TWO-SHIFT FIGHT WON BY FIREMEN

Governor's Signature Makes Salus Bill Law, Effective Next Year

EVENING LEDGER HELPED

Newspaper Fought in Campaign to Give Decent Home Hours to Men

Firemen of Philadelphia, backed by the Evening Ledger, have won their fight for a "two-platoon system" that will enable them to live in the peace and comfort enjoyed by other workers in the community. Beginning January 1 the firemen will be on duty either during the day or during the night, and not night and day as at present. with the signing by the Governor yester-day of the Salus bill making this possible day of the Salus bill making this possible the dream of the firemen became a reality. It means that more than 1000 men, among the most faithful of the city's employes, will be released from what has been virtual bondage. They will no longer be held in their firehouses night and day for five days running, with every sixth day off.

Instead of every sixth day off, with three bours a day for meals as heretofore, the

Instead of every sixth day off, with three hours a day for meals as heretofore, the firemen will rest every seventh day like all other workers. Careful research, by the way, has demonstrated that the seventh day is the proper period for rest. Every sixth day is a trifle too early, and a worker deteriorates if compelled to labor more than a cost period on the seventh day is a trifle too early. six days without a rest period on the sev-

In other words, the fireman may live in civilized fashion; their fight and the Eve-NING LEDGER'S fight is won.

CAMPAIGN STARTED

The EVENING LEDGER entered the fight for a two-platoon system for the firemen last August, and from that time on a winlast August, and from that time on a win-ning campaign was waged. State' Senator Samuel W. Salus introduced a bill in the Legislature placing Philade; phia in the same position as cities of the second class, like Pittsburgh and Scranton, bringing it under the act of 1915, which provided for a two-platoon system for firemen of such cities. The bill passed both houses and is the one stread by the Governor vesterday.

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This action was rendered necessary by the apathy of City Councils, which did not heed the firemen's call. A resolution providing for a two-platoon system had been allowed to die in the Finance Committee.

A committee composed of Battalion Chief John J. Meskill, Captain Joseph Eueu, of Engine Company No. 49; Lieutenant John R. Wills, of Engine Company No. 50; Engineer Fred Wiegner, of Engine Company No. 58; and Ladderman James Simister, of Truck Bes. and Ladderman James Simister, of Truck No. 5, combined forces with the Evening Ledger and the fight began in earnest. A eitizens' committee headed by William C. Lynch, a member of the Philadelphia bar, entered the fight at this juncture.

A salary increase and a tweive-hour shift had been asked for. The two-platoon system has been won, but the matter of salary increase is within the province of Coun-ells only. When the firemen organized and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor they received also the support of this powerful labor organization.

FOURTEEN AND TWELVE HOURS As the matter stands, the firemen, beginning next year, will work in two shifts. There will be fourteen and twelve hours each. Men on duty in the daytime will work twelve hours; the night men fourteen. This provides for lunch hours by an overlapping The men will take turns working

An engine company consists of a captain, An engine company consists of a captain,
a lieutenant and ten hosemen. The force
must now be increased so there will be
twelve hosemen. Thus one of the officers
and six of the men will be on duty night
or day. The truck companies will also require additional men.

At present there are no "substitutes" on the force, this being one of the evils of the system as now organized. Men could not get home on holidays many times, one vet-eran captain having been home only twice on Christmas in twenty years of service. every holiday, either day or night.

ONE HELD AS MEMBER OF "BLACKJACK GANG"

One Man Beaten Senseless and Robbed Another, Attacked, Calls Aid of Patrolman

The story of how a gang of robbers has been "blackjacking" pedestrians in South Philadelphia and then fleecing them as they lay unconscious was unfolded today before Magistrate Baker in the Twentieth and Federal streets police station. One of the victims of the "blackjackers" is in a hos-

pital with serious injuries.

As the result of testimony at the hearing,
Bernard Fay, 2227 Dickinson street, was
held without bail for a further hearing
April 14. He is accused of having attacked
Joseph McCluskey, 1834 South Third street,
and is suspected of having attacked and
robbed David Klein, of 1923 Point Breeze

Early today the police found Klein un-conscious and bleeding at Twenty-first and Conscious and bleeding at Twenty-first and Tasker streets. He was removed to the Polyclinic Hospital. Physicians found him suffering from cuts on the scalp and concussion of the brain. When he regained consciousness he told the police three men had attacked him with blackjacks and tobbed him of \$16.

A few minutes after Klein was found Policeman Bogen, of the Twentieth and Federal streets station, heard cries and hurried to Twentieth and Tasker streets, where he found McCluskey battling with three men. After a chase Bogen arrested

McAdoo Asks Congress for Huge War Credit

the inheritance tax alone would increase this source of revenue by \$500,000,000, one suggestion being that the Government in-crease the rate on taxation on large estates

up to 30 per cent.

The income tax under present rates will yield, it is estimated, \$325,000,000 this year. The lowering of the exemption to \$2000 and increasing the rate on large incomes would swell this sum to vast figures. The estimated increase of inheritance through this channel alone, according to one official, would amount to at least \$100,000,000 annually

Increases in the tax rate on distilled liquors, beer and tobacco also are under consideration.

Richard L. Austin, head of the Philadel-phia branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, Fourth and Chestnut streets, said this afternoon he had received no ocial notification from Washington of Secretary of the Treas-ury McAdoo's request that Congress ap-propriate \$3,400,000,000 for army and navy

expenses,

Mr. Austin said he had no idea of the amount that Philadelphia could subscribe to the proposed loan. He said that the Government could, through unissued Panama Canal bonds and other securities, raise in the vicinity of \$300,000,000 without legislation.

Wills Admitted to Probate

VERY REV. D. D. REGAN | CAMDEN BEGINS DIES; NOTED RECTOR

Head of St. Augustine's Church Succumbs to Short Illness

THE REV. DANIEL D. REGAN

The Very Rev D. D. Regan, prior and rector of St. Augustine's church, Fourth street below Vine, died early today at the rectory adjoining the church, following an

illness of two weeks. He was sixty-seven years old and had been in poor health for several months. Father Regan, a member of the Order of St. Augustine, had been for fifteen years rector of St. Augustine's church, one of the oldest Catholic institutions in Philadelphia.

When word of Father Regan's death reached Catholic circles, the head of the Augustinian order in the United States— the Rev. Charles M. Driscoll—was sum-moned from St. Rita's Church, Broad and

Elisworth streets, and with Father Regan's assistants, the Rev. E. A. Murtaugh, the Rev. J. F. Kennedy and the Rev. T. A.

Father Regan, who was one of the first graduates of Villanova College, was born at Lawrence, Mass., January 1, 1850. After an education in the parochial schools of Lawrence he entered Villanova and was graduated from there in 1872.

He is survived by two brothers, the Rev H. T. Regan, now paster of St. Mary's Church, Lawrence, Mass., and W. P. Re-gan, a Lawrence architect. Funeral serv-ices will be held at St. Augustine's Church,

GOOD FRIDAY CROSSES

WILL LIGHT BUILDINGS

Poor Richard Club's Plan to Ob-

serve Crucifixion Adopted

Throughout City

The suffering of Christ on Mount Calvary will be recalled vividly to Philadelphians to-morrow night, Good Friday, when lights in many buildings throughout the city will be arranged by mutual consent so that illu-

minated crosses will stand out for passersby between 7 o'clock and midnight.

The plan was proposed by Rowe Stewart, president of the Poor Richard Club. A

Many property owners welcomed the pro-posal with enthusiasm and have sent noti-

fication that they will join in the movement.

The buildings to be illuminated with

Land Title, Lincoln, Widener, Curtis, Theodore Presser, Professional, Young Women's Christian Association, Eighteenth

and Arch streets branch; Bell Telephone, Seventeenth and Arch streets; U. G. I., Broad and Arch streets; Morris, North American, Stock Exchange, Witherspoon and Winston.

GERARD SKEPTICAL

Will Believe in Peace Offer When He

Sees the Terms

NEW YORK, April 5.—"I shall believe in a German peace offer when I see the terms," James W. Gerard, former Ambas-

"We read a lot about German peace offers in the papers, but"—the Ambassador

smiled and then he swung him arm toward the window of his suite in the Ritz-Carl-

"well, it's a beautiful spring day." Gets Father's Job Seventy Years Later

NEW CASTLE, Del., April 5.—Weldin Vining, who has been elected constable for New Castle hundred, is filling an office his

father, John B. Vining, held just seventy years ago. Vining's grandfather, J. B. Bradford, was Justice of the Peace for

IVES there a

man who cannot

look the world more

confidently in the face for the knowl-

edge that his coat fits in the back?

The psychological effect of wearing perfectly tailored clothes can neither be described in words nor measured in terms of money. It must be experienced.

Let us remind the

Let us remind the younger men of Philadelphia, who have a position to win or to maintain, that the world values a man only as he values himself. A man's appearance is the most apparent index of his self-esteem.

HUGHES

AND MULLER

sador to Germany, said:

New Castle 113 years ago.

n, arrangements for the funeral will be held on Monday, were com-

tions in Philadelphia.

POLICE MAKING CANVASS

Count of Citizens in Prog-

ress Under Direction of

Home Defense Committee

A military census of Camden is proceeding today, under the direction of the Citi-kens' Home Defense Committee, appointed and headed by Mayor Charles H. Ellis. A registry of every person in the city, showing the racial origin and the mil tary resources of the combined population, is in the making. The task involves a visit

to every house in the city, which has more than 100,000 inhabitants. City policemen are making the military canvass, and will be employed in the under-taking for several days. Equipped with blank forms printed by the committee, they are raking the city in a minute inquiry into the question of what Camden is in a posi-tion to do in the impending war.

Besides furnishing a real city directory, a twofold object stands out as the chief and of the canvass, as indicated by the questions asked the residents. It is:

1. To kroup the men according to age and fitness for military service. 2. To group the inhabitants according their antecedents.

By recording the name and address of every resident of the city, the up-to-the-minute directory will enable the civil and

MILITARY CENSUS

military officials to keep a check on Camden's unusually large floating population.
It is from this source that danger will
come, in the opinion of officials.

More than the usual amount of census
humor confronts the policemen in their
ward-to-ward visits, according to Camden commuters who "escaped" to Philadelphia today. The result of the census,
they said, will show that the male population of Camden is composed largely of
cripples or hopeless invalids.

This amazing result is due to the fact
that many timorous women, with visions of

that many timorous women, with visions of their husbands or sons at war, seek to discourage the authorities by painting their "menfolk" as incapable of doing military service. Some wives refused to allow their more patriotic husbands to be interviewed, answering the census-takers' queries them-

PHILIP C. FOEHL DIES AFTER HEART ATTACK

Street and Baltimore Avenue Stricken in Bed Philip C. Foehl, who conducted a pharmacy at \$405 Baltimore avenue, died suddenly of heart disease early today. He was stricken in bed and died before a physician could reach him.

Mr. Foehl, who was thirty-eight years of age, conducted a drug store a: Fiftyfourth street and Baltimore avenue for the last nine years. He was a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Several hours after Mr. Foehl closed his store and went to bed he was stricken and discovered in a dying condition by his wife who summoned Dr. Francis Ashley Faught, of 5006 Spruce street. When the physician arrived Mr. Foehl was dead. Only the

PITTSBURGH INN'S GUESTS

Servant Proves to Be Grand Opera Singer Who Lost Husband in War

PITTSBURGH, April 5.—Because the blue skies and the incessant song of birds in the lobby of the William Penn Hotel brought back visions of sunny Italy, Cecelia Samarrari, once a grand opera singer, while on her knees with a scrubbrush in her hand burst into song and, to the amazement of hundreds of guests, rendered exquisitely several of the most celebrated arias from Verdi's "Il Trovatore." When Manager Mullins asked for an explanation. she told the following story:

"Three years ago I was married to a French singer, who was playing in Paris at the outbreak of the war. My father Proprietor of Pharmacy at Fifty-fourth killed in his first battle I was heartbroken and dared not go back to Italy. I was never taught to do anything but sing, and I made my way to America to go to some friends in Chicago. I found they had moved to Pittsburgh, but I never found them here. With ray money all gone and my heart sick of all thoughts of the opera, as it brought my dead husband back too vividly to me. I applied at different places, but could get no work. An Irish woman got me a place scrubbing in this hotel, but the songs of the birds and the blue skies, with the breath of Italy all about, nade my heart joyous, and I sang."

ARREST HOLD-UP SUSPECT The arrest of Edward Walls, twenty-two years old, of 1332 West Toronto street, is

up of John Fenner, the seventy-five-yearold paymaster for N. Snellenburg & Co. when the \$2500 payroll was stolen yester

Walls was arrested last night near his home by District Detective Orudorff, of the Park and Lehigh avenues station, after he had been summoned from his home with a call from Orudorff. Orudorff had a descrip- City Hall police court.

man stepped outside, arrested Walfs was seen for several neighborhood of Berks a

Gifts for Easter

Our stock of beautiful things suitable for Easter gifts is particularly attract-

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No. 54 Manor Road, Central Garage

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