of the year passed with little or nothing accomplished aside from getting the leans before the voices and into shape for final

man Harry J. Trainer, of the Third Ward, at the efforts of the administration to change the Taylor transit plan that he made a motion in Councils' Finance Committee that Director Twining withhold the pay checks of his scores of engineers and other employes for the time they were taken off work on the Taylor than the contract of the

other employes for the time they were taken off work on the Taylor lines, to work on a plan that no one seriously considered, until they were again authorized to go ahead with plans that the city a year previously had approved in an unmistakable way. This drastic action, however, was not taken

POLITICS CAUSES DELAYS

The decision virtually to double the city's bonded indebtedness by authorizing loans of \$114,525,000 was not the work of a week of a month, and it was only after many delays that the Councilmanic financiers were ready to submit their plans to the voters.

ready to submit their plans to the voters. Politics at times played no small part in the delays and for a short time threatened the success of the immense financial deals necessarily involved in any move forward. Opposition, political and otherwise, was finally overcome, and on May 18 tast the big loans were approved by the voters by an overwhelming majority. Following the approval of the voters the bills had to be advertised and it was not until July 20 that the bills had finally passed Councils and the money was appropriated to the departments for which it was intended. During the seven months that the loan

During the seven months that the loan was in the making it was popularly supposed that all the municipal departments

were busily at work on specifications and drawings that would expedite the letting of contracts for many of the projects, or at least for their beginning. It soon de-veloped, however, that nene of the depart-

ment heads was far enough advanced to go ahead with the projects coming under their supervision and direction, and, more delays

ITEMS OF BIG LOAN The major items in the largest loan ever authorized by Philadelphia include \$57,-100,000 for rapid transit, \$10,000,000 for

the port \$8,549,120 for removal of tracks and grade crossings, \$9,900,090 for the Parkway, \$3,000,000 for new buildings at Byberry Farms \$3,200,000 for sewage disposal plant, \$4,925,901 to mandamus claims

due and pending for opening streets, \$1,000.

000 for main and \$1,000,000 for branch sewers, \$750,000 for bridges, \$1,000,000 for

an art gallery, \$2,460,000 for Public Library and scores of other loan items covering every class of improvement contemplated

Midsummer found the city Government, with its annual cost of operation of \$35.-

this time was the final ratification of the Taylor transit plans, that had long since

received the outspoken approval of all but

Mayor Smith and a few of his Cabinet mem-

DIRECTORS PLEASED

just so the money is appropriated and available to meet the first payments to con-tractora. Because of the consolidated loan fund many big undertakings could have been started in midsummer had the bu-

reaus and departments entrusted with the planning of the work been ready to ask for proposals. Despite this condition few

contracts of any importance were let dur-ing the best season of the year for outdoor orking. In anticipation of "big things" Councils

entrusted Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, with the power to hire and fix salaries of engineers, rodmen and many other classes of trained workers. Director Datesman, of the Department of Pub-

SLOWNESS AT STARTING

for running expenses during 1916.

arising, very little was done.

passage. So indignant was Select Cor

PENN TO GET IN PASADENA TODAY

Quakers Enjoy Spirited Workout at Albuquerque, Big Greeting for Team

DESTINATION NEAR END

By NEIL MATHEWS

WINSLOW, Ariz, Dec. 27.—Well, we are near the end of our long journey and are near the end of our long journey and are near the end of our long journey and are near the end of our long journey and are near the first real workout since we left Franklin Field. We had our chance to get in a lis Field. We had our chance to get in a much-needed signal practice at Albuquer-que, N. M., yesterday afternoon. A long practice session is on the card for

A long practice session is on the card for today. As soon as we reach Passdena we will so out to the field and will not register at the Hotel Raymond until we have had our first taste of work on California soil.

There has been a great change in the weather since we left snow-covered Frank-lin Fleid, snowbound Canada and loe-covered Michigan. Out here it is like midsumer, and while it is not hot or uncomfortably warm in this State it is an improvement over conditions on Franklin Field during the last week of practice there. Now to tell of our practice at Albuquerque.

We were all dressed in our football togs and waiting. As soon as we drew into the station we made a beeline for the town station we made a beeline for the town square. We lined up two teams and held what I considered to be the most spirited practice since the week at Whitemarah before the Cornell game. Every play was rehearsed several times, and they all worked supprisingly well. Not a forward pass went satray nor was one signal missed. There room enough to do any kicking, so we had to content ourselves by running the

Much to our surprise and pleasure we were greeted by a rousing cheer by a dele-eation from the University of New Mexico. we turned to answer it a crowd of pretty girls surrounded us and personally presented each one of us with a miniature Mexican hat. In acknowledgment, we gave several long cheers and sang Pennsylvania songs, altogether rounding out a pleasant stop in this desert town.

MAHAN PREDICTS HARD BATTLE FOR PENN TEAM

BOSTON, Dec. 27 .- Eddle Mahan, former Barvard football star, back from coaching the University of California eleven, said to-day that Pennsylvania would find Oregon hard opponent at Pasadena New Year's

It is likely to rain," he continued, "and wet field the Oregon team will be more e than the Penn players, for Bedat home than the Fenn players, for Bed-rek's team has played nearly every game in the rain. The Oregon players are all the same size and one of the greatest looking squads I have ever seen. The backfield men are husky and as big as the forwards. They are much older than the college players in the East, but the style of play is virtually the same.

"If the Quakers think it's going to be

the Quakers think it's going to be "If the Quakers think it's going to be easy they are likely to get a surprise. While Oregon is not as good as many elevens I have seen in the East, it is an eleven that hustles all the time. It is well equipped in forward passing and plays a good line-smashing game."

Mahan is out of a job and is awaiting

the best inducement. Regarding reports that he is going to coach at Columbia he said he had heard of it only through the

SQUASH RACQUETS SEASON GETS UNDER WAY TODAY

Four Games Listed on Opening Day Schedule-Merion First Team Favorites

GERMANTOWN, TEAM B. VS. MERION.

ermantown, Team B. W. P. Newhall, Fran-Bradley, S. M. Peacock, P. C. Brewster, S. Ior, Jr. P. H. Tunnell and A. L. Leach, Berlon, Team A.—Ruckmar, Lee, Lothrop Lee, in Evans, Jr., W. R. T. Hahn, Jr., E. H. Boutillier and R. Evans, Jr. MERION, TEAM B. VS. BACQUET CLUB

Marion, Team B.—A. B. Mills, J. C. Dawson, Jr., J. L. Evans, W. Breck, Heary Emileott. Bawand Evans, Jr., Rutchinson, M. C. B. Sentings, W. J. McGlinu, L. C. Wieser, Pleace Archer, D. A. Nawhall and J. W. Wear. MUNTINGDON VALLEY VS. GERMANTOWN. atingdon Valley-P. E. Dixen, G. B. Wid. F. R. Bates. Marmaduke Tilden, Jr., s. Stum, Allen Butler, G. W. Elkins, Jr., and Rush.

CYNWYD VS. OVERBROOK

Crnwyd—W. F. Johnson, O. S. Carter, A. J. Islones, C. N. Heard, E. M. Spangier, Albert rase and A. I. Oliver, and Coverbronia W. Harrity, I. S. DeLone, Coverbronia W. F. LeLone, F. Jackson, A. S. arding and Roy Farrington,

DOHERTY QUITS COACHING

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 27.—With the de-parture of Quarterback-Coach John Doherty for Boston came the announcement that the matter of assistant football coaches for Dr. Faul Withington will not be determined by the Wisconsin Athletic Association until the spring. Tomeso Squey's retirement for the woolen business, Dick King's departure for Bouth America, and the general belief that Doherty will be engaged in business in the East leave the assistant coaching stan stripped of all but Howard Buck, the only non-Harvard man on Doctor Withington's non-Harvard man on Doctor Withington's

SEASON OF 1916 WAS **BIGGEST YEAR IN POLO**

Official Declares There Never Has Been a More Promising Outlook for Pony Sport

By H. C. HERBERT

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Chairman Polo Association.

In spite of the expense attached to pole there is a steadity growing interest in the sport in club and army circles. Not at any period in the history of polo in America has there been an outleok for greater activity than now appears for the coming year. Many of the clubs of the Pacific coast circuit are already playing spirited games, which are preparatory to the tournament events which begin there next month.

The introduction of the intersectional championship games, which were played last fall at the Philadelphia Country Club, was a step in the right direction in the development of the sport, and I feel assured that still greater success can be predicted for the coming year. It is not always desirable to bring about innevations, but a careful canvass of the result of the experiment must convince those interested in polo that it was a step in the right direction.

Polo is no longer confined to a few months in midsummer, but can be played throughout the entire year. Climatic conditions make it possible to begin a competitive campaign on the first of January in California and close twelve months later in the South. During the winter months the game can be played at Hawait and the Philippines, while Alken, Camden and the southern army posts offer suitable conditions during this season of the year. Following comes Lakewood and then the regular eastern circuit, which includes the senior, junior, open and intersectional championships.

Play in tournaments during last year was of an exceptionally high order, chiefly due to the excellence of the mounts. Many high class ponies were imported from England during the past year, which did much to atimulate the game and which should bring about a still better outlook for 1917. A number of new clubs have been organized and which the oid organizations still in the field polo entoughairs have nothing to worry

A number of new clubs have been organized and with the old organizations still in the field pole enthusiasts have nothing to worry about regarding the sport. It is expected that a much more comprehensive entry list will be obtained, not only for the champion-

ship events on the Point Judith Club's field, but also for the intersectional tournament. With the present deplorable conditions in urope, due to the war, it will be an-other year at least before any thought is given to international competition. In the meantime we will continue to develop the

500 MAIN LINE CADDIES TO BE FETED BY GOLFERS

Country Clubs Will Give Christmas Dinner Tonight for Youthful Club Carriers

Half a thousand golf caddles will be the thair a thousand golf caddies will be the honored guests of Main Line country clubs tonight, when Merion, Bt. Davids and Overbrook will load their tables with turkey and other Christmas eats to fill up the little fellows in appreciation of fathful service over the links in the last season. Merion expects fully 300 club carriers to swarm into the clubicuse when the bell swarm into the clubhouse when the bell rings for dinner, while St. Davids and Overbrook will entertain fully a hundred

The boys will present all kinds of vaude ville stunts for the edification of the golfers and other members of the clubs, who will play the hosts to the little nippers. After the frolicking of the boys the clubs will red off some movies and present prises and gifts of various sorts. It is all arranged in line for the general movement to bring the caddles closer to the lubs and to stimulate their interest in the links duties they go through all summer.

George Sayers, the pro at Merion, is in general charge of the committee for to-

night's entertainment there, and he has sent out more than 100 invitations. H. story is expected to repeat with a solid line-up present of those invited. After the dimer the sketches of the boys, movies, conjurors and other acts of a "show" by the club will be presented.

be presented.

The boys' part of the program is clog dancing, musical selections and imitations of the various members in action over the links. The committee of the affair includes Robert W. Lesley, H. M. Clements, R. E. Griffith, Robert C. James, Lewis Neilson, Harold A. Sands, Winthrop Sargeant and Dr. Harry Colemen. The committee with the prices to caddless on the honor roll in

TOLEDO, Dec. 27. — Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Toledo American Associa-tion club, has announced that he has signed Roy Hartzell, former captain of the New Roy Hartzell, former captain of the New York Americans, to play third base for

Davy Paul Wins Shoot Davy Paul, of South Philadelphia, was the only gunner of a field of freelys to make a per-fect score in the Fort Side Inn Club's 13-bird snoot, held yesterday at Whitemarsh.

SCHOLASTIC BRIEFS

Central High's baskerball players are practicing during the Christmas holidars. They are preparing for the opening centests in the Internetionatio League next week in order to have the protages in anapa (each Jim Latiton ordered by practices, the second to be held tomorrow afternoon at the school.

Three of the Central High School regulars over absent when the Crimson and Gold students reported at the gymnasium for bractice restarday afternoon. Slowart, the star center; tackman and swarts the suards, were the tackman and swart the property of absentors, Captain Mouradian, nevertheess, had a squad of fourteen players on hand.

If Merceraburg Academy has another E. M. Shleids in a youth named Even Wilson then prespects of another swimming the coing to the Bibs and Wilsia are yellow more Magnets from Merceraburg grant Wilson with being a close account to Shleids in the matter of value to the aquatic squad.

Poetball players now are reporting for hasket all. Payes, captain of next year a sieven a earthmore Preparatory School, is holding down regular place at guard on the Garnet team.

Bouth Patily captale, is out for

MAYOR'S FIRST YEAR STARTS CITY IMPROVEMENTS AT LAST

Comprehensive Plans, Often Held Up, Under Way by Public Mandate-What Administration Has Achieved and Left Undone

Municipal accomptishments during 1916 ment projects proposed, the first six months naturally form a continuation of the comprehensive improvement plans mapped out and started during the years of the Reyburn and Wischenburn and started during the years of the Ney-burn and Hankenburg administrations. These plans, including as they do all lines of advancement, will require many years to complete. Achievements divide them-selves into two classes of forward move-ments, the first backed by the adminis-tration and the people, and the second forced upon an unwilling Mayor and cabinet by a public aroused to the need for real rapid transit.

The final acceptance of the Taylor tran The final acceptance of the Taylor transity plan by Mayor Smith, the authorization of permanent loans amounting to \$114.525,000, the increase in the tax rate on realty and a comprehensive campaign for "home rule" legislation are the things that form a most interesting and important chapter of municipal affairs. They are all the direct result of efforts to modernize the city and to place it on a pay-asyong basis. rou-go basts.

MAYOR PLEDGED TO PROJECTS When Mayor Smith took office last Jan-ary he was pledged to many municipal provements, which it was generally recogitsed would cost the city well over \$100,-00,000. The great cost of the projects orced all interested to recognize the need or changes and improvements in municipal methods of financing. The needed loan legis-lation and other changes kept Councilmante financiers more closely occupied with city affairs than in any previous year in the

The big projects to which Mayor Smith was pledged included rapid transit for all sections, the ersection of many new plers and wharves along the Delaware River water front, a new Blockley, a sawage-disposal plant, the completion of League Island Park and the completion of League Island Park and the many improvements in South Philadelphia, the completion of the Park-way, the erection of a Convention Hall, an Art Museum and other structures along the line of the Parkway, an economic gov-ernment, the construction of many new bridges, the paving and improving of many highways and many other of the ordinary projects that the city is called upon to han-dle each year of its existence. How well or now ill Mayor Smith has carried out or furthered his piedges and promises may be judged from a resume of the twelve months'

THE FINANCING PROBLEM The year opened with many big projects ecided upon during the previous admin-tration in their formative stage or partly empleted. The question occupying public competed. The question occupying public attention first was how best to secure the vast fortune needed to complete the program that had been mapped out during the years the city was ruled by an aggressive reform government. That the people as a whole desired the improvements was shown by the readiness with which they expressed by the readiness with which they expressed heir approval of all plans for borrowing funds.

At the very outstart of the move to carry At the very outstart of the move to carry out the plans completed under former Mayor Blankenburg those back of the improvements struck a snag in the attitude of the Mayor toward the rapid fransit plans as drawn by former Director A. Merritt Taylor, of the Department of Transit. This proved the second stumbling block to progress, the first having occurred in the fall of 1915, when for some reason best known to City Solicitor John Conneils a big ioan planned was abandoned just as Councils had prepared to pass upon it favorably. It had prepared to pass upon it favorably. It was the abandonment of this ioan project that forced the whole financial scheme over into the present Administration

into the present Administration.

The Mayor, in his campaign speeches, advocated real rapid transit, but carefully refrained from indowing or approving in its entirety the plans formulated by former Director Taylor. The reason for this move was shown shortly after his taking office. was shown shortly after his taking office, when he, for weeks, neglected to appoint a new Director of Transit and for a longer period of time delayed any serious consid-

at Haverford; Huntingdon Valley and Team A, of Germantown, at Noble, and Cynwyd and Overbrook, at Cynwyd.

The teams will be very much the same as last year with the exception of team B, of Merion, which will use three new players today. For the first couple of matches Merion will be handicapped through the absence of Stanley Rogers and P, P. Chrustie.

Today's teams will be selected from the GEPMANTOWN, TEAM B.

Griffith, Robert C, Jamea Lewis Nellson, Harold A. Sands, Winthrop Sargeant and Dr. Harry Colemen. The committee will in the chose William S. Twining to head the department, the public believed that the last obstacle had been removed and that plans could be completed for contract-leiting just as soon as Councils should take final action on the needed loans. To anticipate such action was merely the part of good business and was expected by all. Judge of the general surface, therefore, when the Mayor announced that his new director was at work on a modification of the Taylor plans which a ready had seen the committee which is working up the plans.

Roy Hartzell Ct.

merely the part of good business and was expected by all. Judge of the general surprise, therefore, when the Mayor announced that his new director was at work on a modificatio nof the Taylor plans, which already had received the approval of the entire city. To complicate still further the transit situation, engineers of the city decided that City Hall foundations were insecure and that no subways could with safety be driven under the vast pile of etone that houses the municipal offices.

Work was stopped under City Hall for many weeks, and when it was finally resumed arrangements had been completed to rebuild the walls, and it was agreed by all that the original plans could be carried through with safety. This controversy consumed time, and while it was under way Director Twining, presumably acting under orders of Mayor Smith, had his costly office and field force at work on the revision of the Taylor plans. This work required many weeks, during which time work on plans and specifications for the Taylor lines was virtually at a standarili, so much was public sentiment aroused at these delays and efforts to change plans that provided rapid transit for every section of the city that when Director Twining appeared before Councils with his new plans, or modifications, as he chose to call them, he received but scant attention.

MAYOR FAYORS PLAN AT LAST

MAYOR PAVORS PLAN AT LAST Again acting under the Mayor's instruc-ions, Director Twining had his plans rinied and several thousand copies were intributed. This action resulted in a gendistributed. This action resulted in a general protest against further tampering with the Taylor plans, and finally Mayor Smith changed his front and came out fatly in favor of the plans that had been approved by his predecessor in office. In doing this the Mayor said that at fast he was convinced that the people of Philadelphia knew what they wanted in the way of rapid transit and that he would give it to them. Between delays over final adoption of a comprehensive rapid transit plan and further delays over framing loan measures to cover a part of the many general improve-

ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIRST YEAR OF SMITH ADMINISTRATION

Framed and had passed loans for municipal projects amounting to \$114,525,000.

. Forced increase in the tax rate on realty from \$1 to \$1.25.

After months of delay ratified entire Taylor transit plan that was approved by public during 1915.

Passed a bill to increase water meter rates and making compulsory the installation of meters in many plants and factories.

Ordered old Convention Hall at Broad street and Allegheny avenue to be torn down, leaving the city without any great auditorium for national gatherings.

Held up work on City Hall sections of the Broad street subway for several months, only to continue along old lines with the addition of rebuilding foundations.

Mapped out series of bills for presentation to the Legislature next month, designed to increase city revenues, modify the present system of taxation and to give the city a greater amount of home rule than it has ever enjoyed.

Planned a \$3,000,000 increase in salaries and new places on city payroll, only to abandon them all in the face of general opposition.

Made progress in a small way upon the costly sewage disposal system that the city has been ordered to provide so that pollution of the rivers may end.

Completed plans and let contracts for a number of new buildings at Byberry Farms and for a nurses' home at Blockley.

Late in the year got a start on sewer and highway work and upon a few small bridges. Adopted the most drastic traffic regulations ever proposel to Councils in

an effort to prevent automobile accidents. Development begun of eastern portion of League Island Park.

Extended Cobb's Creek Park and various other open spaces.

in Works have under discussion the n edd height of a bridge span, the width of a bascule lift and other details.

The new South street bridge may be completed during 1917, but the Department of Public Works will have to make better time on the project if it is to be listed as an accomplishment at the end of the next twelve nonths.

LABOR COSTS HIGHER

In justice to departmental heads attenand material costs have been advancing steadily all through the year. This fact acted as a deterrent in some instances where progress had been planned. Another factor that is said to have entered into the sit-uation was a fear that attacks would be made upon the legality of some phase of the loan program. This fear was strength-ened because of the factional troubles exand providing nearly \$5,000,000 to pay maintenance and deficiency bills incurred through Councils' failure to provide funds sting in the political party in power,

With the clearing away of the clouds from the loans came the question of how best to gauge the state of the money mar-ket and whether it would be better to fix a sale price for city bonds or to sell them to the highest bidder. After many early fall meetings the latter course was decided upon, and it was agreed to sell \$10,000,000 worth of bonds covering the improvements with its annual cost of operation of \$35,000,000, in but a slightly changed position
from that existing when Mayor Blankenburg left office seven months before. True,
the lean bills had been passed and approved by all, but the fact that the departments were at last in a position to let
contracts and start work apparently made
little difference to the Mayor and departmental heads. Another accomplishment
that was credited to the Administration at
this time was the final ratification of the worth of bonds covering the improvements and contracts planned for the fall and win-ter months. This amount of bonds was advertised, and on October 31 was pur-chased by a syndicate of bankers headed by Drexel & Co. at an average price of 102.101.

BONDS SOLD AT GOOD PRICE BONDS SOLD AT GOOD PRICE
The popularity of municipal bonds was
evidenced by the fact that the first of the
\$114,625,000 offered brought such a good
price and was oversubscribed many times.
A total of 120 bidders competed for portions
of the first aliotment. This good showing
greatly pleased Mayor Smith and municipal
financiers, and again the Mayor placed
himself on record against any further delays. Again he repeated that work on
lays. He repeated that work on many
projects would be started without delay.

Hardly had the first bonds been sold When the loan bill passed, the Mayor and other officials declared that "dirt would soon fly" from many of th. undertakings planned. The Mayor said that no time would be loat in getting an operating agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit ment with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to run the new transit lines. Several directors expressed satisfaction that the loans had been approved, and declared they would be in a position to let contracts, without waiting until bonds should be sold, out of the 1915 loans. Under the law contracts can be let and work started but the contracts of the let and work started but the contracts of the let and work started but the contracts can be let and work started.

Hardly had the first bonds been sold when the question of the need for an increase in the tax rate loomed so large that it evershadowed consideration of the improvement projects. The need for indemands the income at the old rate of \$1 on realty was shown to be insufficient. The salary increase plans of the administration were checkmated by Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the Penrose-McNichol forces, when he took the stand that no "big fellows" should have their pay increased unless the wages of the "little fellows" went up at the same time. As such an action, in view of the depleted condition of city finances was palpably impossible, an action, in view of the depleted condition of city finances, was palpably impossible, the administration changed front overnight and all "raises" and increases ware cut out, a substitute plan being adopted whereby the Civil Service Commissioners were ordered to prepare a schedule of salaries that would to some degree standardise pay envelopes. This work will likely be completed early next year.

White Councils were employed with the

rector Datesman, of the Department of Pub-lic Works, was given the right to appoint highway and other inspectors. New posi-tions were created in many of the depart-ments, and office and field forces were brought up to unheard of proportions. In the case of transit and port improvements the loan moneys themselves carry the sal-sary items as well as many office and sup-ply items, thus relieving Councils of the need for providing money for many of the activities. completed early next year.

While Councils were employed with the tax rate question as the result of the budget demands of departments, the members of Mayor Smith's cabinet had their forces at work preparing plans and specifications for permanent improvements, with the result that Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, early this fall started asking for proposals for construction work on main and branch sewers and on some badly needed highway paving. During October, November and December the Department of Public Works placed under contract the \$1.000,000 worth of branch sewers provided for in the loan probranch sewers provided for in the loan pro-

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completion of the eastern section of League Island Park. This work will be continued throughout the winter and spring, and will

ost the city approximately \$500,000. Final plans for the Convention Hall Final plans for the Convention Hall to be built along the Parkway have been approved, but as the cost of the building will be much greater than was at first expected its completion will be dependent upon future municipal loans. No efforts have been made to put this building under contract, but the old Convention Hall built at Broad street and Allegheny avenue has been ordered demolished, so that the city is now without any big hall in which national conventions, etc., can be held.

The plans for a Nuntcipal Art Gallery

The plans for a Municipal Art Gallery were completed many months ago and a plaster model of the building was placed on exhibition in the building in City Hall court yard. Following this exhibition members of the art jury and of the Fairmount Park Commission decided upon some changes in one of the whole upon so the building and the whole undertaking was held up indefinitely. It is now explained that revised plans are nearly complete. nearly complete. TWINING "GETS BUSY"

Director Twining, of the Department of Transit, following the turning down of his ill-tated efforts to "amend" the Taylor plan, put his force at work on revised plans for the under City Hall section of the Broad for the under City Hall section of the Broad street subway, the continuation of the Frankford elevated and upon other items of the big undertaking he faces in carrying out the now generally approved ideas of his predecessor in office. Two weeks ago the Director received bids for a second contract for Broad street subway work under City Hall. The Keystone State Construction Hall. The Keystone State Construction Company submitted the low estimate of \$848,000, and this second contract brings the amount of work to be done by the Mc-Nichol concern under City Hall to approxi-mately \$2,000,000. When this contract is improvement projects. The need to improvement projects. The need to improvement projects. The need to improve the projects are apparent when department chiefs, headed by the Mayor department chiefs, headed by the Mayor foundations of the Frankford "L" between foundations of the Frankford "L" between Unity and Dyre streets, awarded to Senator Ware on February 16 for \$24,000; the steel superstructure for the same section of the "L," the American Bridge Company, \$280,000, and the relocation of the Thompson street sewer as preliminary work, the Keycompleted it will be the fourth let by the department this year. The others are for the foundations of the Frankford "L" between street sewer as preliminary work, the Key-stone State Construction Company, \$220,000. Work on the "L" has stopped for the winter.

"NEW BLOCKLEY" PLANS Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, during the summer months was handicapped in his plans for "a new Blockley" by the fight he was com-pelled to wage against infantile paralysis. This campaign, coming on the heels of the loan bills, prevented any very great advance in the plans for relieving the sick and unfortunate thousands who are dependent upon the city. The Director went over and revised a number of plans that had been drawn years ago for buildings at Byberr;

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

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A Saturday Afternoun Class will open January 5th, at 2:30, under the personal instruction of Dr. Neff. IMPORTANT NOTICE

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STRAYER'S

Contracts amounting to about \$550,000 for building at Hyberry and \$200,000 for a nurses' home and improvements to the heating system at Hiscaley are in shape is start work on and an effort will be made to make a real start if the winter weather does not prove so severe as to upset the plans of the department. A number of other contracts of comparative unimportance were let during the last year as a past of the general scheme to ultimately secure for Philadelphia a new hospital and almohouse.

Farms and for improving the hespital at Thirty-fourth and Pres streets.

home.

Director Webster, of the Department of Wharven I ooks and Perries, has had his forces at work on plans for the improvement of the port, the revision of the railroad facilities in South Philadelphia, and together with Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, on plans for abolishing grade crossings. During the year a small part of the \$10,000,000 allowed for part improvements generally has been placed under contract and preliminary work authorized on a number of piors for which plans have been completed. Work left over from the last administration on the Mayamensing piers and at other points, along the river front was completed and the new structures thrown open to the public. new structures thrown open to the public

FOUR HELD FOR LIQUOR SALE

Deputy Sheriff Among Men Accused of

Dispensing to Foreigners NESCOPECK, Pa., Dec. 27.—A. J. Gast and his helper are under bail on two charges of selling liquor without a license, while Abe Flerman, of Nanticoke, and Simon Miller, the latter a deputy sheriff of Luserns County, face one charge as a result of an alleged attempt to ship a carload of liquor to Nescopeck and sell it to foreigners in West Berwick.

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Clast, atready indicted for a similar offense in Columbia County, and his helpse were arrested, waived hearings and gave bail. Then, it is charged, they returned to the car and continued the sale.

It is further alleged that Fierman and the deputy sheriff were helping them when the second arrests were made.

A number of foreigners with suitcass were ready to carry the liquor to West Berwick when the Anti-Saloon League agents caused the arrests.

Applications Filed in Columbia Co. BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Dec. 27.—Skty-five persons have applied for liquor licenses in Columbia County, as against eighty-four last year. Seeking a wholesale license in Bloomsburg is Harry Ziegler, a protege of ex-Commissioner Jerry A. Hess, who hal a restaurant in his property until two years ago, when a license was refused.

Navy May Go to St. Thomas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Plans for a great naval demonstration to signaline American acquisition of the Danish West Indies are being considered by State and Navy Department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic fleet will be ordered to St. Thomas, the long-sought naval bass, to participate in the celebration.

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