Not Seriously Regarded by

Commissioner O'Neil

Wood's letter is not taken very seriously

"In regard to the affairs of the Pension

BOOKS IN BAD SHAPE

on the department that the books of the

Permion Mutual are in even worse shape than was suspected, and has asked for assistance in untangling them.

estigation," said Commissioner O'Nell.

ine closely for any evidence of crooked dealings, so that we may be in full pon-session of the facts in case there appears

ustification for criminal proceedings."

The investigators have already found rea-

making appear regular transactions in volving the payment of large sums to in terested parties for services which the in

son to suspect that the minutes of the com-pany were doctored to meet the necessity

surance Department regards as of doubt

Mutual Company entered into and con-tracted for since the application of the

Insurance Department for a receiver will

RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDINGS COSTLY

"The receivership proceedings in Phila

delphia and Pittsburgh brought in an effort

to the fact that in both the Pension Mutual

representing Wood and his associates, the

"The fact that Wood and his friends ad

mit the insolvency of the companies to be even more serious than the State charges

s ample vindication of the State Insurance

"We will not be able to do anything it

urt's receiver discharged and the action the Dauphin County court thereby sus-ined. Until then we can do little but

"KADISH" OVER FATHER

Widow of Man Infatuated With Girl

Will Follow Ancient Hebrew

Custom

When Morris Golden, a brushmaker, of

prayer. Golden shot himself yesterday in Buffalo, N. Y., after killing Sophia Snitzer, twenty-two years old, a former resident of

Golden was infatuated with the Snitzer

W. S. BLIGHT, JR., DIES

Shore in Hopes of Curing a Cold

William S. Blight, Jr., Graver's lane, Chestnut Hill, while on a visit to Atlantic City to recover from a severe cold, died today at a beach-front hotel. He arrived in Atlantic City on Esturday with his brother, E. Spencer Blight, of 1406 Pine

street.

He evidently contracted a further cold while riding on the train, which developed into pneumonia, and in spite of the efforts of specialists who were summoned from

Philadelphia he grew worse.

The body will arrive in this city this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Philadelphia.

through the heart.

DESERTED KIDS TO SAY

Agreements and expenses of the Pension

"We are sending an actuary to Pittsburgh

Receiver Thomas P. Donaldson has

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WARNS DRUGGISTS OF DOPE THIEVES

State Agent Cites Epidemic of Robberies in the Last Month

FIENDS NOW DESPERATE

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Drugs Stolen Recently in This City

A statement warning the several thousand druggists, wholesale and retail, in Pennsyl-vania to lock up their narcotic drugs at might to forestall an epidemic of dope thiev-ing which is sweeping over the country ing which is sweeping over the country from coast to coast was usued today by Joseph Di Giovanni, special agent for the State Pharmaceutical Board.
Di Giovanni urges that all druggists secure their supplies of morphine, heroin and cocaine in their safes when they lock up for the side.

According to reports of police and internal Povenue officials in all sections of the counry, bands of drug-crazed men are nightly atlempting to tap the narcotic drug supplies in drug stores and wholesale houses. Hun-freds of stores have been broken into and thousands of dollars' worth of dope stolen. From New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis come reports of these robberies. There have been many robberies of stores up-State, according to Di Glovanni, and in Philadelphia there have been many thefts within the last few weeks.

The plant of Aschenbach & Miller, Third and Callowhill streets, one of the largest drug firms in the city, has been robbed of large quantities of morphine, heroin and cocalne three different times in the last few weeks. On one occasion the drug thieves got away with a suit case full of dope, valued at more than \$1500. The place of the Diamond Pharmaceutical

Company, Broad street near Brown, was also entered recently and about \$1200 worth of drugs stolen. A score or more of stores have been robbed of dope in Phila-delphia within the last month. In discussing the dope thieving epidemic.

Di Glovanni said:

"The army of drug flends in Pennsylvania is constantly increasing; the tender-loins of all the larger cities in the State are filling up with desperate men who will stop at nothing to satisfy their craving for dope. Once the drug curse is placed on them they become creatures without sou and conscience. They will murder if mur-der will bring them their particular dope, and mere robbery is a mild affair in their category of crime.
"We are getting a lot of drug store breaks

throughout the State, and we are going to get more of them. These drug-crazed men will not allow a mere locked door or win-dow to stand between them and their dope. They will try to get it if they have dynamite the place. For the benefit of the public welfare of the State, every druggiet in Pennsylvania, wholesale and retail, abould leek his dope in the safe before closing for the night."

Peace 'Leak' Clean-up Draws Lawson's Fire

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day and there would be a shifting of bank accounts similar to those in the good old sugar investigation days.

Whether or not I receive postcard from you or Chairman Henry, rest easy the knowledge I will answer your public talking as reported by the press and that when you digest my answer

ton Wall street stock gambling leaks than before you began trying to locate "Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston."

(P. S.)—I am mailing you and Chairman Henry four of my books. "Frienzied Finance," "High Cost of Living," "The Remedy" and "Path Pointer." A camual run through them may help you in your leak tracing.

you in your leak tracing. Mr. Wood said in commenting on the telegram that at no time had he stated he could not locate Lawson or get in touch with him. He says he has taken it for granted when the proper time comes there setting a full statement from him on what he knows concerning looks connected with the President's peace note. Wood stated further the reflection cast

by Lawson's telegram "upon every member of the House and Senate" was sufficient to warrant the fullest investigation of all the matters involved in his resolution and that the Senate and House out of self-respect for each of these bodies should insist such an investigation be had.

Wood also stated that if the editorials ap-pearing in the cosmopolitan newspapers in the country were any reflection of public opinion the public itself would insist on the fullest investigation not only for the purpose of ferreting out those who are re-appliable for the advance information reaponsible for the advance information re-served by Wall street, but to prevent a re-currence of such a scandal.

Mexican Soldiers Fire on U.S. Guard

garrison, resulting in the wounding of six fillbusters and one soldier. The wounded are in the military hospital at Nuevo La-

One of the fillbustering parties, numbering about eighty-five men, is said to have grossed the Rio Grande about twenty miles below Laredo. The other, estimated at forty men, crossed about twelve miles above the city. They were well mounted and squipped with supplies and ammunition.

Two detachments of Carransa troops, humbering about 200 each, were sent in pursuit early yesterday.

The smaller group was encountered about twenty miles inland and a running fight

An unconfirmed report has been received here that six Carranza soldiers were killed in a running fight with bandits six miles miand hat night.

One American is reported to have been with the larger party of fillbusters. The others of both parties were Mexicans living In United States territory.

FISH MERCHANT DIES

George W. Taylor Started Business Here 35 Years Ago

ane of the most prominent wholesale fish and oyster merchants in this city, died last sight at his home. 218 North Fortleth street, from Bright's disease. He had only

The Taylor came have from Signific the street, where it was opened thirty-six remains ago, when Mr. Taylor came have from Signific He alse opened another store, which is located at 1916 Marker street. Mr. Taylor first embarked in the organic business his fatter having owned extensive heds about the Chesapeake Ray.

Mr. Taylor is survived by two soms. W. Frank and Hearty C. Taylor, who were associated with him in the business also a significr, blins itilian F. Taylor. His wife the systems age: The funeral will take the confidence of the business will be saturated by the flew from the Wilmington, which already has been awarded to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. of Wilmington, which already has been awarded to the J. A. Bader Company. A which already has been awarded to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company work as the satvices will be saturated to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be satviced to the J. A. Bader Company. The satvices will be satviced to the J. A. Bader Company. The sa

DOCTORS HERE WILL NOT INCREASE COST OF BEING SICK: BUT OTHERS DO

Fees Here to Stand, Though in Boston and Other Cities They Advance-Office Visit Rate Doubles January 1-Illness by Night to Be More Expensive

sick. Doctors' fees in this city are not to be

Philadelphia County Medical Society, when told of the proposed advance of fees, both for office visits and home calls, in Boston, said he was sure no similar action would be taken by Philadelphia physicians.

"You see, in Philadelphia nearly every physician sets his own fees anyway," said Destor Molean, "We flood that fees range by the charges are far in excess of the new Boston charges, are far in excess of the new Boston charges.

Doctor McLean. "We find that fees range but in others they are not so high

Philadelphia will soon be in a class by from fifteen cents up. I do not know how thiself by resisting the high cost of being far up, but I do know up. I feel sure that no concerted action will be taken by Philadelphia will be taken by Philadelphia.

raised after the first of the year, as they have been by concerted movement of Boston physicians and physicians in many of the smaller cities.

Dr. John D. McLean, president of the St instead of \$1\$ in Boston, and it will cost philadephia County Medical Society when

SCRANTON PROSECUTOR | FALLS WHILE HURRYING ACCUSED IN LIBEL SUIT TO HUSBAND'S BEDSIDE

Plaintiff in Charge Against Editor Seeks Appointment of Special District Attorney

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 28.—Sensational charges against George W. Maxey, District Attorney of Lackawanna County, are con-tained in a petition presented to court to-day by W. H. ("Handsome Harry") Latimer, former well-known Philadelphia, who has had Richard Little, editor and publisher of the Scrantonian, a Sunday newspaper, arrested for criminal libel. Latimer, through his coursel, James Scarlet, of Danville, who sent the State Capitol grafters to prison, and Clarence Balentine, of this city, asks the court to name a special district attorney to

present Latiner's case against Little to the Grand Jury, which convenes next Tuesday. In October, Latiner caused Little's arrest, after Little's paper carried a story in which it was stated that Latiner had served time in the penitentiary. The arrival against the connection with a write-in ticle was in connection with a write-up dealing with alleged close relations between city officials and gamblers during the semi-centennial celebration here in October. It was charged that the gamblers all had to "see" Latimer, who now makes his home here, before they could get their games going, Latimer, in his petition, charges that

when his case against Little came before the Grand Jury, District Attorney Maxey subposnaed three witnesses, charged by Latimer with being for the defense, and had them tell what they knew of Latimer's

ormer career. Latimer also alleges that Maxey asked him whether he had not figured in the Storey cotton swindle; also if he has not had several wives, and if he did/not have his stenographer with him on a trip to Paris. To cap the climax, Latimer, in his peti-tion, says that after his examination be-fore the jury ended and before he left the

room, Maxey told the jury:
"I don't think we ought to go any further
with this case and saddle the costs on the county, do we?"

Thereupon, according to the Latimer peti-ilon, the jury ignored the bill and put the costs on Latimer. Little's rearrest came last night. The court, this afternoon, indicated that if Mr. Maxey is found before the day is over, a rule to show cause why a special District Attorney shall not be named will be granted and made returnable Saturday morning. Saturday morning.

CAMDEN

TABLES WERE TURNED on John Rydewski, a saloonkeeper at 1127 Ephraim avenue, today before Recorder Stackhouse. After he had testified that Steve Jaronayski, twenty-five years, of 1050 Orchard street, beat him on Christmas, he was ar-rested and held in \$500 ball for court on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday. Steve said he best John because John kinsed his wife, and, while giving testi-mony, said he bought a pitcher of beer the day before at John's saloon. Steve's case was held under advisement.

HIT BY THE HIGH COST of living, the ole in reaching Lawson and | petitioned the Board of Education for an crease in salaries. The petition, which is signed by Miss Helen Buchanan, as chairman of the Teachers' Club, has been re-ferred to the teachers' committee. It reads as follows: "The teachers of Camden, feel-ing that the present salaries are inadequate to meet the increased cost of living, hereby ask that a general increase in teachers' salaries be granted. They respectbully ask that there be a substantial increase in the maximum for all teachers; that a special maximum be made for special class teachers; that the annual increase be regular. eliminating the standstill in the sectivear, and that the minimum salary be creased to \$50."

PYNE POINT SOCIAL CLUB has elected the following officers: Franklin J. Boyer, president; Arthur Hessler, vice president; Ronald Lawrinson, recording secretary; Russell Taylor, financial secretary; Robert Johnson, assistant secretary, and Harry Walton, treasurer. The following directors were chosen: Gus Corson, Samuel Mowers, Raymond Rickley, John Marvel and William Stelle.

BOARD OF EXCISE will meet January I to grant licenses for the ensuing year to all applicants whose papers were filed in the city clerk's office on or before Decem-A second meeting will be held January 10 to act on all applications filed up to December 30.

GOVERNOR-ELECT WALTER E, EDGE will be the guest of honor at the annual New Year Day reception to the members of the Camden Khung Men's Christian Association, which will be held Monday afternoon. President E. Wayland Ayer, of the organization, has named a committee of fifty prominent men to receive the Governous-liest.

MAJOR WINFIELD S. PRICE has returned from Denver, where, as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Military Training for High Schools, he investigated the Denver system of training high school students in military affairs.

JOHN WOHLBAB, seventy-six years old, of Paulsboro, is in a critical condition in Cooper Hospital. He was burned on Christ-mas night when he fell down stairs while carrying a lighted lamp.

DELAWARE BIVES BRIDGE project will be discussed tonight at a meeting to be held in the Bingham Hotel, Philadelphia.

ANOTHER VILLAGE TO BE ACQUIRED BY DU PONTS

Property Near Carneys Point Powder Plant Will Have Population of 6000

Descendant of a Once Prominent Germantown Family Dies in Straits

Horrying to her daughter's home late last night to learn just how sick her hus-hand was, Mrs. Mary Logan, 32 Bringhurst street, Germantown, alipped on the ice-covered sidewalk in front of her home and was rendered unconscious when she struck the back of her head on the pave-When she regained consciousness an our later she found that her husband was

dend.

Her husband, William Logan, had been in poor health for some time, and had been in a critical condition since Saturday. Members of the family have tried to keep Mrs. Logan, who is sixty years old, in ignorance of the seriousness of his illness. Her suspicions of this were aroused last night when her husband fell into a stupor. She immediately started for the home of her daughter. Mrs. Joseph Maxwell, 55 Bringnurst street, but fell before she reached her Neighbors carried her into the house and Dr. Gideon H. Patton, 36 East Coulter street, was called. She was found to have sustained a concussion of the brain.

William Logan, who is a direct descend-ant of the family of that name, once prominent in Germantown, for some years has been a bartender. He has been out of work for some time, and it is thought that this hastened his death. He is survived by his widow and two

daughters, Mrs. Joseph Maxwell, 65 Bring-hurst street, and Mrs. Laura Springthorpe, 5113 Marion street. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

BIDS ASKED FOR RAZING OF PARKWAY BUILDINGS

Structures to Be Demolished in Plaza Bounded by Broad, Arch, Filbert and Fifteenth Streets

The Department of Public Works ad-certised today for bids for the demolition of all the buildings included in the City Hall plaza bounded by Broad, Arch. Filber and Fifteenth streets and for a rection tween Fifteenth and Sixteenth and Arch and Cuthbert streets. The estimates will be opened January 2 and the plans provide for the completion of the work not later

The completion of the plans to tear away the many structures marks a definite move in the Parkway project, and Director of Pubin the Parkway project, and Director of Pub-lic Works Datesman hopes during 1917 to have the boulevard in such shape as to make it serviceable from end to end, to the width of the latest Parkway plan. For at least twenty-two years the Park-way project has been before Councils in one shape or shother and the early com-pletion of the boulevard is hoped for by backers of the project.

backers of the project. Members of the Board of View are passing upon the values of property in the Park-way section and this work will be completed during the winter. The property to be taken between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, Cuthbert and Arch, does not include the office building annex of the Penneylvania Railroad's Broad Street Station. The demolition of the buildings northward from The commissioner called attention today Arch street will be delayed until such time as the buildings of the Medico-Chirugical College and Hospital on Cherry street are vacated.

U. S. STEEL MILLIONS SPENT ASSISTING MEN

Science Advancement Association Hears How Trust Has Reduced Accidents and Saved Lives

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The United States Steel Corporation has spent \$5,500,000 on the new science of humanity, cutting down arcidents 43.54 per cent and saying 14.967 men, Charles L. Close told members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

of Science today.

"The thing we are doing has been known too long as welfare work." Close said, "and it is time it had recognition as a science. This work of humanizing the world of industry for workers is as much of a science. and as much of a necessity to industry in the United States as is chemistry or mathematics. "It is a double-barreled science. It brings

results in men and financial profits, too.
The time has come when every employer
of men has to employ a scientist to make
the most out of life for his employes, that
the employer may get the most out of his

OWNERS THINK VOLTAIRE VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

Liner, Bound From Liverpool to New York, May Have Been Converted Into German Raider

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Hope that the 11,000-ton steamship Voltaire has escaped the submarines known to be operating in mid-Atlantic was given up today by her owners, the Lamport and Holt Line. The sudden disappearance of the Voltaire has mystified shipping circles for several weeks. The Voltaire was bound from Liverpool to New York and is three weeks overdue. Various reports were circulated in maritime quarters concerning the missing liner. time quarters concerning the missing liner. One said that the Voltaire has been con-verted into a German raider of the Moewe type, and is operating as did that famous

MRS. W. E. COREY BACK HOME; ILL

Former Mabelle Gilman Returns From Work of Nursing Soldiers

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mrs. William E. Corey, wife of the former president of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived here today on the French liner Rochambeau, the victim of a mysterious malady which selzed her shortly after the liner left Bordeaux.

deaux. Mrs. Corey, who before her marriage was Mabelle Gilman, an actress, has been nursing French soldiers at her French chateau. She was confined to her stateroom during

Escape Jury Service by "Scruples" POTTSVILLE, Pa. Dec. 25.—All citi-sens who declared in court in past years that they have "conscientious ecruples" against capital punishment were excluded when the jury wheat for 1917 was died here. Doctors, undertakers and fire bosses were excluded.

WOOD VOLUNTEERS AID METHODISTS INDICATE IN INSURANCE INQUIRY HOPES OF REUNION

Offer to "Forget Differences" Commissioners of Northern and Southern Churches Unofficially Express Such Desire

HARRISBURG, Dec. 28.-Lyndon D. BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.-Unofficially expressing hope for real results, commissioners of the Northern and Southern Methodist Wood, chief figure in the Pension Mutual Life Insurance and Union Casualty Com-Churches met this morning at the First Methodist Episcopal Church and formally opened the parleys, which have been authorpanies, who up to this time has fought every effort of State Insurance Commisised by the two general conferences that have in the last few years passed resolu-tions expressing a desire for uniting the branches of the denomination that were disioner J. Denny O'Nell to protect the interests of the stockholders and policyholders n those corporations, today sent a letter to the Insurance Department offering to ded in 1844 over the question of slavery vided in 1844 over the question of slavery.

No delegate cared to venture a forecast of
the results of the session, but several said
they regarded the prospects bright for
union and hoped to see some step in that
direction taken here. The conference will
continue for four or five days.

Former Vice President Charles W. Fairforget "differences" and to co-operate with the department "without charge even for expenses incurred" in the work of straightening out the affairs which O'Nell save he

banks was one of the Northern Church dele-gates. He said he was glad to be on hand for the meeting, but would not venture any forecast of results and was careful to void any expression of his views.

The Rev. John Franklin Goucher, a mem her of the commission, offered the resolu

t the department. Commissioner O'Neil miled as he made the communication pub-c. It is no different from Wood's former titude that the officials are inclined to believe there is something beyond it, as there has been in every move that Wood has made since O'Neil first began to ques-tion the condition of the two companies. Just what it is Wood has in mind is not tions that were adopted at the opening meeting. These were to the effect that the two commitselons meet separately and choose committees of five which will make known, but those who are going over the books are not inclined to accept his as-sistance. They have been instructed to make a full, unbiased investigation, and Commissioner O'Nell said today that nothominations and work out a program for uture meetings. These resolutions were dopted without objections. Another sugrestion was made that the question of open or secret sessions be acted upon at once, would be permitted to interfere with the filing of a report covering not only the accounts but the methods which led up to the conditions which caused the receiverbut there was not time for a discussion and the question was left for later con-sideration. Editors of the leading Methodist Church Wood's letter, dated Philadelphia, De-ember 27, is as follows;

publications are on hand and eager to learn whether they will be permitted to hear the liscussions. There is a difference of opinion is to the question of having the doors open

Mutual Life Insurance Company and their adjustment through the Department of In-surance of this State as receiver, I take this The assembling of the distinguished neans of expressing to you my desire to anything possible within my power to saist in the solutions of the problems corchurchmen was entirely devoid of pomp, as is the custom of both churches. The comissioners sang a few hymns in the chane without musical accompaniment and then and prayer and scriptural reading. After enting the stockholders and the policy fronting the stockholders and the policy-holders of this company. Any service I may be able to render at any time will be given without charge, even for expenses incurred. My knowledge of the company's affairs is so intimate that if I can be of any service I hope you may see your way clear to for-get differences and permit me to render any service. his they marched into the main audi orium for a more formal service, and there sinhop W. A. Candler, of the Southern Bishop W. A. Candler, of the Southern Church, delivered the sermon, avoiding any statement that might commit him to any stan of union. A communion service folwed the sermon. "LYNDON D. WOOD."

This afternoon the Southern Methodists will meet at the Hotel Rennert and the Northern commissioners in a Goucher Col ege committee room.

STEAM ROLLER MASHES JERSEY MEN TEACHERS

ventigation." Said Commissioner O'Neil. "I worked over the books several days myself and can youch for the truth of the assertion that they are badly enaried. It may be two weeks at least before we are in a position to make public a summary of our findings. The accountants at work on the books have been instructed to examine closely for the contents of creeks. Pathetic Minority of Masculinity Fails to Halt Anti-Politics Resolution

> ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 28.—Between wenty-five and thirty men, chiefly princi-pals and special instructors, rulers of all they survey in their home jurisdictions, but outnumbered here twenty to one by plain, everyday "schoolma'ams," constitute a pitifully ineffective revolt against a pow-erful, ably operated steam roller in the an-mual convention of the New Jersey Teachers' Association

> "It isn't what they do that we oppose "It isn't what they do that we oppose upon the ground of fair play, but the way that they do it," said Reeves D. Batten, of Lyndhurst, in stating the position of the male minority. "Nobody likes to be steam-rollered all the time."

not be approved by Commissioner O'Nell without a specific order of the court. He was referring to the rushing through n the opening sitting of a memorial calling spon Governor-elect Edge and the Legislaure to "squeich" political legislation air to prevent the Insurance Department from at teachers' bills by politically created chool directors. NOTICE TO POLITICIANS

acquiring control of the companies in all likelihood will cost the policyholders and the stockholders of the Pension Mutual and the Union Casualty several thousand Miss Elizabeth Alien, of Hoboken, vet-Miss Elizabeth Allen, of Hoboken, vet-eran leader of the feminine forces, urged that the memorial be adopted at once so that the politicians might know what to expect. Every man in the convention op-posed. They said the memorial should go to the resolutions committee and take the regular course. dollars in lawyers' fees and expenses, re-ceivership fees and bond charges "These expenses, to my way of thinking. are not justified, and I will not pay any of the bills until I am ordered to do so by the Court, after I have made the facts a part regular course.

"I do not think that is our desire," Miss Allen replied without a flicker of a smile, it wasn't. It took twenty minutes to get and the Union Casualty applications, as filed in the Federal courts by stockholders things straightened out, but the women had their way.

The steam roller is expected to work toliabilities of the companies were admitted to be greater than charged by the Com-monwealth in the Dauphin County court

day when the committee on resolutions presents its report. A fervid declaration on the score of suffrage is possible. PLEA FOR "BAD" BOY

"In a majority of instances the so-called incorrigible youth is a bright boy who has not had his chance," Dr. Frank Moore, head of the New Jersey Reformatory for Boys, told the convention this morning, "Give them a chance and they will make good. A good deal of our trouble arises from the fact that we have a surplus of discipline and overlook the human side of our problem." our problem.

is ample vindication of the State Insurance Department," said Mr. O'Neil. "We intend to go right along with the investigation, and those in charge of the work have been instructed to look especially for anything that may have the appearance of criminal irregularity. We do not want to do anything that will unjustly injure anybody; but we are determined to make life insurance a safe investment in Pennsylvania and to that end we will endeavor to have punished to the extent of the law any criminal offenses that may come to light.

"We will not be able to do anything in There seems to be a widespread tendency to call every boy and girl who does not conform to certain very narrow stand-ards we have set up mental defectives," said ards we have set up mental defectives," said Dr. M. P. E. Grossman, of Herbart Hall, Plainfield. "One great cause of our troubles is that we are looking for defects all the time, instead of putting a premium on excellence. We are too apt to ask what is the matter with the child when we ought to ask what is the matter with us and what is the matter with our school system. the Union Casualty case until after the hearing in Philadelphia on January 3, when the State will ask to have the Federal school system.

"The falling in most cases is not with the child but those who have charge of the child. Nobody calls the Mexican peon or the South Sea Islander a mental defective because he does not happen to con-form to our standards. I believe we need new standards."

Prairie Crude Oil Up Another Dime INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 28 .- Another advance of ten cents a barrel in the price of crude oil to \$1.40 was made today 913 North Orianna street, is buried, his two children will follow his body to the grave and say "Kadlah," the Jewish death by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS

CLARK—Dec. 27, at Chicago, ALBERT M.
20 of Susan and the late Frank Clark, formerly
f Philadelphia. Notice will be given of time
f funeral from 5826 Webster st., Phila.
GRIMES—Dec. 27, ALICE, widow of Martis
Grimsa. Funeral services will be held or
at. Dec. 36, at her brothers residence, 824
Hancock at, High mass will be held at 5t
hillip Net!'s Church, at 10 a. 29. Int. at
old Cross Cept. girl. She had planned to be married to-day, when Golden arrived in Buffalo. He trici to persuade her to break her engage-ment. She refused. Then he shot her dip Neel's Church, oly Cross Cent.

BOGERS,—Dec. 27. ANNIE ELIZA, widow at Hoders, and the sidence of her son-in-law, John Rose, Jr., sidence of her son-in-law, John Rose, Jr., index sev. Kirklyn Pa., on Sat. Dec. 30. I S. 0 m. Int. private.

DONNELLY.—Dec. 27 at Villa Maria, West hoster, Pa. ELIZABETH A. DONNELLY aughter of the late De Philip C. and Catherina Cavin Dennelly. Due notice of funeral Mrs. Dora Golden, widow of the dead man, today said that she didn't see how she could ever forgive her husband. Sho made arrangements today to have his body shipped from Buffalo to this city. "I did it for the sake of my two chil-dron," said Mrs. Golden, "because my hus-band was their father." Mrs. Golden added that her two children will attend the funeral and at the grave will say "Kadish." Stin. 1 p. m. 42.0 Derhambown are hopelysis.

Hillight. Dec. 28. at Albanie City. N. J.,

WILLIAM SARGEANT BLIGHT. Due notice of funeral will be given.

ALLES. Dec. 26. at Yeaden. Pa. EMBLINE.

H. widow of Martin van buren Allen. Rei
kitvas and friends invited to nervices. Sat. 7.30.

H. Hilliam of the private Bair Building. 1020

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City News in Brief

CITY APPOINTMENTS today include Harry Taylor, \$27 Richmond street; Elme W. Heller, 1424 Toronto street; Richard F Donahue, 3089 Welkel street; John Mc Laughlin, 2141 Gross street; Theodore F Neibauer, 4410 Parrish street; William J Nethauer, 4:10 Parriah Street; William S. Hamilton, 1513 South Ringgold street; George Long, 2008 W. Huntingdon street; Joseph F. Farley, 56:18 Race street; William Harrigan, 158 Cariton street, patrolmen, Bureau of Police, mainty \$2.25 a day, and Edward Biaustein, 1228 South street, bookkeeper, Department of Supplies, \$1100.

MILE PRICES will not be increased the next four months. This was determined at a meeting of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association, held at the Chamber of Commerce, in the Widener Building.

MRS. MARY E. HOBART, who was MRS. MARY E. HOBART, who was knocked down by an automobile at Eighteenth and Wainut streets last Sunday while returning from church, is in a critical condition in the Medico-Chi Hospital. Her skull is fractured and she is suffering from internal injuries. Mrs. Hobart is the mother of Mrs. W. W. Porier, 135 South Eighteenth street, wife of the former Judge of the Superior Court. A HOSPITAL COURSE of two weeks

each year for all practicing physicians was recommended by Dr. John B. Roberts in his address before the Philadelphia County Medical Society. Doctor Roberts said such a course would be beneficial to the physicians themselves as well as to the hos A CITY COLLEGE, in connection with

the Central High School, was advocated last night by Dr. John Louis Haney, at a banquet of the 125th class of the Central High School. Other speakers also favored PENNSYLVANIA SUGAR COMPANY. 1039-59 North Delaware avenue, has

sum and a morigage of \$17,000. The com-pany announced that it needed more wharfege to handle its business. city, is the latest Philadelphian to join the American Ambulance Corps in France. He has applied for his passports and will sail

the steamship Espagne, from New York

063 North Delaware avenue for a nominal

A 26,000-MILE JAUNT from Bueno Airea to New York city is being completed by Humberto Peyronel. The pedestrian left today on the last leg of his journey. He began the tramp on March 2, 1910.

CHESS PLAYERS of the University of Pennsylvania played true to championship form and defeated the Cornell team by a score of 3 to 1 in the second annual tour-nament of the triangular College Chess League, played in the rooms of the Man-hattan Chess Club in New York city. Penn has a good chance to capture the cham-pionship.

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS will be distributed to the employes of the United Cigar Stores Company in addition to the amount given in December, 1915. The amount represents the increased earnings on sales which have been made in the stores of the company. STRUCK BY A TROLLEY CAR at Al-

legheny avenue and E street, George Myers, fifty years old, of 340 North Water street, received a probable fracture of the skull and is reported to be in a serious condi-tion at the Episcopal Hospital. Myers is sald to have attempted to cross in front o the car, which was moving at a rapid rate of speed. TWENTY-ONE YEARS of service as a

telephone operator in the Electrical Bureau exchange in City Hall will be closed on January 1 by Horace T. McClintock, who sent in his resignation to Chief McLoughin today. McClintock was in charge of the operators. He leaves to take another posi-tion. McClintock was appointed in 1896, when the telephones were first installed.

RUTHLESS U-BOAT WAR COMING, SAYS "SPY"

Germany Will Forget Pledges to U. S. and Conduct Unrelenting Campaign, Graves Asserts

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Germany will inwith a ruthless submarine warfare on all shipping, according to Armgaard Karl Graves, the self-styled former German spy, who recently was arrested on charges of blackmailing Countess von Bern-

"The pledges given this country will be forgotten," said Graves. He declined to say where he received his information.

Milk Ten Cents in Cleveland CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—With the milk mbargo, in effect twelve days, at an end, the city is receiving its normal supely of milk for the first time in nearly tw. weeks. The price was advanced as a re-sult of the difficulty, however, and is now ten cents a quart, instead of nine cents, as previously.

To Retire Prize Fire Horses CHESTER Pa., Dec. 28.—Officers of the Franklin Fire Company, of this city, will send their two prize horses, "Andy" and "Frank," winners of many prizes during parades and demonstrations, to a farm in New Jersey, where they will enjoy lives

DENIES AUTHORITY FOR VIRGIN BIRTH

Yale Teacher Tells Bible Savants Original Manuscripts Lack Story

PUTS BLAME ON EDITORS

Desire to Tell Good Tale Exceeded Zeal to Report Facts,

At the meeting of biblical exvants at Haverford College today, it was declared hat the original manuscript of the Boar contained no foundation for the bellet w the virgin birth; that this belief came about through the desire of biblical editerm to "write a good story."

Professor Benjamin W. Bacon, of Tab. University, was the speaker, and he made the statement while reading a paper co. titled "The Quotation in Matthew, L 31" The substance of his theme was this

verse:

"Behold a virgin shall bring forth a sea and they shall call his name Emmanus."

Professor Bacon said there were two principal versions of the story; one this Joseph, as a natural father, begot Jesus and the other, now almost universally so cepted, of the Immaculate Conception. WORKED OVER MANUSCRIPTS He went on to say that, despite the fact

that the latter version is almost without dispute among worshipers, there is nec-ertheless, no basis for believing it. The lible as now printed, he said, was the result of much working over by biblical edi-tors, and had, through their various interretations of original manuscripts, come

oretations of original manuscripts, come into many confusions.

This practice was generally followed, and Professor Bacon, and out of the editorial confusion came often more a desire to write a good story than arrive at the truth. That, Professor Bacon believed, was how the Virgin birth atory came about. He said he had examined the original manuscripts of the Bible and could find nothing to bear out the truth of the story. After his paper was read Professor Ba-After his paper was read Professor Ba-con was asked to be still more explicit, but he would not go into more detailed LAST DAY OF MEETING

This is the second and last day of the fifty-second meeting of the organization the full name of which is the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis. Officers for next year were elected this morning as fol President, Prof. Warren J. M Bangor Theological College, Maine Vice president. Prof. James A Mont-omery, Philadelphia Divinity School. Recording secretary, Prof. Henry J. Cad-oury, Haverford College.

Associates in council, Prof. C. C. Torrey, Yale University, and Prof. Morris Jantow, Ir., University of Pennsylvania.

Treasurer, Prof. J. D. Prince, Columbia

BREWERIES' LAWYERS MEET U.S. ATTORNEY

Counsel for 72 Indicted Concerns May Decide on Pleas in Conference

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 28 -- At a conerence late today of counsel for the mitenty-two indicted brewing corporation of Pennsylvania and the United States Brews ers' Association of New York on one side. and United States Attorney E Louis Humes, plans of the breweries for planting to the indictments for violating the Federal corrupt practices act in making money contributions to the 1914 elections in Pennsylvania are expected to be made

the constitutionality of the Federal corrupt practices act, ordered the brewers to

Judge W. H. S. Thompson, in upholding

SALVED GOODS STOLEN

\$100 Worth Taken From Pier Before Auction

Goods valued at \$190 were stolen today during an auction sale on the Vine street wharf on the Delaware River. The stolen materials were part of a collection, salvaged from the Merchant and Minera' steamship Powhatan, which was beached on December 13 on Thimble shoal in lower Chanapaks

When the thefta were discovered the auctioneer telephoned City Hall and to the Third and De Lancey streets station, and a squad of policemen and detectives was dispatched to the pier. None of the goods has been recovered. Among the stolen articles, was a case of pistols and shoes, stockings and other wearing apparel. When the si-citement subsided, the sale was continued under the eyes of plain clothes men.



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