EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1916

BOY MURDERER, WHO

ESCAPED, SURRENDERS

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ions to Reveal Identity to

Farmer

planned the jail break.

Mottern's reply was:

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## WOOD MERGER PLANS RANGED WIDELY AFIELD

#### Wizard Hoped to Control All Compulsory Insurance

COMPANY IN OHIO DESCRIBES SCHEME

Charged Promoter Set Out Deliberately to Wreck Concerns in Good Standing

INNUENDO AGENCY USED

Accusations against Lyndon D. Wood and Consolidated Investment Company, of ich he is the controlling force, although holds no office in it, come from as far west as Dayton, O.

A letter from the manager of the Gem City Life Insurance Company, of that city, explains in large part the methods Wood used to gain control of companies he wanted to bring into the Consolidated Investment

Wood is the president of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh, for which Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Nell expects the Dauphin County courts to name a receiver on Monday. He also is the controlling force behind the Union Casualty Company, for which a receiver-ship hearing will be held next Wednesday.

It has been charged that Wood deliber ately set out to ruin life, fire and casualty compactes in good standing, and thus gain control of them, his purpose being to merge them all and get their stockholders to trade in their stock for stock of the Consolidated Investment Company.

#### LETTER OF OFFICIAL

H. R. Stapp, general manager of the Gem City Life Insurance Company, writes to the EVENING LEDGER BS follows:

A representative of the Consolidated Investment Company came to this city and after first failing to align the ac-tive management of this company with a proposed plan to secure a controlling Interest of its stock proceeded to attempt to create distrust in the minds of the trustees for the stockholders and the directors of the inability of the company to continue to operate suc-cessfully. Also failing in this, Mr. Wood personally tried the same plan with the largest stockholder without

After that, a plan seems to have been made to inaugurate a campaign of misrepresentation of the company's condition among the executives of other insurance companies operating in this territory and insurance journals. For-tunately, in every instance, we believe, the matter was referred to us before any reports received from that source were published and the other insurance companies approached made inquirtes direct to this company before accepting the reports made by the Consolidated Investment Company's representatives. Among the specific statements made

were that this company was making no progress, that its surplus was prac-tically depleted and that it was seek-Instanty depicted and that it will be a source of reinsurance, all of which were unqualifiedly false. We are pleased to inclose herewith a copy of the statement of the condition of this company as of October 31, 1915, confirming this statement.

You will note the items that bear directly on these points are the het assets, the life reserves and the net surplus, the first two of which show splendid increases, considering the limitations of the company's operations, and the third of which shows a healthy margin of safety, although a small decrease, which is a natural condition in the early stages of any company's devel-opment. This decrease, virtually all, was incurred in the first two months



mer Castle any official report as to whether the ships were torpedoed or mined, but the proximity of the dis-asters inevitably leads one to be-lieve that a submarine must have been responsible."

eight life insurance companies. That con-solidation was a bare half-step toward the realization of his greater plan-a rock-ribbed monopoly; omnipotency in this lucra-tive insurance field.

Evidence is at hand to show that they were planning to form through the agency of their holding company, the Consolidated Investment Company, three giganitic insur-ance corporations—one a life company, one fire company and one a casualty com

pany. HAD BIG OBJECTIVE

Through these three, all dominated by the holding company, they hoped to get all the life insurance business of Federal, State and municipal employes; all the casualty business from them and also the intire building insurance of these separate

It was through methods like this that the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company grew. For many years Wood's activi-ties were centered chiefly on small compa-nies, fraternal and such. It is only of late years that his ambitions have extended to such big concerns as the Union Constitusuch big concerns as the Union Casualty, the National Fire, and so on. The scouts that Wood and the Consoli-

ated Investment Company sent out were not infrequently friendly enough to the in-surance departments of the States where they worked as to be able to get informa-tion about the company which they could

not otherwise have obtained. It was through such connections as these that the scouts often discovered the weak links. Or sometimes the insurance officials lipped off the scouts, and not until then was the scout sent out. He then could turn around and "inform" the insurance depart-ment of the weak link, after which action

vould come. This word "scout" is a favorite in writing as well as in spoken language among th wreckers."

The EVENING LEDGER has a letter written in this city last April by a man who deals in securities. The ister ands with this sen-tence, which is as illuminating on account of the range of activities it shows as it is on account of the language:

"Mention this, thinking he may be scout-ing for us in Md. or Va."

**GLI ITALIANI A CINQUE** 

**MIGLIA DA MONASTIR** 

ROMA, 25 Novembre.

Avanzano ad Ovest della Citta'

Macedone Mentre gli Alleati

Marciano a Nord

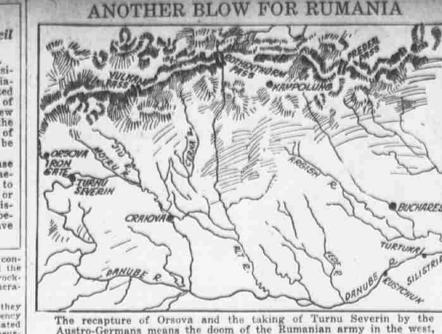
HOMA, 25 Novembre. Ieri si ebbe una giornata di bel tempo sulla fronte italiana, cio' cha ha facilitato l'opera delle artiglierie. Se il bel tempo continua sul Carso, non e' impossibile che gli italiani ne approfittino per fare un nuovo sbalzo in avanti verso la loro meta di Trieste. Nella giornata di lera l'attivita' dell'artiglieria e' stata specialmente note-vole sulla fronte del Trentino, ma si e' avute anche nelle zone di Plava e di Go-rizia. Ecco il testo del rapporto del gen-erale Cadorna:

Sulla fronte del Trentino l'attivita'

delle artiglierie e' aumen-tata con il miglioramento delle condizioni atmos-feriche. Essa è stata particolarmente intensa sull'altopiano di Asiago. Le

nostre batterie hanno disperso gruppi di operal militari ed hanno ostacolato i movimenti di colonne nemiche e di trasporti nella Val d'Assa.

erale Cadorna:



The recapture of Orsova and the taking of Turnu Severin by the Austro-Germans means the doom of the Rumanian army in the west, as Craiova is already in Teutonic hands. However, this map of Wallachia, or Western Rumania, reveals that Falkenhayn has yet a difficult road to travel, since to reach Bucharest he must cross countless rivers and streams, all of which will be strongly defended

TEUTONS PRESS ON TOWARD BUCHAREST

Continued from Page One Russians are dissatisfied with the showing

made by the Rumanian army. SERBS REPULSE ATTACKS: ITALIANS GAIN GROUND WEST

OF MONASTIR, PARIS SAYS

PARIS, Nov. 25. Despite hindering of appearance becau f fog and rain, Serbian troops out of Monastir repulsed Bulgarian counter-attacks in the region of Grunista and Italian forces, also under General Serrall, succeeded in progressing further to the west of Mon-

BERLIN, Nov. 25. The repulse of concerted Italian and Serbian attacks on the Macedonian front was reported by the German War Office

## CZAR'S TROOPS REAT BACK

Taking advantage of the milder weather. In one of the German attacks on the lovel sector, the attacking troops were met

when darkness fell. The Russian statement on the operations

machine gun.

the enemy's flank. On the Stokhod, in the region of the Kovel-Manovitch Railway, small enemy trenches

fully threw bombs on the enemy's artillery depot in the village of Pavolicho on the rallway northwest of Stanislavov

#### DUMA VICTOR AT LAST Downfall of Sturmer Considered Triumph for Liberals and BUCHAREST Allies COPENHAGEN, Nov. 28.

Political unrest in Russia haz reached an cute stage. That the Government has be-ome alarmed by the widespread discontent come alarmed by the widespread discontent is shown by the fact that it gave way be-fore the popular clamor, relified Premier Sturmer, replacing him by M. Trepoff, an acknowledged progressive and reformer, and appointed M. Neratoff, an enthusiastic pro-Ally, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Advices received here today from Petrograd state that a complete reorganization of the Russian ministry is possible in view of the insistent demiands of the radicals ong the Liberals, Democrats, Laborites and Socialists.

**RUSSIA ON VERGE** 

**OF SERIOUS CRISIS** 

Political Discontent and

Open Outbreaks Force Concessions to People

There have recently been rumors of revolutionary outbreaks in Petrograd, Moscow, Kharkoff and other important cities. It is officially denied in Petrograd that such outbreaks have taken place, the Home Office attributing the rumors of uprisings to the same agents who are spreading discontent among the laboring class and farm workers. Travelers just arriving here from Russia sny that the military authorities are exerusing the utmost precautions in all the big Strong garrnons are maintained iting

everywhere. One of the main causes of anti-govern-ment activity in Russia, it is said, is the nisery caused by the food shortage, the ack of fuel, the high prices of all neces-tifics, the ruthlessness of the military au-BROOKVILLE, Pa., Nov. 25. — Henry Ward Mottern, seventeen years old, and George Graham, twenty, who escaped from Jefferson County jail, were recaptured at Richardsville late yesterday. horities in recruiting fresh armies an ther kinds of suffering imposed by the war.

TRIUMPH FOR DUMA

The resignation of M. Sturmer as remier and Foreign Minister had long accepted as an inevitable outcom the struggle between the present Cab-5 and the Duma. It caused no more a mild surprise, and this was due to the event itself than the rapidity a which the situation matured since definite break between the Duma and e Government.

It is almost impossible to overestimate not only the political but the national significance of the Duma victory, since for the first time in history Russian public significance tion is considered to have triumphed Exhausted by an all-night struggle in the storm, the lads lost their way in the hills, and soaking wet, footsore and disheartened, to good government. er infli tagonistic

Trepoff's appointment to the post M. they approached the Jordan farm at Rich-ardsville. Graham suggested to Mottern that they beg a meal. They were penniless. f Prime Minister is greeted with sat-faction by the Russian newspapers, which, owever, express the opinion that this is nly the first step taken toward carrying ut the program which is dictated by pres nt political necessities. According tetch, the resignation of M. Stur going to now. You can if you want to." and he retraced his steps into the woods. Sturmer he first occasion in the course of Russia's Graham approached Leon Jordan and begged for food. He was led to the farm-house, where Mrs. Jordan was preparing some food for him, when he said he had constitutional history which clearly es-ablishes between the Government and the majority the voice of the Duma.

#### VICTORY FOR ALLIES

a friend who was too proud to ask for something to eat. She told him to call his friend. When Mottern came Jordan led the two strangers to a coal shed nearby and Sufficient information has come out of tussia in the last few months to show that he surrender of the premiership and the made a fire for them. They complained ortfollo of Foreign Affairs by M. Sturmer s a great victory for the Allies as well as for Russian Liberals. For Trepoff, the new Premier, although the son of the hated retains. While they were talking and eat-ing snow began to fall again and soon the hills were in the grip of another storm. ctionary despot. General Trepoff, sometim Discouraged, Graham again suggested to overnor General of St. Petersburg, is a cogressive and reformer, while Sturmer Mottern during a momentary absence of Jordan that they surrender. Mottern at first refused, but yielded when Graham pointed out the precariousness of the sit-uati n. So Jordan confesses to the Jor-dans and Mr. Jordan telephoned to Sheriff he last of the Baltic Germanic Russians in high office, is a bureaucrat, anti-Semite and suspected of being a pro-German.

What gave particular suspicion to Siur-mer's administration, aside from the known formative influences of his family and career, was the fact that he succeeded two strong pro-Aily statesmen on the threshold of what would have been their greatest political victories. He succeeded M. Goremykin last February as Premier, just as the latter was to present the amendment to the Russian fundamental State laws which would have abrogated the dis-ability acts against the Jews. He took over the foreign portfolio from M. Sazonoff last

#### MINT HEADS DISCUSS NEW AUSTRIAN RULER SHORTAGE OF MONEY SHOWS PEACE LEANING "Tremendous Prosperity" Given Proclamation Regarded as Indias Cause of Great Demand

rect Bid to Enemy to Name For U. S. Coins Conditions These times are so prosperous that money

begun to get down where the "peepul in organ to set on where using it and is used it. And they are using it and lemanding it to such an extent that the Philadelphia mint, along with the others

The situation has reached such an acuta

of the San Francisco mint: Thomas W. An-near, superintendent of the Denver mint; E. D. Hawkins, chief Clerk of the San Francisco mint, and Vernon Boyle, super-intendent of the New York Assay Office, into

Mr. Engelken said that the chief reason

she hortage is that the chief reason for the shortage is that the people among whom small coins usually circulate have more of them than ever before and are using them in making unusual numbers

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CLAUDE M. MOER,

of low-value purchases.

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Commenting on the new Austrian Emperor's proclamation to his people, the Vossische Zeitung says "The natural freshness and strength of the document are bound to have a good the document are bound to have a good effect. It abounds with yourn and mod-esty." The newspaper points out that Em-peror Karl speaks twice of regaining peace: never of conquests, but merely of preserv-ing his empire. This looks to the Vossische Zeitung like an indirect invitation to the enemy to name his peace conditions. The newspaper sees proud modenty in the fact that the Emperor refrains from mentioning in his interesting document his sectual narticipation in warfare at the Philadelphia minit, along with the others in the country, is operating twenty-four hours a day turning out coin. The disa for quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies are being filled and emptied as they never have been before, and still the demand is for

The situation has reached such an acute stage that the superintendents of minits have met to confer in New York today to see if something can be done. F. H. J. Van Engelken, director of the minit, called A. M. Joyce, superintendent of the Philadelphia minit; T. W. H. Shanahan, superintendent of the San Francisco minit; Thomas W. An-uear, superintendent of the Deurar miner. actual participation in warfare at the

The reference to conditions, it is said. cill be warmly greeted by the Austrian ecople, especially the part dealing with the people, expectative the nations composing the empire. Students of history, the Vossische Zeitung says, will be reminded of a similar document addressed many years ago by the sighteen-year-old Emperor Francis Joeph to his people, in which much was said f the liberty and equality of all citizens hich should form the base for a rejuvenatd fatherland.

ed fatherland. Emperor Karl's patriotic pledges, the paper says, will find a much better prepared soil in which to mature, and it must be owned that his is a modern and bona fide ismocratic program and pledge to social reform.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Ambassador Penfield has notified the State Depart-ment that the funeral of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary will be held next Thursday, November 30, and that the new Emperor has taken the title of Karl I. The Austro-Hungarian Embassy arranging for a solemn high requiem Emperor. Cardinal Gibbons will be present and President Wilson will be invited to attend.

#### SUES LATE HUSBAND'S KIN

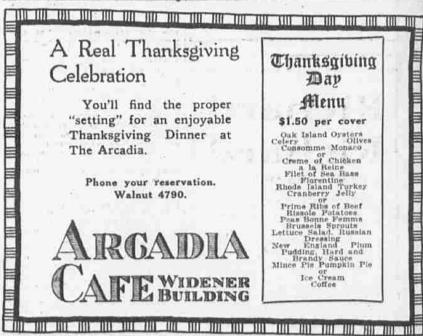
Former "Florodora" Girl Claims Under the Terms of Silk Man's Will

The high cost of living and the week-end rest are two excellent reasons for bring-ing the entire family here to-ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 25. - Mrs. Vaughn Smith Hall, widow of Major Isaad Albert Hall, of Paterson, has filed a bill in equity here for the division of property under the will of her husband. Hall, who was one of the leading figures in the slik business in America, died a year ago. Mrs. Vaughn Smith Hall, who as Vaughn Texamith was one of the famous original "Florodora" sextette, was his second wife,

She received a large amount of personal property from Major Hall. She sues under a clause in the will which says, "All the remainder I leave to my wife, my sisters, Alice Van Gleson and Sara Morehead, and my brother, Thomas W. Hall, to be divided equally.

Jitney Appeal Argument Advanced WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Nov. 25,-Notice as been received here from the Supreme Court that the argument on the jitney "buster" appeal has been placed at the foot of the January trial list, being advanced from the April list.





oday accused of robbery and of assaulting the warden of Punxautawney lock-up, from TEUTON ATTACKS IN KOVEL REGION, PETROGRAD SAYS which he escaped only four weeks ago, It s believed that Graham's restless mind

LONDON, Nov. 25.

the Germans and Austrians have made sev-eral small attacks upon the Russian lines, evidently to feel out their strength. Russian advanced detachments also have been

Kovel sector, the attacking troops were met by Russian artillery fire, and had to take rofuge in clumps of bushes which offered partial cover between the lines. The Rus-sian artillery was trained on the bushes, and kept up a fire so hot that the Germans could neither advance nor retreat. The attackers hid in the bushes and escaped when desknass fell.

In the region of Zanapotch, south west of Lake Naroch, our scouts at-tacked a German post and captured one

Northeast of Krevo, after a bombardment of our trenches by gunfire and mine throwers, the enemy attempted an attack on a small section of the front. He was beaten back by our fire. Our artillery caused an explosion on

forces which attacked were met by our fire. The enemy, who hid in the bushes, was held there under our fire until dusk. Toward night he retired to his

On the Bystritza our airmen success

Sulla fronte delle Alpl Giulie duelli

#### Thursday night's jall break alarmed this egion for thirty miles around. All night ong after Sheriff Marvin Mayes had the telephone operators notify every subscriber in the territory of the escape, parties in au-tomobiles and rigs scouted over the hills and through the storm. Mottern is under sentence to die in the ectric chair during the week of January 22 with Ernest Haines, eighteen years old, for the murder of William Haines, father of young Haines. The Board of Pardons has twice refused to Interfere, Graham is

head expenses having been made as of March 1, the beginning of the company's fifth year, which since that time has resulted in its operations being carried on with progressive increase in its business, assets and reserves, with virtually no expenditure from surplus.

Thanking you for referring this subject to us, and trusting that your ef-forts will be of material assistance in relieving the public from the activi-ties of the type of "blue sky promotion" that the activities of L. D. Wood as represented by the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Con-solidated Investment Company represent, we are, yours, truly,

H. R. STAPP, General Manager.

OTHER COMPANIES HEARD FROM There is among other letters one from Robert J. Wynne, president of the First National Fire Insurance Company of the United States, Washington, D. C., who writes to the EVENING LEDGER from Washington, D. C. He says in part:

Mr. Lyndon D. Wood and his associates compiled with certain former of-ficials of this company to secure con-trol as early as last January.

Fortunately, after the expenditure of a large sum of money, their attempt resulted in a dismal failure. We do not anticipate any further annoyance, in view of the fact that we judge from been uncovered in several cases. articles their operations have

We believe that their actions in connection with this company, as well as those disclosed by your articles, would warrant criminal prosecution and se-vere pusishment for all involved.

The subject matter in the letter from Dayton corresponds to that described in the squity suit between the Home Life In-surance Company, of this city, and some stackholders, now pending in the Delaware

The Consolidated Investment Company would send out what it called its "scouts," either placing them in a job with the com-It wanted to get control of or getting in positions where they could see and what was going on. Meanwhile some company's stock was purchased, and if the Consolidated Investment Company not hold of something that it could fright-en stochholders with as described in the letter from the manager of the Gem Life Company, it proceeded to stir

Equity suits would be begun, the matter induced by the newspapers, the stock-inders would get frightened, the credit of the company would be injured, and in time ortunity to purchase would present

The scheme falled in Dayton and Wash-ingroup, as has been told. It succeeded in the Union Casualty here.

The men back of the Consolidated In-residuent Company planned, when through, to be sentrely dominant in this particularly fartile field for compulsory insurance—they were going to control all Pederal. State and neuroidynal business so far as insurances entered, and through the enormous profits which would accrue therefrom, reward the unincelulations who "went along" as well as the stockholders who "went along" as well as the stockholders in the Consolidated In-reduced the master mind, the insurance whend, as they called him, always relains antrolling interest, although he is care-pt me to hold any office. The men back of the Consolidated In-

artiglierin si avuti nel sattori di Plava e di Gorizia e sull'altopiano del Carso. Una batteria nemica ha tirato ancora dodici colpi su di un nostro ospedale da campo, ma non si sono avute vittime.

Le truppe italiane che operano sull'ala destra dell'esercito di Sarrali, nella Mace-donia, hanno continuato ad avanzare ed hanno raggiunto il villaggio di Nijipole cinque miglia ad ovest di Monastir, mentre le forze francesi, serbe e russe hanno avanzato ancora a nord di Monastir. La battaglia impegnata a nord di quella citta s' accantissima, giacche' tedeschi e bulgari combattono con disperata tenacia per arre-stare l'avanzata delle forze alleate.

La situazione in Rumania peggiora. Non anltanto le citta' di Orsova e di Turnu-Severinu, sul Danubio, nelle vicinanze delle Porte di Ferro, ma le forze di von Mackenen hanno attraversato il Danubio con l'evidente intenzione di marciare su Bucarest. Inolire si annuncia che il generale von Falkenhayn, la cui attivita' si era limitata in queste ultime settimane alla fronte della Valachia, hainiziato una of-fensiva sulla fronte della Moldavia. Si rede che von Mackensen abbia attraversato il Danubio in un punto che dista appena una cinquantina di miglia da Bucarest, evidentemente con l'intenzione di minacciare e spalle dell'esercito che i rumeni concen-

travano ad est della valle dell'Alta. Ad ogni modo la presa di Orsova e Turnu non e' di grande importanza militare dal momento che queste due citta' si trovavano alle spalle delle nuove lines tedesche di Craiova. Oggi gli occhi di tutto il mondo sono rivolti alla Russia e a quello che essa fara' per la difesa della Rumania, di parte della Rumania se non sara' possibile difendere la Valachia, buona parte della quale e' stata gla' conquistata dalle forze sustro-tedesche. Si credo qui che il generale Sakaroff potrebbe, se avesse forze sufficienti, attaccare vigorosamente le lines di von Mackensen nella obrugia e con-stringere il marescialio tedesco ad ar-retrare la sua marcia, forse anche a ritirarsi di nuovo sulla destra del Danublo

To Give "Too Much Johnson"

"Too Much Johnson," a rollicking farce, will be presented by the Criterion Players at the Germantown Boys' Club auditorium. 25 West Penn street, tonight. The cast is nade up by Walter James Butler, Helen Bracken, Olga Lester, Nan Carley, William Nancrede, Edward Alexander, Walter Eu-gene Endy ("Johnson"), John Dempsey, Justus Rosenberger and Joseph Dorias.

#### Palmer Alumni to Dine

More than 300 graduates of the Palmer Business School are expected to attend the annual banquet of the institution's alumni association, which will be held in the ballm of the Hotel Adelphia tonight. The ini will be grouped by classes at the tubles.

#### Bounties Yield Woman \$50

PINE GROVE. Pa., Nov. 35.—Mrs. Charles Marts, of Ravine, has realized more than 350 through bounty claims this year, in addition to money received for the hides of the animals classed as norious by the

The finance mind, the insurance HAGERSTOWN, Md., Nov. 25.—Harry Watkins, twenty-nine, and his daughter. I the finance instructing interest, although he is care-true use to hold any office. There has been frequent reference to the dramma of diphtheria. Another child in the same tamily is it. Parent and Child Die of Diphtheria

BERLIN, Nov. 25 .- Southwest of Riga artillery activity has temporarily increased, says a War Office statement today on operations on the eastern front.

#### VENIZELISTS DECLARE WAR ON BULGARIA; DEFY KING'S POLICY OF NEUTRALITY

ATHENS, Nov. 25

The Greek provisional Government, eaded by former Premier Venizelos, today formally declared war against Bulgaria.

Venizelos established a revolutionary of "provisional" Government of Greece on the Island of Crete some weeks ago. The for-The forner Premier first clashed with King Constantine because of Venizelos's vigorous pro-Ally views and his insistence that Greece cast her lot against Germany. At the Greek elections Venizelos appar-ently obtained support in this position from the people, but he failed to move the Greek nonarch to any change in his attitude of neutrality. The establishment of a Veni-zelos party, and finally of a Venizelos government, followed.

CHURCH BABY COACH GARAGE

Tacony Methodists Will Dedicate New **Building Tomorrow** 

A baby coach garage is one of the features of the new Sunday school building of the Tancony Methodist Episcopal Church, which will be dedicated tomorrow night by Bishop Joseph F. Berry. There is every un-to-date appointment

in the new building, including kitchens, shower baths, a mothers' room, secretary's room and the very welcome garage for the onby carriages. The dedicatory exercises will be in charge of the Rev. Cornelius Hudson, pastor of the church

"Home Night" was observed last night at the church. Addresses were made by former superintendents and pastors of the church

#### GOVERNOR AIDS SCHOOL UNION

Brumbaugh Addresses Gwynedd Town ship Meeting-Consolidation Approved

GWYNEDD, Pa., Nov. 25.-Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh attended a meeting of taxpayers of Upper Gwynedd township at the Maple Grove School, here. He urged achool consolidation throughout the State. The meeting was called to get the sentiment of township taxpayers on a prop-osition to consolidate the four schools of Lower Gwynedd township, and as a result of the meeting it is likely a modern building will be constructed and consoli-dation effected.

Locks Clerk in Vault; Steals Gems KANSAS CITT, Kan., Nov. 25 .- A robber antered McDowell's jewelry store, held up the only clerk in the place and escaped with \$19,000 worth of diamonds after locking the derk in the vault.

Military to Bury Guardsman PINEGROVE, Pa., Nov. 25.—The body of George II. Roth, a member of Company G. Fourth Pennsylvaola Infantry, who died in the service along the Mexican border, will arrive here this afternoon, when a military funeral will be held. His mother, a widow,

the operation of the Elgin, Ill., Board of Trade is being made by Federal Govern-III., Board of ment officials in connection with the inquiry into the high cost of food products in prog-ress here by a special Federal grand Government officials have received ury. information it is said that the price fixed by the Elgin Board of Trade influences the price of butter throughout the world. Information in the hands of the Government is to the effect that two or three members fix the price of butter each Saturday.

PRICES OF BUTTER AND EGGS

Elgin Board of Trade Fixes Price of

Dairy Prdouct, Is Charge

PROBED BY U. S. AGENTS

Members of the Chicago Butter and Ekg Board quoted United States Govern-ment reports in proof of their statements that the present high price of butter and eggs is due solely to an acute shortage. The Government reports showed that on November 1, 1915, there were on the mar ket 92,718,649 pounds of butter, compared with 79,294,074 for the corresponding day this year. The Government reports showed 3,686,533 cases of eggs for the same date in 1915, compared with 3,794,295 cases on the same day this year.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25 .- United States Attorney Oliver has received a telegram from the Attorney General authorizing him to investigate prices of foodstuffs in St. Louis. The telegram says the Attor-ney General has been informed that retailers here are charging that commission men are responsible for high prices.

FRANK L. NEALL'S FUNERAL

#### Services at His Home Conducted by Dean of Episcopal Divinity

School The funeral services for Frank L. Neall,

one of the most enthusiastic champions of port development for Philadelphia, who died at his home, 102 East Mermaid lane, Chestut Hill, last Wednesday, were conducted at his home today at 2 o'clock by his son-in-law, the Rev. George G. Bartlett, dean of the divinity school of the Episcopal Church, Fifty-first street and Woodland avenue

The interment was at the South Laurel Hill Cemetery and the services at the grave conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bartlett. There were no honorary pallbearers.

#### Officials Accused of Misuse of Funds

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 25 .- Twelve of-cials of the village of Hibbing and of the township of Stunts were arraigned in Dis-trict Court before Judge Cant late yester-day to answer indictments returned against them by the Grand Jury. They are ac-cused of the misuse of public funds of the village and township.

steel, a local business man, encountered a catamount. The animal was ten fest away and plunged toward him as he fired. One shot ended its life.

#### Buffalo Newspapers Raise Price.

BUFFALO, Nov. 15 - Announcement was made today by five Buffalo newspapers of many comp of the function and street sale prices beginning December 1. The News, Times and Ecquirer, afternoon papers, and the Courier and Express, morning, will cost 36 a year. Street prices will be two canta a copy. The Commissial, afternoon, has been solding at two cents for several years.

the foreign portfolio from M. Sazonoff last July, just as that statesman had formu-July, lated his project for the absolute independence of a reunited Russian, Austrian and Prussian Poland, which was to be executed by an international agreement between the great Powers, who were to pledge their protection to the resurrected State. And both Goremykin and Sazonoff had been pronounced in their zeal to have Russia fight the war until the Entente obtained a ubstantial victory.

Need Parents' Consent to Whip Pupils READING, Pa., Nov. 25. — Reading teachers have been notified of a decision by the school board that only with the written onsent of parents or guardians may they nflict corporal punishment on pupils.

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