#### **NO-LICENSE FIGHT** STRONGLY PRESSED

Rev. T. W. McKinney, Beaten for Mayor of Coatesville, Keeps Up War on Rum

ODDITIES AT HEARING

Witnesses Display Surprising Ignorance When Questioned About Sale of Drink

By a Staff Correspondent

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 28.—Fresh from his political defeat in Conteaville, the Rev. T. W. McKinney today is sitting next to the chief of counsel for the dry forces at the hearings in Common Pleas Court here for license renewals.

The militant Methodist clergyman yes-orday lost by 155 votes the Coatesville mayoralty to A. H. Swing. He heard the hews last night and went to bed. He got up bright and early today and said to some friends:

"I'm going over to West Chester and sit text to Bill Tregay to show them ("them" means his enemies that I am still living and the flag's still up."

Bill Tregay is William Tregay, chief of counsel for the no-license element in Coates-Today the Hotel Taylor was first before

Judges Butler and Hause. The Hotel Coatesville is next on the list, and then Downlagtown's two drinking place. the Pennsylvania House and the Swan Hotel. AMAZING IGNORANCE

Some of the witnesses today were H. C. somas and M. C. Davis, both of Oxford arren Webster, of Coatesville, and others II were brought to testify against the Ho-

tel Taylor. The most interesting thing to an out

sider who does not know the familiar angles of the personal side that enters into all these disputes is the amazing innocence Thomas W Pierce, the fierce cross-ex-

aminer, who is appearing as counsel for the owners of the Hotel Taylor, William Harner and his brother, would ask most "Well, what was he drinking?" referring some one the witness said had been

"Well, I don't know," would come the answer, "but it was something brown and was poured from a bottle."

or another one would say, "I can't tell, ut it was poured in a very small glass and the man at the bar poured it himself."

But none of the witnesses seemingly ever

aw whisky so as to recognize it.

Even Charles Freymoyer, Coatesville's constable, said he couldn't recognize beer when he saw it, though he could by tasting it. It "looked like beer" to him, "or ginger ale."

James Eppenheimer and Larue Frain, both of Downingtown, were witnesses doubtful along this line. One noticed that most of the drunken men they said they was in the Taylor House drank only beer. lost of the adverse testimony today defense had not yet been heard—had do with the serving of intoxicants to mken men or men known to be inclined

that way. As yet, only one name has been brought forward as a minor, one Webster Gibson. His name was introduced by Otis Beiderman, of Coatesyille. But it has yet to be proved that he is a minor.

His elder brothers, Frank and Willis, do not agree on this point, and the court has not cllowed the introduction of the family Bible as evidence. The father of the Cibron. Bible as evidence. The father of the Gibson boys tectified yesterday he might have been a little mixed up in "entering" the boys in the Bible. Frank Gibson thought what is in the Bible ought to be "pretty near true," even if it is written in. Judge Butler had to smile while the courtroom laughed.

PREACHER NOT WHOLE SHOW The election of Coatesville yesterday is

has given many persons the impression that he had a monopoly on the no-license crowd, but that doesn't conform with what one

West Chester one is reminded that Swing three years ago was the star witness for the no-license crowd and that yester-day he got more no-license votes than did Mr. McKinney. The hotels, it is said, fig-ured very little in the election and did not

"have their vote registered."

Mr. Mckinney, in a formal statement to
the Coatesville Record, said the election
and been an excellent thing and that Coatesville was fortunate to have secured as Mayor such a high calibered man as Mr. Swing. Besides the compilment to the suc-cessful candidate there is also the baid slap at W. L. W. Jones, late Mayor of Coatesville, who recently was acquitted of em bezzlement while in that office.

The license hearings here, it is expected, will last all week.

#### WOMAN SLEUTH WITNESS IN "IMPOSTURE" CASE

Private Detective Testifies Man Posed as Osteopathic Practitioner

A woman detective testified against Arthur C. Heitze, 721 Federal street, Camden, before Judge Boyle in Camden today, where the New Jersey Commission on Vice and Imposture is prosecuting Heitze. It is alleged that Heitze said that he was an osteopath, although he was not registered, and did not have a license. The evidence is being heard by a jury. Many physicians are attending the trial.

The chief witness against Heitze was Ars. Sadie Britton, who for fifteen years has been a private detective, and who has avestigated cases for the New Jersey Commission on Vice and Imposture. She testifed that she applied for treatment at the office of Heitze on May 2, 1916, for congestion in the head. The treatment, Mrs. Britton, whose home is in Trenton, N. J., Cont. her 11.

he was not an osteopath, and denied that he ever said he was one. He said that in treating Mrs. Britten for congestion of the head he merely resorted to the neuro-pathy treatment.

#### UNDERWOOD'S WARNING OF POPULAR DISCONTENT

Says Something Must Be Done to Re lieve Food Situation and Prevent Uprising

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senafor Uncrocod, of Alabams, warned the Senate
day that unless something is done to resee the food situation the hungry people
the country will organize and that their
y will resound to the Capitol "demanding
sates, right and the lifting of the yoke of
great interests from their necks."

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reads were resonable for the shortage
and became they were on busy shiptime with they were un-

#### NOTED POET-SCOUT DIES



Captain Jack Crawford, who succeeded Buffalo Bill as chief of scouts under General Custer, died today in New York,

mous.

TWO-PLATOON FIREMEN

House Today-Rushed to

Upper Chamber

acres of ground for the Frankford Arsenal

Perry's bill was reported out of commit-

mittee discharged. An agreement has been

reached between Dunn and Perry, by which

Wreck Eight Allied Planes-Teuton

Flyer Attacks Transport

spite of violent shelling and pursuit by two

Will Be Paid \$1200

Annually

ceive for the rest of their lives a per cent of their salaries in pensions.

They were Joseph Mercer, 1925 North
Broad street, for fifty years employed as
a surveyor by the city, and C. A. Sundstrom, 4534 Chestnut street, thirty years in

the city service as a surveyor. Each of the men received \$4000 a year, but, as the pension law provides that pensioned mu-

nicipal employes shall receive one-half of their salary, but not more than \$1200, each will receive \$1200.

SUPPOSED CORPSE REVIVES

CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 28 .- Priscilla K.

Thompson, a negress, while visiting her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Reynolds, at Brandywin

aunt, Mrs. Joseph Reynolds, at Brandywine Summit, was seized with a spasm. Attempts to obtain a physician failed, and after an hour's suffering the woman apparently died.

An undertaker was sent for, and just as he was about to begin the embalming process the supposed dead girl revived. A physician said she had merely been in a state of coma.

False Fire Cry Causes Panic

VETERAN CITY WORKERS

hostile planes.

LONDON, Feb. 28.

BRITISH AIRMEN SHELL

#### CAPT. JACK CRAWFORD, POET-SCOUT, DEAD

Served Under General Custer, Succeeding Buffalo Bill as Chief of Force

#### WAS WRITER AND FIGHTER

Crawford—"Captain Jack, the poet sout"—
is dead at his home here today. He was
chief of scouts under General Custer, succeeding Buffalo Bill, and was well known
for his poems of prohibition and preparedness. He was seventy years of age and
died from pneumonia.

Captain Jack Crawford was born in Carn-lonagh, County Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch parents, in 1846.

The family migrated to this country and settled in Minersville. Pa. When the Civil War broke out his father enlisted and was

Despite his youth, Jack succeeded in passing the recruiting officers and was assigned to the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania. Volun-teers. He was severely wounded in his first engagement and while lying in a mili-The election of Coatesville yesterday is a linest as interesting here as it is in Coatesfirst engagement and while lying in a minimize the state of the holding of the License that the charity taught him to write the charity taught him to write.

After the war he went West and became known as a daring Government scout dur-ing the Indian wars. He acted as courier ing the Indian wars. He acted as courier for the New York Heraid and made himself famous by carrying the news of the battle of "Slim Butte" 360 miles through hostile country to Fort Laramie.

He was the author of many poems on army and frontier life, and on account of his long hair was a well-known figure wherever he chanced to be.

Many of Crawford's poems attracted up-

Many of Crawford's poems attracted unusual attention, as they told in verse the experiences he had had in many parts of the country. His "Assault with Attempt to Kill," written about the arrest of an old Grand Army man on the charge of attempted murder, attracted widespread no-tice to the plight of the old soldier. Through the poem friends came to the help of the

imprisoned veteran and he was released.
On January 39, 1917, he was taken ill
at his home in Woodhaven, L. L. and his
physician held little hope for his recovery.

#### COP HURT AT PICNIC DENIED COMPENSATION

Board Rules He Was Not on Duty During Accident-Case Sets Precedent in State

Though the rules of the Police Depart-Though the rules of the Folice Department provide that a policeman is on duty all the time and everywhere, yet when a policeman is having a good time and enjoying himself, and through the fault of a fellow merry-making policeman is hurt and disabled, he is not entitled to compensation. So ruled Referes William B. Scott, of the Workmen's Compensation Board, today in the case of James S. Dowey, formerly atached to the Trenton avenue and Dauphin tached to the Trenton avenue and Dauphi street station house.

On July 19, 1915, Dowey and a number of other patrolmen from his station, went on a picnic in Torresdale, and while Dowey was standing on a barrel, he testified, he was pushed off by another policeman and fell, breaking his right arm. He was taken to the Frankford Hospital and the bones set. the Frankford Hospital and the bones set.

Later he went to the Jefferson Hospital for
an operation on his arm. Shortly afterward he went back to work, but on September 26 he was discharged for disability.

Assistant District Attorney M. J. McEnery contested Dowey's plea for compensation.

Dowey said te is now unable to do any work with his disabled arm. He lives at 2019 Moninouth street.

The Dowey case is the first of its kind to have been brought before the compensation board. The first hearing was several months ago, when the case was held under advisement.

#### THORNTON INVITES CLERKS

Postal cierks, letter carriers and many other employes at the Philadelphia post-office have been requested through a circu-lar letter sent out by the private accretary of Postmaster John A. Thernton to go to Washington to parade at the inauguration of President Wilson next Monday.

Washington to parade at the inauguration of President Wilson next Monday.

It is rumored in postoffice corridors that the invitation was resorted to because of the scarcity of loyal Democrats of Philadelphia who have signified their intention of appearing at the inaugural and it is hoped that enough employes will appear in high hats to svert a fizzle when the John A. Thornton Chib marches past the President's stand.

### FOR FATAL WRECK Failed to Heed Warning Sig-

nal, Says Express Train's Flagman

**ENGINEER BLAMED** 

HEAVY FOG ONE CAUSE

Belief Predominates Pennsy Tragedy Would Not Have Occurred in Clear Weather

#### Four Theories Advanced to Place Blame for Wreck

Engineer of freight disregard- ed signals he should have ob-served a mile and a half west of scene of smash. Block signal system failed to

Fog obscured vision of engineer. resulting in failure to stop train when he saw flagman waving

danger signal. Brakeman of express failed to 4. set brakes properly.

Failure to obey a "caution" signal caused he Mt. Union wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which cost twenty fives, it was oncluded today by investigators of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the railroad.

Although the investigators have made no formal report, it is known that they the lieve the fast freight caused yesterday's disaster when A. T. Cook, the freight engineer, ran past the warning signal. The block signal system was working, in their

Cook, who is at home at Harrisburg with a fractured ankle, probably will be questioned further today. The Public Service Commission also is investigating the acci-

of the freight train that plowed into the Mercantile Express and the flagman of the express itself have so far hindered the probers, in unearthing the real reason for the first big accident on the Pennsylvania system in years.

While the stories of the two men diverge widely, it is considered very likely that nothing would have happened had the night been clear. The flagman, S. K. Jacobs, of Harrisburg, said the engineer, A. T. Cook, disregarded his waving lantern, Cook was the block steam by head research. BILL BEFORE SENATE Measure Unanimously Passes Cook says the block signal he had passed showed clear. Absence of the fog. traffic men say, would have removed any uncertainty as to whether lights on the signal system showed white, green or red. OFFICIAL DEATH LIST

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28 .- The bill pro-While three separate investigating bodies were sifting possible causes of the wreck, the wreckers sent out by the Pennsylvania Railroad had succeeded in removing the iding for the two-platoon system for the Philadelphia firemen is now in the Senate. It passed third reading and final passage last of the bodies from the mass of jammed steel. After the last body had been re-moved, the corrected list of dead was an-In the House today. The vote was unani-The measure was introduced last nounced today. week by Representative Isadore Stern.

Additional identified dead were Mrs. A. Philadelphia, and was rushed through the Delling, of Cleveland, sister-in-law of Chester A. Minds, former Penn football star, who was killed with nine relatives; Frank Landry, twenty-eight years old, of Brookiyn, and F. S. Wagner, of Pittsburgh. Dis-Both the Dunn and Perry bills, giving the State's approval to the purchase by the Federal Government of twenty-six more repancies caused by misspelled names also were sent to the Senate today. Dunn is a Vare follower and Perry, a McNichol lieu-tenant. Their bills are identical.

#### CHOWDS VISIT SCENE

Curious orowds from neighboring towns arrived at the scene of the wreck this tee and passed first and second reading in morning and gazed at what remained of the House before Dunu's measure, which had been introduced first, was forced out of committee by Dunn's having the competition of the mass of scrap, just as thousands did yesterday. The crowd was so dense yesterday as to cause railroad police to shield morning and gazed at what remained of the mass of scrap, just as thousands did the wreckers removing bodies from publigaze with long strips of cloth.

the two measures are sent to the Senate together, leaving it to Vare and McNichol to decide which representative will get the By daybreak today the wreckage ha been fairly well cleaned from the tracks and traffic was nearing normal. More than twenty hours elapsed from the time of the wreck until the last body was re-covered last night at half-past eight. Relief workers could see the bodies, but BREBACH IRON WORKS difficulty was experienced in removng them.

Several Air Battles Fought-Germans The task of identifying the dead was a severe one. Not until late yesterday was this completed. About the wreck and the undertaking rooms to which the bodies were hurried there were many heartrending sights. James A. Minds, the wealthy coal operator and the father of Chester A. Minds, was early on the scene. To him fell a terrible duty. He was forced to view the An air raid on Sunday over the iron works at Brebach, Germany, was announced by the British Admiralty today. There were several raid encounters, the statement said, in which one hostile machine was debody of each of the members of his son's and son's wife's family who were killed, who had left his home yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Minds's father at Utien, N. Y.

BERLIN. Feb. 28.
German filers on Monday shot down eight enemy aeroplanes, it was officially announced today. Six of them were destroyed on the western front, one on the Macedonian front, and the other was brought down when it attempted to attack Sargemund. Mrs. A. Segur Delling, the sister of Mrs. Minds had been a bride only a short time, while Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Fan-ning, the Wisconsin victims, were on their wedding trip to New York. Frank Landr. A German naval plane in the northern Aegean Sea successfully bombed a hostile transport ship, the official press agency an-nounced. The machine returned safely in

#### HOLDS ROADS TO CONTRACT

B. and O. and B. and P. Must Continue on Rates on Stone Freight

RETIRED ON PENSIONS Judge Finletter in Common Pleas Court No. 4 today granted an injunction to Cal-lender I. Leiper, a stone contractor, against the Baltimore and Philadelphia Raliroad Company and the Baltimore and Ohio Rail-Surveyors, Employed 30 and 50 Years, road Company, restraining the defendants from boosting freight rates to the plaintiff Two old city employes this morning sent their resignations to Director of Public Works Datesman, and will accordingly reand compelling them to comply with an old

This old contract fixes the charges for carrying the products of Leiper's quarry, near Media, to Collingdale and Chester, Pa. Camden Boy of 16 Held as Thief

#### Mrs. Mag Skine, 574 Division street, Cam den, fainted today when she heard Recorder Stackhouse hold her son, Walter Skine, sixteen years old, to await the arrival of authorities from Paulsboro, N. J., where

Maryatt B. Paxson Buried

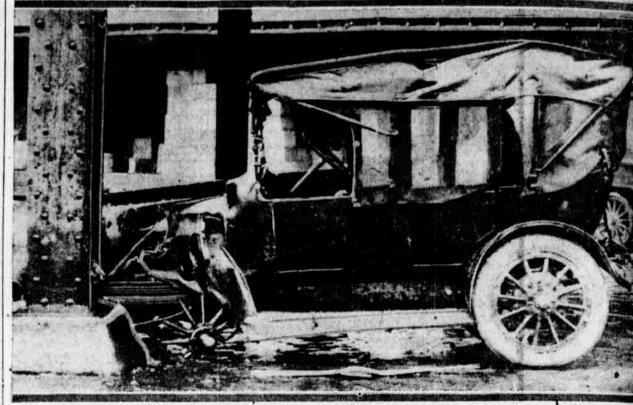
or authorities from Fauisboro, N. J., where he is wanted on the charge of stealing a bicycle. Young Skine was arrested with two other youths, Charles Moloney, sixteen years old, of 215 Sycamore street, Camden, and Raymond Griffee, eighteen years old, of 832 Locust street, Camden, who also were held. The bicycle stolen belonged to larger Keys 221 Sycamore street, Camden. James Keys, 221 Sycamore street, Camder Any liquor shipments remaining in the Railroad Officials Promoted express offices after 6 p. m. today will be

# SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 28.— Announcement has been made at the Lehigh and New England Railroad Company's office of the appointment of Superintendent E. H. Shipman to the office of chief engineer and Assistant Superintendent Charles W. Brown to the office of superintendent. The changes will take effect March I.

With Cargo

Maryatt B. Paxson, son of Sharpless M. Paxson, Justice of the Peace of West Chester, who died on Sunday, was buried today in West Chester. He was thirty-eight years eld and is survived by his widew, who was Abigail Rice, formerly of Philadelphia.

#### AUTO SKIDS TO RUIN AGAINST "L" PILLAR



In a collision at Twenty-ninth and Market streets early today a motorcar was wrecked against one of the upright supports of the Market street elevated line.

#### CALLS THAW TO FACE CHARGES IN NEW YORK

If Innocent He Need Not Fear Trial, Gotham Official Declares

If Harry K. Thaw were innocent of the charges made against him\*in New York he would have returned there long ago to prove it, was the contention made this after neon by William Harmon Black. Assistant

noon by William Harmon Black, Assistant District Attorney of New York.

Mr. Black, after conferring with District Attorney Rotan, said he came here to look over the statutes and see if there were any by which Thaw could be held in Fennsylvania. He Indicated that he was disgusted with the proceedings aimed to prevent the extradition of Thaw to New York city.

"No matter what his mental condition may ne," said Mr. Black "Thaw should may me," said Mr. Black, "Thaw should be taken back to New York and tried. Steps for the appointment of a lunacy com-

clared insane, what is the law coming to: Asked if he thought Thaw was insane, Mr. Black smiled.

mission could be made there during the

trial. If a man can commit a crime and fit from State to State, and then be de-

Mr. Black smiled.

"I have my own opinions." he said, "but I'll leave it to the alienists."

Mr. Black will ask permission to attend the hearings of the Lunacy Commission which will meet at the office of Ellis Ames Ballard, general counsel of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, 2 p. m. on March 12. Sheriff Hamiley amounted the March 12. Sheriff Ransley appointed the March 12. Sheriff Ransley appointed the following men to serve on the jury whigh will determine Thaw's sanity: George Geasey, clerk in Common Pleas Court; Daniel Connelly, a real estate broker; George Myers, an attorney; Harry Mace, Assistant Director of Health and Charities, and Everett Schofield.

#### SENATE TACTICIANS PLAN PASSING BIG REVENUE BILL

Night Before Roll Is Called on \$450,-000,000 Measure Will Withdraw

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Democratic members of the Schate Finance Committee, seeking to avoid an extra session, have agreed that the night before the roll is called on their revenue bill to raise \$450,-000,000, they will withdraw all committee amendments and demand a vote on the measure identically as it passed the House
If the Senate passes the bill without any change it will go direct to the President for his signature and there will be no chance of further delaying its final enact-By a vote of 59 to 21, the Senate this

afternoon killed the Underwood amendment to the revenue bill, providing for a flat tax of two cents a pound on eleomargarine to replace the present tax of ten cents hundred on colored and a quarter of cent on uncolored oleomargarine.

#### FREE LUNCH UNDER BAN IN LEGISLATIVE BILL

Measure Would Inhibit Gift of "Anything of Value as Premium by Saloonkeepers

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Feb. 28.—Free lunch in saloons and at bars will be eliminated, if a bill introduced in the House today by Representative William T. Ramsey, of Dela-

ware County, becomes a law.
Ramsey is regarded as one of the official representatives of the liquor interests in the Legislature ,and his bill is therefore regarded as an official measure advocated by the liquor dealers and saloonkeepers. The bill would amend the act of June 12, 1915, which prohibits the granting of any

premiums by liquor dealers or saloonkeep ers, so that "nothing of value" could be ANTI-SHIPPING BILL NOW

#### OPERATIVE IN DELAWARE Liquor Banned From Lower Counties by Express or Other

Delivery DOVER, Del., Feb. 28 .- Governor Townend, having signed the Loose antishipping

bill, which is now operative, the Adams Express Company, through its attorney R. R. Kenney, of Dover, today announced that all liquor shipments ceased this after-

returned to the consignors. ATLANTIC FLEET SUPPLIES

Battleship Kansas Leaves Navy Yard

The battleship Kaneas will leave the Philadelphia, Navy Yard this week with a cargo of supplies which will be distributed to the ships attached to the Atlantic fleet. The Kaneas will then proceed to the Pacific coast via the Panama Canat. At the navy yard reports were current today that the Kaneas would perform paired duty in the Pacific.

## City News in Brief

CITY HALL DETECTIVES today went to Brooklyn to examine a number of stoler automobiles which were found concealed in a garage at Vernon and Stuyvesant avenues. It is believed that some of them are Philadelphia machines. Harry Sheridan. 1819 Putnam avenue, Brooklyn, is under arrest. The Brooklyn police say he has confessed to stealing thirty-one automobiles

TWO HORSES attached to a moving van ran down Carpenter street from Eighth to Seventh street this morning and collided with the patrol wagon of the Second and Christian streets police station, which was standing at the latter corner. The step and one of the wheels of the patrol wagon were torn off and the runaway horses were badly injured.

STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE at Fif-teenth and Oxford streets, J. A. Dawson, of 151 North Sixty-second street, sustained serious bodily injuries. He was taken to the National Stomach Hospital. Carl Henkle, of 464 Conarroe street, driver of the car, was held without ball today by Magistrate Tracy to await the result of Dawson's, injuries. JACOB REED'S SONS, INC., of this

city, is among the names in the additional list of firms that have offered their plants o the Government in case of war, issued by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. . FIRST PRIZE of \$200 has been awarded to a Philadelphia-educated artist. Burton Keeler, at the decorators' competition being held by the Friends of the Young Artists

Society in the studios of Mrs. Whitney, 8

West Eighth street, New York. Second prize of \$150 was also awarded to a Phila-delphian, Miss Alice Riddle. PHILADELPHIA NEWS PAPERMAN has been appointed head of the publicity department of the Chamber of Commerce. He is W. R. D. Hall, for three years statistician of the State Highway Department at Harrisburg. He will assume his duties March 1.

#### CAMDEN

THE ECONOMY BUILDING and Loan Association has elected T. Yorke Smith as secretary to succeed the late John J. Bur-leigh, who held the position for twentyfive years.

THE REV. H. E. WIEAND, of Bedford, Pa., has accepted the call to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, of Parkside, Camden. The pastorate was felt vacant by the death of the Rev. W. C. Brubaker.

A MASS-MEETING of Polish citizens of Camden will be held today at Burzynski Hall, 1230 Chestnut street, to protest against the high prices of foodstuffs. THEODORE E. NICKERLEIN, of Phila-

delphia, will give an illustrated talk on the Canadian Rockies, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the First M. E. Church

#### COP BRAVES SMOKE IN TWO-FIRE RESCUES

Carries Sleeping Man and Small Children From Blazing House in Southern Section

Several persons were saved from probable suffocation this afternoon by the quick ac-tion of Policeman Green, of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station, in a fire which damaged two homes in the southern part of the city.

The policeman saw smoke pouring from The policeman saw smore pouring from the windows of the home of Charles Van Gill. 2142 South Front street. He burst in the door, and groping his way to the second floor, found Van Gill, who is a night watchman, asieep. Without pausing to awaken the man the policeman carried him to the street.

Meanwhile the smoke was pouring into the home of Max Leightman, at 2145 South Front street. Green ran into the house and carried several of the Leightman children to the street. As a heavy snow was falling they were sheltered at the home of a neigh-bor until the blaze was extinguished.

#### HOUSE VOTES \$400,000 FOR FOOD PRICE PROBE

Borland Amendment Giving Fund to Federal Trade Commission Carries, 247 to 158

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House today passed the Borland amendment to the sundry divil bill providing \$400,000 wherewith the Federal Trade Commission shalls investigate enormous food prices.

The vote was 247 to 158, and the sundry civil measure itself passed without a record vote.

Asks \$1,000,000 for Food Relief ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Senator Co-tillo, of New York, introduced a bill appro-priating \$1,000,000 to be placed at the dis-posal of the Commissioner of Foods and Markets to relieve the emergency food situ-ation as reported from New York city.

Three Postmasters Nominated WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Wil-ion today nominated the following post-nasters: Pennsylvania—Charles E. Burket, Claysburg: Edith M. Phelps, Ludlow, New Jersey—Arthur D. Appleby, Spotswood,

#### BRAKEMEN CAUGHT ROBBING FREIGHT CAR

Police Trace Them by Flashlights After Street Lights Are Extinguished

Following a fight in the dark with six railroad policemen, two brakemen were captured early today while robbing freight cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad at cars of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Front and Federal streets.

The men first extinguished the lights of nearity street lamps and those on the switches, the police say, and under cover of darkness approached two cars which were loaded with valuable goods. By watching the blinking flashlights of the glieged rothers the police was recovered.

leged robbers the police managed to keep on their trail. The noise of cracking wood was heard and then Policemen Roberts and Dapper saw the thieves enter the freight car. When

the cops entered the car the brakemen were piling shoes into a large bug. They dropped the bag and attacked the cops. Noise of the scuffle attracted the other olice, and at the point of a revolver the robbers surrendered. They proved to be John J. Moore and John J. Hogan. Moore has been employed with the company for nineteen years and Hogan for nine years. They had been regarded as men of ex-

cellent character. At a hearing before Magistrate Imber-each of the prisoners was held in \$800 ball-for a further hearing.

The capture of the men was the result of plans made by Captain Blackenburg of the Pennsylvania Railroad police. For sev-eral weeks large quantities of goods have been missed shortly after cara left the river front. Blackenburg obtained a clue which led him to believe that the cars were robbed at Front and Federal streets. He and the other policemen went there late last night and waited several hours before the brakemen arrived.

In searching Moore's home at 3954 Mount Vernon street, it is said, the police found drygoods, clothing, shoes and other articles valued at several hundred dollars. Mrs. Moore, it is said, told the police that her husband abused her and she was getting tired of it. She is the mother of four

small children. The police say there is another woman in the case. No stolen goods were found at Hogan's home at 1522 South Marsden street. Mrs. Hogan was shocked on hearing of her

#### **BOY MURDERERS GET** CHANCE FOR LIFE

Governor Respites Mottern and Haines, Pending Disposition of Bill Against Death Penalty

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28 .- Governor Brumbaugh has again spared the nives of Henry Ward Mottern and Ernest Haines, Jefferson County boy murderers, scheduled to die in the electric chair on next Monday. The Governor granted respites in both cases until May 7, and in a statement he issued said that "in view of the fact that appeals are now pending in the Supreme Court further respites will be issued from time to time if it becomes necessary to permit Mottern and Haines to exhaust every legal opportunity to avoid the death pen-

At the same time it became known that Governor Brumbaugh intends to permit no murderer to go to his death in Pennsylvania until the Legislature has decided one way or another the fate of the bills aimed at the abolition of capital punishment now before the Assembly. Eight men are awaiting execution. Two are scheduled to die on March 12. Forty others convicted of murder in the first degree in the various ceurs of the State remain to be sentenced at to have dates fixed for their execution. Respites are expected to be granted in all cases in time to stay execution.

Representative Edward W. Weils, of Philadelphia, father of the original Wells bills to abolish capital punishment, has introduced a new measure into the House of Representatives, which is said to have the approval of Attorney General Brown and several prominent lawyers. It proposes the abolition of the death penalty, but comprises several features which answer objections to the original bill that contained no provision by which murderers sentenced to life terms in prison could be prevented from obtaining pardons on flimsy evidence.

The new bill, it is expected, will take the alty.

evidence.

The new bill, it is expected, will take the place of the old ones, introduced by Mr. Weils and Representative Hess, of Lancaster County, and will be in all likelihood the bill which will be reported from the Judiciary General Committee as the "bill to abolish capital punishment." The hearing by the subcommittee on Judiciary General in court room 453, City Hall, Philadelphia, on Friday afternoon of this week is expected to be confined to this new measure.

Approve Sale of Steel Plants LEBANON, Pa., Feb., 28.—Sale by the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company of its Lebanon and Reading plants to the Bethlehem Steel Company we ratified at a special meeting of the electronic plants of the company of the comp