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ost Excellent Assembly Holds 5th Annual Session in Germantown Y. M. C. A.

Two hundred delegates forming the Most ant Assembly, the governing body of Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection. hered today in the forty-fifth annual sesn at the Y. M. C. A., Germantown, in an -day meeting.

day meeting.

Robert C. Thompson, Most Excellent Masr Artisan, called the meeting to order for
a election of officers. The candidates
nounced are: Master artisan, Jacob R.
rdan; superintendent, Frank A. Chamrs; inspector, William F. Voorhees and
alter Chariere; recorder, Allen P. Cox;
shier, Americus R. Underdown, and board
directors (four to be elected), James H.
sloney; Henry C. Gerhart, Harry C.
slith, Charles W. McConnell, T. Frank
indrick, John Lipsey and William A.
lyde.

An amendment affecting the payment of sick benefits was offered. The reports of the officers showed the organization to be in good financial condition, with combined funds of \$1,227,847.06, a gain of \$152,036.03 for the year: \$204.250 paid in death laims and \$25,952.75 in sick benefits. Since its organization the order has paid \$2,231.273.40 in death benefits and \$284.181,000 insurance its since benefits, with \$18.193.000 insurance. in sick benefits, with \$18,193,000 insurance in force. There are 16,285 members, 1107 new ones being admitted during the year.

Luncheon was served at noon at the Ger-nantown Boys' Club, where a banquet will be served at 6 o'clock. At 8 o'clock the delegates representing Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia, will attend an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A.

#### BRUMBAUGH APPROVES NEW GRANGERS' CLUB

Protective Organization Charter Gets "O. K."-Hearing on Department Money Demands

HARRISBURG, March 7. — The Governor today approved the charter of the Grange Mutual Casualty Company, an organization composed of members of the State Grange for mutual protection. J. A. McSparren, of Furniss, master of the State Grange, is president, and R. N. Moore, of Philadelphia, is secretary.

Governor Brumbaugh will preside to

Governor Brumbaugh will preside to-morrow at a meeting of the State Economy and Efficiency Commission, at which heads of State departments who have asked for increases of appropriations will have an opportunity to explain why they want more money. The departments will be taken alphabetically. The Governor may sign the general efficiency bill today or temorrow.

The Prison Labor Commission has noti-The Prison Labor Commission has notifled Governor Brumbaugh that if the automobile license tags for next year are tobe made by the immates of the Hantingdon
Reformatory, as at present, the forge shop
there must be enlarged. The tags were
held up for weeks this year and the State
Highway Department forced to the necessity of recognizing last year's tags for
more than a month in 1917 because of inability of the prison workmen to turn outability of the prison workmen to turn outability of the prison workmen to turn the tags as fast as required.

#### C. R. WILLIAMSON, CADET AT CHESTER SCHOOL, DIES

Captain at P. M. A. Succumbs in Year of Graduation-Held High Rank Among Students

CHESTER, Pa., March 7.—C. Rudolph Williamson, of Media, cadet captain at the Pennsylvania Military College, died late last night at the Chester Hospital of kidney disease. He was nineteen years old.

Captain Williamson would have been graduated in lune as a civil express. graduated in June as a civil engineer. He was manager of last year's football team a member of the glee club, and is said to have been one of the most popular cadets at the college. There are only two cadet captains appointed and the rank is con-sidered one of great distinction. In stud-les he was one of the highest ranking cadets at the institution.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at p. m. at the home of his parents, 423 bouth Orange street, Media, Members of his class will act as pallbearers. The cathe college have been placed at half-mast

#### Gets \$500 Verdict for Injuries

A jury in Judge Ferguson's terday rendered a verdict of \$500 in favor of William Williams against Herman Dorfman, a produce dealer, of Twenty-second atreet near Cambria, for a broken leg and other minor injuries suffered by the plaintiff when the defendant's wagon collided with a birvele tipon which William. with a bicycle upon which Williams was riding. The accident happened on Stillman street above Aflegheny avenue on March

#### TISANS' ORDER MEETS | GUARD'S BOY BROTHER | FREDERICK T. MASON KILLS SISTER WITH GUN

Traffic Policeman's Son, Playing "Border Soldier," Points Rifle and Fires

A thirteen-year-old schoolboy attempting to mimic his hig brother, a member of the National Guard, who served on the Mexican border, accidentally shot and killed his border: accidentally shot and killed his sister. Catherine May Deuber, twenty-two years old, at the home of their grand-parents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McConnell, 2202 South Midred street. Amid tears, the lad. Thomas Deuber, the son of a traffic policeman, was arrested by the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station and sent to the House of Detention to await a hearing this grounds. hearing this morning

Laurence Deuber, the brother who had just returned from the inauguration cerestionies, laid his rifle in the corner of the dining room. Thomas spled the gun pointed at his sizer and made some remark about killing Mexicans like his brother. The girl was glanding over the fashion section of a magnific to find agreement. section of a imagazine to find suggestions spirit when there was a sharp report and she fell to the floor with a bullet in he

his grandmother was preparing supper "Sister's dead" he cried. Then the boy fled to the street where he was stopped

by neighbors who heard the shot.

A delivery wagon was commandeered and the girl was taken to the St. Agnes Hospital, but died on the way. The girl was in a frail physical condition as the result of a recent operation and the physicians at the hospital have been unable to determine whether her death resulted from the bullet or from the shock. Catherine was employed as a maid in a Torresdale residence. She had gone to the Middred street residence to well her bestler, whom she had not seen since his return from the border.

whom she had not seen since his return from the horder. Georga Deuber, the father, was on duty last night when the tragedy occurred the wife, who was in Atlantic City, was not-ing is said to have occurred on the eve of reconciliation which was to have brought together two branches of the Deuber famly, which have been separated for some

Thomas, the boy, and his older brother made their home with the grandparents

#### NO ULTIMATUM SENT TO CHINA, SAYS JAPAN

Embassy Officials Here Deny Note Was Sent Asking Assistance for

WASHINGTON, March 7 - Officials at the Japainese embases todas flatly denied their Government had sent an ultimatum to China in as effort to force that nation to abandon its neutrality in the world war. "It is an entire fabrication," said one when informed of a story to that effect printed in New York. While we would welcome China as one of our allies, we would do nothing to force her into the

embassy would have known of an uiti-matum, especially as it was alleged to

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#### funeral will be held Saturday be 1200 the Muson home on Walnut street

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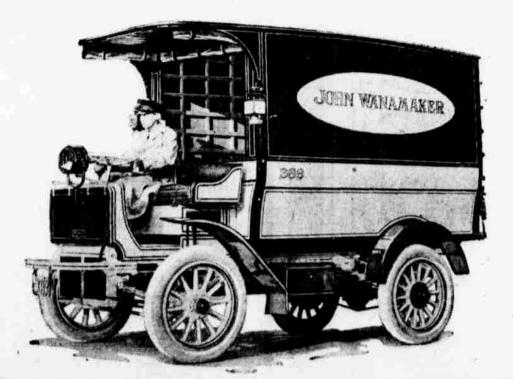
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#### JERSEY METHODISTS FIRM FOR PRESIDENT

Prominent in Society and Inher-Patriotic Demonstration at 81st Conference Accompanies Resolution of Support

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 7.—The eighty-first session of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference was formally opened today by Bishop Berry, of Philadelphia. There were many women, mostly the wives of pastors, on the anxious bench with respect to future assignments in the big auditorium. ociety, died today at his residence, 2115 Walnut street. He had been ill from pneumenia for more than a week. Mr. Mason Mr. Mason was of English descent, his

Organization was effected with the Rev. Edward A. Wells, of Williamstown, as secretary, his assistants including Drs. B. C. Lippincott, Herbert C. Belting, H. M. Blake, H. L. Bradway and J. P. Reeves. The Rev. Walter L. Shaw, of Stratford, was again chosen statistician, the Rev. Daniel E. Claire, of Trenton, railroad secretary, and the Rev. Dewitt C. Cobb, of Trenton, treasurer. father having come to the l'nited States when a young man. The son, Frederick Thurston Mason, was born in Philadelphia n 1848, and attended several schools in the ity. When he had completed the secondary chool courses and was ready for college the Civil War broke out. With many other

Philadelphians Mr. Mason abundaned his plans and enlisted to fight for the Union Shortly before the close of the opening The young Philadelphian decided to ente sailon there was an inspiring patriotic the young Philadelphian decided is enter the pays. He emisted in Philadelphia and after brief training was assigned to the fleet under Admiral Farragut. He was with Farragut at the basis of Mobile its sed was also in a division of the fleet commanded by Admiral Paimer. Throughout the war Mr. Mason continued in the lavy. iemonstration While spectators stood in the gallery and

While specialors stood in the gallery and the clerical delegates sang 'My fountry. The of Thee, conference adopted a resolution offered by the Rev. George W. Yard of Woodstown, aligning 69,000 Methodists of President Wilson's home State with him solidiy in a stand for the preservation. f American rights on sea and land.

White-haired Bishon Berry in a devou proyer declared the nation's reliance is in the President to keep the nation out of war and in any eventuality to lead the nation

The resolution declared. "Whereas we be here loyalty to the country, as well as loyalty to Methodism, is inherent in our antil the death of nor services, these years ago, when say tired from social life.

Mr. Mason was never in business, but itelling the management of the estate left by his father, the was a member and for several years secretary of the and was a member of the services. Resolved that the New Jersey Conpledge our support to our honored Presi-Woodrow Wilson; and Reserved Fur-That every Methodist church in the Jersey Conference display and coninue to display until this crisis shall have passed the flag of our nation in some p nent place on or near the platform There was another outburst of patriotianthusiasm when a committee of pastors

carried a big flag to the altar and waved it while the delegates again sang "America."

One of the first things conference did was to adopt a resolution of giveeting to the Rev. Dr. Aaron E. Ballard, president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, who is in his ninery-seventh year. The Rev. Dr. Ballard, who has presided over conference memorial services for many years, is ill at his home in Ocean Grove. In his absence today Bishop Berry designated the Rev. H. Ridgely Robinson, of Pitman, to conduct the memorial sension.

Eulogies were delivered upon the lives and

man, to conduct the memorial session.

Eulogies were delivered upon the lives and good works of the Rev. George B. Wight, formerly Commissioner of Charities and Corrections of New Jersey, given by the Rev. Melville E. Snyder, the Rev. Newton Nelson, of Camden: the Rev. William H. Stone, Haddonfield; the Rev. L. S. Yerkes, New Brunswick; the Rev. John Y. Dobbins, Montclair, and the Rev. G. S. Goff, Farmingdale, read by the Rev. Holmes F. Gravatt, Bishop Berry said they had gone to their coronation.

"The New Brotherhood," a semibeneficial association of pastors, is the subject before Conference this afternoon

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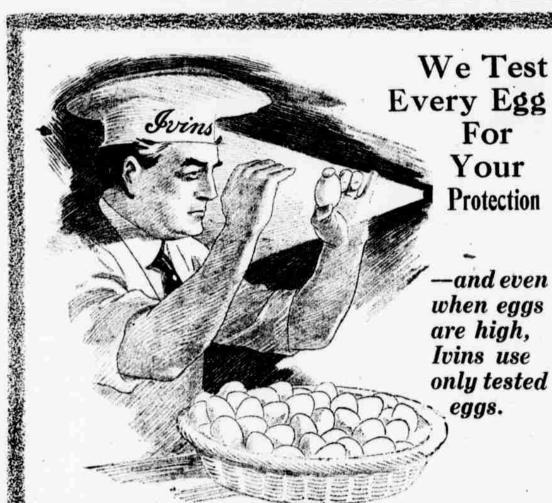
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