# TEXTBOOK TRUST **GAINS FIRST GRIP**

Rural School Directors Assent to Plan for Increase

in Prices

American Company Dines Visitors at Capitol, Who Readily Succumb

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9 .- The Public School Text Book trust made its appearance here in full strength last night and today. when it staged a convention of the rural school directors throughout the State, to get their support for a bill which is to be introduced in the Legislature soon and which provides for a standard textbook for all studies and at an increase of price to the State.

The school directors pledged their support. They lunched and stayed at local hotels during their stay and the bills were all paid by the American Text Book Company, which has a monopoly on the text-book sales.

National educators have for years been orticising the variance of the public school textbooks. Each district has different books and different teaching methods.

The most serious objection that was raised today and last night was the fact that the present law gives the school directors in the various districts the opportunity to purchase textbooks at reduced prices, and textbooks, as some of the participants in the conferences claim, of an inferior

The proposed bill would create a con mission composed of the superintendents and two school men to be appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to de-olde what textbooks should be used.

#### Stevedores on Strike to Aid Sugar Workers

strike, and today stores of refined sugar in wholesale grocery plants and chain stores are nearly exhausted.

PRICES BOOSTED

some of the wholesale houses are en-tirely out of refined sugar, and have no hope of getting more. While the whole-sale price remains the same, hundreds of retail grocers throughout the city today of the wholesale houses are entook advantage of the scarcity to advance the price. They have boosted the price from eight to ten and twelve cents per pound. Unless the strike is broken and the refining of sugar resumed, wholesalers predict augar will be selling for fifteen and twenty cents per pound in Philadelphia within a week

An officer of the Girard Grocery Comwholesale firm which supplies sev eral hundred retail grocers throughout the city, said today:

The situation is quite serious. are getting only about fifty per cent of our normal consignment of refined sugar, but we are making every effort to supply the actual needs of our cus-tomers. Philadelphia will soon be in a tomers. Philadelphia will soon be in a very bad way for refined sugar unless this strike is broken.

Ex-Sheriff A. Lincoln Acker, of the Fin ley Acker Company, said :

The shortage in refined sugar is rap-ldly becoming more serious. We are supplying our customers now, but we don't know what the future will bring

An official of the W. J. McCalian Sugar Refining Company, one of the companies affected by the strike, said:

Our normal output of refined sugar is 2000 barrels daily. We are not deliv-ering now to anabody because we can-not get anybody to deliver the little amount we have on hand.

Philadelphia can'get no relief from the outside, for New York is crippled by the strike in the Brooklyn plant of the American Company. It is a very bad situation, which threatens to spread over the entire country. In Cuba I have learned that the output of raw sugar is being threatened by labor troubles

The normal output of the Franklin Company, another company affected, is about 6000 barrels daily, and the Pennsylvania Company manufactures about the rame under ordinary conditions. Not a barrel is being moved from either of those

plants.

Notwithstanding the conditions and the growing scarcity, the wholesale price of refined sugar has not advanced, and the refiners say they will not advance the price. The price still hangs at \$6.75 per hundred

RAW SUGAR UP The wholesale price of raw sugar ad-canced today from \$4.89 to \$5.02, despite the glut in the raw product caused by the

closing of the refineries. In explaining the advance in raw sugar, a representative of the Pennsylvania Com-pany, the third refinery closed by the strike.

The market is glutted with raw sugar because of the stopping of exports by the German submarine campaign and the closing of the refineries by strikes.

Under the circumstances the price should go down, but the raw sugar industry is conwolled by the Cuban firm of Czarnikow Rienda in New York, and this firm has a habit of forcing the price up when it should go down. In other words, this firm virtually has a corner on the raw sugar market.

According to advices from New York, England has bought much more Cuban sugar than is generally supposed in the United States, and English buyers are said on the point of closing another big purchase.



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#### Killing of Children May Precipitate War

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Anthony's Catholic Church, Gray's Ferry road and Fitzwater street. They also attended the parochial school of that church. Cornelius, the eldest child, was born at 2518 Panama street. April 29, 1904. Dr. Edward V. Clark, 1514 South Broad street. was called to attend to the mother, he said today, but he sent another physician because he had another case at the time. WILL BACK NEW BILL Doctor Clark remembered the incident very

well, he said.

The children had lived in Philadelphia virtually all their lives. Their mother on many occasions expressed the wish that

many occasions expressed the wish that they become Americans.

Details of the death of the children after the sinking of the California have not been forthcoming. It is not known whether they were able to leave the ship or perished from exposure. Many of those who knew them while in this city expressed horrer at the suffering they must have undergone. Mrs. O'Donnell and her husband are said to have securated three years ago. She

to have separated three years ago. She then obtained work in the Kirkbride laun-dry, in West Philadelphia, in an effort to support her family. She finally listened to the pleas of her family and decided to move her small family to their home in Scot-

The O'Donnell's left Philadelphia Jan uary 28. They sailed the next day on the California. Early Wednesday morning the iner was torpedoed without warning off the Irish coast.

Mrs. O'Donnell's bardships in this coun-

try and the fear that she would be comstayed here gave her no choice but to brave the U-boat menace, according to one of her best friends in this city, who for three years worked side by side with her in the Kirk. ride laundry. This former coworker nited with Miss Marion Huntley, head of ride laundry. the laundry, in praising Mrs. O'Dunnell's bravery in her struggles to keep her little family together.

family together.
"Mrs. O'Donnell was a nice, respectable little woman," said her friend. "Her only dissatisfaction with Ancerica was that she could not earn enough money to support her children. The second boy she put in a Catholic protectory and she was afraid that

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the others would have to go, too. This is
what made her accept her parents' invitation to come back to Scotland.

"I really don't know if she was afraid of
the submarines; but even if she was what
could the poor woman do? She had to go
back to Scotland or see her children starve or be separated from her. After they grew
up and were old enough to support her she
intended coming back to America."
A pathetic story of Mrs. O'Donnell's

struggles in this city was told by Mrs. Ida C. Wilds, 216 North Thirty-eighth street, with whom the O'Donnells made their

"Although she made every effort to appear cheerful in the letters she sent home." Mrs. Wilde said, "Mrs. O'Donnell's parents in Scotland got an inkling of her distress and repeatedly urged her to go to Scot

'Mrs. O'Donnell loved America. She had told me many times that it was the most wonderful country in the world. She said, however, that although she wanted her chil-dren to be Americans, she realized she could never give them what they needed in this country and decided to leave for Scotland and home.

According to Mrs. Wilde, the mother was well-educated and refined. Her parents are well to do, and Mrs. O'Donnell had never worked until forced to do so to support her children.

children.
Father Curran spoke in high praise of Mrs. O'Donnell. "She was a faithful and hard-working woman," he said. "Her husband took to drink some years ago. I saw her only recently. She came to the parish house and told me she intended to cross to Scotland.

"When I asked her if she was not afraid of the ship being torpedoed by a sub-marine site said: 'We'll get along all right. Nothing will happen to us.'

#### LITTLE MAN SUBDUES GIANT NEGRO INTRUDER

Dr. Charles Marsden's Chauffeur, With Club, Captures Strange Visitor to Garage

regular David-and-Goliath act was staged during the "wee sma' hours" in the garage of Dr. Charles Marsden, \$811 Germantown acenue, Chestnut Hill. When the police arrived they found the modern Gollath. John Turner, a tall broadshouldered negro, who lives on Bethlehem pike securely bound and locked in a closet. pike, recurrily bound and locked in a closet, while the diminutive David of the episode, George Hogg, chauffeur for Doctor Marsden, stood guard by the closet door armed with a huge stick.

Doctor Marsden departed yesterday for

Doctor Marsden departed yesterday for a trip to Florida, and left his home in charge of Hogg, who sleeps above the garage. Early this morning the little chauffeur heard a noise and descended to the garage in his bare feet. On the floor of a large touring car he discovered Turner hidden by a large lap rug. Hogg seized a stick and challenged the negro and a struggle enough Hogg's five feet five inches gle ensued. Hogg's five feet five inches, Magistrate Pennock held Turner under \$300 ball for a further hearing.

City Hall Appointments

City appointments today include William W. Reeder, 1312 South Fifty-seventh street, rodman. Bureau of Surveys, salary \$800; Anna M. Dannenberg, 213 South Fifteenth street, hospital clerk, Bureau of Charities, \$700, and Frank S. Craig, 3013 Montague street, machinist, Bureau of Water, \$3.75



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### WATCHMAN ACCUSED OF

SHOOTING YOUNG MAN Frank O'Neill in Hospital Suffering

From Serious Pistol Wound

Frank O'Neill, twenty-two years old, of 232 North Hicks street, is in Hahnemann Hospitat, soffering from a gunshot wound in the side, which may result fatally Daniel (fallapher, sixty years old, of 1343 Vine street, a watchman employed at Broad and Cherry streets, is locked up at the Fifteenth and Vine streets police station, charged with the shooting.

Gallagher was held without ball today by Magistrate Tracy, of the Efficienth and Vine streets station, to wall the outcome of O'Neill's wound. O'Neill identified Gallagher as the man who shot him, in an auto tem statement today to Magistral-

Gailagher declares he fired his revolved in self-defense when he was set upon by two men who attempted to beat him. Joseph Chsey, increen years old, of 1418 North Twenty-third street, who was in C'Neill's company when the latter was shot told the police that the watchman remonstrated with the young men as they walked out Cherry street about 1.25 point this out Cherry street about 1:30 oxlock this morning, telling them they were too hole-terous. When O'Nelli attempted to dispute the assertion, Casey says, Gallagher pulled out the pistol and fired three times at the Two of the bullets went wild. but the third pierced O'Neill's right side, and he was lying on the sidewalk when Policemen Doody and Dodds, attracted by the sound of the shooting, ran up.

#### THREE MEN DIE WHEN MINE GANGWAY BREAKS

Hungarian Laborers, Leaving Wives and Children, Suffocated Under Debris in Accident.

MAHANOY CITY, Pa., Feb. 8 Three men are dead as a result of a counter gang-vay collapsing in the East Bear Ridge mine ast night. They are William Markus, thirty ears old, a contract miner, having years old, a contract miner, having a wife and four children. Mahanoy Piane; Martin Meinick, twenty-eight years old, laborer, of Corktown, having a wife and two children in Austria, and Andrew Harrhay, laborer, thirty-flve years old, with a wife and four children at Gilberton. All are Humarrians. The body of Harhay has not been recovered. A rescue force under Mine Inspector Lamb and Superintendent Pierce reached Melnick at 10 o'clock last night. Markus was taken from his tomb at 8 o'clock this morning. Both were badly bruised, but it is believed that death was due to sufficiation.

Markus was the last to die, as for hours he communicated through a tube with his

rescuers and frantically implored them to

The mine is owned by Cook & Brooks coal operators, of Scranton and Battimore

Falling Fire Ruins Crush Four LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three mer were mortally burt this morning when they were buried under a wall that fell from the fire-wrecked building of the Standard Gar-ment Company in Columbia. It requires almost ten minutes to dig them from under

the debris. They were taken to the Colum-bia Hospital, where they are dying. They are Harry Wolf, Henry Shenabrooke are John Eiker.

#### NEWSPAPER CARRIERS OF CITY AT BANQUET

Owners and Representatives of Papers Address Men and Women at

Feasting Port The men who deliver your newspaper in the rain, in the sleet, in the snow and every other sort of weather came into their own last night when the Philadelphia Morning Paper Carriers' Protective and Beneficial Association staged its annual harquet and dance at the Moose auditorium. Broad

Three hundred members of the Three bundred members of the association and their wives attended the banquet, at which speeches were made by owners and representatives of morning papers, including Cyrus H. K. Cartis, George R. Mundy, James L. Farley, L. P. Rutherford, John C. Martin and E. H. Wiggins. In addition to the speeches there was a causewille performance at the dinner, followed the discountry. On the committee that

hameville berformance at the dinner, followed by dancing. On the committee that arranged the entertainment were J. W. Mays, president; William F. Steckert, Secretary, and S. R. Dubbs, W. A. Rayner, G. Gauer, L. A. Fredericks, D. Aiken and H.

The officers of the association are: W. Kobligh, president; S. R. Lubbs, vice president; W. A. Rayner, rescribing secretary; A. Fredericks, financial secretary; Schmelzer, treasurer; board of directors, H. Graeff, O. B. Kuip, C. Schmelzer, H. F. Riesterman, T. F. Bertram and I. E. Craw-

Man Posing as Clergyman Held

Frank Perry Hamilton, accused of ob-taining money under false pretenses while posing as a clergyman, was held in \$800 ball today by Magistrate Tracy, of the



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3	Hudson Seal Coats	-110.00	55.00
4	Hudson Seal Coats	135.00	67.50
3	Hudson Seal Coats	150.00	74.50
1	Caracul Coat	150.00	74.50
2	Caracul Coats	180.00	89.50
2	Muskrat Coats	160.00	79.50
7	Hudson Seal Coats	190.00	94.50
1	Civet Coat	225.00	112.50
3	Hudson Seal Coats	230.00	115.00
2	Hudson Seal Coats	290.00	145.00
1	Mole Coat	325.00	162.50
2	Hudson Seal Coats	350.00	175.00
1	Hudson Seal Coat	350.00	175.00
2	Hudson Seal Coats	390.00	195.00
2	Hudson Seal Coats	450.00	225.00
1	Caracul Coat	450.00	225.00
1	Mole Coat	490.00	295.00
1	Mink Coat	600.00	300.00
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3 Beaver Sets 59.00	29.50
3 Australian Opossum Sets	21.00
9 Australian Opossum Sets	24.50
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3 Brown Fox Sets 59.00	29.50
2 Jap Cross Fox Sets 65.00	32.50
4 Kamchatka Fox Sets. 65.00	32.50
2 Australian Opossum Sets 79.00	39.50
3 Red Fox Sets 98.00	49.00
1 Hudson Seal Set 125.00	62.50
1 Fisher Set 130.00	64.50
2 Cross Fox Sets 160.00	78.50
1 Pointed Fox Set 190.00	95.00
l Blended Mink Set 300.00	125.00
1 Hudson Seal and Ermine Set 350.00	125.00
Hudson Bay and Sable Set	175.00
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		Regularly	Now	
8	Black Fox Muffs	19.00	9.50	
3	Natural Raccoon Muffs	20.00	10.00	
5	Hudson Seal Muffs	23.00	9.50	
5	Australian Opossum.,	25.00	12.50	
4	Skunk Muffs	27.00	13.00	
4	Black Fox Muffs	29.00	14.50	
3	Hudson Seal Muffs	29.00	14.50	
4	Black Fox Fuffs	35.00 5	17.50	
8	Skunk Muffs	44.00	22.00	
2	Red Fox Muffs	49.00	24.50	
2	Dyed Blue Fox Muffs	50.00	24.50	
5	Skunk Muffs	50.00	24.50	
3	Black Lynx Muffs	50.00	25.00	
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7	Muffs	55.00	27.50	
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1	Beaver Scarf	12.00	5.00
5	Black Fox Scaris	15.00	6.50
5	Hudson Seal Scarfs	14.50	6.50
5	Skunk Scarfs	15.00	7.50
3	Natural Raccoon Scarfs	17.00	8.50
5	Skunk Scarfe	24.00	12.00
5	Skunk Scarfs	27.00	13.50
3	Red Fox Scarfs	29.00	14.50
4	Black Fox Scarfs	29.00	14.50
5	Hudson Seal Scarfs	32.00	16.00
3	Black Lynx Scarfe	33.00	16.50
1	Ermine Scarf	33.00	16.50
1	Persian Lamb Scarf	50.00	19.50
3	Black Fox Scarfs	39.00	19.50
3	Skunk Scarfs	39.00	19.50
3	Black Fox Scarfs	49.00	24.50
2	White Fox Scarfs	45.00	22.50
3	Cross Fox Scarfs	59.00	29.50
4	Dyed Blue Fox Scarfs.	65.00	32.50
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