EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1917

FACE "LEAK" PROBERS TODAY

Chief interest at the House investi-

H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, and

Bernard Baruch, the New York broker, who is alleged to have lunched with Secretary Tumulty

before the pcace note appeared.

tain peace proposals.

Forty-thousand Names on Hose

Before Vote

Washington Submitted to Vote

of Residents

agreement, reached before the holidays, the Senate will vote on the Sheppard bill, de-signed to prohibit the manufacture and sale of filechol in the District. Before a vote on the bill proper a roll call will be demanded by Senator Under-wood on his substitute to submit the prohi-bilton question to a vote of the people of the District. When the substitute was voted on several mode are a fin second of Second

HUGE "WET" PETITION

JERSEY RATE PLEA

MENACE TO PORT

fore Federal Board

'LIGHTERAGE" AT ISSUE

of N. J. Municipalities

for Reduction

By a staff Carrespondent. NEW YORK, Jan. 5 -The future of the

ort of Philadelphia and its commercial

advantages were officially placed at stake

oday before the Interstate Commerce Com

mission during a hearing of the "lighterage" or New Jersey freight rate case, held

at the State Chamber of Commerce here.

The signal for a fight involving th

largest shipping interests in the United

States came today when thereey City and

other northern New Jersey municipalities

demanded a differential in freight rates over New York to cover literage charge

scross New York Harbor similar to the

the gone system, makes to difference between New York and the New Jersey cities that have filed application.

The Philiodelphia Chamber of Commerce filed an intervening petition through N. B. Kelly, general secretary, who says that a

struggle to protect Philadelphia's inforest

From representatives of all the large system railroads it is learned that the car-

iers are preparing to bring out, in defenof the present rates, facts showing that Philadelphia, through its geographical loca-tion, its short-hanling distance by rail and its competition is entitled to the differential

over the New Jorsey cities making the de mands. Today's hearing was largely devoted to

an explanation of the purposes of the New Jersey application by George I. Record attorney for the applicants and the furnishing of testimony in behalf of the same Mr. Record called attention to the equal rates existing between New York. Brook

yn and Long faland and the protesting Nev Jersey cities. He said that in order to convey freight to New York it was neces sary to have addition lighterage charges

This, he said, was unfair to New Jerse

numercial interests and was an unneces iry extra charge. He said that the reduc on asked would benefit shippers, railroad

In asked would bencht sinppers, fantodas and consignees.
In summing up his pies. Mr. Record said that the New Jorsey cities should enjoy the same rates as Philadelphia.
While the pies was largely based on the lighterage point. Mr. Record, after the hearing, explained that the case would eventually come to a decided point when the same freight rates cleared to Philadel-phia would be demanded.
New York shipping interests, railroads and commercial organizations are banded firmly together in protesting the New Jer-sey application and "a warm fight is promised on all sides."
Protests were presented before Examiner Laroe by organizations in Chicago, the

Laroe by organizations in Chicago, the State of Maryland, the City of Baltimore and numerous other cities.

ered in the early hours, when the priests and students were asleep

and students were asleep. The fire today was discovered shortly after 1 o'cleck. Thomas J. Scanton, a stu-dent, was the first to detect the smoke, which by that time has virtually filled the main building. Scanton's room is on the third floor, near the head of the stairway which runs from the basement. Scanton jumped from bed and aroused four other students. Together, they aroused the wrisets and other students.

The private and other students. There was no panic. The students formed a fire brigade and used fire extinguishers, which had been provided as the result of

the other fire. Some of the students ran to

in Cornwells School

Incendiary Blaze

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differential enjoyed by Philadelphia. The present schedule, which is based or

ZOOLOGY AND POKER WELL MIXED IN FARCE; LAWSON HOLDS SPOTLIGHT

A Bull, a Bear and a Goat, Principal Noah's Ark Characters, Ably Presented by Little Citizen From Boston. Bobtail and Ace Full Perform in High-Class Olio

> "You said yesterday you knew nothing about cards?" WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. CAST "Yos."

JUST LITERARY STYLE "What did you mean by sending a tele-grain to the chairman of this committee telling him not to 'attempt to put up your bobtail over an ace full?"

I only know about cards in the way of "Did you win \$500,000 through your stock

operations in December?" "I couldn't tell." "Is \$500,000 such a mere bagatelle to you that you could not remember?" "Five hundred thousand dollars to me

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there shall be no mistaking its temper is ward Germany. This interpretation was placed today is experts usen Sucretary of State Lamitar action in asking Ambansador Gerard when er he said in a speech, as reported by the german semiofficial Overseas News Agens, that relations between Germany and Ame-ica news were more cordial since the su-stanted than now. The Administration does not believe the describes the situation—at least official may that they do not. The action may be part of Administra-tion propaganda, but authorities chain the here really is a strained situation one recent submarine atlacks. Persons des to the international situation declare the Administration either is intent upon a break with Germany should peace manuaum fail, or eline it is using "crisis" talk as club to make Germany give her pass is \$500,000." "That he the most direct answer you have made during this inquiry. If you were talking this over with a business as-sociate would you not give him more in-formation about your dealings than you have given us? "I probably would not give him as

ueh? QUIBBLING USELESS.

"We are not getting any place by quib-bling, and I am not seeking to establish any personal relations with you." Thank you.

"Are you a buil?" "Sometimes I am a buil and sometimes : You are trying to make me the goat bear.

the market' or "selling short," he said short selling was not an evil "unless abused," and that it "puts a check on the

market when it is running away, as it has

manded. "No," was the reply, (According to the

testimony. Lawion skid he had profiled) In the course of an effort to have Law-son provide names he had left blank in a telegram to Henty. Chiperfield started to

put in another contempt motion, but with

held it at a suggestion of other members. Lawson dodged on the plea that the situation was serious and he didn't want

drag any names out into public. He talked

about how it would look in the headlines

"I believe that," retoried the Representative.

Lawson offered to communicate his in

formation relative to the third name to Representative Garret, Tennessee, person-ally, "Uat he might determine whether or not it would be dimastrous to make

WANTS 'CHANGE PROBED

that W. B. Hibbs, Washington broker, had

"But I and," said Lawson

ublic the name."

bear. You are trying to make me the goat, Why do you do that to a little private "Will you give us the names of the Con-gressmen and the Cabinet officers you say profited by the recent leak?" "I've already declined. You're not going to nut me in contempt twice for the same thing are you?" terms. Administration opponents say the query to Gerard. Senator Lewis's specti in the Senate during the peace note indersement discussion and the Lansing "verge of war statement all combine to make a club one thing are you?

Germany in a home-made crisis. BERLIN, Jan. 1 More and more importance is being at tached to the "cordial relations" speech of the American Ambassador. James w Gerard, at the dinner of the American As mociation of Commerce and Tinds. The papers continue to comment at length mas the incident, some regarding it in the mas favorable light and others taking an ep-posite view. BERLIN, Jan. 1.

U.S. WOULD FORCE

GERMANY'S TERMS

Fears Gerard Speech Hurt

Peace Diplomacy, Offi-

cials Assert

TEUTON JINGOES ANGRY

Envoy's Address and Lansing

and Lewis Statements Called

WASHINGTON, Jan 1 The Administration is determined that there shall be no mistaking its temper is This January.

Contradictory

posite view. In some circles close to the Government In some circles close to the Government surprise has been expressed over he nature of the speech, especially in view of the delicate peace issues now pending. Theodor Wolff, editor of the Tageblat, and one of the foremost editors in the capital, halled the speech as "a good ones for the German people."

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 3. Press versions of what American Am-bassador Gerard said at the recent banguat of the American Association of Commera and Trade have aroused violent denunch-tion from the advocates of ruth-us U-bat warfare, according to Berlin dispatches is day.

day. Count von Reventlow, leading advocats at the Von Tiepitz policy of unifinited use of submarines, was quoted in these dispatchs as declaring that the American Ambasade "must have lost all sense of diplomate propriety in thus meddling in Germany Internal affairs." Other leaders of the Von Reventlow typ were said to be urging a demand by Ge-many for Gerard's recall, on the grand that his expressions of opinion as to lis-continuance in office of certain Germa-leaders of the conclustory group exceeded his prerogatives.

his prerogatives. That part of Gerard's speech to shia the Von Tirpitz adherents violently object

ad : "Never since the beginning of the war have "Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and b United States been as cordial as now, personally am convinced that as long a Germany's fate is directed by such men a my friend, the chancellor, and Doctor Hell for the made from the chancellor, and Doctor Hell ferich and Doctor Solf: by Admirals Capelle. Haltzendorff and ve Constraints von Hindenburg and Ludendorff, and, last but not least, by my friend Zim-mermann, the relations between the ten countries are running no risk.

ALLIES TRY TO PLEASE U. S. IN REPLY TO NOTE

LONDON, Jan 1.

Especial pains have been taken by th Allied Governments to return a satisfactor reply to President Wilson's peace initiation it was stated in semiofficial circles today STATE DEPARTMENT ASKED According to the present belief, the

"Language Lawson" A Side-splitting Farce in Two Acts Book and Lyrics by Thomas W. Lawson CAST

"A FARMER," THOMAS W. LAWSON A FARMER, THOMAS W. LAWSON
"A GOAT," THOMAS W. LAWSON
"A LITTLE PRIVATE CITIZEN FROM BOSTON," THOMAS W. LAWSON
"A BULL," THOMAS W. LAWSON
"A BEAR," THOMAS W. LAWSON
"A STOCK SPECILLATOR," THOMAS
W. LAWSON

Scene: House Offices Building Commit-

Time: Trenent

Enter members of House Rules Com-mittee. Take seats around committee table in dignified manne. Chairman raps for ordr.

"Mr. Lawson, com forward, please, Mr. Lawson, carrying Mr. Lawson, our forward, picase Mr. Lawson, carrying came and black dearly hat, dressed in black suit with full dress patcht leather shoes, moves to front of room and takes seat before the commit-tee, Large audience leans forward to get

view. Representative Chaperfield, of Illinois, member of committee: "Mr. Lawson yes-tering when you were asked your occupa-tion you said you were a farmer. Do you make money off our farm?"

"Do you make money out of stock specu

"Nometimes, and sometimes I do not," "Did you win on the fiscember leak?" "Winning is a gamiling term; I do not gamble. I know nothing about it."

TOM LAWSON HOLDS BOMB TO SHAKE THE NATION. SO HE SAYS

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on the market. Lawson sorried with a question as to Chiperfield's rights to ask questions. gation today centered in the ap-pearance on the stand of Charles "Personally i want no questions from

Under persistent questioning Lawson con-fessed he had no "direct" information of you," said Chinerfield, flushing. "I'm pro-pounding questions." "Did you personally profit." Chiperfield

Lawson said he didn't recall with what brokers he dealt in December. "Chiperfield roared out a protest Lawson explained he "didn't recall when asked. Chiperfield was on his feet. He said he "resented" what he held to be Lawson's attempt to Indici-others in the leak situation. The financier then named H. Content &

weil.

"I'm not interested in headlines." said field retorted. Chiperfield. You told us yesterday you were a hene-

ficiary from this leak." Chiperfield presses "How much did you make and was \$500.000?

"Is \$600.000 so much a bagatelle to you that you don't know whether you made that much in December?" Chiverfield continued.

cepart. "Is it your purpose not to give this com-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 .- The fight in the Senate to make the District of Columbia dry reaches its climax today. At 5 eclock this afternoon, under a unanimous consent agreement, reached before the holidays, the

Lawson suggested that there might be another name in the leak situation, the "mention of whom might be more serious than the mention of other persons" he had hinted at. In fact, he said, the bare men-tion of the name might be disastrous to the name and the administration.

This Tumulty denied yesterday. Sabin gained fame some weeks ago by announcing that he had information that Ambassador Gerard was coming over with cer-

Co., 111 Broadway, as "the only broker 1 remember with whom I dealt," "Let's go on," interrupted Chairman Henry, "We seem to be getting along pretty

"Short of a breach of the peace, I don't think we're getting along at all," Chiper-PRESENTED TO SENATE

"Oh, I don't know." Lawson retorted.

ANOTHER "NAME"

through local brokers." When recess for luncheon was taken the

"Five hundred thousand dollars to me s-\$500,000," replied the financier amid a storm of laughter. ASKS FOR REFERENDUM "That's the most exact statement you, have made yet," Chiperfield interjected, Chiperfield finally blew up with a foud Would Have Question of Saloons in

Finally Lawson admitted under question-ing from Representative Garrett that he did not care anything about the leak probe 'except to get a change in the stock market 'And you're just a common stock a Representative Harrison interrupted "No more than you are," Lawson blared back. "I do want a change in the market from what you legislators have permitted to exist right along." Chairman Henry pointed out to Lawson

Reel Offered by Underwood

"Let us not waste ny more time." "Let us not waste ny more time." "Let us not waste ny more time." "Oh, I'm trying to give you informa-tion." Lawson answered with a taunting smile at the flushed and irate legislator.

offered to open his books to the committee. "That only shows that Mr. Hibbs waan't conected with the leak," said Lawson, "Washington isn't so green as to operate Thirty days hense, he said, it might not e so serious to mention it, After Lawson had explained "bearing" keep within call.

the District. When the substitute was voren on several weeks ago a tie resulted. Some prohibition Semators supported the substi-tute because they believed it unjust to force a "dry" bill on the District without regard the behavior of the substitute. IT WORE A BATHROBE

"There they are. They're the men who threatened to kill me," it said as it made a dive for two noncombatants peacefully watching the gold fish. But the woman rushed to his side. "Frank! My Frank!"

She identified the apparition as her hus-

she wept.

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SAILING

Present Regime Announce Principles AGAINST SPYING SYSTEM

Candidates for Director Promise to Resurrect Business Body to Aid City

"LIVE CHAMBER!"

INSURGENTS CRY

Men Who Would Overthrow

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Resurrect the Philadelphia Chamber of That is the battleery of the insurgents of

That is the battlery of the moving to over-this organization, who are planning to over-throw the present regime at the annual election of directors January 18. The insurgents have named themselves "live wires" and have formed a "Construc-

tive Program Committee." In a "declaration of principles" they have announced their aim to revolutionize the policy of the Greater Chamber of Com-

policy of the Greater Chamber of Com-merce and end "existing conditions of star-chamber methods and abuse of power and an atmosphere of suspicion and spying." A call has been issued for followins. The "five wires" have formed an election (felici, the members being chosen from officers and former heads of local business clubs. The City Business Club Sas placed the stamp of its approval on the novement. At the annual meeting of the club Samuel H. Kirfpatrick, member of the Philadoiphia Stock Erchange, said: "The Chamber of Commerce is dead. If has been dead virtually since 1887. When

has been dead virtually since 1887. When there was a much-advertised compaign two years ago to increase the membership of that body the public was hoodwinked in that the promise to have the prominen business organizations represented on the business organizations represented on the board of directors has not been kept." The declaration of principles for which the

mittee will fight follows :

First. To bring about a unity of business interests. Second. To interest ourselves in the vital and paramount issues concerning our city making it the big business of the Chamber

of Commerce Third. To bring about an immediate and

cordial spirit of co-operation with all busi-ness and trade organizations on matters of city-wide interest. Fourth. To insure a willingness to co-

operate with the constructive ideas of other

Fignilizations. Fifth. Philadelphia wants and has been striving for an opportunity to develop and the era at hand demands a broad, cohesive campaign of activity to procure for her the future that is possible.

Sixth. An organization active and alert, aroused by confidence, would create a new spirit for our city, which is needed now.

Seventh. To create a clearing house through the Chamber of Commerce with a leadership that will arouse the interest and attention of every organization in the city. Eighth. We need concerted, well-directed. aggressive, all-together co-operation to win the great goal. We have the city, we have

the men. Ninth. Work through the membership.

It struck the elevated circle at Broad and Cayuga streets and Northeast Boulevard sarly this morning. The occupants, two young men, jumped and disappeared The police think the car was stolen from Ed-ward Harris, 1341 South Twentieth street. Touth. The hopes and aspirations of the city are most effectively realized through the collective efforts of its citizenship banded together for the common good of all the people. Eleventh. Results are the reward of or-

ganization effectiveness and stimulate inte est and activity of all husiness mon. We want that uniform interest that stands for accomplishment, and it can only be had by utilizing the forces that represent our memhership; co-ordination and co-operation are essential factors.

Twelfth. The establishment of a retail merchants' division with a complete set of officers, directors and committees, who could relieve the officers, directors and committees of the Chamber of Commerce in connec tion with the following activities which may affect the business district between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers and South and Callowhili streets: Fire insurance rates and protection, traffic regulations, street paving, street lighting and police protec-

Wilcox was convatescent and his condition was no longer considered serious, Thirteenth. The Chamber of Commerce should take an active interest in the follow-ing public projects: Bridge over the Dela-ware river, a municipal stadium, the enact-ment of State legislation to bring about a more practical system of taxation for the Lombard streat, mercifully killed more than 66,000 small animals hast year. At the annual meeting of the association the presicity of Philadelphia, improved street clean-

City News in Brief BEER BOTTLES littered Third street. r Culver, this afternoon, when a trolley smashed into a brewery wagon driven John Westerank, of 2021 Haits street, driver was taken to the Roosevelt Hos-Philadelphia's Commercial tal with minor infinition Prosperity at Stake Be-

A FIFTY-FOOT FALL from a ladder on hich he was working at Ninth and W John Zoh, thirty years old, an iron worker, 243 South Thirty-fourth street. Camden, He woffered a fractured skull and internal injuries At St. Agness Hospital, where he was taken, angel hope is held out for his resource. N. B. Kelly Controverts Claims ecovery.

CHESTER AVENUE Improvement Asso ciation has appointed a committee headed by W. J. L. Reefer to visit officials of the Pennsylvanin Rithroad to request an abate-ment of the becomotive notsance. Residents who five near the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks at Forty-ninth street complained of he footing of locumotive whiatles.

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, Secretary o

he numbers of the Chamber of Commerce, will address

omorrow at a hunchron in the Bellevia Stratford. He will speak on the situatio which will confront the business men of th

muntry at these of the European war.

MRS. FATRICK LAWRENCE, widely

town Finglish suffrage worker, is coming this country to assist in the campaign r nation-wide suffrage, according to as

inconsement made tailay by the Congres-local (film for Woman vulfrage. She is wining at the request of Mess Alice Paul, attornil chairman of the organization.

STRUCK BY X trolley car at Twelfth and Meton streets, Jay Rithy, The sear of \$18 North Twelfth street, died tomple's Hospital. The child had

laying with comparisons, and when ha turted home he forgot his coat. He

crossed the stress for it and was knocked down by the car. The cred gave ball for typedactics at the Tenth and Buttonwood treats and

A BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM WFTP

ooking on when Mike Sagares, 2513 Point Breeze avenue, hit John Vareviskey, 2883 Winton street, in the head with a beer

Within part after the wedding last night, Varevisice's was the host at his slater's wedding and Sagares was a guest. The latter was held without bait today to await, the outcome of his victim's injuries. Vare-viately is in St. Agnes's Huspital.

HEART DISEASE caused the death this

ening of Francia Crawford, sixty-tw

as found in his room at the Red Llon

mity he had lived for several decades

del, Second and Noble streets, in which

SAMUEL P. ROTAN, District Attorney

is today celebrating his forty-eighth birth-day by putting in many busy hours at his office in City Hail. Only the presence of a bouquet of flowers on his desk and the oc-

casional congratulation extended by an of-

AN AUTOMOBILE turned tortle when

BOOKKEEPERS' BENEFICIAL ASSO-

CIATION held its forly-second annual meet-ing in Grand Fraternity Hall, 1826 Arch street. The yearly report showed a gain

treef. The yearly report showed a gain of \$2600 in the general fund, making the

total assets in excess of \$25,000. The foi-lowing officers were elected: President, Frank G. President, Robert E. Dninnasse, treasurer, Frank M. Girard, and

MAJOR GEORGE S. CROMPTON. for.

merily a surgeon on the staff of Brigadier General William G. Price, has just returned from El Paise for the purpose of treating I. Keating Wilcox, of 2011 Pine street, a member of the First City Troop, Mr. Wil-cox was suffering from severe inflammation of the even due to a dust attern store theore the

f the eyes, due to a dust storm along the order. It was said last night that Mr.

MORRIS REFUGE ASSOCIATION, 1242

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moretary, J. C. Kinsel

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and consignees.

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Fourteenth. To clear the atmosphere and avoid star-chamber methods. The substi-tution of a sunny, cheerful environment in place of the negative atmosphere of sur picion. This would result in enthusiasti-teamwork on the part of all in the emplo-of the Chamber of Commerce and culmi nate in a spirit of all-together for a greater Philadelphia

TO GAIN WISDOM

Fifteenth. To bring about the wisdom and persistence necessary to direct the human element; to work in harmony, and to in-spire harmonious working one with the other. Sixteenth Bureau chiefs and secretaries

abould be permitted to attend the meetings of related committees, luncheons of the membership council and the monthly lunch-son of the Chamber of Commerce. Seventeenth. To create a leadership of

supreme confidence. Eighteenth. To avoid miscontrol of power and wasts of energy and create an efficient modern commercial organization that will bring into play all of the potent energy that will care for the great possibilities of our city. Nineteenth. To create machinery through

which the organization can effectively per form its great function.

Twentieth. To mold public sentiment, as-suring stability and continuity. Twenty-first. To grasp the wonderful op-pertunity for national publicity.

Twenty-second. To help visionize and cre-te. To help formulate a platform covering the major activities.

the major activities. Twenty-third. Philadelphia first, last and all of the time: to on-operate in formulating a principle by which the community may become known here and abroad, thereby enhancing its value and progress and aug-ment confidence by such declarations and

Twenty-fourth. To make our Chamber of Commerce the leader. Twenty-fifth. To bring about the early adoption of amendments to the bylaws in order that the outlined program may be made effective in the shortest time possible.

Twenty-sixth. The realization of the con-structive program would, we believe, mats-rially anhance the value of the Chamber of Commerce to its members, as well as to the city of Philadelphia.

The constructive program committee is amposed of the following members:

composed of the following members: H. S. Arhastrong, president of the Boosters' Club; George A. Henrich, former director Rotary Club; A. S. Murphy, Foor rischard Club; Robert Stowart, Jr., vice president Walnut Street Business Associa-tion; W. H. Metcalf, president Clip Busi-president Business Science Club and the travelors' Protective Association; E. T. Buttosworth, vice president Salesmanship Club; H. Evert Kendig, scoretary Business sciences Club; Henry F. Nicholl, vice presi-dent Salesmath, Jones Method, association; G. Rainsoci, former president Plano basters' Association; and F. M. Shepard, termer president Jovian Electrics Lengue.

Norristown Mourns Traffic Cop

NORRESTOWN, Pa., Jan. 9.—City Hall, orrintown, is draped in mourning for the much lines in size wasks between of the with hast algort of Pollewana William Van read, may of the chast success of the read. The of the chast success of the

report showed that the police had in the services of the society 10.402 Officers of the organization for 1916 vere unanhnously re-elected.

BOURSE DIRECTORS will meet at noor veral important matters and to take acupon three referenda which are be aken by the Chamber of Commerce of th United States. The subjects of the ballot-ing are separate veto power for the Presi-dent on appropriation bill items, strike pre-vention and settlement legislation and legal.

mation of combinations in the develop of the primary natural resources.

DR. ALEXANDER HAMILTON RICE and Mrs. Rule relayed a wireless memory to Newport, R. I. from the steam yucht Alikert, which saliest from New York on November 12 for the Amazon. The mes-nage from louitos said the Albert will re-main at that river while the explorers earry on their work in the inland. They will sense to New York in the inland. will return to New York in May

BOND MEN IN SCRAMBLE OVER CITY PAYMASTER

Mayor Smith's Company One of Few That Fails to Seek

Business

Representatives of numerous bonding impanies were in svidence at City Hall is afternoon to land the business of the

one paymasters, who will pay the employes in all departments. These maters, nearly all of whom are the f cloris of their variatis departments. were appointed in accordance with an ordi-nance passed recently. The bill was passed at the suggestion of Controller Walton to xpedite the work of paying the city's 12,-00 employee.

incidentally, if was isarned that Mayor Smith's bonding company was not making any bids for business of the paymasters it is required that each paymaster have a ond covering one month's payroll in his legartment, plus \$1999.

The operation of the new system of pay-ing will greatly reduce the burden of Controller Walton, who, under former condi-tion, was obliged to size 17,000 warrants. The delay caused by this method prevented many employes from receiving their pay un-til it war one or two days overdue.

J. F. Weaver Heads Tobacco Men

LANCASTER, Jan. 9. - At the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association, the largest in point of attendance in some years. John F Weaver, of Reinholds, was elected presi-dent

A free distribution of the Slaughter type of tobacco seed was made. A report showed that stripping of the new prop was gen-eral and heavy deliveries to warehouses will now herein will now begin.

Juror's Gossip Gives Man New Trial Juror's Gomip Gives Man New Trial POTTSVILLE, Pa. Jan, 3.—John Dunn, a businesse man of this city, who ran down and killed William Sulfiven, a boy, at Jackson, was convinted at a recent term of compt of manufaughter and sentenced to a year in juit. Junge Koch has granted Dunn a me truct as use of the attern "inid other former tends its they at tool alon and the productment. Its means langhter was very

station a few blocks away FIND BLAZE ON THIRD FLOOR

The students and pricats succeeded in checking the blaze, temporarily at least, until firemen arrived from Bristol, Doviesown, and Engine Company No. 36, Holmes-

Father Griffin occupied a room on the Father trink occupies a room of the second foor directly over the scene of the blaze. He said he was aroused by the knocking on his door. His lungs were filled with smoke and he could hardly make his way to the door. Realizing the college was on fire, he made his emaps in scanty

was on fire, the made his encape in scaling clothing. The Rev. William Feehan, prin-cipal of the college; the Rev. William Sta-dheman and the Rev. Aloyalus Schmitt also occupied rooms on the second floor. All were compelled to flee from the smoke-filled athling Brother Tertulian, engineer of the college

Brother Tertulian, engineer of the college, was one of the first on the scene. It is probably due to his utter disregard for per-sonal safety that the fire was prevented from spreading. He carried bucket after bucket of water into the basement as fast as the students could fill them until the arrival of the local fire brigade. He was completely exhausted by his efforts. His right hand was scorched and cut. The flames ate their way up a starway and partly ruined one of the classtooms on the first floor on the first floor The discovery of the blazing mattrees on the third floor confirms the bolief, in the opinion of the college officials, that an in-cendiary started the fire in the basement.

waited until all the fire in the hasement, waited until all the boys were out of the iormitory, then went upstairs and lighted fire there.

a nee there. The college hall is an imposing struc-ture, standing about 100 feet back from the Bristol pike. It was completed in 1910 at a cost of \$120,000. It is constructed of Holmesburg granite. A chapel adjoins the main building. This was not damaged by either fire.

J. C. FORSYTHE DIES

Brother-in-Law of Magistrate Call Vietim of Apoplexy

Joseph C. Forsythe, brother-in-law of Magistrate Call, died this morning from spoplaza. Mr. Forsythe, who was in his sixtles, was found in bed this morning at his home. 1015 West Somerset street. After engaging in business at German-town avanue and Somerset street. Mr. For-sythe was given a position as clerk in Chty Hall, which he held for the last eight-ern wars. He was a veteran of the Civil

City Hain, which we was a veteran of the Civil War and prominent in Masonic circles. A widow survives him. News of his death has been withheld from Magistrate Call because of the weakened condition of the "Judge."

SUE ROAD FOR KILLING WIVES

Chambersburg Men Ask \$23,000 of Reading for Crossing Tragedy

CARLISLE, Pa. Jan 9.—Asking \$13,000 damages for the death of his wife, loss of his automobile and personal induries. Daniel H. Wingert, of Chambersburg, today brought action against the Philadelphia and Raading Hailway Company as the result of an accident on a grade crossing at Grant-hame gyest ado. Mrs. Wingert, Airs Oyres A Carbaugh, also of Chambersburg and another woman were killed. Wingert al-iess meglogenes by the corporation mixed in accident. Oyrus Carbaugh and for 210,000 damages.

the scritiment of the inhabitants. Supporters of the Underwood declared today they had gained severa totes since the tie and the substitute would severa

be carried by a narrow margin. A petition with 10,000 signatures oppo-ing prohibition in the District and deman ing a referendum upon any "dry" legis-lation was presented to the Senate by Sonator Underwood, of Alabama. The petition was attached to a great spool of paper containing the signatures, would upon a garden hose reel.

streets station were examining a collec-tion of beer glasses, clothing and pawn tickets taken from 1614 Vine street, a woman rushed into the roolroom and wept. Names of men and women socially Sames of men and women socially rominent, lawyers, bankers, merchants and property owners headed the long list. As an offset to this demonstration, hun-ireds of women from the various temper-"My husband! My husband! Frank Mat-1614 Vine street " were the fragthews ! Cops on detail waited angiously as De-cectives Creeden and Malone made another ince and probitition organizations District took seats in the galleries to wait becough the long hours until the votes on trip to the house. They expected a gory crypse or something of the sort, when in ambled the detectives with a strange ap-parition between them. the referendum proposal and the hibition measure itself should be taken. It was clothed in a bathrobe that parted frequently to disclose red flannels herieath ; on its head was a high slik hat and on its feet rubbers. It brandlahed a hatchet.

40 ACCUSED OF PLOT AGAINST ITALIAN SHIPS

One Prisoner Says He Is Agent of Pope's Chamberlain, an Austrian

ROME, Jan. 9 .- More than forty persons have been imprisoned as a result of the in-vestigations into the destruction in Septemhave been imprisoned as a result of the in-vestignations into the destruction in Septem-her. 1915, and Angust. 1916. respectively, of the Italian battleships Benedetto Brin and Leonardo da Vinel. The latter was blown up in Taranto harbor and 245 men perished. Libutenant General Count Caderna, chief of staff, came to Rome to attend a meet-ing of the Cabinet, which was held for the prisoners, but the question has become a political one from the intro-duction into the case of the name of per-sone connected with the Vatican. An Italian named Ambrogetti, who was among these charged with heing implicated in the destruction of the warships, claims to be the financial agent of Monsignor Ger-iach, Pope Benedict's private chamberiain. Monsignor Gerlach is an Austrian and, ac-cording to information here, was once a eavairy officer who became a priest and won the favor of the present Pope when the latter was a cardinal. He was the bearer of the red hat from the Pone to the

won the favor of the present Pope when the latter was a cardinal. He was the bearer of the red hat from the Pope to the three French cardinals who were appointed at the December consistory. It has been learned that Monsignor Ger-lach previous to Italy's entrance into the war was interested in a pro-Austrian pa-per at Vittoria, of which Ambrogetti was manager.

per at Vittoria, of which Ambrogetti was manager. The Italian authorities have learned the details of the plot which ended in the de-struction of the two battisships from the Italian author Archits Valente, who was arrested some months ago. The suspicion that the explosions on the ships were due to a complicacy originated from the fact that certain saval machinists were aboard the ships at the time of their destruction and on each occasion escaped uninjured. They were followed to Valents's house in Bome and were there arrested.

Boy Falls Off House; Hits Fence

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 8.—Falling from the roof of his house, at 1416 Baltic ave-nue, Alfred Brown, fourteen years old, struck the fouce upon his stomach. As the City Houpital it is feared he has parints internal injuries. At the AND WIELDED A HATCHET TO END SISAL MONOPOLY

And the Distracted Woman Exhibited Senate Committee Recommends Nego-Him at Police Station While the tiations With Carranza to Relieve Cops Stared

American Farmer

WASHINGTON, Jan 9 .- The Senate While police of the Fiftrenth and Vine Agriculture Committee, after investigation of the alleged sisal monopoly, involving the International Harvester Company and the Commission Reguladora, a rival Mexi-can corporation in Yucatan, today recomnended to the State Department that ne-otiations be undertaken with the Carranza lovernment to relieve American farmers from exorbitant prices charged for binde

wine used in harvesting. The committee estimated the monopoly made \$25,000,000 increased profits from the

American people last year.

Two Negroes Die in Prison Fire

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 9 .- Two negroisoners died of suffocation in a fire that ourned everything inflammable in cell house light, of the State reformatory during the light. About fifty prisoners were taken out by rescue parties that dug a hole in the vall, climbed ladders to the upper tiers of wills and climbed along planks laid on the steel beams. One negro may die from burns.

Heavy Stocks of Beef in Storage

and and explained his apartition as her nuc-band and explained his action as induced by sleep-walking. Cops held him for the district surgeon, while George Smith, the unlawful poissness of the beer glasses and so forth, started on his trip to City Hall. Heavy Stocks of heef in Storage WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Cold-storage stocks of beef were much larger January 1 than a year ago, the Federal Bureau of Markets announced today. One hundred and fifty-two firms held 155,000,000 pounds of frozen beef, a twenty-two per cent in-crease. Cured beef reported by 179 firms was 38,000,000 pounds and eighty per cent increase. New British Envoy to Netherlands LONDON, Jan. 9.—A dispatch from The Hague says Sir Walter Townley, British minister to Fersia and former counselor of the British Embassy at Washington, will succeed Sir Alan Johnstone as the British Minister to the Netherlands.

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will be on its way within the next four-eight hours, and the final text will pro-ably be given out for publication simu-taneously in Europe and America on Fridar r Saturday.

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The Allied Governments have dealt a length with the various principles concerned in the note, especially the terms. It is understood that the Near East que tion has been treated to a considerable as tent. However, whether the Entents de-aritised developed in the second second second and the second sec ailed demands in that connection is a ma ter of conjecture

It has already been stated officially in errograd that the Allies have provided onstantinople and the Dardanelles to Rat

sia if they are victorious, and so, in vie of this, it is possible that the demands wi be definitely laid down. It is understood that the note has under some many changes since the first draft we outlined

Kills Woman and Shoots Himself

DEATHS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 9 .- Frank PROVIDENCE, R. L. Jan. 3.--FTARA Hendricks, thirty years old, a weald young farmer, today shot and killed Ma Pearl Moon, twenty-one years old, in by home at Lafayotte, and then shot at probably fatally wounded himself. He we brought to Rhode Island Hospital hers J a critical condition, on a special tra-Jealousy is said to have been the mote for the shooting. for the shooting

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