

TO CUT EXPENSES
Backers of Consolidation of Chain Stores Say It Will Benefit Housewife

\$50,000,000 IN THE DEAL
1500 Separate Establishments to Be Operated Under One Management

Reduction in the cost of living is given as one of the chief reasons for the \$50,000,000 merger of the five leading chain grocery store companies of Philadelphia, which has just been announced by the attorneys for the consolidation, Samuel M. Clement, Jr., and Graham & Gillilan.

These men said this morning that the housewife of Philadelphia and the vicinity would be the person who would ultimately benefit the most from the consummation of the new deal. With the reduction in delivery costs from having the stores scientifically arranged, instead of competing on opposite corners the cost of foodstuffs bought in the new chain stores will be substantially lower.

Fifteen hundred stores will be the nucleus of the new combination. The majority of these will be either in Philadelphia or Camden and outlying suburbs, where the five chain systems—the Acme Tea Company, Robinson & Crawford, Bell & Co., Childs Grocery Company and the George M. Pinsky Company—have many branches.

While the number of chain stores is the present estimate of the number of places where business will be conducted under the new corporation, it is understood that they do not include stores to be eliminated after the merger is effected.

Immense savings of general expenses is expected as a result of the deal. Stores which are unprofitable will be eliminated. In some sections of the city each of the present systems has a store, making five where one would be sufficient to handle the business.

The financing of the merger is believed to be in the hands of Chandler Brothers, Inc., bankers, 1500 Arch street, Philadelphia. The firm is a direct subsidiary of the recently incorporated Acme Tea Company, which controls the largest block of stores in the merger.

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GUFFAW'S GREET PENROSE'S
THREAT TO HECKLE WILSON

Senator's Absent Treatment of His Seat Not Likely to Disturb, Say Wiseacres, if President Again Addresses Senate

Hearty laughter from those who predicted that Senator Penrose would be absent from the Senate when President Wilson addressed the body on Tuesday, January 23, 1917, was heard in the Senate Chamber.

It was expected by knowing legislators that Senator Penrose might cross party waters with the President in a strong monetary policy, and it was expected that the Senator would be absent from the Senate when the President addressed the body.

Will Senator Penrose be there? It is universally believed that the Senator will be absent from the Senate when the President addresses the body on Tuesday, January 30, 1917.

Addressing the Republican Party with a program of reform, Mr. Penrose will be absent from the Senate when the President addresses the body on Tuesday, January 30, 1917.

AMEND TO TOLBERT
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VINCENT ASTOR SKIPS ON LAND SAILING BOAT
Millionaire Leaves With Queen Craft for Florida and His Dry Beach

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—Lauderdale skipper Vincent Astor left for Florida on his yacht, the "Queen," today.

SMOKES COMFORTABLY AS GAS ENDS TROUBLES
Man Who Suffered Financial Losses Makes Bed in Bathroom and Opens Jet

While smoking cigarettes in a bathroom, Abraham Margolin, 615 North 15th street, Philadelphia, today escaped death.

CAPTAIN JACK CRAWFORD, POET SCOUT, IS DYING
Picturesque Indian Fighter Nears End of Trail With Undaunted Courage

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Captain Jack Crawford, a picturesque Indian fighter, is dying.

BARUCH MADE \$476,168
IN NOTE LEAK "PERIOD"

Broker Tells Probers How He "Got From Under," but Denies Advance Information

BERNSTORFF NOT IN IT
Committee Fails to Link German Envoy in Scandal—Details of Stock Transactions

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Testimony of State Commerce Engineer Corroborates Philadelphia Contention

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Government Maps and Reports Show Relative Depths of Channels and Slips

FALSE-ALARM ARTISTS SCORED BY FIRE CHIEF
Urges Public Co-operation to Stop Sounding Firemen on Wild Goose Chases

CHIEF WILLIAM H. MURPHY, of the Bureau of Fire, today issued an appeal to the general public to stop the practice of sounding false alarms.

HOUSE WILL AUTHORIZE \$500,000,000 IN REVENUES
Democratic Measure, Providing for Military Increases, Certain to Pass House Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Despite solid Republican opposition, the House today passed a bill authorizing \$500,000,000 in revenues.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Harmony with the Republican party and a reunion of all of the party elements to bring about a Democratic defeat in the next two years.



WILLIAM S. BOWEN
Superintendent of City Hall Maintenance, who refused to talk at the Mayor's request, saying the latter merely wants to reward a fire man

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Program Announced for 1918 Navy Increase

ACCORDING to the \$351,000,000 naval bill completed yesterday the committee authorizes the construction in 1918 of the following warships:

- Three 12,000-ton battleships.
One battle cruiser.
Three scout cruisers.
Fifteen destroyers.
One destroyer tender.
One submarine tender.
Eighteen 800-ton submarines.

Completion of this program, according to naval experts, will put the United States on a par with the other naval powers of the world.

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Second Step in U. S. Defense Program Expected to Be Taken by Congress

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Ferryboats Collide in Fog
The ferryboat Delaware, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, crashed into the ferryboat Philadelphia at Kaighn's Point shortly after 9 o'clock this morning.

Two New Hotels Seek License
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BODY FOUND IN OCEAN
MAY BE MRS. LYMAN'S

Mystery of Vanishing Sister-in-Law of Philadelphia May Be Solved

IDENTITY STILL MYSTERY
Mrs. Emma Zellner Annoyed by Suspicion That She Was Dead Woman

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 29.—Of the hundreds of bodies found in the water of the Atlantic Ocean, one of the most mysterious was found floating yesterday in the breakers at Barron place, Chelsea.

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BIRTH CONTROL WOMAN DEFENDS HER METHODS

Mrs. Sanger Says She Wants Fewer Children Brought Up in Poverty

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Mrs. Margaret Sanger today why she advocates birth control for women, she said.

CHILD DIES IN TROLLEY
Woman Charges Infant's Death Due to Rejection of Patient by Hospital

Misunderstanding between mother with a baby dying from pneumonia and authorities at the Pennsylvania Hospital resulted in the death of the child when it was being taken to the Philadelphia Hospital in a trolley.

TRIES TO END LIFE WITH RAZOR
Allyn C. Hussey, twenty-six years old, 2419 E. street, attempted suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION
DEATHS
HITCHEY.—Jan. 28. SARAH J. GILBERT (nee HENRY), aged 80. Relatives and friends invited to attend funeral at 10 o'clock, Thursday, Feb. 1, at the residence, 2419 E. street.

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