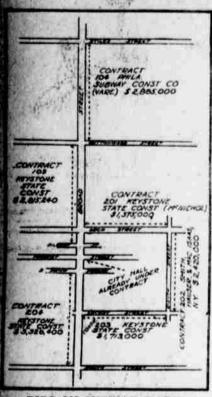
RANSIT DECISION

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e May Be Taken to Supreme Court on Certificate of Convenience



BIDS ON SUBWAY WORK sketch indicates the sections of the Broad street tube and de-livery loop which are being held up by the deadlock of the Public vice Commission, and the low hids for the various contracts which cannot be awarded until the commission acts.

Mayor Smith late this afternoon sent letter to William D. B. Alney, chairman the State Public Service Commission, ally demanding that the Commission Its program of obstruction and either it or definitely refuse the certificates of convenience requested for the various nes of the city's high-speed system. The ayor's action followed two conferences th City Solicitor Connelly, the first in the layor's office and the second in the office the City Solicitor.

In case the commission denies the certifi-ates or the chairman is unable to break be deadlock which now esists, it is under-ted that the Administration will take s at once to test the constitutional it of the service board to hold up the after the taxpayers have approved the sit project at the polls on two separate salons, and after the commission has roved one section of the Broad street ay under City Hall,

If such a course is followed the Mayor hay direct the Transit Department to proceed to let the six contracts now being held by the commission's delay. Such a step bably would bring a taxpayers' suit, and is city would have the Supreme Court take riginal jurisdiction in the case in order of expedite the decision. This procedure rould detarmine once and for all the right the commission to pass upon certificates of public convenience for transit developt and similar projects

The Mayor, in his letter to the commison, reviewed the entire transit situation and explained that the taxpayers were loson's obstruction tactics.

By a vote of 3 to 3 at Harrisburg yesy, the commission failed to reach an ent upon the application of the city certificates of public convenience for lines but the northern end of the Frankelevated. A certificate for the con-

wing the action taken by the com which met in executive session, the statement was issued by the com-

The Public Service Commission today proved the application of the city of hiladelphia for the construction of the miladelphia for the construction of the stension of the elevated railway on rankford avenue from Dyer street to thawn street. Commissioner Rilling, in oting in the affirmative, said there was ridence that this line could be operated a a separate unit and would be self-apporting, whereas there is no testimony similar effect on the other application the city.

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On the question of the application of the city of Philadelphia for the approval the construction of a subway railway in Broad. Arch. Eighth and Locust treets; the construction of a subway railway in Broad street between League aland and Olney avenue; for the contraction of a subway beneath the Parkway from a point of connection with the Broad street subway at or near City Hall have Fairmount Park near the Green treet entrance and thence by clevated allway over Twenty-ninth street to sarry avenue. Commissioner Alcorn truction of the above enumerated subway and elevated railways be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Brecht.

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TOR DEMANDS WATERWORKS GUARD **OF 500 TO BE PROVIDED**

Bill in Councils Adding Men to City Police Force to Pass Next Week

FOLLOWS PLOT REPORT

Annual Cost Will Be \$320,000-Will Be Used for Emergency Duty, Too

An ordinance authorizing 500 extra policemen to guard the city's \$60,000,000 waterworks system was introduced in Councils today, was reported favorably by the Finance Committee and is slated for passage at the next meeting of Councils

This step was taken after the discovery This step was taken after the discovery of an alleged plot to poison the city's water. The ordinance, which is accompanied by a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$20,000 to buy uniforms for the new men, was decided upon at a conference between Mayor Smith and Director Daylor Service. of Public Safety Wilson this morning. Mayor Smith said the men will be used

Mayor Smith said the men will be used to guard the water system. Director Wilson added that they would be used also for emergency guard duty.

The increase in the city's police force will

make the strength 2500 men. It will cost the city \$320,000 annually. This amount will be paid out of the fund for policemen's salaries, which will be augmented later by

WATER TO BE TESTED After Andrew Rieskey, who says he an Austrian, and who is also known as L. Seski, had been held without bail in the night court last night, as a suspicious person, Carleton E. Davis, chief of the Bureau of Water, announced that he had ordered two separate inquiries to learn if the prisoner had thrown poises or disif the prisoner had thrown poison or disease germ cultures into the reservoir on Thirty-third street, between Diamond street and Columbia avenue, yesterday. Chief Davis said that it would take tons of most polyons to make the water there were the belief of the polyoner.

unhealthful, although he admitted that a small quantity of a certain poison would affect it deleteriously. Rieskey, who says he is thirty-eight and lives at 1027 North Second street, was ar-rested by the watchman after Mrs. Annie Powers, of 2030 North Twenty-ninth street. said that the man had thrown a box into the water, which is known as the Spring Garden basin. John Marlin arrested the man, who was only subdued after a spirited struggle. Mrs. Powers became ill last night and was unable to appear at the hear-

ing before Magistrate Pennock and testify. Since the diplomatic break with Germany an extra force of mer has patrolled each plant in the water department. Yesterday as Marlin was walking his post Mrs. Pow-ers called to him and said that she had watched a man acting suspiciously during the afternoon. Finally, she said, a few minutes before he had hurled something that resembled a box into the basin. Marlin ran around the corner in the direction given him by the woman and came upon

FIERCE BATTLE WITH WATCHMAN

The watchman asked him his business, and because the suspect gave such unsatis-factory replies, grappled with him. Rieskey rebelled and in a moment a flerce battle was in progress. Mrs. Powers, who had watched the fracas, ran to the street corner and summoned a policeman. He arrived as Marlin was finally getting his man into sub-

Later the man was arraigned before Magistrate Pennock, and because of the illness of Mrs. Powers, the chief witness, the case went over until today at 2 o'clock. The man was held under \$800 bail for

The man was held under \$800 bail for a further hearing next Wednesday by Magistrate Beaton on accusations of trespassing, attempted felony and carrying concealed deadly weapons. The last accusation was the result of finding in the man's pocket a pair of brass knuckles. An undershirt was also found in his pocket.

James L. Marlin, 4707 Fowler street, told his story, which was that he saw the man walk up the bank of the reservoir, and as valk up the bank of the reservoir, and as he was requesting him to come down Mrs. Powers, who is seventy years old, ran to him and said, "He just threw a package into the water." Lieutenant Scanlin testified that the man

had been arrested two years ago for act-Works and had been sent to Norristown for treatment. In his own defense Rieskey said he had merely lighted a cigarette and had thrown the match into the water.

In the room of the prisoner was found a bottle which was thought to contain poison. A careful analysis disclosed the fact that the "poison" was cough medicine. The detectives, however, wanted the man held until they could have a test of the water in the reservoir made

BOYS STEAL AUTO; CAUGHT

Three lads are in the House of Detention Three lads are in the House of Detention today for running away with an automobile last night. Before they were caught there was a fast chase through a crowded thoroughfare in West Philadelphia. The boys are Samuel Koons, thirteen, 5541 Pearl street; Lane Lord, fourteen, 5557 Brown street, and John Staeter, fourteen,

5542 Pearl street.
The took the car of H. C. Wackerly, of 3002 Cumberland street, from in front of 6006 Chestnut street, where he was visiting. He was coming out of the house about the time and hopped into another machine which had been alongside and asked the owner of it to give chase. It was done. The boys turned up on Sixtieth street and raced clear to Haverford avenue before

they stopped.
Only Koons was caught when the pursuers came up, but he told who hi panions were, and they were arrested later

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George Wentworth Carr, prominent attorney, is the first recruit in this voluntary organization forming for the purpose of supplementing the police in protecting citizens and their property.

NORRISTOWN COURT **DENIES 3 LICENSES**

Judge Swartz Tells Reasons for Three Resign on Accusation Refusing Renewals to Applicants

NORRISTOWN, April 5. The Court today refused three liquor IIcenses, granted two, and there remain two. against which remonstrances have been filed, to be acted upon as follows:

Ref :ed-William E. Toner. Conshohocken Hotel, Conshohocken; John Weicer, Beatty Mansion Hotel, Plymouth township Max Gruhl, Sower's wholesale store, Green

Granted-Francis Saltzer, Warwick Restaurant, Pottstown; J. Harvey Peterman, Imperial Cafe, Pottstown

Withheld-H. B. Harley, American House, Pennsburg; Wilson B. Freed, Palm Hotel, Upper Hanover.

Judge Swartz declares that Welcer is not a fit person to hold a license. Welcer was recently acquitted in Criminal Court of the charge of seiling liquor to minors. Subsequently the court refused a petition to revoke, declaring that it did not want to overrule the verdict of the jury in Criminal Court, but intimated that Welcer might have been convicted under the testimony

Welcer is now in possession of the hotel by a lease which expires next August and refuses to vacate. Consequently the court cannot grant a license to Frank Sheridan. f Norristown, another applicant. In refusing the Toner application the Court says:

"Two years ago, after a contest, we reluc tantly renewed the license with the declara-tion, made in open court, that 'perhaps the management is at fault, if so, it should be

corrected."

The Court is convinced that Green Lanc is not the proper location for a wholesale license. In addition to testimony submitted in court. President Judge Swartz recites inside knowledge as to excessive drinking in the community. He says "too many of the people purchase by the bottle and drink to excess. One afternoon we met thirteen persons in this back country and eleven of the number were intoxicated. We don't know where they got their drink, nor do we know that they were men of known intemperate habits. Sales to them may have been jawful, but the fact remains that there was abundant evidence of excessive drinking. Even if there is a necessity for

arinking. Even it there is a necessity for a wholesale liquor store, the applicant is without the means to meet the demand." This disposes of 210 of the 212 license ap-plications. Thus far only three have been refused. Two hundred and seven have been

MORE COPS AND FIREMEN

Lancaster City Councilmen Increase Force and Advance Pay

LANCASTER, Pa., April 5 .- At a meettaken for increasing the police force in view of the nation's entrance into the war and an ordinance provides for a general increase of the pay of policemen and city fire-

In order to raise more revenue without taxes and water rents for prompt payment are abolished.

SCANDAL FORCES OUT **AUSTRIAN MINISTERS**

of Forging Paper to Aid Army Contractor

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—The war graft trial in Vienna has developed into the most sensational political event in Austria since outbreak of the war. The affair began with charges of wholesale manipulations in the purchase of army supplies by Doctor Franz, one of the chief purchasing agents of the Government.

The resignations of the Ministers were caused by the statement of two officers who constituted a court to investigate the their signed and sworn report was altered in essential particulars by the three min-isters without the knowledge of the court. occused or witnesses

RIVER BRIDGE ADVOCATED AS A WAR MESURE

Commission Authorized to Draft Resolution Pointing Out Military Advantage

The bridge from Philadelphia to Camden will be advocted as a war measure in a resolution which a committee of the Delaware River Bridge and Tunnet Commission was authorized by that body to draw up this afternoon. It was pointed out that the presence of the bridge would increase the facility with which supplies be carired from New Jersey to Philadelphia Navy Yard. Those on the ommittee are Daniel Hendrickson, Rich-

ard T. Collins and Frank Burroughs. Dr. I. N. Griscom, ex-treasurer of the ommission, was teday elected secretary, to succeed Charles R. Bacon. Other officers elected were Samuel T. French, president; Frank Burroughs, vice president and Washington Carr treasurer, to succeed Doc

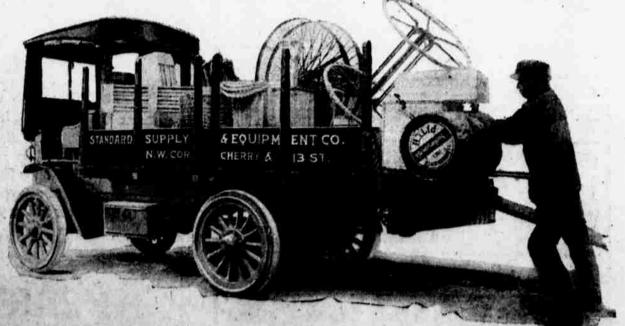
U. S. Approached War 19 Years Ago Nineteen years ago today, on April 5, 1898, the United States consuls in Cuba were recalled on the eve of the war with Spain. War was not declared, however, until April 21. Peace was declared in the following December, but actual hostilities ceased on August 13. The actual number of troops engaged was about 60,000



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U. S. S. KANSAS CALLS FOR HUNDREDS OF MEN

Chance for \$75 to \$100 a Month Salaries, With Early Promotions on Ship

The battleship Kansas needs hundreds of men immediately to complete the personnel of the ship's crew, according to announcement today by Lieutenant G. R. Stoddard at

the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Men who are enlisted now for the Kansas will go at once aboard the ship, which is stationed at the navy yard, and will begin training immediately.

It is expected that this will offer much inducement to red-blooded, patriotic young men, who are looking for immediate ser vice. Following are the kind of men that are needed especially aboard the Kansas: Electricians, seamen, plumbers and fitters, shipfitters, painters, carpenters, shipwrights, machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, coppersmiths, firemen, coal passers, iruggists yeomen (clerks), stewards and

ooks, mess attendants and radio operators. Lieutenant Stoddard has opened a re-cruiting station on City Hall plaza, and preliminary suminations are being given there to applicants for service on the Kan-sas. Applicants are sent at once to the yard where they receive a final examina-

"After the final examination," said Lieutenant Stoddard, "the men are sent aboard the Kansas, and kept aboard and trained for the ship. If they improve and obtain ratings they stand a good chance of being transferred to other ships. Every one has chance of being advanced to a petty offia chance of being advanced to a party officership, which means a salary of from \$75 to \$100 per month, depending upon length of service. Recruits get a complete outfit of clothing; all expenses are paid so that their salaries are velvet.

LADY FROM MONTANA MAY SPEAK IN HOUSE

Miss Jeannette Rankin, Lone Congresswoman, Considers Entering

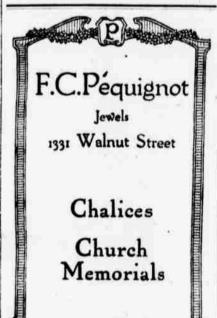
War Bill Debate WASHINGTON, April 5 -Miss Jeannette Rankin, the one Congresswoman, may make her first speech in the House today in sup-

port of the state of war bill, it was learned from fellow members.

Miss Rankin hesitated when urged to

make her maiden speech today.

Members, however, told her the speech could not come at a better time. She would not commit herself. The nearest she came to a promise was:



CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

A NEGRO BABY GIRL about two days old was found ahandoned in an alley near Armat and Baynton streets, Germantown, today by Policeman Gribbin, of the Germantown station. The child was removed to the Philadelphia Hospital.

FORCING AN ENTRANCE into an un-occupied house at 1543 North Bouvier street, William Campbell, according to the police, attempted to steal a quantity of lead pipe. He was arrested by Policeman Schultz and held in \$1000 ball for court by Magistrate

ROBBERIES, SEVEN IN NUMBER, are laid by the police to Charles Elliot, a negro, 1225 Bainbridge street, who was held without ball today by Magistrate Pennock in the Germantown station. Elliot was arrested while endeavoring, it is alleged, to pawn a Masonic watch charm belonging to Dr. Harvey Kalbach, 216 East

MORE THAN 150,000 automobiles in Pennsylvania are at the Government's dis-posal and call in the event of war, accordposal and call in the event of war, a Motoring to members of the Pennsylvania Motor Federation, who assembled at their annual Hotel Rittenbouse. Ways banquet in the Hotel Rittenhouse. Ways and means of helping the nation in case of emergency were discussed. Robert P. Hooper presided. Judge Bonniwell made an address.

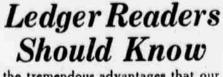
He succeeds William J. Roney, of Philadel, phia, who on January I became manager of the State Insurance Fund.

DETECTIVE FRANK II. NEFF has been appointed to the magistracy to succeed the late Joseph Call. Neff was a detective on the District Attorney's staff, he has been active in politics in the Twentieth Ward for nearly thirty years. He is fifty.

DESPONDENCY because of continued in health led Mrs. Mary A. Crooks, fifty-four years old, of 134 East Tloga street, to crimit suicide today by inhaling illuminating gas. The smell of gas awakened Joseph M. Crooks, the woman's husband who found her lying on a couch in the kitchen with two gas jets turned on. Mrs. Crooks was dead when Dr. Edward P. Heinkle, 107 East Lehigh avenue, arrived.

CAMDEN

THREE MEN WORKING On a scaffold as a new building of the Victor Talking Machine Company were slightly injured when the scaffold broke this morning, precipitation than twenty feet to the ground. The the scallon wenty feet to the ground. The men, who were treated at Cooper Hospital are John Mathers, twenty-seven years old. A. NEVIN DETRICH, of Chambersburg, former chairman of the Washington nerty of Pennsylvania, has been appointed duef examine for the State Insurance Department, at a salary of \$4000 a year. The



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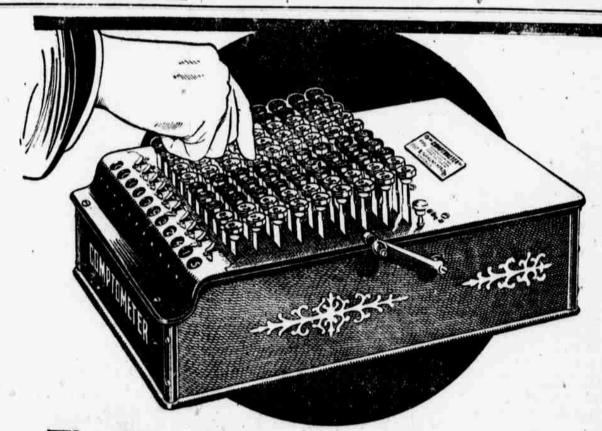
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