

EDDYSTONE PLOT SEEN BY CORONER

Drewes Puts Off Inquest to Gather More "Startling Evidence"

LAYS BLAST TO GERMANS

Coroner Charles H. Drewes, of Delaware County, announced today that evidence of such a startling nature had been unearthed as to the causes of the blowing up of the Eddystone Arms Munition Corporation works...

The coroner asserted that already he had twelve important witnesses who would give "most important" testimony. He disappointed the theory that the explosion had been caused by persons shooting from a motorboat in the Delaware River...

The inquest will begin at 9 a. m. next Thursday in Ellis' Hall, Chester. The coroner's jury continued its investigation today, taking copious notes and going over every inch of the ground at Eddystone. Each juror was supplied with blueprints and a careful study was made of the foundations of the buildings destroyed in the explosion...

John Braun, of Lester, Pa., is being sought by the Chester authorities, who are trying to learn the identity of the body which was buried as Ethel McCracken and then disinterred by the McCracken family when they positively identified another body as that of their daughter...

The 135th death from the disaster occurred today in the Chester Hospital when Mabel Knight, of 1225 South St., Bernard street, died.

Under the auspices of distinguished patrons a big benefit for the families of the unidentified victims of the disaster will be given in the Forrest Theatre Tuesday afternoon, May 1. Manager Harry Jordan, of the Forrest Theatre, has the affair in charge and is being assisted by F. Nixon Nirdlinger.

HILL'S ESTATE \$50,000,000

Report Not Denied by Counsel for the Administrator

ST. PAUL, April 19.—The estate of James J. Hill, the "Empire Builder," soon to be disposed of through the Ramsey County Probate Court, will total a trifle more than \$50,000,000. This was the report from the State Capital, and it was not denied by H. C. Lindley, general counsel for the Great Northern Railroad and legal representative of Louis W. Hill, the administrator.

GIRLS TAKEN ON BY P. R. R. AS CLERKS AT BROAD STREET; OLD RULE BROKEN

Unwritten Law Has to Go on Account of Scarcity of Male Help—Men Chuck Collars and Don Overalls—More Pay in Big Industrial Plants

Girls are going to get their chance now in Broad Street Station. For years there has been an unwritten law that the Pennsylvania Railroad should employ none other than male clerks. To quote one of the officials, girls "didn't have a show" and all female applicants were refused and smiled upon indignantly. Now, it appears, men don't want to be clerks and the corporation has to call in the women.

OFFICERS OF RESERVE ORDERED INTO TRAINING

Those in Philadelphia Must Have Three Months at Camp Niagara

THEN NEW EXAMINATION

All men who have passed the examination for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army, will be ordered to report at a military training camp May 8. These camps will be held in various parts of the country. The men will receive three months' intensive training, after which another stiff examination must be passed before they finally are qualified for commissions.

It had been the impression that the examinations the candidates passed were as they would have to take. This belief has now been dispelled. The men must train intensively and then face the army board and prove their capacity for commanding men.

Men in this district have been taking their examinations at the armory of the First city Troop and at the University of Pennsylvania. Other examinations have been held at Governor's Island, New York, and elsewhere.

The men in this district will be ordered to Fort Niagara, near Buffalo and Niagara Falls. There they will go through a three months' course of "Plattsburg" training that will demonstrate either their fitness or unfitness to lead men on the field.

Men who have not yet had a chance to train, and pass the preliminary examinations, it is believed, will be allowed to attend these training camps, taking the final examinations with the other men at the conclusion of the training. This arrangement will assure those in authority that the officers to whom will be entrusted the control of troops will be capable of handling them. It is not the intention, it is understood, to have any man commissioned who would be apt to make serious and costly blunders that would imperil the success of operations and result in unnecessary loss of life among the troops they are trying to lead.

FIGHT SEEMS CERTAIN OVER BRADY'S WILL

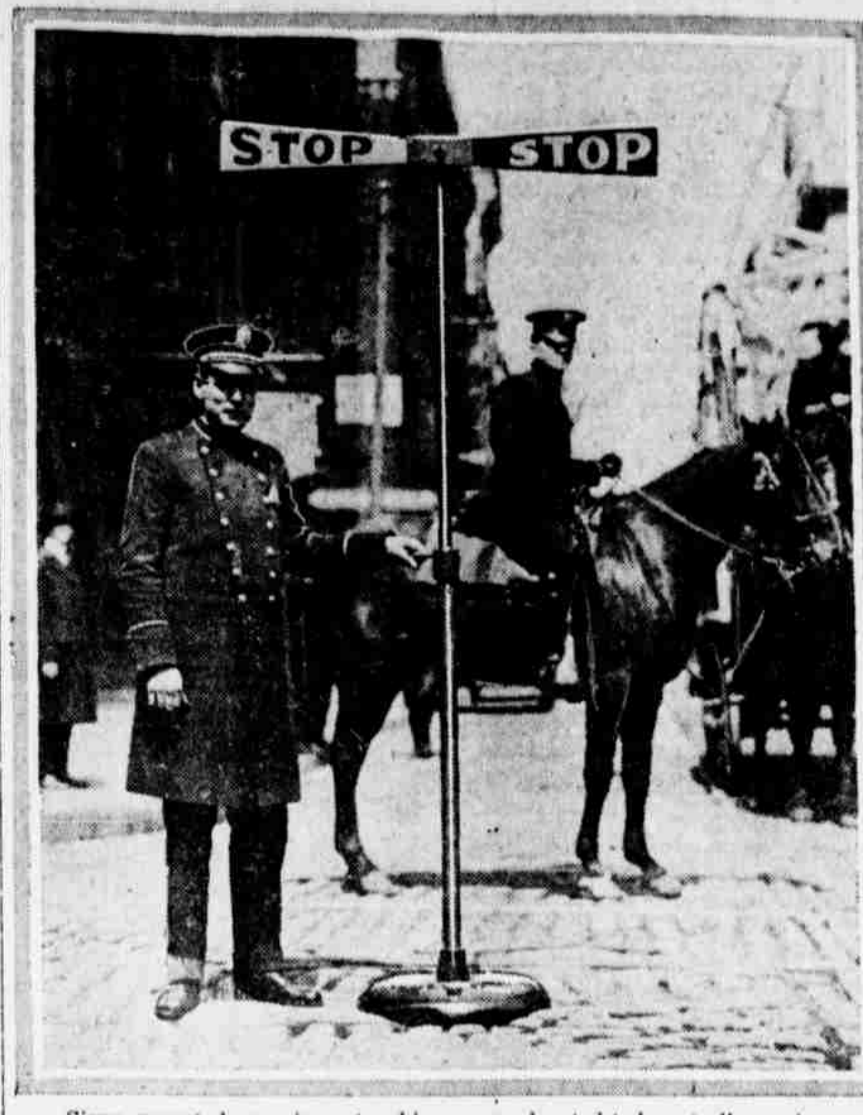
Battle by Brother and Sister of "Diamond Jim" Is Now Expected

NEW YORK, April 19.—It is believed to be a certainty that the will of James Buchanan Brady, bequeathing about \$5,000,000, will be contested by his brother and sister. The contest will be brought, it was reported, on the ground that "Diamond Jim" was of unsound testamentary capacity when he made his will on January 16 last.

His brother, Daniel M. Brady, from whom he had been estranged for nineteen years, was bequeathed \$100 in the following paragraph: "My said brother is a wealthy man and there is no necessity for me to leave him any substantial sum of money or property of any kind."

Mrs. Hattie Mathieu, of East Jaffray, N. H., Brady's only sister, and her son by a former marriage, Glendyn Cloran, each received the income on trust funds of \$25,000 in the will. Both Mrs. Mathieu and Daniel M. Brady were in conference with ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, of O'Brien, Boardman & Platt, and have retained him as counsel. Daniel M. Brady is president of the Brady Brass Company, of 95 Liberty street. His wife was a Singer, of the family which made a fortune from the manufacture of sewing machines.

NEW TRAFFIC SEMAPHORES



Signs, mounted upon iron stanchions, were located today at all crossings along Chestnut street within the "traffic zone" for the guidance of pedestrians and drivers. The signs are operated by the police similarly to those now in use on Broad street.

BERLIN, N. J. RESIDENT ASKS NEW TOWN NAME

Urges Governor Edge to Help Get American and Anti-Prussian Cognomen

TRENTON, April 19.—George Q. Tyson, of Berlin, Camden County, employed with a Philadelphia millinery company, has written Governor Edge asking him to become interested in changing the names of Berlin and New Berlin, to something more American. Mr. Tyson suggests "Pine Ridge" for Berlin.

"Any name is better than that which savors of the stench of Prussianism, a strong stench in the nostrils of our State," said Mr. Tyson in his letter to the Governor.

It will be suggested to Mr. Tyson that a county judge, as well as the Legislature, has the power to change the name of a municipality.

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indorsed today by Judge W. N. S. Thomson, of the United States District Court of Pittsburgh.

In a letter to Representative Whitaker, Judge Thomson said: "In my opinion there is no doubt of the necessity of some such legislation, as the narcotic drug problem is a matter which should be dealt with by the State under its police power."

"The Harrison act of Congress does not appear to have been drafted as carefully and skillfully as it should have been to effect the beneficent purposes which Congress had clearly in mind."

"Being engaged in a trial continuously since the copy of your bill was sent me, I have not had the opportunity to examine it with care, but, in a general way, it seems to meet the requirements of the situation."

"After centuries of enslavement has just recently succeeded in almost completely prohibiting the opium traffic, its attendant baleful effects. Any legislation, State or national, which succeeds in minimizing the drug habit, is unquestionably beneficial."

Reading Man Asphyxiated READING, Pa., April 19.—David B. Miller, sixty-six years old, a real estate operator and promoter of several suburbs, was found in his bedroom asphyxiated by gas, set was partly open. Coroner Norton decided that his death was accidental.

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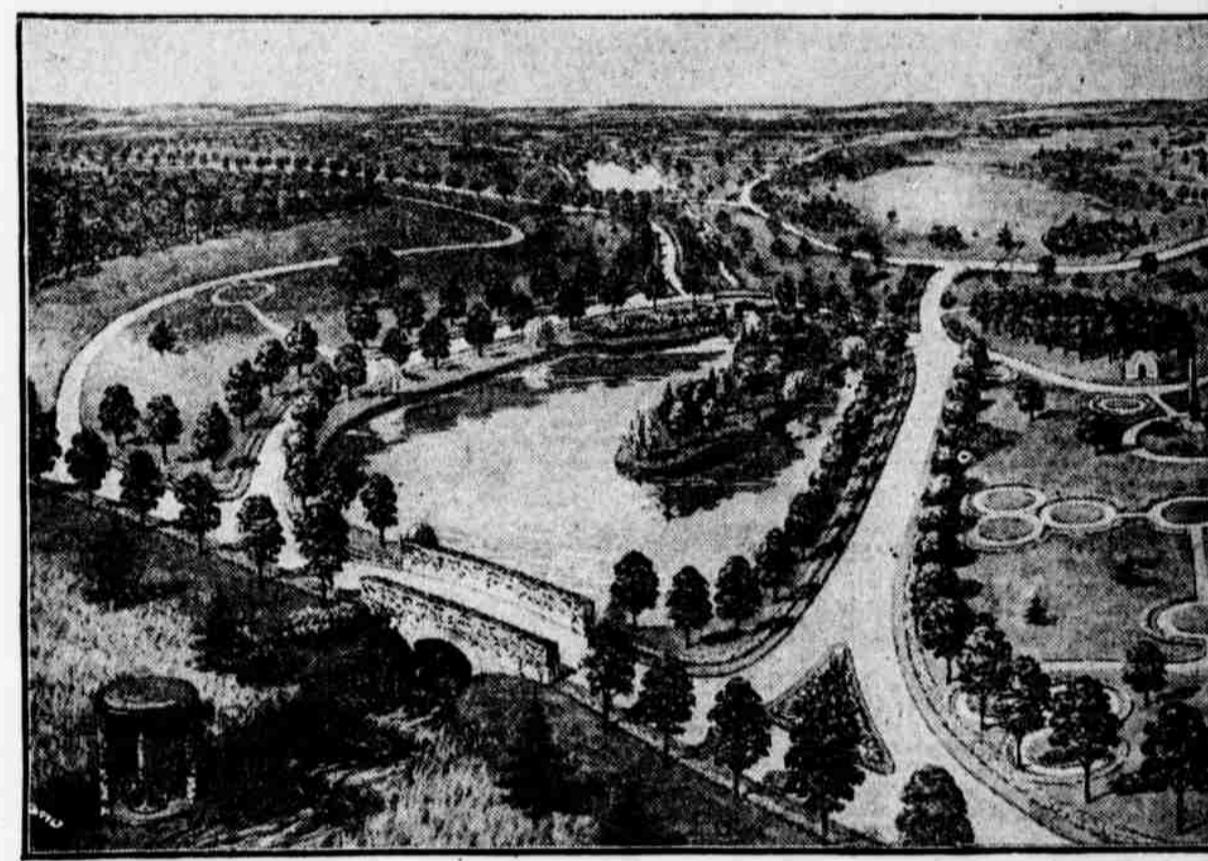
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