

#### FEW PERSONS BELIEVE SHIRK WAS MURDERED

Lebanon Banker's Wife, Family Physician and District Attorney Stand Virtually Alone

LEBANON, Pa., March 6.—Developments today in the case of Howard C. Shirk, the local corporation lawyer and banker, who was found dead last Wednesday evening in was found dead hast Wednesday evening in his office building here, show Mrs. Shirk, the widow, Dr. F. H. Gingrich, the Shirk family physician, and District Attorney Paul G. Adams to stand virtually alone in supporting the theory that Mr. Shirk was

On the other hand, there appears to be unanimity of opinion among Mr. Shirk's closest friends and associates, including members of the Lebanon bar and the public in general, that he took his own life while suffering from mental decangement brought at by overwork incident to arranging the legal details of the sale of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company here and at Reading to the Bethlehem Steel Company. The identification by Walter C. Martz, paying teller in the Lebanon National Bank, of which Mr. Shirk was president, of the revolver found on Shirk's body as having been taken from his desk in the bank, is ac been taken from his desk in the bank, is accepted by them as convincing proof of suicide, and in other quarters there is a growing feeling of resentment at the efforts which are being made to direct suspicion without regard to there being any foundation in fact.

The suggestion of robbery as a motive in support of the murder theory which was first advanced had many supporters and that Mr. Shirk was killed for revenge was regarded as a tenable supposition until the positive identification of the revolver by Teller Mariz; but the seeming willingness on the part of some to direct suspicion to the painters and other artisans employed on the interior repairs to the Lebanon Na-tional Bank is stamped as an outrageous attempt to blacken the reputation of these honest Lebanon County workmen

Chief of Police Henry Reifsnyder and County Detective Aaron Sattazahn, with Coroner John J. Light, are among those who have become convinced that Mr. Shirk took his own life, accepting the revolver identification as clinching the suicide theory in view of the other circumstances pointing directly to this conclusion.

Doctor Gingrich continues to maintain his contention that Shirk could not have fired both builts into his head, hence must

fired both builets into his head, hence must have been murdered, and in this opinion he is supported by the widow. District Attorney Adams holds that it is

possible for some one to have stolen the revolver from the bank, and he will therefore make an investigation.

#### JERSEY M. E. CONFERENCE CHARTERED IN CAMDEN

Takes Articles of Incorporation as Association "Not for Pecuniary Profit"

Articles of incorporation were taken out in Camden today by the New Jersey Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal

cauren under the act to incorporate asso-ciations not for pecuniary profit.

The purposes of the incorporation are stated as being "generally speaking reli-gious and charitable, and more particularly to aid in evangelizing the world, spreading therein the scriptural holiness, advancing the Kingdom of God among men, establish-ing and maintaining churches and missions and all other religious and charitable pur-poses in accordance with the rules and dis-cipline of the Methodist Episcopai Church."

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The principal office is to be at 317 Market street and is to be in charge of E. G. C. Bleakly, who is City Solicitor of Camden.

The trustees listed in the articles of incorporation, all of them Methodist Episcopal ministers, are as follows: John Handley, Salem: Andrew B. Carlin, Pemberton: James E. Bills. Ocean Grove: Alfonso Dale, Haddonfield; Henry J. Zelley, Woodbury: Melville E. Snyder, Trenton: James W. Marshall. Ocean Grove, and the following from Camden: John B. Haines, Holmes F. Gravatt, John R. Mason, Alexander Corson and Firman de Maris.

#### Vito Inquest Postponed

The inquest into the death of Mrs. Therese ino, forty-five years old, of 726 Carpenter Milo, forty-five years old, of 726 Carpenter street, who was thought to have been pushed under a street car at Seventh and Carpenter streets in the early morning of February 18, was postponed until Friday by Deputy Coroner Arthur Seliers today. Acting Detective Hanceke testified that the man who said he saw Mrs. Vito mushed under who said he saw Mrs. Vito pushed under the car afterward denied it. Two witnesses for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Com-pany admitted that they were asleep when the accident occurred.



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#### U. S. TAKES THE APPAM AWAY FROM GERMANS

Supreme Court Awards Captured Ship to Its Owners, British Company

WASHINGTON, March 6 The British teamship Appans, brought into Hampton Roads more than a year ago as a tierman prize, was held to be the property of her British owners by the Supreme Court in a decision sendered today. Justice Day, in handing down the opinion.

said the Germans had followed neither of the normal courses to take her to a Ger-man port or to the nearest neutral port, but had taken her thousands of miles across the seas in order to place her in an American

To rule otherwise, the oninion said, would turn American harbors into refuges for warships of the belligerents, thus destroy-ing the neutral character of this Govern-

The old Prussian treaty, he said, applied only to use of American ports as temporary and not permanent refuges.

The Appain, owned by the British and frican Steam Navigation Company of African Steam Navigation Company of Great Britain, was captured by the spectacular German raider Moewe, under Count Dohna, January 15, 1915, in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa. Leutenant Berg, with a prize crew of twenty-two men. was put aboard the captured liner and or dered to take her to the nearest American port. On January 31, after dodging British and French cruisers off the United States the Appan entered the Virginia

Bernstorff, applied for the interament of the British passengers and crew, some in all, brought in on the Appain. in all, brought in on the Appam. The State Department, however, turned the so-called "prisoners" loose. The British and African Company, then libeled the vessel in the Federal District Court at Norfolk. Count von Bernstorff, through the State Department, and counsel for Lieutenant Berg in court, argued that the treaty of 1799 guaranteed the Appam asylum as a German prize and prolibited legal proceedings against her in the country. The German interests also held that as the Appam was already under adjudication in the German stream of the country. was already under adjudication in the Ger man prize court at Hamburg, this country could not take jurisdiction to dispose of the property of the German Government.

Judge Waddill, however, ruled that the Appam had come into Hampton Roads in violation of the neutrality of the United States, and that she could not recruit a crew and depart without further yiolations of neutrality. He argued that the treaty of 1799 was designed to grant argum to war-

1799 was designed to grant asylum to war-ships bringing in prizes, but was not to be construed as allowing nations to deposit their "spoils of war in an American port."

The Court directed that the Appan be turned over to the British and African Company. Pending appeal to the Supreme Court the German interests filed a bond of \$2,000,000 to cover the value of the ship, appraised at \$1,250,000. This ruling is sur-tained by the Supreme Court. ained by the Supreme Court.

#### MAY CALL GUARDSMEN TO QUELL STRIKE RIOTS

Niagara Falls Police Sees Fresh Trou-Coming After Bloody Encounter With Strikers

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 6.—Following a clash with 400 strikers in which one man was killed and four policemen injured. Police Chief John Curry hers today said he feared assistance might have to be asked of the State troops in handling rioting in connection with a strike of em-ployes at the Aluminum Company of America and the International Graphite plant.
An attack on strike-breakers by strikers is said to have caused the trouble. Michel Jety. 21, was killed.

Murder Leads to Loss of License WILKES-BARRE, March 6 .- The saloo icense of Angelo Stella, of Hilldale, was revoked by the Courts because he sold on Sunday and because a murder com-mitted on Sunday, February 24, is alleged to have been the result of a quarrel and fight in the Stella saloon.

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take place in the near future according to the shop of David Franks, a butcher, of 1527 Point Breeze avenue. The thief did not take any money from the cash register. or the safe, but beloed himself to a quarter peck of potatoes, two dozen eggs and a

WILLIAM A. McCABE, of 1925 Umber street, has resigned from the police force because of the high cost of living and has announced his intention of becoming a notorman. He says he can do better at twenty-eight cents an hour as a motorman than at \$3 a day as a policeman.

JASPER Y. BRINTON, Dr. George Woodward and Franklin N. Brewer, of this city, are among the delegates appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to the thirteenth na-tional conference on child labor to be held in Baltimore, March 23, 24 and 25. The onference will be held under the auspice of the National Child Labor Committee.

lames's Protestant Episcopal Church, "wenty-second and Walnut streets, is in the Samaritan Hospital recovering from an opration for appendicitis. His condition toay was reported to be favorable. vanin at its twenty-fifth anniversary, elected the following officers: President, Toloned J. Granville Leach; vice presidents, Charles P. Keith, Edward S. Sayres, John

F. Lewis; recording secretary, Edward Robius, corresponding secretary, James Emilen; historian, Ogden D. Wilkinson; treasurer, C. Howard Colket, INTERSTATE MILK PRODUCERS' AS sociation has announced that the price of milk during March will be five and one-half ents a quart, the same figure that has pre-tailed for December, January and Februity. It is likely that a further advance wil

SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS has AD nounced the names of officers to be voted for at the twenty-fifth annual meeting, to be held at the Penn Club, Eighth and Locus atreets, March S. They are: Governor Richard McCall Cadwallader: deputy gov-Richard McCall Cadwallader; denuty gov-ernor, John Thompson Spencer; lieutenant governor, S. Davis Page; secretary, Edward S. Sayres; treasurer, William MacPherson Horhor; registrar, Judge J. Willia Martin; historian, Gregory B. Keen, chaplain, Hishon Cortland Whitehead; gentlemen of the council, George Cuthbert, William Lyt-tleton Savage and John Morin Scott.

A NEW MOTOR POLICE PATROL equipped with a lung motor and first aid devices, was put into service today at the Nineteenth and Oxford streets police sta-tion, which had been without a patrol wagen for more than a year. Protests from EWING 1. MILLER, a vestryman of St. business men in the northeast section at the inadequate service were partly respon-sible for the assignment of the new vehicle

> A CASE OF DIPHTHERIA was discovered at the Park and Lehigh ascence gra-tion house by District Surgeon John A. Roger, who immediately ordered a portion of the station house quarantined. John McKay, twenty-five years, no home, applied for a night's lodging. He was removed to the Municipal Hospital and found to be suf-fering from diphtheria...

HEART DISEASE, according to a physician at the Samaritan Hospital, caused the death of Walter Roff, fifty years, of 1453 North Seventh street. The was on his way to work and was waiting for a car at Fifth street and Hunting Park avenus when he

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#### ROXBOROUGH WOULD PUNISH CITY FATHERS

Wants to Tie Them to Autos and Run Them Through Bad Streets

It originated in the fertile brain of a faorite son of Rexberough, Benjamin F. Valvery, Jr.-a novel plan to convince the cuncilmen and Mayor of the need for better paying and better trolley service.

No. 1. Hitch the Councilmen to au-tomobiles and take 'em for a run over Ridge avenus from Hermitage street to

City Line. A run through the mud would prove the paying case.

No. 2. "ave the Mayor abandon his automobile at City Line some cold wintry day and wait for a trolley car to carry him back to Wissatickon. This would convince him of the need of batter, ear seeming. better car service.

The protest against the muddy streets to poor car service reached a climax last night when several hundred residents held

a meeting in the home of Paxson V, Jones, of 8029 Ridge avenue, and decided to complain to the Public Service Commission about the car service furnished by the Reading Traction and Light Company. A reading Traction and Light Company. A petition signed by 1000 residents will be sent to the commission and three protest meeting will be held next week in that section of Philadelphia.

P. S. Although no definite answer has

been received from the Mayor and the Coun-cilmen, it is believed at City Hall that they will decline the offer of the Roxbor-

#### COUNCILS OFFICIAL DIES

John Carr, Sergeant-at-Arms of Lower Chamber, Pneumonia Victim

John Carr, sergeant-at-arms of Common 'ouncil, and South Philadelphia reat es-ate broker, is dead at his bome, 2419 Car-senter street. Death was due to pneu-

Mr. Carr, who was forty-four years old, was chosen sergeant-at-arms two years ago He was a member of the Republican city committee the Union Republican Club, the Young Republicans and other political and social organizations. Mr. Carr attended the Church of St. Anthony of Padua. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Mac Carr, and five children

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