivery trucks in Pennsylvania.

"Delaware has a foolish law. It says that a truck belonging to an individual can come into Delaware without a Delacan come into Delaware without a Delaware license, but a truck belonging to a corporation or partnership cannot. It works out in such a way, for instance, that John Wanamaker delivers goods in Wilmington unticensed trucks while Strawbridge & Clothier must have Delaware licenses on all theirs. It regards John Wanamaker as an individual. That was brought out when an individual. That was brought out when on one side of Pennsylvania avenue in Wilmington not long ago a Wanamaker truck had backed up on one side of the avenue to deliver goods while Strawbridge & Clothier's truck was on the other side. A policeman arrested the driver of the Strawbridge & Clothier truck because there was

livers goods there without Delaware H-FAILED TO ACT

The Motortruck Association of Philadel-phia has been in the controversy throughout, said Secretary Metcalf. A tacit agree ment was in effect between Philadelphia and Wilmington for a while, by which the law was disregarded, he said, but the agreenent was broken when a Wilmington po lceman insisted on making the law stick.

"The association was assured by former

Governor Miller, of Delaware, and by the president of the Delaware Automobile As-

ociation, many months ago," said Mr. Met-

calf, "that the Delaware law would be straightened out, but for some reason noth-ing has been done. I suppose the action of the State Highway Commissioner is the The effect of the ruling will be far reach ong, because it and only to those commercial vehicle aged in continuous nterstate commercial also to commercial

#### vehicles making only occasional trips. BEQUESTS TO CHARITY

Women's S. P. C. A. and Doylestown Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum Beneficiaries in Will

The Women's Branch of the Pennsylva nia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Doylestown Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum benefit to the extent of \$8000 each through the provisions in the will of Sophia H. Hermann, 2341 North Eighteenth street, which was probated to-day. Three thousand dollars of the \$19,750 estate left by the testatrix goes in private bequests to friends.

Other wills probated were those of Alice P. Earle, Stenton avenue north of Chew street, which, in private bequests, disposes of \$125,000; Lemuel F. Stansbury, who died in St. Mary's Hospital, \$12,000, and Christhan H. Fauser, 1733 Columbia avenue.

The personalty of the estate of George
Bettel has been appraised at \$9832.481
Henry J. Arbuckle, \$2873.69, and Margaret
W. Whitegook. \$2803.89 W. Whitenack, \$2801.39.

Gets \$220,000 Sewer Contract The Keystone State Construction Com-any, which is building the central section of the Broad street subway, has received an additional contract from the Department of City Transit, with the approval of Mayor Smith mith, to reconstruct the main sewer

Thompson street, between Seventh and Broad streets. The work will cost \$229,089. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION LOST AND FOUND

WATCH-Lost lady's open-faced gold watch with initials E P. H. going from 20th and fusquahanna to Norria down Norria to Broad thence to Tempis College. Oiff of a deceased father. Liberal reward if returned to 2201 N. 20th st. HIRTWAIST Lost Thompson's resingrant, 183 S. Broad, F a. m. today, Reward if re-turned to Miss Garrison, Strathmere, 1868 Walnut at

HELP WANTED-MALE ERKSHIP—Young man for clerishin position in automobile repair shep office, capable of writing a good hand and using the talephone-stendy position for right man. M 655, Louise Central.