### WOMAN IN LEAK PROBE WED HERE

"Woman of Mystery," Ruth Thomasson, Became Mrs. Visconti in Philadelphia

MAGNETISM WON MEXICAN

Winning Ways Described by Spruce Street Apartment House Manager



MRS. R. THOMASSON VISCONTI From her latest photograph.

Ruth Visconti, the "woman of mystery Ruth Viscord, the "woman of mystery is President Wilson's peace note leak probe under way in New York today, formerly lived in Philadelphia; in fact, she was married here after a lot of thrills and trouble. Her identity was established today by William West, who managed "The Spruce, an apartment house at 712-714 Spruce street, at the same time that his wife had a rooming house for young women at 1013 Spruce street. This was in 1911. Records Spruce street. This was in 1911. Records at City Hall tell of her marriage here on June 26, 1911.

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immediately recognized her.

"She is the same woman," he said. "I know that same old smile. Ah, she is a shrewd one. I know it is she, for I never forget a face. She was not Ruth Visconti when I knew her. She was Ruth Thomasson then. But she was coming to my house, 712-714. Spruce street, then to see this Frank Visconti, a Mexican, whom she afterward married. Frank was a student at a business college with his two brothers. They were sent here from Mexico by their father, who was a wealthy man. Ruth knew them all right. Afterward they were sent home from the college.

"The woman had the most winning ways," Mr. West said, "I tell you she is shrews! She has those winning ways, and she gets a person's confidence.

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The knew Young visconit was the son of a wealthy Mexican who had been sent here with his two brothers to be educated. The boys were doing well in their work. She kept calling on them at my house where the boys roomed until I ordered her away. The principal of the college and I had a meeting to decide what should be

Mr. West says he thinks Mrs. Visconti, the "Woman of Mystery," has worked her-self into the good graces of Thomas W. Lawson. He continued

"Young Visconti was crasy about her. She was not pretty. It was just her winning ways. I do not know if she is living with her husband now, or anything about them. I had not heard of her for years until I saw the articles in the paper about the leak probe. Then I recognized her instantiv." Mr. West says that after his marriage

Mr. West says that after his marriage to Miss Thomasson, young Visconti's father "threw him over," and he says that "the Woman of Mystery" obtained a position for him in a department store in this city. Records at the business college show that the three Visconti boys were named Archangel, Salvidor, and Francisco. Francisco went by the name of Frank, according to Mr. West, who says he was a youth of twenty-two. At the business college, it was said the Visconti boys did not remain there long, that they were not gradremain there long, that they were not grad-uated, and that all trace of them had been lost by the college. The latest city direc-tory contains no record of any one by the e of Visconti.

Marriage license bureau records prove Mr. West's statements concerning the marin this city.

The record shows their license was No. The record shows their license was No. 257501. It was filed on June 28, 1911. It shows that Frank Visconti, born in Maxico August 14, 1888, whose home was at Rosalia Station, Mexico, was married June 26, 1911, to Ruth Thomasson, born in Kentucky, September 12, 1888. She gave her home address as 1013 Spruce street. A note in ink on the outside of the record shows the marriage was performed at 25 the perform shows the marriage was performed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Willing's Alley, below Fourth street.

#### BILL WOULD ABOLISH DELAWARE LEVY COURT

Measure Introduced Today Provides for Tribunal of Three Commissioners as Substitute

DOVER, Del. Jan. 23.—Should a bill introduced by Representative Buckingham is the House today become a law, the present Lavy Court of New Castle County will be abolished and a new court of three comhe abolished and a new court of three com-missioners provided in its place. The pres-ent Lavy Court consists of seven members.

Tentative plans were made today for the State to welcome the Delaware troops when they return from the Mexican border. A joint committee of the House and Senate will be appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The General Assembly will also make arrangements to attend the in-accuration of President Wilson at Wash-

The Senate held no session today. It was reported that when the Senate conconsist formariow the deadlock over the elec-en of a chief cierk will be broken by the emparate and independents forming a ering agreement. According to the re-st Colonel Theodory Townsand, of Mil-red the independent candidate for cierk. Il par elected tomorrow. Senator Bar-act the newly elected president pro tem-or the Sanate, will probably name his

Outcopaths to Ask State Aid

## City News in Brief

THE POOR RICHARD CLUB beld its weekly lunched today Captain William B. Mills, of the Traffic Squad, was the principal speaker. He addressed the members of the vilb on how to Keny Things Moving." He stated that the suferioritie traffic in this city had increased almost 2000 per cent since 1912 A. S. Murnby-former Assistant Director of Public Safety under Mayor Blankenburg, sleepeck.

STRUCK BY AN automobile at Twenty-STRUCK BY AN automatic at I wenty-sixth and Cumberland streets, Marion Spangier, five years old, is in Samaritan Hospital, suffering from bruless and outs. George Harrison, 1529 North, Twelfin Street, who was driving the car that struck her, surrandered to the police of the Twen-ly-sixth and York streets station, and was released on his own recognizance to appear in court tomorrow morning. The girl will

CITY APPOINTMENTS tomy include Fred E. Roth, 5418 North Fourth street assistant engineer, Bureau of Highway assistant engineer, Bureau of Figure Salary \$2100: Harry E. Reese, 2503 Harris street, forsman, Bureau of Highways, \$1200, and John J. Peacock, 2523 South Warnock street, plumber, Department of Wharves,

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN the thick, Timothy Callahan, of 1925 Walnut street, watchman on the steamship Latinlands, now docked at Girard Point, is in the St. Agnesia Hospital, James Barber, a negro of Savannah, Ga, was arrested following the shooting, Barber was cleaning the gun, and it exploded when pointed in the direction of Callahan.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION members in a debate held in the Chithe Holy Trinity decided that "dem shall prevail in their organization. The decision against "one man rule" was warmly applauded. More than 1000 members were P. R. T. AWAITING

SASPORTAS PORTRAITS are on exhibition at the Rosenbach (Salleries, 1939 Wal-nut street. The collection includes studies of Bayard Henry, David E. Williams, the Denisons, the Mitchell children and mem-bers of the Crozer, Roberts, Balrd Starr and Brinley families.

A CARNEGIE LIBRARY will be erected at Fifty-first and Chester avenue, on a part of the western mids of the Kingseming Recreation Center. This was announced at Recreation Center. This was annuaried at a special meeting of the Chester Avenue improvement Association. The organization, co-operating with the Forty-ninth Street Station Association, has been working to obtain a library for that section for five years.

WOMEN BIBLE READERS' SOCIETY agents made 20,000 visits to the poor and sick during 1918, according to the secre-tary's report. During the hast year more than 5000 articles of clothing were dis-tributed among the poor, and \$1500 was ex-

A BACHELOR APARTMENT, fifteen stories in height, will be erected at the southeast corner of Walnut and Camac streets, according to the promoters. It will involve an investment of \$700.000 and will be backed by New York financiers. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy by September 1

OCEAN CITY FISHING CLUB was entertained at a dinner at Bookhinder's by Frank H. Stewart. The dinner was given to cele-brate the victory of Mr. Stewart's tram in brate the victory of Mr. Stewart's feam in a lead-casting contest last summer. Among the speakers were Ernest Spofford, assistant curator of the Pennsylvania Historical So-ciety, and Captain Frank H. Taylor.

A STORK WON A RACE with an ambulance which was carrying Mrs. Anna P. Coyle, 826 North Stillman street, to the Northwestern General Hospital. The baby, as boy, was born in the ambulance at Twenty-third street and Columbia avenue.

LINDEN SHADE FARM on Roberts road, Bryn Mawr, Pa., has been purchased by Edward C. Dale from Rawman B. Ellison for a figure close to \$200,000. The farm consists of a large stone residence, a greenhouse, a stable and fifty acres of The purchaser will raze the State communication

A FOX CHASE FARMER, John Parr, of Verree road, is in the Jewish Hospital in a serious condition following an accident last night, in which his farm wagon was struck by a street car. Farr was driving on Second Street pike, when he was lit by a north-bound Fox Chase car near Cottman street. Both horses were killed and the wagon was wrecked.

A GERMAN STOWAWAY, Otto Field, who arrived in this city on the Norwegian bark Metropolis, after escaping from a French detention camp, has been released by the United States immigration authori-ties. A position has been secured for him by one of the German societies

BROADWAY THEATRE, Broad street and Snyder avenue, has been purchased by the theatrical firm of Sablasky & McGuirk. The sale price of the real estate is said to have been \$150,000.

#### DOPE DIVES FLOURISH HERE, CORONER SAYS

Scores in South Philadelphia, Testimony at Inquest on Opium Poison Victim

The alleged existence of scores of dope dives in South Philadelphia was communicated to Coroner Knight and the police to-

cated to Coroner Knight and the police to-day at the Inquest held over the death of John Frank, of Pittshurgh, who died on January 4 in the Pennsylvania Hospital from opium poisoning. According to the tesimony, dope is being peddled in certain sections of South Phila-delphia on an aimost wholesale scale. Drug "parties" are indulged in Addicts are be-ing tired there from all sections of the ing lured there from all sections of the

Coroner Enight said the inquest was a

revelation to him. He put the matter squarely up to the police.

John Ford, a negro, of 1308 Fuirmount avenue, was held responsible by the Coronsel for the death of Frank. The prisoner was held without built o await the action of the Greenet lury. Grand Jury. Coroner Knight also held three other

negroes—two men and a woman—in \$600 half each as material witnesses. They were James Green and Carter Parker and Ora Hill. \$12 South Eleventh street in whose house the police say the dope was

According to the testimony. Frank next food at Eleventh and Lombard streets on the day of his death, and told the negro he wanted "a shot," meaning done.

Ford the police say, told him that would be easy if he had the coin. He then took frank to the frank to the house of the till woman, where they found several other negroins and and to the Legisla-where they found several other negroins. The police say, and then got flored to the police say, told him that would be easy if he had the coin. He then took frank to the house of the till woman, where they found several other negroins is set too many of them in Philadelphia."

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TROOP G HELD AT ARMORY ON ACCOUNT OF RED TAPE PROTEST | ENGLISH WANT PEACE,



After being throatened with an indefinite stay at the armory, Thirty-second street and Lancaster avenue, because they would not withdraw a complaint made to the War Department that they were being unjustly charged for their service uniforms, the cavalrymen of Troop G accepted their pay today under protest. The men charged that in some cases, due to tangled accounts, troopers who enlisted after the President's call to the border were charged twice for one uniform.

# ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE

Delays Proposal Pending Application Before State Public Service Commission

WILL BE HEARD TODAY

Mayor Says He Has Not Yet Received Notice of Company's Offer

Harribbing from the application or the application of the subextilleate of guidle convenience for the subfor the neity in submitting to Mayor Smith
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Trunset Company for taking over and operating the city-failt high-speed lines when
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Mayor Smith today, upon his arrival at
the freeding of the counter-proposal
of the trunsit company has reached him
"I have not seen it," he replied.

The Matin's comment was fynical. It
said:

to meet any representative of the Rapid . Transit Company today."

MAYOR WILL STEDY PROPOSAL The Mayor further said he would look

I had a meeting to decide what should be done.

"Finally, the three young men were sent back to Mexico under charge of a guardian to prevent any communication with the woman," said Mr. West, "but when they got as far as New "Orleans, Francisco, or Frank, the youngest of the three, as he called himself here, slipped away from the guardian and came back to Philadelphia and married Ruth Thomasson. She was a stenographer at Broad and Chesinut streets when she lived in Philadelphia."

PHILADELPHIA PASSENGER Association and insulated into office and its increase with James Halfard, general counsel for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, nor, first vice president; John Gallagher, city passenger agent of the Southern Pacific was noncommitted when the subject of the proposal was breached to him today." I william H. Katz, tourist agent for the Fourth Street National Bank, treasurer, and J. M. Stnart.

A STORK WON A RACE with an analysis of the submission of the offer. Mr. Ballard will leave Philadelphia late today." In the proposal was breached to him today. The proposal was

PIRST FORMAL ACTION BY STATE

Tomorrow's hearing before the Public ervice Commission will be the first occaoperated system of street railways, as pro-jected in the proposed pact with the P. R. T. has been taken up in concrete form by the The commissioners are baked to grant a

certificate of public convenience for all the lines embraced in the system, with the sin-gle exception of the Darby clavated. This hiter branch—first to be built under the Taylor plan—has been delayed, owing to some disputes over the plans, and no appli-cation on its behalf has yet been made. The delay in presenting the company's scheme of partnership with the city is attributed in some quarters to the likelihood that the commissioners, at tomorrow's hearing, may indicate, by their questions, some chart of the commissioners are tomorrow's hearing.

A desire that the proposition may conand with all requirements and encounter further obstacle, is said to be the real

## Quitting Mexico

Continued from Page One seritory and stay inside of the Mexican soundary this country road maintain a

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groups maintained, officials say. However, this is not expected to prove any serious handcast to the Villatas, leasonach as they are reported to be obtaining most of their munitions from Havana and from supplies that were hidden prior to the Complex raid. During his recent inspection trip to the Pershing expedition General Punston ap-proved all of the plans which had been made by General Pershing for the with-

trawal of the expedition. A copy of these plans was not sent to the War Department, but they are known to the Secretary and to Chief of Staff Scott. No noon us all of the Pershing troops are back in the United States and have been distributed to border stations where they are needed, another batch of the National are needed, another batch of the Satonar Guard will be ordered home. It is known that, unless something unforeseen shall nrise. Administration officials are hopeful the entire Guard will be back at home stations not later than April 11.

#### WIDOW HUNTS A CAVE-MAN

Camden Young Woman Soured on Dressy Philadelphia Men

Here's a raing widow who's looking for a real live cave-man. No English-suited bespatted, carriation-buttunholed, wax-mustachio dandy for her. She is Mrs. Geraldine Trudell, of Camden. She has written to the postmaster of Houston, Tex., asking that he put her in touch with some big. strong, rough man who wants a widow of twenty-three.

#### WILSON PEACE PLAN CHIMERICAL, OPINION OF EUROPEAN NATIONS

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it is besided out that there is a certain significance in his dictum that it must be process without variety so that no future rescribing the first significance is that tection saying that the future must accept the friends of the following must accept the friends of the following must be processed. This has given rise to a certain trend of thought here toward the belief that President Wilson is aiming the principle that the cument of the following contracts that have designs upon governed. That would establish the princip

#### PARIS REGARDS PRESIDENT'S PEACE SCHEME AS A LOVELY DREAM ONLY

PARIS, Jan 23. The French press is friendly critical today of President Wilson's address to the American Schute. All edi-locials agreed in the ceneral belief that his

We agree with the principles President Wilson has entactated but there is a portion of humanity on which the fact must be forcefully impressed that it is more delusion to think that persunsion can be effective.

uid look "The declaration moves in the screne do-nd digest main of theories," tectared the Echo de He en- Paris, it adds:

Our friends across the Atlantic imagining our country invaded and bleed-ing, must feel and will understand it is impossible forces to join unreservedly in this voyage into the abure. Le Journal declared:

President Wilson a haunted with the fixed idea of inaugurating the golden age of universal brotherhood.

"As it is impossible to eliminate Germany," commented Lo Figure, "there is un chance of bringing this magnificent Wilson Ciopia nearer by trying to conquer. His message will prove a violent shock to the Senor Beranger, in the Paris Midi, de-clared:

A reace which has for its beginning the greatest crime in history will not be a just or solid peace. First, we wish "sanctions and reparations." If President Wilson accepts the indispensable guarantees the future is easy

1. Information declared the message did not distinguish between the assailants and the violence of that assault, "and, therefore, inadequate and unjust for the latter. Victory without reparations for the other scandal "would be a singular prelude to a reign of justice." the editorial commented

#### BRYAN SAYS PRESIDENT HAS SOWN BOTH WHEAT AND TARES IN PLAN

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 22 - William Jen- | should be willing to put the American

joining in a league of nations to enforce peace. Commenting on President Wilson's speech before the Senate Bryan today declared it to be a "wonderfully cloquent appeal to the nations at war." but said the President had "sown wheat and tares together," and expressed the hope that the Senate would "reject the tares."

"So far as the President's speech suggests the terms of agreement it is entirely sound and reflects what I believe to be an almost unanimous sentiment," said Mr. Bryan, "but I dissent entirely from the proposition that this nation should jon in the enforcement of peace in Europe. If the nations will agree to the terms suggested by the President they will not need our assistance in forcing it.

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The president has sown wheat and tares together. I hope that the Senate will appear to the controlled by European nations, and allow that council to decide for us when we should go to war. Such an agreement, in may judgment would imperil European peace instead of insure it, because they would see in our unlimited resources a means of advancing their own interests with us bearing the burden.

"I have more faith in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example than I have in our ability to help them by example th "if I know the sentiment of the American people, it is not conceivable that they prove of the wheat and reject the tarea."

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#### SENATE ASKED TO DEBATE PEACE PLEA; WILSON MOTIVE DEFINED

inins, lowa, offered a resolution today asking that the President's address to the Senate yesterday be brought up for discussion by members of the Senate Monday.

Senator Cummins said it would be imcomble for the Senate to take any official ction on the questions involved in the President's message until the President has submitted to the Senate plans for entering into the world's peace tribunal.

The resolution asks that the message be brought up Monday and that every memher of the Senate be given an opportunity to express his views, with an hour limitation on speeches.

Senator Stone suggested that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, but later withdrew his suggestion when it was decided to delay further discussion of the resolution until

Immediately after Cummine offered his esolution, Senator Jones, Washington, Reublican, asked that sections of the Demoratic platform of 1904 and 1912, relating to "executive daurhation" and "rights of the States" be read. That section of the platform relating to

scutive usurpation follows: We favor the nomination and election

of a President indued with the prin-ciples of the Constitution who will set his face sternly against executive nsurpation of legislative and judicial functions, whether that usurpation be veited under the guine of legislative construction of existing faws or whether it take refuge in the tyrant's plea of necessity or superior wisdom That section referring to the rights of the States reads:

We believe in the preservation and maintenance in their full strength and integrity of the three co-ordinate branches of the Federal Government the executive, the legislative and the judicial—each keeping within its own hounds and not encroaching upon just powers of either of the others.

powers of either of the others.

Following sthe reading by the cierk of the platform sections, the Senate without further discussion of the President's measure resumed the regular business.

Some of the force of the President's utterance may be feet by refusal of the Senate to indoree his views laid before them yesterday. It is known that many Damocratic Senators are apposed to the idea of a lengue of nations to enforce world besce. It was this suggestion in the little-coll resolution asting independent of the President's peak and of Damocratic Senators are dispendent of the President's peak and of Damocratic Senators are dispendent of the President's peak asting independent of the President's peak asting and of Damocratic Senators are described in the little-coll resolution asting independent of the President's peak asting and Damocratic Senators are described in the little-coll resolution asting independent of the President's peak asting the collection of the President's peak asting the peak asting the collection of the President's peak asting the pe

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aroused bitter opposition and blocked adoption of the resolution.

The President's peace move was made in the hope of preventing the spring offensive. Realization of the enormous slaughter which must follow resumption of the European war on the scale now planned was a controlling factor in deciding on his address to the Senate. Officials made this plain today while refusing to comment on the suggestion that, if the President's address is literally interpreted, he must believe that the final result of the war must be a draw.

The White House itself was mute on the subject. For the present the President has said his last word. He is now waiting to see what interpretation will be placed on his message by those most vitally concerned—the parties to the war. In order to offset as much as possible the inevitable attacks on the President's speech, an interpretation of it was permitted to become known today by a high Stale Department official.

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was deciared, is not intended in any way to involve the United States in an entangling alliance. It is merely an extension of the principles of the Monroe Doctrine to the whole world. It will prevent encroachments on the territory of smaller and weaker nations throughout the world, the official declared, as the Monroe Doctrine operates for the beneft of countries of the Western Hemisphere. The statement was made in such quarters that it must be accepted as the Administration view.

Hundreds of letters and telegrams poured in on the White House today congratulating President Wilson on what was termed for the most part as "the greatest State paper of moderate times." There telegrams came from all over the country.

When the President sent to American diplomats in beliligerents countries copies of the address, he established a new record in long-distance secrecy. The text of the speech was sent out from Washington a week ago yesterday. The President did not lay his plans to address the Senate until he had received word from every beliligerent capital that the address had reached the American representatives there. The last to be heard from was Ambassador Elkus, in Constantinople.

Jail Sentences for Man and Woman Jail Sentences for Man and Woman HARRISBURG, Jan. 12.—Lowis S. Faust and May E. Hirnessey, who figured in more than a score of robberies here and in other cities, were sentenced in the Dauphin County court to long penitentiary terms. Faust's sentences, in the sggregats, constitute a minimum of not less than claven years and wir upositis and a reaxinum of filteen years. May E. Hirnessey was given by the than three and not more than any

# DR. SHARPLESS FINDS

Press Misrepresented Wilson Note Only for Time, Says Retiring Haverford President

War Has Virtually Emptied Dormitories, Which Recruited Soldiers Now Are Using

#### Impressions of England on President Sharpless

THE English spirit is more friendly I toward the United States and peace now than it was six weeks

Press of England seemed antag-onistic toward Wilson peace note of December 18 at first. Now it is

friendly.

No students except foreigners and cripples at Old Oxford today.

All professors under forty-one years of age are rendering war serv-

England has given four times as much as the United States voluntarily toward the relief of Belgium, exclusive of contributions made by the Government.

A photograph illustrating this article ap-sears on the back page.

Things have changed materially in England in the just six weeks, according to Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford

EACH MISREPRESENTED When the now famous President Wilson peace note was first sent to England, said Doctor Sharpless at his office in Haverford College today. "It seemed to me that the British press willfully misrepresented the facts—the contents of the note. But soon after the Allies sent their answer to the United States it seemed to me, there was a gradual change until now l'think that the press and the public are more friendly toward the United States and its talk of seace than they have been since the war-

in search of professors for two new depart-ments of philosophy and history, which are o be added to the Haverford faculty in

the near future.

"We will need three new professors for these," said Doctor Sharpless, "and was in England at old Oxford and Cambridge looking over material.

There are no students at Oxford or Cambridge or students are one students at Oxford or Cambridge or students are one of musical cope on

pridge now except foreigners and cripples, according to Doctor Sharpless. "It is sad to go through those halls where "It is and to go through those halls where there were 4000 students before the war and realize how many of them will never return." said Doctor Sharpless today. "And there are no professors under forty-one there either. They are either at the front or performing war duty somewhere. The college dormitories are used for quarters for young men who are being trained to be sent to the trenches. They are drilled and trained on the campus."

"I refer simply to the money given by individuals," said Doctor Sharpiess. "Up to date \$255,000,000 has been given toward Belgium relief. The United States has given \$10,000,000 voluntarily. There was one large contribution of \$1,000,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. The rest has come, most of it, from people in moderate placumations of it, grant contributions. For circumstances in amail contributions. England and France have given voluntarily, and then, too, the Government has voted money for relief purposes in spite of the many other drains on the national treasary. The amount given by the United States has been exaggerated. We are not

#### DISASTROUS FREIGHT WRECK AT WILMINGTON

doing as much as we think we are.

Twenty-two Cars on B. and O. Smashed and Traffic Blocked-Loss Placed at Thousands

WILMINGTON, Del. Jan. 22 - Twenty-two freight cars were wrecked, merchandise valued at thousands of dollars ruined and traffic over the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-road passing through this city blocked when a through freight of thirty-one cars ound from Philadelphia to Alexandria, Va. was derailed at du Pont street and Gilpin

venue today. Traffic, both passenger and freight, was awitched over the tracks of the Philadel-phia, Baltimore and Washington road. No one was hurt. It was the worst freight wreck Wilmington has ever experienced. Ac-cording to railroad officials it was due to the breaking of an arch bar that supports the

#### PETROLEUM EXTRACT TO CUT GASOLINE PRICE

S. Commerce Department Finds New Method Produces at Six Cents a Gallon

WASHINGTON. Jan. 23.—Whether or not the Federal Trade Commission is suc-cessful in bringing down the price of gaso-line by Government pressure, the price will drop as soon as the new Rittman process of, extracting gasoline from petroleum residue is put into operation on a large scale, according to information obtained at the Department of Commerce. This new method has been the subject of further experiments by the Bureau of Standards and can now by made to produce gasoline at a cost of

six cents a gallon, it is said.

An American company has been formed to exploit the new process and shortly will be manufacturing on a large scale in the United States and abroad.

In addition to gasoline, benzine, high explosives and a wide variety of dye, photographic flavoring and medicinal chemicals can be recovered from petroleum residue under the new process, the department said today.

#### COAL PROBE RESUMED; DEALERS DEFEND ACTS

Had to Boost Prices December 20 or Quit Business, Some Tell Rotan

OXFORD STUDENTS GONE BUYING CARDS ADMITTED

South Philadelphians, Said to Have Assumed Responsibility, Say Cause Is at Mines

District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan tos day resumed his investigation into the alleged conspiracy of certain Philadelphia featers to raise the price of cost on December 20. On that date coal advanced (wentyfive cents a ton, and in South Philadelphia t was discovered that price cards had been distributed prior to the advance.

distributed prior to the advance.

Prominent coal dealers and members of the Philadelphia Coal Exchange will be examined today by the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorney Taulane. One of the witnesses is J. Ernest Richards, president of the Newton Coal Company, which controls virtually a third of the retail coal husiness of Philadelphia. Others who will be called are Samuel Crowell, of the Newton Company: James M. Kelly, treasurer of the Coal Exchange; Andy Letters, a director of the Coal Exchange, and George Speece, another director. Speece formerly conducted a coal business of his awn, which was purchased by the Newton Company. Company.

It is understood that the findings of the investigation thus far indicate strongly that there was an understanding among certain dealers in South Philadelphia to raise the price of coal. It is said some of these have Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president of Haverford College, who has just returned from a sixweek trip to England, and who seems to think peace is nearer than ever.

Hê says the antagonism of the English press and public toward the Wilson peace note has vanished. In its place is, be says, a better feeling toward the United States and a movement for peace stronger than there has been since the war began.

EACH MISREPRESENTED. shown that the advanced cost of labor and supplies has cut their profits to almost nothering. One dealer said his profit had been cut to nincteen cents a ten. Another said his yards were empty and he had not re-ceived a ten of coal from the mines in ten days. Still another declared he was behind 5500 tons in his orders.

It is understood the testimony indicates that the cause of the present high prices lies at the mines. There is an indication that Philadelphia is not receiving its normal supply of coal, and it has been suggested that the coal supply of this city is being span.

Doctor Sharpless has been in England started so that large quantities of anthracite may be shipped abroad and to tanada.

#### SEEK CORNET THIEF

\*There are a number of musical cops on the force of the Fifteenth and Locust streets station, and each one who knows the toot-toot of a cornet from the squeak of a iolin has been detailed to stretch his ear for traces—that is, aeriai traces—of a mu-sical thief who smashed a window with a brick early this morning in front of the musical store of E. J. Alberts, 124 South Ninth

and other valuable sound producers and took a \$75 cornet, the best in the window, He evidently knew the value of the in-strument, and the police think he known The much-praised aid of the United States sent to Belgium is exaggerated, according to Doctor Sharpless, who says that England has given four times as much as the United States, voluntarily.

"I refer simply to the marks."

The thief passed by high-priced violins

Paymaster Blackjacked and Robbed BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 23.—Bound and gagged, after being blackjacked, John L. Crillis, assistant phymnaster of the Bullard Machine Tool Company, was early today robbed of \$3000. The robbers escaped.

#### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

DEATHS

of A.: Highland Park Fire Company and onplayes of the P. and W. t. Traction to, invited to services Hett. 2:30 p. m. 4 Jaserchterrace. Lianerch Pa. int. Fernwood Cem.
Reinsing may be viewed Fri., 8 to 10 p. m.
Auto funeral.

Linyti — Lorch Relatives and friends, also
B. M. Sodality and Sacred Heart Society of
St. Anne's Church, invited to funeral. Fri.
8:30 s. m. 2:359 E. Tucker at Solemn requies
mass at St. Anne's Church, 10 a. m. Int.
New Cathedral Cem. Anto funeral.

GALLAGHER.—Jan. 22 JAMES GALLAGHER, husband of iste Ellon Gallagher thee
Cavanaugh). Relatives and friends, also members of Captan Philip R. Schuyler, Post, No.
51, G. A. E.: Supreme Lodge. 'Shield of
Honor': Delaware tilver Tow Hont Men. Captain John Taylar Circle, No. 44, B. of A. Invited to services, Fri. 8:30 s. m. 2353 E.
Norris st. High mass at Church of Holy Nams,
P. a. m. Int. St. Mark's Cem. Although the
Cayanaugh St. Men. 23, JENNIE H. GARDNER (new O'Color), wife of Philip R. Gardner, Adduson St. J. Relatives and friends
at interest.

GARD-SEL.—Jan. 23, JENNIE H. GARDNER (new O'Color), wife of Philip R. Gardner, Adduson St. J. L. D. m., from pariors
of the Men. Men. Markherson, 3403 Wannit
St. Int. Mount Meriah Cem. Auto funeral.
Remains may be viewed Thura, 7 to 10 p. m.
PHETER,—Jan. 20, at his father-in-aw's
residence, 2:60 w. Walnut lane, Germantown,
PEDERICK DENNISTON, bushand of LouisaDulligan Porter and son of Mary and late Wilsiam Porter, Helatives and friends, faculty
and students of Central sligh School may view
remains Thurs. It a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Services
and int. siricily private.

MONEY—Jan. 22, A. DAM MeLEAN.—Suddenly, Jan. 22, ADAM MeLEAN.—Suddenly, Jan. 22

Moore at THOMAS — Jan. 22 WALTER I. THOMAS THOMAS — Jan. 22 WALTER I. THOMAS — husband of Martha Snowden Thomas aged 48. Relatives and friends invited to services. Thurs. 2 p. m. 2027 North College ave. Int. private.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE CHILDNURSE, white willing to assist light housework; good reference required, liberal time off; \$6. Phone Gis. 6285 H. WAITRESS, colored, first-class; wash and treatable linen; sleep out reference required. 3804 Chestout at Nitres wanted for care of two children, aged and have best of references, permanent place with sood wages; Cerman preferred; vacancy after Feb. 15 P. O. Box 119. Wynnewood, Pa.

HELP WANTED-MALE

SALESMEN wanted who are thoroughly experi-viced in machinists supplies. Address M 955, Ledger Central.



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