FRENZIED FINANCE **RUINS TWO ROADS**

Wrecking of Pere Marquette and C., H. and D. Told by U. S. Commerce Board

"TAINT OF CRIMINALITY"

Congressional Committee Hears Astounding Tale of Reckless Manipulation

WASHINGTON, April 20. The story of the wrecking of a great railroad system today was told by the In-gretate Commerce Commission when that body transmitted to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee its re-port of the corporate history of the Pere Marquette and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroads. The financial powers which sapped the life of the Pere Marers which sapped the private gain followed the same general system as that operated in the wrecking of the New York, New Haven and the Hartford and the Chicago, Haven and the Hartfeld Railroads, the Rock Island and Pacific Railroads, the commission finds.

The commission declares that the reveions of the inquiry serve further to emphasize the need for Federal regulation of securities and for legislation giving the commission authority to have access to rail-road files and correspondence, so that it can prevent corporate manipulations from can prevent corporate manipulations from being carried on in the shadows. The commission's indictment of the rail-

promoters contains many counts. The were largely gathered by Louis Branfacts were largely gathered by Louis Bran-dies, of Boston, now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Brandels was retained by the commis-sion in 1914 as a special investigator in the case and conducted hearings here and in other cities.

The commission's story says that the downfall of the Pere Marquette began when, in December, 1902, F. H. Prince secured control from the Thayer-Crapo interests. Until 1904 Prince and his associates managed the road, according to the commission, with abandoned profligacy, adding millions to the long-term debt of the property. Then he sold out to Eugene Zim-merman, the Cincinnati multi-mer Zimmerman, the Cincinnati multimillionaire, and H. B. Hollins, the New York broker. Prince bought the road at \$85 per share, ran it down, added to its debt and generally arrassed the property, and then sold at \$125 a share, according to the commis

The Zimmerman-Hollins syndicate han dled the property until in October, 1905, J. P. Morgan took over the combined Pere Marguette and Cincinnati, Hamilton and uette and Cincinnati, Hamilton Dayton system and put both roads in the bands of receivers.

CRIMINALITY TAINT

Of the Prince control, the commission says that only a court of criminal justice could deal properly with their manipula-tions, and of the Zimmerman-Hollins syndicate, that body declares the taint of criminality clings to their deals. The latter group, the commission says, "stopped a nothing." The action of the Zimmerman Hollins syndicate in unloading the two bankrupt roads on the Morgan house \$150 a share when the highest price paid for the road when it was in good condition was 185 is described by the commission as an

"astounding coup."

A glimpse of a contest between financial giants is given by the commission when it briefly tells the story of how J. P. Morgan. upon whom the two shattered roads had been unloaded, passed them to the Eric Railroad because Morgan controlled a sufficient interest in Erie control to make his suggestions that the Erie purchase virtually mardiatory.

But meantime E. H. Harriman was

springing up like a mushroom in the rail-road financial world, and Morgan reckoned ut him. Harriman had crept into control of the Erie under Morgan's nose, accerding to the commission's story, and when he felt strong enough forced Morgan to take back the bundle of troubles which con-stituted the Pere Marquette and the C., H. and D. The commission says this action of Harriman's saved the Erie from

With the white elephant back on his hands again Morgan finally got the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to take over the C. H. and D. In the commission's hearings it was testified that mere ownership ings it was testified that mere and Ohio of this road by the Baltimore and Ohio meant an annual drain of \$3,000,000 a year on that corporation's funds, just to up interest and operating charges. that corporation's funds, just to keep

City News in Brief

MEDICO-CHI ALUMNI at their meet ing at the Rittenhouse Hotel elected offi-cers as follows: President, Dr. A. C. Morgan; vice presidents. Dr. George E. Pfahler, Dr. Joseph C. Doane and Dr. M. T. O'Mal-ley; secretary, Dr. E. H. Erney, and treas-urer, Dr. John A. Brophy.

PRESIDENT EDWARD B. GLEASON, of Common Council, has been appointed captain in the medical division of the Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States army. He has been a lieutenant in the corps for several years. He is a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

REWARDS FOR U-BOAT destroyers are suggested by Henry W. Brown, of the in-surance firm of Henry W. Brown & Co., 425 Wainut street. The plan calls for the institution of a trust fund of \$5,000,000 to be distributed under the direction of the kavy Department to men in the Government service who aid in the capture or destruc-tion of German submarines.

EMERGENCY CREWS are running the four Reading Railway harbor tugs owing to a strike of the thirty-six deckhands and fromen. The men are out, asking for wages of \$75 instead of \$66 a month. The four tugs affected are the Ogontz, Cheltenham, Gwynedd and Adriatic.

PRILADELPHIA EXHIBITORS are carrying off many of the honors at the Brooklyn horse shows. Miss Isabelle Wanamaker won a blue ribbon last night. driving her pair of chestnuts. Eva and Netherall's Pride. Other Philadelphia blue ribbon winners were A. W. Atkinson and Miss Jean Lister Austin.

PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED today by Assistant Director Baldwin, of the Department of Public Works, for highway improvement work that will cost approximately \$400,000. The various operations comist of grading and paving and repaving of sections of many streets, with asphalt and Belgian and wood blocks. The awards will be announced in a few days.

MAYOR SMITH today approved the er-mance passed by Councils designating the outh Philadelphia State Bank as a de-celtory of the city funds.

A NUMBER of contracts for permanent pal improvements were approved to-y Mayor Smith. Among them are intracts awarded to William M. An-for \$350,625 for installing a heating entilation system in the main build-the Free Library to be erected at enth and Vine streets, and the East-

SMOKE CLOUDS HALT FIREMEN IN FACTORY

Six Persons Overcome in Blaze at Potter Concern, Second and Erie

Six person were overcome by dense and stifling smoke from a fire which started a few moments before noon in the fifth floor of one of the buildings of Thomas Potter and Sons, Incorporated, oil cloth and linoleum makers, Second street and Erie

The most serious case is that of Frank Richie, of Engine Company 55. Superin-tendent Anderson, of Building 21, where the tendent Anderson, of Building 21, where the blaze started, was overcome by smoke, but upon recovering insisted upon going back and helping to fight the flames. The building where the fire occurred is a five-story brick structure abutting the Penn-structure Building tracks. The men in the

sylvania Railroad tracks. The men in the culling room on the fifth floor had just put on their coats ready for lunch when the fire started at one end of the room. The material used in this department is of extremely inflammable nature and home remedies applied to the blaze had little remedies applied to the blaze had little

By the time the fire company arrived he building was a furnace that speedily clouded the neighborhood with smoke. The firemen had to grope their way to the burning building, and the rumor spread about that many had been overcome. Ambulances from the Episcopal, the Samaritan and St. Mary's Hospitals hurried to the scene. Then it was deemed necessary to send in

a second alarm. The firemen were handi-capped in their work by inability to get a line of hose to the fifth floor of the build-ing. They could be seen through the smoke ifts weaving around on the fire escape, and heard shouting for the hose. Those who put their heads inside the building could not stay for more than three minute hey came out and breathed the fresh air for five minutes.

At 1:30 o'clock the firemen thought they had got the conflagration under control. It is believed that the fire was caused by the friction of a rapidly moving cutting

FOUR TRUSTEES QUIT CHURCH; DENY FRICTION

John E. McCully Gives Reason for Chambers-Wylie Resignations

Denial that his resignation and the signation of three other trustees of Chamers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church Broad street below Spruce, was due to friction of any kind, was made today by John E. McCully, an attorney with offices

at 1429 Chestnut street.

Mr. McCully said he and his fellow trustees resigned at the annual congregation meeting last Monday night because they had borne the burden of the financia thought that others in the church should take a hand at the task. The other trustee who resigned are James B. Robinson, 5025 Pine street, president of the board and a member of that body for twenty-six years Albert Fagely, 6310 Larchwood avenue reasurer of the board, and Joseph Hutch-nson, of Westville, N. J. Mr. McCully had een a trustee of the church for twenty

"I have helped to conduct the financial affairs of the church for many years." said Mr. McCully, "and I feel that somebody else thould take a hand and do his bit. Some time ago I moved to Overbrook, and be-cause of the distance it is hard for me to attend the board meetings. Besides, my business occupies nearly all of my time report that the resignations prought about by friction is absolutely un

The resignations were not accepted and at a meeting of the trustees next week an fort will be made to have the resignations withdrawn.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO AID "HOME GUARDS'

Secretary Carr Tells What Services Can Be Performed in Emergency

Plans are being formulated for the en-rollment of women, girls and boys in the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee, ac-

Philadelphia Home Defense Committee, according to George Wentworth Carr, secretary of the committee, in an address today at a noonday luncheon of the Business Science Club in the Hotel Adelphia.

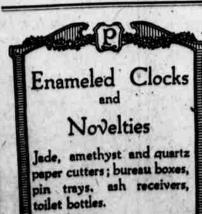
"We have not decided yet just how we will use the women folk, and the girls and boys, but we are going to give them an opportunity to do their bit for Philadel.

boys, but we are going to give them an op-portunity to do their bit for Philadel-phia and the nation.

"Almost every day I am asked as to the duties of the Home Defense Guards. Well, here is an illustration of how they will be useful: Supposing that a submarine shelled one of the beach resorts on the Atlantic coast and killed a lot of women and children. You can readily see how such a tragedy might excite the populace of Phila-delphia. It is likely that mobs, actuated by deiphia. It is likely that moos, actuated by a spirit of reprisal, would attack and sack homes of persons of German extraction, most of whom are loyal Americans. The home defense committee could call out its forces to protect these citizens.

"I have also been asked what the com-pensation would be for serving in the guards. In answer to that I can only say guards. In answer to that I can only say I am certain that most of the employers will make some arrangement by which salaries of home guardsmen will continue. If we should have a state of anarchy in Philadelphia our employers would be mighty glad to have a home guard to restore order."

Guardsman Under Serious Charge Michael A. Barone, twenty-one years old, of Raritan, N. J., has been arrested at Pedricktown while serving with the Second Regiment. New Jersey National Guard, and brought to Camden to answer a charge of violation of the Mann white slave act. of violation of the Mann white stave act. It is alleged that Barone deserted his fifteen-year-old wife in Newark, running away with 17-year-old Rose Fingarlo, only to desert her in turn in Philadelphia. He will have a hearing tomorrow before Recorder Stackhouse in the Camden City Hall.



F.C.Péquignot

CAMDEN PLANS BIG | "FREE-VERSE WATTS" RALLY TOMORROW

Great Demonstration Expected-Vice President Marshall to Speak

PATRIOTISM IS STIRRED

rrow is Patriotic Day in Camden A rally that is anticipated to rival in spirit and size Philadelphia's recent gathering at Independence Hall is to take place at the Third Regiment Armory, Haddon ave-nue and Mickle street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon under auspices of the public safety committee appointed by Mayor Charles H. Ellis

With approach of the hour for the meeting a martial spirit grows over the entire populace of Camden. More flags are brought out. Patrotism is the one predomi-

nating subject of conversation on the streets.

Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, will address the rally, the United States, will address the rally, United States Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey; Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, president of Temple University; the Rev. Dr. John Handley, chaplain Second Regiment, United States Infantry, are the other listed speakers. The Rev. Dr. Holmes E. Gravvatt, of the First Presbyterian, and the Rev. M. Mulligan, of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will offer the benediction. Mayor Ellis will preside.

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Large manufacturing plants have become imbued with the spirit of the movement. Almost every hour such concerns notify the committee in charge of their ntention to send delegations of employes. In business houses, where the force is large enough, many will march to the meeting place in a body. Smaller houses will be represented by individuals, thousands of whom will attend.

Under the leadership of Professor Powell Fithlan, instructor of music in the public schools, a chorus of 150 trained voices

will lead in singing patriotic songs.

Thousands of programs have been distributed. On the back of each has been printed the oath of allegiance to the United States and songs the participants in the damonstration will be requested to sing. Thirty invitations have been issued to Mayors of various cities surrounding Camden, including Mayor Smith, of Philadel-phia. Many are expected to attend.

The Seidenberg Cigar Company is going to send a delegation of more than 600 per-sons, most of whom will be girls. The girls will wear red caps and carry American flags. Led by a band of twenty pieces, the employes will march in a body to the Third Regiment Armory. Heads of various de-partments will act as lieutenants, and Isaac N. Frisch, superintendent of the factory, will be in supreme command.

Castle Kid Company, 700 strong, will asemble at the factory, 1516 Broadway, under the leadership of Theodore Kausel, superintendent. The Third Regiment Band will ead them to the meeting.

The Red Men will meet at Morgan Hall and act as an escort to T. M. Lee Post, G. A. R. Five hundred are expected to turn out with two bands.
At the Red Men's Hall, Broadway and Division street, the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics will meet to

form in marching order. They will proceed

to the rally led by the Browning Accordion Stonemen from all over the country have een invited to attend Members of this organization in Camden will assemble at Broadway and Buckley street at 2:30 and march in a body to the armory. At least 900 are expected with the f Camden, treasurer of the organization will act as marshal. Each member has

and to carry an American flag. Thomes E. Murphey and Brother Rich-

These are only a few of the large organ-izations that will attend the rally in bodies.

AUTO CRASHES INTO BRIDGE; TWO ARE HURT

Victim of Accident Near Chambers Corner Is Dying in Mount Holly, N. J., Hospital

MT. HOLLY, N. J., April 20 .- Uncon-William Pitman, about thirty years old married, of Vincentown, is in the County Hospital, a victim of an automobile acci-dent near Chambers Corner early this morning. It is believed his skull is fractured. Albert Kishpaugh is there badly cut and bruised.

These men and James and George Alloway, Russell Wright and Firman Branin, all of Vincentown, crashed into a bridge while returning home from a dance at Columbus. Their automobile headlights were out and they were following another machine until it sped on too fast for them Unable to see the bridge they crashed into it and the car was overturned. Pitmar and Kishpaugh were the only ones badly injured.

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EXPOSED AS HOAX

Joyce Kilmer Tells Browning Society He Wrote "Stuff" to Prove It's All Bosh

By M'LISS

The news is bad, don't throw a faint; the poet Alfred Watts, he ain't. We knew him as a free-verse writer, modern poesy's ablest fighter. He wrote some staff The new "mags" bought his free veise, too; "He's there," said they, "he rings quite true. He's just as vague as Gertie His little gems he writes at random; you're not supposed to understand 'em!"

And so they bought up all his stuff, a though they couldn't get enough. He was a literary find; sometimes he really taxed the mind. And every oen desired to know the fellow Watts; they liked him so.

Comes now one Kilmer, first name Joyce ho says in jeering gibing voice: fellow Watts, you'll make me choke, he's but a big and screaming joke. You're awful fools to think he's he why. Watts, of course, is simply me. Me and Marcaret Widdemer. Whyfor, you say, we did

"We did it 'cause this free-verse rot made us both so burning hot. To Shakespeare and all decent writers these new ones are and all decent writers these new ones are a set of blighters. They really cannot take the time to put their thinking into rhyme; though "thinking" may not be the word to use about this lowly herd. "To beat them at their low-down game; to

bring about the blush of shame, we went and took a minute off, less time than it would take to cough. We wrote some free verse, deep and mystic, free verse vague and anarchistic. We sent it out, as though we liked it, to editors who haven't spiked it. Instead. twas printed with acclaim, and Watts, they said, was due some fame. But Watts, we know an awful fool, seeing as how he was our tool."

Kilmer, you know's the man of rhymes, whose desk is in the New York Times. His helper in the free-verse snare is a Phila-delphia ladye faire. "Twas the Browning Society last night that heard him with such keen delight. He slammed Walt Whitman once or twice, which really wasn't very nice, but against him this they didn't hold, when the funny tale of Watts was told. Below you'll find a gem or two of the kind of stuff that Watts could do; Watts

the cunning, wee brain-child of Margaret Widdemer and Kilmer, riled: QUESTION NOCTURNAL Eyes like little green apples in a wrinkled apple blossom face. Why do you look at me? The wind lifts gold up and down the street And through the windows even the windows no not the windows

The white soul of the water Dips gnawing the tree-roots. It is broken. Across the implacable bronze-green scummed And the glatening water-rate Are tired.

IN THE PARK: FOR FAROUCHE, NOVEM-BER, 1914. Even when I look at the locomotive Holding the round earth from falling into space by means of its magnetic feet, I see the caterpillar Green, wet, fat. A stain on greyness, Dead beside, or under. Or is it above?

COURTS ASKED TO EXCUSE FARMERS FROM JURY DUTY

Governor Edge Reminds Judges of Need of Maintaining Agricultural Output

TRENTON, April 20.-In order that the convening of county courts throughout the State this spring may not interfere with the movement for utilizing farm land to the utmost for agricultural purposes, Governor Edge has written to all of the county Judges and also to Justices of the Su-preme Court sitting in the counties of the State suggesting that all farmers who have been or who may be drawn for jury service at the spring term of the courts be excused from service if they so desire,

The Governor says:
"It is my thought that such a step is absolutely necessary in order that nothway to lessen the agricultural output. We must be careful not to cripple, even so lit-tle, the manpower essential for the vital part which the farm is to play in modern

WEST POINT SENDS **OUT CLASS OF 139**

Graduation at U.S. Military Academy Advanced Under Stress of War

NO JUNE WEEK GAYETY

WEST POINT, N. Y., April 20. One hundred and thirty-nine cadets were raduated from the United States Military Academy today and took their places as lieutefants in the new army being formed to fight Germany. They are the members of the class of 1917 which expected to be graduated in June next with all the pleasant features incident to a West Point "June reek" ceremony.

war which the United States has entered Secretary of War Baker presented the grad-uates their diplomas and added them to the roster of officers of the United States army. Indirect references to the conscription save which now faces the Government brought cheers of approval from the crowds

which packed the academy gymnasium.
While the ceremonies were in progress
two aeroplanes from the Government staion at Mineola alighted on the grass plain

Secretary Baker emphasized the need for universal military training and was cheered by the cadets, whose graduation was ad-vanced sixty days because of the war. With Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, and Mrs. Baker, the Secretary re-viewed the West Point battalion after the graduation ceremony. The new officers left at once on a special train for New York for a month's absence before reporting to the commands to which they have been ordered. Captain Harris Jones, of Clayville, N. Y., was the honor man of the class, while John R. Nygaard, of Wisconsin, was the last man n the roll, the "goat" in West Point par-

The class of '17 is a representative West Point class, drilled to the minute and ready to do its part in the big business now at hand. Undoubtedly most if not all the man will be commissioned as first lieutenants.

U. S. BOOSTS INTEREST ON TREASURY NOTES

Advance From 21/2 to 3 Per Cent Ordered to Stimulate

Charles J. Rhoads, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, an-nounced this afternoon that the Government had decided to boost the interest on the \$200,000,000 Treasury certificates offered the twelve reserve banks from

21/2 per cent to 2 per cent. At the same time, the date of maturity of the certificates was changed from July 1 to June 30. The certificates will not be issued until about next Tuesday or Wednerday, owing to the delay of the conference report from Congress on the war lean The advance in the rate of interest. Mr Rhoads said, was made in order to create a wider market and give the country banks an opportunity to subscribe for as many of the notes as they want. While no figures regarding the amount

of subscriptions received by the Federal institutions for the certificates were made known, it was understood that they were quite satisfactory. This is true all over the country, and it was thought that with the advance in the interest rate the subcriptions would increase.

Dispatches from Washington said it was understood that the money was to be used to help the Allies, and that most of it would go to Russia to aid that country in purchasing supplies in the United States Financiers regarded this as the answer of the United States Government to the re-ports from Germany that there were good prospects of Russia's negotiating a separate

Farmer Killed by Express Train LANCASTER, Pa., April 20 .- Harry last night at Dillersville when the Buffalo Express of the Pennsylvania Railroad struck and demolished a wagon in which he was riding. He was a well-known truck farmer and was married.

AMERICAN FLAG RAISED AT MULFORD PLANT

Patriotic Ceremony Marks Demonstration at Works in Glenolden

An impressive and patriotic program was followed at a flag raising by the employes of the H. K. Mulford Chemical Plant, at Glenoiden. Fa., at noon today. The flag was raised on the lawn in front of the main laboratory. Many guests were present and took part in the exercises, includ-ing the Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Saviour, Thirty-eighth and Chestnut streets, and ity Statistician E. J. Cattell.

Addresses were made by Doctor Johnston Mr. Cattell, Milton Campbell, president of will play.

The singing of national accompanied by Miss May Come and Russell Butler, clarinated, whom are connected with the companied by Charles III, superintendent of the plant, the diese of the emblem being ten by twenty After the exercises a luncheon was and later, in the Assembly Hall, Dr. L. Amosa, of the John D. Rockefell stitute, delivered an address in wh spoke about the various toxins used war and of their application.

State Offices Close for Parade HARRISBURG, April 20.—All the of at the Capitol will be closed tomorro-order to permit the officials and clerk take part in the Harrisburg patriotic rade. The Governor will head the Car Hills marching division and the Carliele dian and Scotland Ornham. dian and Scotland Orphans' Hor

Geo. B. Newton **Coal Company** Announcement

We have just been reliably informed that Labor at the Anthracite Mines has made a demand of a 20% increase in their wages. In view of this condition, as well as the fact that we have booked more orders at the recent reduction of 75c per ton than we will be able to obtain from the mines at the April schedule, we are obliged to advise the Public that all orders taken after Saturday, April 21st, will be subject to May prices.

We are very much pleased that so many of our patrons have availed themselves of the opportunities offered since the 1st of April in securing their Fall and Winter supply at the recent reduction of 75c per ton. Although we are uncertain as to what prices will be after May 1st, we still urge the Public to put in their Fall and Winter supply during the Summer, as every indication points to still higher prices as the Fall approaches.

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