HN G. JOHNSON, GREATEST LAWYER, DIES SUDDENLY OF HEART DISEASE

from Page One list fifteen years in which he has red as counsel. courte the great energy involved in the samtion and argument of his important at. Johnson devoted considerable ation to art. His art collection contains 4d famous canvases of most of the great ters. He visited all parts of the world improve his collection, which is regarded one of the most costly and authoritation.

A casual caller at Mr. Johnson's office the thirteenth floor of the Land Title iliding would not believe that the bushy-fred attorney with the snowy, drooping statche bending over his books was the an of American lawyers. A spirit of friendliness shone in his eyes

A spirit of friendliness shone in his eyes sen he turned to greet you. Even though didn't agree with a visitor's views, the litor generally left the office with the feel-that whatever aide the sociable lawyer at on must be the right one.

MODESTY OF THE GREAT

Modesty was the keynote of Mr. John-son's entire life.

It didn't give him any quiet thrill to see als name or his picture in the newspapers or magazines. He had no time for applause, He abhorred social glories. Frivolity of

It annoyed him to have to fuss up it In court he was only before the public eye when standing up to argue his case

SIMPLE METHODS His methods were quiet when he first tempt at pyrotechnical style. But sor when he began to lay the foundation of his case. It always showed thorough preparation with an assembling of evidence and law that could not be cried down by oratory or intimidation. Mr. Johnson usus ally smiled and drummed his eyeglasses on the desk when counsel for the other side

ran wild for the sake of shining in the newspapers or appealing to the galleries. There were times, too, when unreasonable

opponents dragged in irrelevant technicali-ties and resorted to claptrap, when the white-haired lawyers temper surged.

Fortified by authority, he then pounded the desk and the books near him and with index finger showed that subterfuge could not alter the cold black and white of Blackstone or the rulings of legal authority. He never let a case bother him while it was in the hands of the jury. He figured that he had given it every ounce of his thought and energy and was content to abide by the

TOOK WRONG HAT

There was no loltering about by the at-torney when court adjourned. Usually he reached for his hat or the one nearest him and made a straight line for the doo Occasionally on reaching his office he found he had taken the headgear of his opponent. There was a quick confession There was a quick confession over the phone and the hat was returned without egal complications.

In his everyday life Mr. Johnson was dis inctly democratic. He could usually be found lunching in some modest little place which was handy and quick, without fancy

fixings and austere waiters.

At the age of twenty-one the fledgling lawyer stepped out to try his own wings and even his early flights into court wer marked with a surety and authority that showed the youngster already to have a groundwork which many of his coworkers after a lifetime of practice did not acquire

ATTORNEY FOR BANKS

In addition to representing many of th largest corporations of the country nowhed legal battles, Mr. Johnson was counsel for nearly a hundred financial institu-He was a trustee of the Metropoli tan Museum of New York, the Unive of Pennsylvania and other institutions. received the degree of doctor of laws from Pennsylvania and from Princeton.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

John Graver Johnson-and very few new his middle name—was born in Chest-nut Hill in 1841. His father was a blackamith and his mother a milliner, and when a child young Johnson trudged around in waiting while busying himself with a case worth \$100 and never did but what he that exclusive suburb delivering the hats that his mother trimmed. thought was right.

WON SUCCESS FOR JOHN G. JOHNSON

HUMBLE START AND BUSY LIFE

It was early in life that he started the powers of concentration and work, work, work that later gained him his place in the orld. Although going to school and dehis regular lessons and in addition memor ized many of Shakespeare's plays, be able to repeat many of them at length.

mory training of this sort continued he entered the Central High School then in his early 'teens, graduating with the degree of bachelor of arts n 1858. He then entered the law office of Benjamin Rush and studied there with great application for several years, wingreat application for several ning thereby the degree of master of arts from the Central High School several years

ENLISTED IN CIVIL WAR

It is not generally known that John G Johnson ever served in defense of the United States, but such was the case. During the crest of the Civib War in 1863, which was just after he had been admitted to the bar, the armles of General Lee started on their drive into Pennsylvania. Toung Johnson cultisted at once in one of the Philadelphia artillery regiments and was bent to Gettysburg. He never saw active service and returned to this city, starting in the practice of law with Powers, Wal-lace and Judson.

Seven years later Johnson married the of Colonel Edward dev. Morrell and the simplicity that marked their marital life was in complete accord with the characeristics that stamped him as a man set apart from the rest

It was in his wife and mother that the at lawyer centered his affections. Alat the age of ninety-one, up to the moment of her death he sent her those affectionate gifts that mean dittle intrinsically, but that reveal the direction of the thoughts.

ing. Mr. Johnson remarked to a friend that it seemed as though his mother's ill-ness was the only trouble he had. When his mother died it stripped him of the two he loved best, his wife having died two years previous and he withdrew even more

wife were comfortable in their domesticity. They seldom went out and preferred the quiet of bome to bails and other social

It is related of Mr. Johnson that on on of the few occasions hes ventured out a friend found him all alone in the drawng room of one of the old Walnut street ouses. The other guests had gone out refreshments and Mr. Johnson was sked if he wouldn't go with them.
"No. I couldn't face a struggle like that,"
e replied with a smile.

It was this smile, democratic, human and sympathetic, that revealed the real Johnson being a man who was generous and un-ifish and not cold and impassive, as he as supposed to be. Although he didn't believe in organized charities, his gifts to those who needed them were large. The lawyer himself demonstrated this retely when he discharged a boy in his one day for being "too slow." The day he sent a check for a year's sal-

That was the way this dominating figure of America's legal stage did things. Absolutely without regard to what people

straightforward and, above all, like a man.
It made no difference what his visitor's station might be. He kept Pierpont Morgan

As said of him at Princeton two years ago, when he was given the degree of doctor of laws, he was "entirely absent of affectation, indifferent to the allurements of office, full consideration being for the rights of others and for the public

Through dealing like this with others Mr Johnson gained the goal he sought when a boy walking around with a hatbox under his arm with verses of Shakespeare running through his brain; for without these strict human traits the tremendous work that the lawyer employed in solving ques-tions would have been neutralized.

But in work itself he set an example to those who consider the clock. Sixteen hours a day was not unusual for him, and often lights in his office in the Land Title Building would be shining at 3 o'clock in

Friends believed that his desire for work have been cause for a breakdown if t had not been for the double reason of l fine physique and his ability to rest when-ever he desired.

At times when the brilliant barrister felt the need of rest, he would suddenly get aboard a steamship and leave. Nobody knew where he was going; his address he frequently refused to leave with anybody. But when he came back he would be fit and eager to down intricate problems.

STALWART PHYSICALLY

His physique, the other reason, was the kind that made people turn on Broad street, where he walked home virtually street, where he walked home virtually every night from his office, frequently vith a little green bag. A big man with broad shoulders, keen eyes and a shaggy white mustache—this was the John G. Johnson hat men saw and didn't know.

The reason they didn't was because of Mr. Johnson's sincere dislike for publicity. Inquiries from law associations and biogwn in the wastehnsket juestions as to his birthplace and the such disregarded. For the few great men in America. John G. Johnson did not care rap to see his name in the papers. He refused to sit for his photograph, and the only likenesses that are on record, outside of a portrait, are snapshots that camera ok when the leader of the nation was walking down the street in his democratic fashion, with no assumption superiority or snobbishness.

TRAITS OF THE MAN

few other times that men saw the most intricate legal problems was when he lunched, as he always did, at a quick-lunch place. Eating in quickplaces, working and worki seemed as though Edison and Napoleon were laggards in comparison, democratic to the extreme, generous, honest and manlythese were the things that made John G.
Johnson a man who should have let him-self be better known to have given in-But he himself would have set this to

"A man is what he is," he once said, in A man is what he is, he once said, in-ferring that whatever somebody else did was not as important as to follow the advice of Emerson and "Be yourself." And men, all the way from J. Pierpdnt Morgan to the young lawyer struggling with a knotty problem, followed the beaten track to the door of the lawyer, the nestor of the

American bar—the man who was just him-

MASTER OF LAW WHOSE NATURAL GIFTS WON HIM SUPREMACY

A public-school education, completed at the age of seventeen, was the sole equipment—if one except a natural intellect that as seldom been equaled—which John G. chinson took with him into the law office of Benjamin Rush when, as a big, over-rown hulk of a boy, he announced his insulation of following a legal cureer. following a legal career.

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was a student and a serious thinker
in the very beginning, and it was not
before he was accorded from judges
senior lawyers alike a respect and aton which the knowledge of law that he
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than a client went to him, Johnson
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the United States, but if you brought him a case worth only \$25 and it involved an intricate point of law, you were sure of getting the great man's ear. The fee made no difference so long as the knot was worth

Once one of the great Pennsylvania coal companies had a lawsuit involving millions of dollars. It turned upon some abstract doctrine of law. In the lower courts the ecision went against the coal company "Get John G. Johnson," some one with belated inspiration said, "and take it to the Supreme Court."

In Supreme Court cases the customary limit of time for argument is a half hour. In special dispensations the time is extended to an hour.

Johnson went into court, stated his proposition in fifteen minutes, thrust his papers into his green bag and strode out.

The decision was a victory for Johnson.
The company held council. "This is the greatest lawyer in the world," said they.
"he has saved us millions." They sent for and handed him a \$25,000

eck.
"This won't do," said Johnson, looking

The corporation men were abashed and unfillated. They thought they had covered he maximum amount his fee could be when hey gave him \$25,000. Now they miscook his action for a protest at their stingi-

"We'll gladly pay you anything you ask," aid they, "we didn't know."

Johnson smiled.
"I dan't mean anything of the kind," he slied. "I don't want that thing. I did

pont Morgan asked the great lawyer to come to New York to consult about the fa-

mous Northern Securities case.

An appointment was made, a special train ordered, and through the order of A. J. Cassatt the tracks were cleared to make way for the celebrity. Record to make made. Johnson saw Morgan, it was said, and undertook the case. Some time later Morgan again summoned him. Johnson was busy and had not received enough pre-liminary notice.

"If Mr. Morgan wants to see me," said calmly but with no nastiness. "let him come to Philadelphia. I can't be dropping things here every minute to be run-ning over to New York."

He did not go.

One of the reasons for his superiority as a lawyer was his almost uncanny ability to drop everything at a moment's notice and the readiness with which he could skip from one case crowded with vital question and intricate detail and switch over to an-other equally intricate. He never lost his

DECLINED JUDICIAL HONORS The ability of the giant of the bar was the laurels that have crowned his head, h ied a modest and unassuming life of use-fulness. Some spoke of him as a corporation lawyer in the limited disparaging sense. As a matter of fact, it is doubtful sense. As a matter of fact, it is donotted if any lawyer ever lived who had a practice of such wide range. Twice he refused to go to the Supreme Bench—the highest honor that can come to a great lawyer, believing his greatest usefulness to be a continuation in the road he had started walking.

His more than fifty years of active work showed a vast change in all phases of professional life. He met all the new ones at the same time preserved the best tra-ditions of the old times. No adversary ever knew him to take advantage of a slip, and his fairness and generosity were universally appreciated even by those whom he worsted. Career and Traits of America's Greatest Lawyer

HE WAS born in Chestnut Hill in 1841. His father was a black-smith. He died at the age of seventy-six, a millionaire.

He was regarded as the most distinguished lawyer in the United

He never studied in a law office and rose through his own initiative.

He declined an offer to become a Justice in the Supreme Court of the United States and also refused an appointment to the Attorney Generalship. He refused to enter poli-

His art collection is valued at \$2,000,000 and is one of the finest in America. It may go to the city of Philadelphia.

When he enlisted in 1865 as a member of the Home Guards he took his law books to war with him.

He was opposed to speaking in public and only delivered one ad-dress outside of court in his life.

He abhorred social affairs and his life was one of utter simplicity.

No one ever reached such an eminent leadership so free from the jealousy of fellow members of the bar.

It was as though they recognized him

JOHNSON'S \$2,000,000 ART COLLECTION MAY GO TO CITY

a lawyer that to many people the fact he was one of the shrewdest art critics in he was one of the surewdest art critics in the country and possessed a priceless art collection was almost lost sight of. Its value has been estimated at \$2,000,000. Looking at him, the huge bulk of a man, with his hard-headed matter-of-fact coun-ments are supported by the surespending to tenance, one would have guessed him to be a prosperous business man, or maybe be a prosperous business man, or maybe even a steamboat captain. But an art connoineeur, never! The fact, that he was one of the directors of New York's Met-tropolitan Museum of Art was barely

And yet the high old halls of the Broad street homes are literally a precious gal-lery, the hangings of which are the results of years of careful garnering. It is diffi-cult to find an inch of wall space.

There one may find represented the art of Tintoretto, Fra Lippe Lippi, Signorelli, Quentin Matsys, Veronese, Velasquez, Quentin Matsys, Veronese, Velasquez, Durer, Van Dyck, Ruysdael, Troyon, Rem-brandt, Corot, D'Aubigny and of dozens brandt, Corot, D'Aubi of other mighty names

ART HIS PASSION

His pictures were something of a secret passion with the great lawyer. It is said that his wife when she lived would often creep, down the broad stairway in the of night, thinking to tear her band from some dusty tome, only to find him hunched in a chair before some favorite work of art, drinking in its beautie as if the draught were more necessary to

him than sleep, or life itself.

Much of the great fortune he made was spent for his art collection. For a long period of time he used to go to Europe every other year just for the purpose of picking up rare treasures. The contents of all the great galleries of the Continent were known to him as his law books were.

Although he had no profound learning in the theory and philosophy of art, it would not have been an easy matter to foist a fake picture upon him. His kno edge was based upon familiarity with the hest examples of art. He knew art as the jockey knows horses, rather than as the owner does. He lived with his pictures,

So great was John G. Johnson's fame as | and although he seldom spoke of the when he gave an opinion on art it was done I nthe low-toned voice of authority

that there is no contradicting.

The National Gallery in London be cor idered the greatest of all the galleries many experts the finest private one in the United States, and has been estimated at \$2,000,000

Many other beautiful objects peer you from every nook and corner of the Broad street house. There are rare bronzes, vases and clocks that chime and tinkle melodiously, but the pictures dominate everything.

Beginning with the vestibule, one comupon them in the most curious of places. A priceless Van Dyck may be found in the butler's pantry and another valuable serves to decorate the footboard

Wonderful Madonnas rub eibows with rubicund old sea captains, and the placid pastorals of Troyon ahe confronted with the awful storm landscapes of Turner. ALL SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

All schools and all times-Italian, Flemis Dutch, Spanish, modern French and early English, to say nothing of a few Americans—are all represented.

Only about three years, ago would be

consent to have them catalogued, and it is characteristic of the man that in the few copies which he had printed the name of John G. Johnson appears only as the pub-

Several times in recent years the rumor cropped up that Mr. Johnson was about to give his pictures to the city. In 1966 the report got abroad that he was about to merge his collection with that of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. All of these whisperings he vigorously de nied, stating positively that the city of Philadelphia could not expect to receive any collection of value until it provided a worthy place to receive them. The erec tion of the new Art Building at the of the Parkway led many to hope that Mr. Johnson would ultimately consider this a fitting place for his collection.

JOHNSON WENT TO JOIN UNION ARMY WHEN CONFEDERATES MENACED CITY

mong the acts of his life of which John Johnson said little was his going out of a home guard regiment, which used to parade about the streets, but was rather shy Among the acts of his life of which John Gettysburg, when it was thought that Confederates were going to sweep over the Union forces at the little Pennsylvania town and come on to Philadelphia.

Mr. Johnson was a youth at the time. He I the study of law in an office to go forth to fight. It is said that such was his interest in his life work that he took his law books to battle with him to read in spare time-if there was any.

on target practice. These young men were ordered to the front, which had come so unexpectedly near home. They thought they were going to be slaughtered. But the home guard wasn't slaughteres The Union line

Other members of Mr. Johnson's company were the late Chief Justice Mitchell, the late David W. Sellers and Frank H. Rosen-

BENCH AND BAR OF CITY, STATE AND NATION HONOR JOHNSON

The bench and bar of the city, State and nation today united in paying tribute to the greatness of John G. Johnson. Friends and legal foes alike pronounce

him America's leading lawyer and a noble man, and emphasized the loss which the legal profession has sustained with his death. Justices and Judges of every court. legal profession has sustained with his death Justices and Judges of every court. those before whom he had practiced and those who only knew of him by reputation, were unanimous in their expressions of admiration of his life and of grief at death. Lawyers with whom he had col-laborated and with whom he had battled in the arena of law testified to the profou depth of his knowledge of the law and

Among the expressions of opinion were the following:

USTICE ROBERT VON MOSCHZISKER of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania— Mr. Johnson was not only the leader of the American bar, but I feel safe in the American bar, but I feel safe in saying that he died recognized as the leading English-speaking lawyer. He was a man of profound knowledge, with a power of expression which has neverbeen excelled. When presenting a case he always affected the Court with his sincerity of purpose and his exceptional grasp of the facts and principles of law which he desired to elucidate. But, above and beyond all this, he was from every standpoint a great man. He had a peculiar sweetness of nature that he showed only to his personal friends, which endeared him to them beyond expression. Personally, I am proud to be able to number myself among those who knew him well and loved him much. His sudden going is not only a shock, but a matter of great grief to me.

SENATOR BOIES PENROSE-In a wide acquaintainceship, covering a period of more than thirty years, I have met few men who came nearer to sizing up to real greatness. Mr. Johnson unquestionably was the leader of the Bar in the United States. He was perhaps the greatest citizen of Pennsylvania, and I know that all will be grieved to hear of his death.

will be grieved to hear of his death.

A MERRITT TAYLOR—Words are insufficient to express the profound loss and sorrow occasioned by the death of Philadelphia's foremost citizen, John G. Johnson. Repeatedly in perilous situations he has safeguarded this city's interests and wisely directed its destinies in the interest of the people. His memory will be associated with a deep feeling of respect and gratifude in the minds of all of us. His death is a public calamity.

JUDGE J. WILLIS MARTIN—John G.

plified the most splendid traditions iberty-loving America. He was the type of American who pushed through to suc-cess on his own merit. As a boy he was thrown on his own resources, and without aid from anybody he worked himself to an enviable position

of trust and honor His death constitutes a great loss to the legal profession throughout the English-speaking world; the loss is particularly severe at this time when we need the wise counsel of this wonderful man to aid

us in steering a straight course in this hour of conflict. John G. Johnson was a man of broad experience and possessed a wonderful knowledge of international law—the sort of knowledge we need at this time.

Mr. Johnson was a man of most charm ing personality, and he won the affection and admiration of all those with whom he came in contact.

JUDGE S. LESLIE METREZAT, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania—John G. Johnson was the ablest lawyer in the country; his reputation was of interna-tional scope. Philadelphia has lost its most conspicuous public figure in the death of Mr. Johnson. He was consulted by all of the leading corporations in the United States, and hundreds of lawyers throughout the country asked his advice annually.

annually.

Mr. Johnson was a mighty figure in the law of this country, his influence in legal matters extending to all corners of the civilized world. He was an upright man in every respect, and his word was golden. It will be a long time before John G. Johnson is replaced in the legal world. JUDGE JOHN B. McPHERSON, of the

JUDGE JOHN B. McPHERSON, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals—Mr. Johnson's death has taken away the conceded leader of the American bar. In 'Philadelphia. where he was best known, there will be general sorrow for the man, as well as deep regret that his distinguished career as a alwyer has come to an end. No word of mine is needed in appreciation of his extraordinary powers, which in some respects were unusual. His personal attractiveness was less known, except to comparatively few; but no one who was privileged to learn something of him at home could fall to be drawn to the man and to be charmed with his warmth of heart, his fine courtesy and the wide range of his human interest. I am sure he would have chosen the kind of death that has come to him, and when the shock is

States District Attorney—The death of John G. Johnson removes the peerless leader of the bar of Pennsylvania. I was associated with him years ago in cases emanating from my home district. Reading, Pa., and also in cases where Mr. Johnson was on the opposite side. In each instance I was invariably filled with admiration at the masterful way in which he handled the legal situation. While I did not know him intimately. yet, having such an exaited admiration for him, I cannot help but feel intensely sad upon hearing of his death.

OHN FREDERICK LEWIS-Mr. Johnart collectors we have ever had in Amer By his collections and especially by his marvelous discrimination in art. has probably done as much for art as any American, artist or layman. He acted as a solicitor for the Academy of the Fine Arts for years and always gave it every assistance without any compen-We are sorry to hear of his

MISS VIOLET OAKLEY-The collections made by Mr. Johnson are of enormous art value to the country. Mr. Johnson did a great, great work. I hope that all the valuable pictures he has brought to our city will remain in Philadelphia. It would be splendid if they could become

FRANCIS FISHER KANE, United States District Attorney - Mr. Johnson had a wonderful mind and was without question the most capable lawyer in the United States. He was a veritable Napoleon his capacity for business, which seemed well nigh endless. He loved his work and no cases were too small or too large

FORMER JUDGE ABRAHAM M. BEITC LER-Mr. Johnson was regarded as one of the foremost, if not the foremost, law-yer of his day. He has added luster to the name of Philadelphia lawyers.

FORMER JUDGE MAYER SULZBERGER -I am too shocked to say what I should like to say. When I first knew Mr. Johnson he was then a conspicuous figure for pre-eminence among scholars, has always continued as such. He the greatest practical lawyer in the United States, in my opinion. He was always free of any devices and looked obstacles squarely in the face and met them with uprightness and ability. Though he lived to a good old age and did more work than three able and in-dustrious men do in that lifetime, yet his loss is a very great one.

WILLIAM A. GLASGOW, JR., prominent lawyer—All I can say is that the greatest man I have ever known has passed away. SPENCER TRASK-The shock of Mr. John son's death prevents any adequate conception for the moment of his real service to the art, life and wealth of the community. The position he held in the as the one he held in the profession of the law.

FORMER JUDGE JAMES GAY GORDON In the death of Mr. Johnson, one of th mightlest in the land has fallen He was a great lawyer and a grea

man. I apply the word "great" to him advisedly, for he had both the mental endowment and personal character fliat nust coalesce to constitute greatness. In the science of the law he easily ranked first, not only of the present day, but, in my judgment, or any day in the history of the American bar. His mental processes were as direct and simple as his life was He had no artifices or affectations. He never posed or sought to be impressive by method or manner. He was not pedantic and never made a show of learn ing. His practice was so large and he was so busy that he had no time, even if he had had inclination, to waste upon the fripperies of speech. He was simply a lawyer-all lawyer. The smallest car which he undertook received his atten-tion as fully and sincerely as the case the richest and most powerful client His talents as a lawyer were at the servce of clients with democratic impar tiality. No great interest held his abilities in subsidy. He did not bow to power or wealth or social eminence. He was bound only to his profession and at that he worked with an industry as persistent and unremitting as that of a day laborer.

I cannot emphasize too much the simplicity of his character, which was like that of the old Greeks. Massive in body.

ASSISTED BY JOHNSON ASSISTED that of the old Greeks. Massive in body, massive in intellect, massive in courage, he was the very ideal of potency. There was a ruggedness, too, in his person, speech and thought which added to his impressiveness and force.

It is worthy of note, also, that in his more and the course of release the found relief

moments of relaxation he found relief in the study of art. His collection of pictures is one of the most notable in the country. Burke, in portraying a certain noble character, thought it worthy of mention that in his hours of leisure he was a tiller of his native soil. This den cratic nobleman found his pleasure the pursuit of a greater and more refining art. He was an honor to the Bar city and the nation and to the great profession which he adorned,

FRANCIS SHUNK BROWN, Attorney General of Pennsylvania—I am appalled and distressed. The mighty oak that stood for so many years as the giant of the forest has fallen. He was a real lawyer, the greatest of his day, the leader of the bar of his State and country, an examplar to his profession for high character as man and citizen, for profound learning and indefatigable industry. Lawyers throughout the civilized world will mourn his death, which specially grieves his associates here who have been his daily

HIDGE T. D. FINLETTER, Court of Common Pleas No. 4-1 cannot adjust my mind to what you tell me. It is imposout visualizing the great figure of Johnson. Great in every way; great as a lawyer; a leader of leaders; great in the human heart that read and sympathized and understood his fellow man. Therein quite as much as in his mar velous technical knowledge lay his great strength.

RUSSELL DUANE, lawver-in many re spects Mr. Johnson was the foremost living citizen of Philadelphia. He was a man of such superlative judgment that his opinion was sought and respected not only on legal subjects but also on all matters relating to the welfare of the It is probably not too much to say that he was the greatest allaround lawyer America has yet produced. DGE HOWARD A. DAVIS—The bar of United States has lost its leader in the death of John G. Johnson. He was one

of the ablest lawyers in the world OHN CADWALADER - Mr. great strength before the courts was owing not only to the cogency and vigorou power of accurate reasoning, but still more to the fact that the courts have presentation of his cases. His relation has ever reached leadership so free from the jealousy of his brothers of the bar of who has possessed more thoroughly their respect and admiration. No adversary of an error or a slip, and his fairness and

Johnson became great in law, because he devoted all of his energies to law. His only outside hobby was art MAYOR SMITH-The loss of Mr. Johnson is not to Philadelphia or Pennsylvania atone, but he was the master legal mind of the country, and therefore the entire

country will mourn his death IOSEPH P. GAFFNEY-The greatest legal mind in the entire country has passed

B. AINEY, chairman of the State Public Service Commission—The State of Pennsylvania has lost a most distinguished citizen, the legal fraternity man whose words, work and worth will be appreciated by the courts and bars for TUDGE WILLIAM H. STAAKE-John G.

Johnson was a giant, physically and in-tellectually. He had a marvelous memory, a memory which I have never seen excelled in the legal profession. IUDGE JOSEPH P. RODGERS—He was

myl friend and the world has lost its GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER-1 feet today as one might feel if a towering mountain had suddenly been removed and

MEN OF NATIONAL DISTINCTION LAMENT GREAT LAWYER'S DEATH

expressed in telegr EVENING LEDGER, lamenting the death of John G. Johnson, were received today from United States Senators, the Attorney leneral of the United States, Justices of the Supreme Court, a former candidate for President on the Republican ticket and nany of the leading statesmen of

They paid glowing tribute to the memor of the famous attorney, extolled his work, lamented his death and voiced a sentiment legal profession has lost its fore most exponent Some of the telegrams follow: W. GREGORY, Attorney General,

United States-John G. Johnson was man of tremendous power, a lawyer of great learning and originality, an advo-cate without a superior at the American CHARLES E. HUGHES, New York-I learn

with the deepest regret of the death of John G. Johnson. He was a lawyer of the highest attainments, and his sterling character and distinguished abilities were universally recognized. His death is a

HAY BROWN, Chief Justice of th

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania-In the years that I have been a member of the SHORE PAVING SUIT

IN ANOTHER TANGLE

Contractors Threaten to Sue County Unless Permitted to Push Work

ATLANTIC CITY, April 14. - Further complications have been added to the patented paving controversy over the Philadelphia-Atlantic City motor speedway, now before the Court of Errors on appeal from a decision by Justice Black, of the Supreme Court, nullifying the \$693,000 award.

Liddell & Pfeiffer, of Perth Amboy, contractors under the award and plaintiffs with the Courty Board in the appeal now pending, threatened to sue the courthey are permitted to go shead ed to sue the county The contractors contend that their options for material under the contract the courts will expire in June, and that it. The hall again was comfortably full, and there was much applause when the impossible for them to execute it under new options without incurring a heavy loss. schools gave their yells and cheered for

Waterworks Plot Foiled

CINCINNATI, O., April 14.—What is beleved by military and police officers to have been an attempt to blow up or cripple a water works plant was frustrated when a sentry guarding the works participated in a shooting encounter with three men whom he surprised while they were digging near the key chamber to the valve system of the filtration plant. filtration plant.

A crowbar was found near a deep hole that had been dug directly over the main pipe leading to the key chamber.

Masked Robbers Get \$4000

Supreme Court of the State Mr. Johnson was easily the ablest lawyer that appeared before it. In the days of my active practice I was at times associated with and opposed to him, and his greatness continually grew upon me. He constant beimeet of the courts, through profound learning and his unvarying promptness in responding when his ca es were called. I never knew him to r court. He reasoned closely, cle and strongly, never using a superflue word and never missing one that he ough have uttered. The American bar not soon look upon his like again as its

C. KNOX, United States Senator from Pennsylvania-In the death of Mr. John G. Johnson the American bar loses one of its most unique and conspicuous mem In Pennsylvania, and particularly in Philadelphia, his name was a house hold word. He was one of a class of general practitioners rapidly being dislegal specialists. No case was too large for his great capacity or too small for that conscientious consideration which his conception of the relation of a lawyer to the publi cdemanded that he

"BILLY" SUNDAY TELLS HOW TO WIN IN LIFE

Several Thousand High School Students Cheer the Evangelist

NEW YORK, April 14.—Several thousand high school students came out to hear "Billy" Sunday and were treated to a sermon on the forces that win. The forces, as he catalogued them, are blood, environment, sand, education and Christianity. The sermon ended with a panegyric of Abraham Lincoln, delivered by the evangelist standing with one foot on a chair and the other on his pulpit symbolizing Lincoin's physical and moral stature. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung at the close of the meeting, and "America" opened

Sunday during the preliminary exercises. Perhaps the most determined applause o the evening, except that drawn out by the the evening, except that drawn out by the meption of Lincoin. was accorded to his statement that "cigarettes are made out of the cigar stumps picked out of the gutter." He varied the latter part of his sermon by delivering Josquin Miller's poem on Columbus with dramatic gesture.

"What is education?" he asked. "Education is knowing what you want, knowing where to get it, and knowing what to do with it after you get it.

"Aim high. It's no harder on your gun to aim at an eagle than to shoot a skunk. Men who rise from obscurity from hard work are the kind that hang their mugs in the Hall of Fame for mutts like you and me to look at.

"But don't be conceited. Don't think you're the whiste, that page the pool of think you're the whiste, that page the page of think you're the whiste.

ASSISTED BY JOHNSON

At the beginning of the European war Mr. Johnson chartered the Morgan Line steam ship Antilles to bring American refugee back to their country. The ship sailed from New York city late in August, 1914, for Genoa and brought back forty passes, gers from that port.

At the time of the outbreak Mr. Johnson had been on the Continent for some time. Despite this fact, he did not elect to return in the ship he had chartered. Rather than that, he let his friends and those too poor to pay their passage ride home in the ship he had hired.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY **ELECTS NEW MEMBERS**

Four Philadelphians Among Seventeen Savants Added to Distinguished Body

Four Philadelphians are among the seven-teen new members admitted today to the American Philosophical Society, which is holding its general meeting at 104 South Fifth street. Membership in the society is considered the highest among scientific and considered the highest among scatter. The technical circles in the United States. The technical circles in the United States. 00, 142 of whom are Philadelphians

ALONZO ENBLEBERT TAYLOR. M. D., Phil-adelphia, Rush professor of physiological chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania since 1910.

IAROLD PENDER, Ph. D., Philadelphia pre-fessor in charge of the department of size-trical engineering of the University of Penn-sylvania since 1914. WALTON BROOKS MeDANIEL, A. B., Ph. D., Philadelphia, professor of Latin at the Uni-versity of Pennsylvania since 1909.

HERBERT E. IVES. Ph. D., Philadelphia, ilhuminating engineer and physicist.
WILLIAM FREDERICK DURAND, Ph. D.
Stanford University, California, professor of
mechanical engineering at Stanford University
since 1904. PIERRE SAMUEL DuPONT, chemist, Menden-

CARL. H. EIGENMANN, Ph. D., Bloomington, Ind., professor of zoology in the University of Indiana since 1891 and dean of the graduate school. Noted ichthyologist. CHARLES HOLMES HERTY, Ph. D., New York, editor of the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, mast president of American Chemical Society, WINTHROP J. V. OSTERHOUT, A. M., Ph. D., Cambridge, Mass., professor of botany, Har-

WALDEMAR LINDGREN, M. E., Ph. D., Sc. D., Cambridge, Mass., professor of geology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1912.

FREDERICK HANLEY SEARES, B. S., Passa-dens. Cal., superintendent of the computing division of the Mount Wilson Solar Observa-tory. GEORGE OWEN SQUIER, Ph. D., Washington, D. C., lieutenant colonel and chief of eviation section United States army. CHARLES P. STEINMETZ, Ph. D. Schense-tady, N. Y. engineer and professor of electri-OSCAR S. STRAUS, A. M., Litt, D., I.L. D., New York city, lawyer, member of the Per-manent Court of Arbitration at The Hagus. The following new members are subjects

of Great Britain: EDWIN BIDWELL WILSON, Ph. D., Cam-

Re. Mass., professor of mathematics Massachusetts Institute of Technol ARCHIBALD BYRON MACALLUM, M. A., M. B. Ph. D., D. Sc., LL. D., F. R. S., Toronto professor of biochemistry University of To Sir DAVID PRAIN, M. A., LL. D., F. R. S., Kew, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, since 1905.

OCEAN CITY TO HAVE BIGGER MUSIC PAVILION Order Given to Contractor and Work

to Be Started Soon-Lively Season Promised OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 14.—The contractor has ordered the material required, in the work of enlarging the city's music cast into the midst of the sea, leaving in place nothing but the surrounding foothills.

pavillon on the boardwalk, and operations will be started as soon as the lumber arrives, which, it is expected, will be within a short time. The improved buildings will be one of the most complete and convenient

of its kind along the New Jersey coast.

The building of cottages and apartments keeps pace with the growing demand for summer homes, and it is said that the rentpectations of many of the residents. Real estate men are busy renting cottages and apartments and answering hundreds of inquiries of people from Philadelphia and other sections of the country, who plan to

spend the summer here. The hotels all did excellent business at Easter, and now the owners and managers are resting temporarity before preparing for the expected summer rush.

Visitors during the holidays were pleased when they saw how well the vacent lots had been cleaned from First to Twenty-second street, and they praised the City Commis-Director George O. Adams, of the Department of Public Works, is pushing street repairs, and a force of men. is kept con-stantly hustling to improve the condition

and appearance of the highways.

BARS DANCING AT HOTEL License Court at Pittsburgh Criticizes Management of Schenley

PITTSBURGH, April 14 .- Declaring the Hotel Schenley was "a rendezvous for dissipation and if the dances were kept up at that place the bar would have to be closed," Judges Carpenter and Reid, who are hearing the liquor license applications, severely criticized Harry M. Willis, agent and trustee for the Schenley Hotel and Res-

taurant Company. considered refusing all liquor license appli-cations in the Oakland district because of the practice followed by the Schenley and other cafes and hotels in serving liquor to boys and girls from the University of Pittsburgh and Tech School.

MANAYUNK FLAG-RAISING

Residents Involuntarily Join in Ceremony at Nixon Paper Company Plant

Residents of Manayunk involuntarily hesidents of Manayunk involuntarily joined a flag-raising at the plant of the Nixon Paper Company. Nixon and Felton streets, at daybreak this morning. They were awakened by the whistle of the factory blowing for fifteen minutes and went down to see what the trouble was, with the result, that what at first was simply a factory flagraising turned out to be a community affair. The workmen made known their desire for an American flag some days ago to the an American flag some days ago to the superintendent. J. A. Hayes, who arranged for the exercises, and at 5 o'clock this morning the hundred men on the night shift gathered on the lawn in front of the factory and cheered while Chief Engineer Eckenroth pulled the string that unfurled the flag.

LANCASTER, Pa., April 14.—Among the volunteers who have just enlisted at the local marine service recruiting station is Frank L. Riley, Jr., son of the president of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., who was attending a technical school here.

STRETCHED TO ARMY HEIGHT

Being hair an inch short, he underwent a stretching operation in the Lancaster. Young Men's Christian Association symmatism and than succeeded in entisting having reached the minimum height.