# Y.M.C.A. WAR FUND **NEAR MILLION NOW**

3222,251.76 Reported for Day Making Almost Half of District's Quota

\$781,064 IN THE CITY

Union League, Racquet, Art and Other Clubs Aid in Splendid Enterprise

The \$2,000,000 allotment of the Philadelphia district in the \$35,000,000 national drive of the War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association virtually has been half subscribed. Today's collections were record-breakers.

Collections reported by the team captains and the executive committee today for the city alone totaled \$222,251.76, bringing the grand total for Philadelphia up to \$721,064.79 and that of the entire district to past the \$900,000 mark

With the support of the city's most influential clubs, including the Union League, Art and Racquet Clubs, large business establishments and Philadelphians as a whole, the campaigner net with every success and more was collected than any other day of the campaign thus far.

Among the large subscriptions were two for \$10,000 each from George W. Elkins and Mrs. Charles W. Henry. The Merion Boy Scouts also collected \$7100 in forty-eight hours, according to an announcement made by Edward Bok. The work was done by nine boys of Merion, the oldest of whom is only fourteen. They have had their team posted on the scoreboard at headquarters and will report each day, together with the

These same Roy Scouts collected \$196,000 a subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan. The team of Jay Cooke carried off first honors again today with subscriptions of \$39,269. The teams reported as follows:

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the marine corps, and J. Howell Cummir were speakers at the daily luncheon at the Ritz-Cariton.

In telling of what the soldlers thought of the Y. M. C. A. General Waller pre-dicted that the war would be hard, long

and mighty tstruggle.
"There can only be one ending to it."
he said as the room rang with cheers, "We
must win the war or chose one of two alternatives: To be slaves or Germanized. onfess that I cannot see any difference etween the two. You are dependent on the men now at

the front and those about to go. Keeping them clean and pure will mean everything to you in the long run. War is hell itself and many of our men will lie in French soll forever.

We know the kind of American soldiers we have in the army today. We have there the best of American red-blooded humanity

and the flower of our youth.
"I say you will be positively criminal if you do not support them to the last dollar."
Mr. Cummings said he knew of no better investment than to give to the Y. M. C. A. war fund. The work is so great, he said, that it cannot even be reckoned in money. He has just returned from an inspection tour of many of the camps and spoke in highest terms of the big influence of the Red Triangle at all.

The Union League, the Racquet, Art and other city and country clubs are organizing teams to canvass the members for subscriptions. The ranks of the Red Triangle workecording to an nouncement made at the campaign head-

quarters at the Ritz-Cariton today.

Several large Philadelphia business
houses already have placed Red Triangle posters on their motortrucks and teams Trust Company today raised a large Red Triangle flag. Other large organizations are planning to follow suit.
It is planned to drive the Y. M. C. A. campaign home to every man, woman and child in the city.

T. M. C. A. sample huts are being erected in many places throughout the city. One is under construction at Independence Hall. is under construction at Independence Hall.
one at the Union League, one at the Girard
Trust Company and one near the Commercial Trust Building. The miniature huts
are to be used as booths in collecting sub-

The messenger motor service took charge today of distributing attractive Y. M. C. A.

posters throughout the city.

Mrs. John B. Thayer, who is in charge of the arrangements for the special Y. M. C. A. benefit matines of "Lonely Soldiers," be given at the Forrest Theatre tomor-w afternoon at 4 o'clock, announced that the has taken an office at Room 116 Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the sale of tickets. Tickets may also be bought in the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton, the lobby of the Bellevue-Stratford and at special booths in front of the Girard Trust and Commercial Trust Buildings. Mrs. William J. Clothier is in charge of the Girard Trust Company booth and Mrs. John White Geary of the Com-mercial Trust booth.

Miss Margaret Anglin has volunteered the

Miss Margaret Anglin has volunteered the services of her entire company for this performance. Between the acts, Price McQuillen and Wayne Vetterlein, two Philadelphia men who have just been invalided home from the French front, will tell of the work of the Y. M. C. A. under fire Captain David Fallon, of the Oxford and Berks, Vicht Lefantry, will also meak. The tell of the work of the captain David Fallon, of the Oxford and Berks.

tain David Fallon, of the Oxford and Berks
Light Infantry, will also apeak. The total proceeds of the sale of tickets will go
to the Y. M. C. A. war fund.

Mrs. Thayer is assisted in her arrangements by the following: Miss Ellen Hopkins, Mrs. E. M. Elhot, Mrs. W. H. Donner,
Mrs. Ronald Barlow, Mrs. Harry Hart,
Mrs. William J. Clothier, Mrs. John White
Geary, Mrs. William Warden and Mrs.
Langhorne Dick.

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The following are acting as aides:
Miss Agnes Brockle, Miss Bobbie Brockle,
Miss Peggy Thayer, Miss Sarah Franklin,
Miss Gainor Baird, Miss Hope Wilson, Miss
Emelie De Kosenko, Miss Lenore McCall,
Miss Kitty Brinton, Miss Charlotte Brown,
Miss Harriet Geyelin, Miss Gladys Fox,
Miss Mary Law, Miss Eleanor Robb and
Miss Betty Elliott.
T. Hilton Haines, an eleven-year-old

Miss Betty Ediott.

T. Hilton Haines, an eleven-year-old Philadelphia cartoonist, of 2342 Hunting Park avenue, volunteered this morning to draw cartoons at Mrs. Clothier's booth in fraw cartoons at Mrs. Clothier's booth in rent of the Girard Trust Building to aid he sale of tickets. Young Haines, in spite of his tender years, is a skillful cartoonist and his charcoal drawings attracted much

and his charcoal drawings attracted much streation.

W. Harry Miller is in charge of the team organising at the Union League. Edward Atherton is in charge of the work at the Recoust Club. The plan to be adopted in all clubs is to establish small headquarters at which contributions for the drive fund will be received. Similiar campaigns are being organised at N. W. Ayer & Son, the large advertising firm. It was said that the department stores may follow suit. The Supplee Ice Cream Company today decorated its motortrucks with posters reading: "Have you helped the Y. M. C. A. war fund? If not, do your bit." These will be carried until the campaign closes next Monday.

#### NOTED INTERNAL REVENUE "MOONSHINE" RAIDER DIES

Body of Chief John W. Sinsel to Be Buried at Grafton, West

Virginia

John W. Sinsel, chief internal revenue agent of the Philadelphia division and famous because of his raids on "moonshine" distilleries in West Virginia, died early today at his home, 209 Green street.

Mr. Sinsel, who was fifty years old, was a native of Grafton, W. Va. He had ben in the United States revenue service for twenty-nine years and was known nationally as one of the best-informed men in the department. He first attracted attention by his vigorous campaigns against the tion by his vigorous campaigns against the mountaineer "moonshiners" in his State, gradually rising until he became chief agent gradually rising until he became chief agent at New York, a position which he held thirteen years, breaking a service record. Three years ago he assumed charge of the Philadelphia division. He was a personal friend of former Vice President Fairbanks.

Mr. Sinsel is survived by his wife Charlotte; a son, John W., Jr.; a brother, Dr. Charles W. Sinsel, and five sisters. After funeral services at the undertaking parlors of the Oliver H. Bair Company, 1820 Chestnut street, the body will be sent to Grafton for burial.

# SEGER CONDEMNS

'POLICE POLITICS'

Tells Finance Committee Promotions Should Be on Merit

DIRECTOR WILSON'S REPLY

Explains That Lieutenants Do Not Take Civil Service Tests

If there were less politics in the pro-notion of men in the Fire and Police Departments Philadelphia would get better service, according to Select Councilman Charles Soger, of the Seventh ward. He made this contention this afternoon before the Finance Committee during a discussion caused by a request for an increased appropriation by Director Wilson.

The director asked for 773 additional hosemen and laddermen who, he said, would be required when the new double platoon system goes into effect on January

 This would increase the payroll for hosemen and laddermen from \$680,000 to \$1,542,000. Mr. Wilson pointed out that engine companies now had only eight hose. nen, whereas sixteen would be required un-

he was an old fireman and contended that twelve men would be sufficient to meet the needs of the proposed double-shift plan. It was at this point that he made oppor-tunity to voice his opinion concerning poli-tics and promotions, and said, among other things, that when a captain of police re signs, a lieutenant should be automatically.

noved up.

Director Wilson said he agreed with Mr. Seger that promotions should be made on merit, but he asserted there would be much trouble in such a plan, as lieutenants did not take the civil service tests for cap-

The Finance Committee decided to allow the department 450 additional hosemen and laddermen, which will bring the payroll for all new men under this classification to \$1,180,000.

No mention of a tax rate will be made at tomorrow's session of Councils, and the final fixing of the rate may be postponed until near the end of the time limit fixed by law. In the meantime the more than \$49,000,000 of demands will be cut to a point never before attempted. The first mortgage on 1918 income will be the \$1,200,000 temporary loan that will be authorized by Councils tomorrow.

Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, is asking \$39,620 for his office for 1918, while his demands for the Bureaus of Fire and Police are well over \$2,000,000 more than granted for 1917. The relative figures are: Polic . 1917, \$4,543,-774; asked for 1918, \$5,850,252. Pire, 1917, \$1.358,135; asked for 1918, \$2,609,405. These large increases are explained by increases in both forces and salary raises granted

### COURT SAYS P. R. T. TAX SHOULD BE RETURNED

Underlying Companies Held to Have Overpaid Government in Sum of \$73,759

Ruling that certain transactions per-formed by three leased lines of the Phila-delphia Rapid Transit Company in 1911 and 1912 did not constitute a doing of business within the meaning of the excise tax law, Judge Dickinson, of the Federal Court, in opinions filed today, ordered the Government to refund to them taxes amounting to \$73,759.20. The underlying com-panies of the P. R. T. were the Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Com-pany, the Union Traction Company and the Philadelphia Traction Company.

Several years ago they leased their lines to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, but maintained a corporate existence, they contended, only to receive income for dis-bursement among their stockholders and for the conduct of nominal transactions. The ets which the Government contended brought the companies within the provisions of the excise tax law included assistance to the Rapid Transit Company in the floating of bond issues and the purchase and leasing for the transit company of rolling

While the Government is ordered to refund the taxes because these transactions do not come within the legal definition of a doing of business, the court, by holding that the taxes were paid under duress, has paved the way for the Government to make a contention before the Circuit Court of Appeals that a corporation comput recover. Appeals that a corporation cannot recover taxes unless the Collector of Internal Reve taxes unless the Collector of Internal Revenue has threatened to distrain its property.

The claim of the Market Street Elevated was for \$5,944.58; that of the Union Traction for \$35.906.99, and that of the Philadelphia Traction was for \$31.917.83.

While the companies paid the taxes under protest to former Collector of Internal Rev-enue William McCoach, Assistant United States District Attorney Kremp contended that they could not recover because there had been no threat to distrain upon the property of the subsidiaries for failure to pay. This legal question will be made the subject of an appeal by Mr. Kremp.

### NEW GIRARD APPOINTMENTS

Five College Staff Selections Made by City Trust Directors

At the monthly meeting of the directors of the City Trust in the Lafayette Building today, at which former Governor Stuart presided, five new appointments were announced for Girard College, as follows: Dr. William R. Muyakens, to be assistant dentist; Miss Elizabeth Hilleary, to be governess; Howard K. Miller, to be teacher of English; Miss Louise G. Sigmund, to be substitute teacher in geography in the high school, and Mrs. Garr Wyatt to be substitute teacher in the elementary schools. It was announced that 1578 pupils had enrosied in Girard College during the month of October and that the net income of the Girard estate for the year 1517, up to October 21, was Misself 22.

# AWAIT BALLOT-BOX **OPENING DECISION**

Town Meeting Party and Republican Organization to Contest to End

INJUNCTION THREATENED

John R. K. Scott Would Restrain Prothonotary From Showing Check Lists

A decision by the Supreme Court of Penn-lylvania on whether a court may open a sallot-box upon allegation of fraud unsustained by evidence is being awaited today to clear the atmosphere in the ballot-box battle between the Town Meeting parts and

the Republican Organization.
Should the Supreme Court, which has a case of that kind before it now, decide that a ballot-box may be opened in a search for evidence of fraud, wholesale opening of ballot-boxes in Philadelphia probably will follow. The case before the Supreme Court

s from Lackawanna County. The offical count up to and including the The offical count up to and including the Twenty-second Ward was completed early this afternoon, and gives Edwin K. Borie a lead of sixty votes over Joseph Boyle, who opposed him as a minority candidate for the magistracy. Boyle, according to the police returns, was elected. But there are still twenty-six wards to count, and it is possible that Borie's lead may only be temporary.

By agreement of counsel on both sides By agreement of counset on both sades, all arguments on both sides were suspended until tomorrow. Among other things sched-uled to come up tomorrow are arguments on petitions to open ballot-boxes in the second division of the Eighteenth Ward. One petition will be presented by the Town Meeting party and another by the Organiza-

THREAT AND COUNTER-THREAT Threats by Representative John R. K. Scott, counsel for the Republican city committee, to apply for an injunction today re-straining Prothonotary Walton from per-mitting Town Meeting counsel to scan the voters' check-list books in the probe for fraud were met by a counter-proposition from Robert S. Bright, of Town Meetins counsel, Mr. Bright, pointing out that Representative Scott expressed a desire to "clear up alleged fraud," suggested in a letter to Scott that the organization and independen forces make a joint application to the Elec-tion Court to open every ballot-box in the city.

people into their confidence," said Mr.

continued today by Prothonotary Walton, following Judge Finletter's announcement vesterday that under the act of 1839 the Town Meeting party had a right to examine the lists, in spite of the Organization's pro-

books members of the flown alesting party committee hope to ascertain what became of the 20,000 registered votes which were unaccounted for after the polls closed on election day. The vote this year, it was pointed out, was about 40,000 below the normal. This, it was said, was suspicious on the face of it, as the normal number of registered voters who fail to go to the polls eldom exceeds 20,000.

THIRTY DAYS IN WHICH TO ACT It is believed that by examining th voters' check-list books and comparing the figures thereon with the number of votes returned managers of the Town Meeting party will be able to ascertain whether or not fraud was perpetrated and whether or not they have sufficient grounds upon which o contest the election.

When the election court convened yester-day morning, Henry J. Scott, of counsel for the Town Meeting party, renewed his petition for permission to examine the records in the Prothonotary's office. Representative Scott contested his right to do so. Under the law these booys are open to any citizen, as they are kept for the purpose of showing the number of votes cast in any

Following the hearing Henry J. Scott and other attorneys for the Town Meeting party went to the office of Prothonotary Walton to enter a formal demand for inspection of the voters' check lists. These papers, how-ever, were in envelopes in the courtroom, where they had been used in computing the vote. Mr. Walton, with a corps of messer gers, went to the court room and removes the papers to the record room of his of co Immediately thereafter clerks were put to work counting the number of ballots cast in the divisions of each ward for the in-spection of counse; for the Town Meeting party. The divisions of twenty wards had een completed last night.

#### ARGUES WITH JUDGE OVER CLIENTS' SENTENCE

Spirited Scene in Court Follows Conviction of Two Men for Attempt to Defraud

Abraham Graboyes, a bankrupt house-furnishing dealer, and Philip Fischer were sentenced today by Judge Dickinson, in the Federal court, to nine months each in the Bucks County jail at Doylestown, after convietion of conspiracy to conceal nearly \$60,000 of assets from their creditors.

The sentence followed a somewhat spirited effort on the part of counsel for the convicted men to bargain with the court as to the length of the sentence and the prison to which they should be sent. Judge Dickinson at first announced that he would send the men to the Atlanta penitentiary for a year and a day, but their attorney stated that they would rather take a chance on a flat six months' sentence in a county jail, because the parole privilege in the Federal penitentiary, which would be available to them after four months, would in practice be worthless, as the application of the men would be "blue-penciled" by the department of justice.

After considerable argument on the After considerable argument on this col-lect and after consultation with his col-league, Judge Thompson, Judge Dickinson decided upon the nine months' sentence in the Bucks County jail.

### MISSING GIRL FOUND

Evening Ledger's Story of Her Disappearance Restores Her to Mother

Edna Wills, thirteen years old, who ran away from her home at 3009 Latona street on October 28 and had since been missing, was brought to the police today through the publication of an article in the EVENING LEDGER yesterday. Edna ran away from home after she had been "spanked." She had threatened to commit suicide if the

had threatened to commit suicide if the spanking were repeated.

This morning Mrs. May Ginshey, who lives at the rear of 204 Stamper street, appeared at the Third and De Lancey streets police station leading Edna by the hand. She said that she had found the little girl crying on the street two weeks ago, and that when Edna wailed that she had neither home nor parents, she adopted her. Last night Mrs. Ginshey read the story of Edna's disappearance and suspected her adopted child was the one referred to. The girl admitted that she was Edna Wills, and said that when she left home-she had with her eleven cents, which she had borrowed from neighbors. She rode downtown, spent her six cents and then wandered around hungry until Mrs. Ginshey found her.

Edna was sent to the House of Detention until Sergeant of Detectives Shay could communicate with her parents.

Man and Wife in Hospital Elmer Murphy, 1826 Etting street, and his wife Anna are in the University Hos-pital with builet wounds following an at-tempt by Murphy to hill his wife and com-



#### LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

William McCoy, seventy-one years old, who served in the Civil War under General McClellan, is seated. Behind him stand his son and grandson, George B. McCoy, fortyfour years old, a former hoseman in the bureau of fire, now serving with the military police at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., and George B. McCoy, Jr., 20 years old, Company L, 111th Regiment, also at Camp Hancock,

### ASK HOOVER TO COMPEL UNLOADING OF POTATOES

Nearly 500 Carloads Held on Railroad Sidings Here to Keep Price Up, Charge

loading of nearly 500 carloads of potatoes and perishable foodstuffs being held on raff-road sidings in Philadelphia is expected to-

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which pointed out that the cars were being used for storage, in an effort to force prices up and adding to the car shortage, has reported the results of its investi-gation to the Federal food administration. Swift application of the Government's ood regulations is expected to force the ons of foodstuffs upon the market at once. One of the three principal objects these regulations, according to Howard nia, is "to keep all food commodities moving n as direct a line and with as little delay

as practicable to the consumer."

National Food Administrator Hoover was sked to set a time limit on holding foodstuffs in cars and to authorize the seizure of stocks of food.

Agents of the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, in an investigation made in Philadelphia last Saturday, and the first two days of this eek, found approximately 250 carloads of potatoes standing in the Philadelphia yards, while the dealers to whom they were con-signed were paying the daily demurrage rate and using them to store the crop instead of making efforts to place them on the market and increasing a supply which would un-doubtedly have an effect to somewhat reduce

existing prices.

The investigation showed 243 cars of poonds of potatoes and twenty-four were un-ouded, while there were 252 carloads of other perishables and ninety-two carloads The reports today show 241 carloads of pointoes and only seventeen un-leaded, while in other perishables there were 259 carloads and fifty-five were unloaded.

#### MOTHER DIES FOLLOWING GOOD-BY TO SOLDIER SON

A little white-haired woman came to this city to bid good-by to her soldier son be-fore his departure for France. Unknown to either, it was the last farewell, for the woman was found dead in bed in her roo at the Young Women's Christian Associa-tion, Eighteenth and Arch streets, while her son is speeding back to Anniston Ata to oin his command, unaware of his mother's

The woman was Mrs. M. E. Barry, about sixty years old, of Pennhurst, near Spring City, Pa. Two days ago she came here to neet her son, John Barry, who was given a furlough preparatory to his departure

Mrs. Barry registered at the Y. W. C. A. and appeared very anxious to see "her boy," according to officials. Last night she bade im good-by and returned to her room. Early today she was discovered lifeless in bed. She had just recovered from a long illness and it is believed the strain of parting from her son superinduced her

Efforts to locate the son, who is on alfroad train speeding southward, are being made by the officials of the Y. W. C. A., who have notified relatives in Pennhurst of Mrs. Barry's death.

Home Defense Reserve Meeting The East Germantown and Fern Rock home defense reserves, which has been reorganized, will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at Limekiln pike and Chelten avenue, to make arrangements for securing uniforms and permanent head-quarters. As a result of the reorganization the following officers have been securing. he following officers have been elected: the following officers have been elected: H. F. Tinkler, president; Thomas Parker, vice president; C. M. Allen, secretary; P. K. Lambert, treasurer; George Drayton, drill-master, and J. H. Rarcshide, publicity

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# 5000 TO 10,000 HOUSES REQUIRED

Committee on Supply of Dwellings Appointed to Consider Shortage

HOMES FOR WORKINGMEN

Experts Point to Desirability of Providing Permanent Quarters for New Residents

A serious housing shortage, especially in dwellings for wage-earners, which may be-come a menace to public health and seriously hamper Philadelphia's ability to promanufactured goods and ships so ur-y needed by the Government, has resulted in the appointment of a committee on supply of dwellings by the Philadelphia Housing Association, to make a thorough study and outline a constructive program to relieve the situation.

The members of the committee are Mal-colm Lloyd, Jr., chairman; Edgar (Z Cross, president of the Real Estate Board: Daniel Crawford, Jr., chairman executive committee Operative Builders' Association: Charles H. Ludington, Jr., president of the Octavia Hill Association and treasurer of the Curtis Pub-lishing Company; George E. Datesman, Director of the Department of Public Works: Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Chari-tles; Thomas Gates, president Philadelphia Trust Company, and John Ihlder, secretary

of the Housing Association.
On the basis of the present information, according to officials of the association, it is believed that from 5000 to 10,000 wageearners' dwellings are needed.

The committee plans first to get definite information as to the present situation and as to measures to relieve it. It will investigate the present supply of vacant dwellings, the number, location and price of available ites along improved streets where water and sower facilities are already installed, and ascertain the possibilities of extending the mains. The amount of local capital available for house-building and on what terms it can be secured and the available supply of labor and materials will also be investigated.

nvestigated. It is believed that operative builders are in a position to erect a considerable num-ber of houses if they could be assured of materials that at present are being diverted to other purposes by Government order. But this alone will not meet the present need, it is declared, to say nothing of the

#### BISHOP WILSON HOME; PRAISES Y. M. C. A. IN WAR

Glowing Tribute From Churchman Who Saw Association Work on Battle Front

Back from France and Italy after hav ing been bruised by a tiny fragment of an Austrian shell, Bishop Luther B. Wilson today paid glowing tribute to the work which the Young Men's Christian Associa tion is doing on the battle front.

Bishop Wilson, who was formerly resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopai Church in this city, is now chairman of the co-operating committee of the War Work Coun-cil of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters in New York. He is now visiting in Philadelphia, having just returned from a tour of the French and Italian fronts with his committee, which included Francis B. Sayre, President Wilson's son-in-law. The com-President Wilson's son-in-law. mittee organized the Association's war work on those fronts

While he was, visiting the Isonzo line, not far from the front trenches, an Austrian shell exploded some distance from Bishop Wilson and a small fragment struck him on the arm, but not with sufficient force to wound him.
"No one who has not been near the firing

The investigation showed 243 cars of potatoes on hand on Saturday, and only twenty-five unloaded. There were 277 carloads of other per an investigation of the same day, but sixty-two of these were unloaded. On Monday there were 248 carloads of potatoes and twenty-four were unloaded. The twenty-four were unloaded to potatoes and twenty-four were unloaded. The twenty-four were unloaded to potatoes and twenty-four were unloaded. The twenty-four were unloaded to potatoes and twenty-four were unloaded. overlooked. The Americans in France form an army to be proud of. General Pershing's attitude toward the Y. M. C. A. is one of outspoken admiration."

#### ITALIAN REFUGEES IN NEED Emergency Aid Committee Receives Urgent Call for Funds

The Italian Committee of the Emer-gency Aid, 1429 Walnut street, of which Mrs. Benjamin Miller is chairman, today received a cablegram from Captain Giantittolli, a Protestant chaplain of the Italian army, asking for funds for orphans and efugees from the recently invaded territory

of Italy. This appeal came as a result of a letter sent by the committee some time ago, ask-ing Captain Giantittolli to assist in organizing vacation huts in Italy. The chap-lain is president of the Waldensan Synod, the Protestant Church of Italy, which has been given equal standing with the Catho-lic church in the army during the war.

The committee has a small sum of money which is being sent to Italy immediately, and the public is urged to contribute additional funds to assist in allaying suffering resulting from the most recent German

Lodge Officer Admits Taking Funds John H. Jordan, of Summer street near Fifty-ninth, today pleaded guilty before Fifty-ninth, today pleaded guitty before Judge Rogers in Quarter Sessions Court to embezzling funds of the Loyal Progressive Lodge, No. 9250, I. O. O. F., of which he was secretary. Judge Rogers deferred sentence with the understanding that Jordan would make restitution for the moneys taken. According to the testimony, the lefendant stole \$498.20 from the lodge

Banking Laws Commission Organizes HARRISBURG, Nov. 14.—George D. Edward, Pittsburgh, was elected chairman and Representative J. A. Walker, Philadelphia, secretary of the newly appointed State commission to revise the banking laws at its first meeting in the Bank Commissioner's critical today. The committee has invited office today. The committee has invited suggestions and will meet later to consider changes.

A Full Line of Misses' and Children's Shoes Exclusive Richelleu and Rembrandt ribbed hostery in white or black, and a

### SEVERAL STAFF CHANGES IN PENNSYLVANIA R. R.

George J. Adams Assistant to Vice President in Charge of Accounting-Other Promotions

Several changes in the personnel of the Pennsylvania Railroad were announced to-day following a meeting of the board of lirectors.

George J. Adams was promoted to be

assistant to A. J. County, vice president in charge of accounting. Mr. Adams, who has been in the employ of the railroad for twenty years, was formerly chief clerk to the vice president. he vice president.

Walter Thayer becomes general coal

freight agent under the jurisdiction of the general freight agent. Mr. Thayer, who has been with the company twenty-two years, succeeded the late Robert H. Large as general freight agent of the lines east of Pittsburgh, on May 8, 1912. John B. Large, a brother of Robert H. Large, who is the freight agent in charge of through traffic, will succeed Mr. Thayer.

Waiter S. Franklin, Jr., division freight agent at Baltimore, comes to Broad Street to succeed Mr. Large, Changes in the freight traffic division, become effective to succeed Mr. succeeded the late Robert H. Large as gen

traffic division become effective tomorrow

### PHYSICIAN DECLARES HE'S ALIVE, NOT DEAD

Work of Unknown Telephoner Brings Undertaker and Also Police to House

This is how Dr. Charles R. Fulmer, of 1211 West Allegheny avenue, was oblised o spend the early hours this morning:

1:50 a. m .- Awakened by telephone bell. Gets out of bed and hears man's voice saying: "Doctor, my wife is sick with ptomaine poisoning. Can you come here at once?" Doctor Fulmer asked where the voice lived. "At 3416 North Sixteenth street," was the reply. Knowing that he had no patient at that address, Doctor Fuimer suggested that the man call his regu-lar physician. "I've done that, but he's out. I got your name from the telephone operator as being the nearest physician." Doctor Fulmer prescribed an emetic. "Give your wife two quarts of soapsuds." he said. "That will relieve her until you can get your regular physician." He ewnt back to bed.

1:53 a. m .- Three minutes later the doc tor's telephone rang again. "I've tried that, doctor," came the voice, "and it's no use." Doctor Fulmer realized that by no possibility had the man had time to prepare the emetic, and he was convinced that

some one was trying to put over some skull-duggery on him. He hung up the receiver and went back to bed.

2:43 a. m.—Ring at the doctor's front doorbell. He got up again and looked out of the upstairs window. A man stood at the front door and an undertaker's wagon was drawn up at the curb. "Anybody doed the front door and an undertaker's wagon was drawn up at the curb. "Anybody dead in this house?" inquired the undertaker. "No." said Doctor Fulmer. "Well, I've got instructions by telephone to call here for the body of Dr. Charles A. Fulmer, thirty-four years old," said the undertaker. "I'm Doctor Fulmer," said the doctor. "I'm more than thirty-four years old and I'm not dead—yet." The undertaker went away.

3 a. m.—Another ring at the front door hell. Again Doctor Fulmer arose from bed and peered out of his window. A po-

door hell. Again Doctor Fulmer arose from bed and peered out of his window. A puliceman stood on the pavement below. "What's the trouble, doctor?" he asked. "Trouble?" snorted the doctor. "What do you mean?" "Well, we just got a phone call from somebody who said he was Doctor. Fulmer and that there were two burglars in Fulmer and that there were two burglars is the house. The Sarge is sending the wagor now, with reserves to surround the house." The patrol wagon dashed up at that monent and a squad of policemen jump ment and a squad of policemen jumped out. Doctor Fulmer convinced them that everything was all right. They went off. Doctor Fulmer went back to bed. The person who did the telephoning hasn't been found—yet.

### EXPENSE ACCOUNT FILED

Town Meeting Register Candidate Reports \$409.11 Spent

Walter George Smith. Register of Wills on the Town Meeting party ticket, today filed his expense account with Clerk Turner in Quarter Sessions Court office. By his account he shows expenditures of \$409.11 and one contribution of \$5 in his campaign. His principal ex-penditure was a donation of \$400 to the Town Meeting campules The \$9.11 was spent for portage, etc. District Attorney Rotan man filed his ecount, which is not specific, as it states that his expenses were less than \$50.

# DOWNTOWN CAUGHT IN COAL FAMINE

Situation There as Bad as West Philadelphia, Says F. A. Lewis

SWIFT RELIEF PROMISED

Raising of Embargo by Pennsyl. vania Railroad Will Quickly Bring Fuel Here

"The coal situation is just as bad in South Philadelphia as in West Philadelphia," sale Francis A. Lewis this afternoon. "I made an inspection tour of that portion of the city yesterday to assure myself that the

city yesterday to assure myself that the shortage there is an severe as reported. It is, though with the lifting of the Pennsylvania Raiiroad embargo, relief shout now be looked for swiftly."

Only prompt action of Federal offetal last night, it is admitted, has made his relief now pract cally assured. "Permit all shipments anthracite coal come forwar for all points in Philadelphia. By order Embargo Bureau," ran the wire sent at 8 p. m., Tuesday, by officials of the Pennsylvania Raiiroad, thus rescinding for coal the sweeping embargo that would have gone into effect at midnight. By the liftings this embargo in deference to Federal wishes a free inflow of coal is assured to both South and West Philadelphia, the two sections where it is most appearance. a free inflow of coal is assured to both South and West Philadelphia, the two sections where it is most pressingly needed. "No restriction on anthractic really took place, massured as last night's wire stopped the order which would have shut of the coal supply," said a representative of the Pennsylvania's freight department today. "It is now up to the miners to flip orders just as rapidly as they are placed. The car shortage seems to be the only

The car shortage seems to be the only serious difficulty threatening a plential supply of coal to Philadelphia Every intention to co-operate fully win the fuel administration is claimed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. It is to be re-Pennsylvania Railroad. It is to be regretted, they say, that published statements may have misinterpreted the intest of their most recent embargo order.

Their version of the facts are as follows: Monday at midnight the Pennsylvania Railroad issued orders to all freight agents placing an embargo on all carload freight from connecting lines with the exception of foodstuffs, live stock, Government freight, newsprint paper, effective twenty-four hours after date of order which, would have been Tuesday midnight.

oven Tuesday midnight.
Tuesday afternoon supplementary orders
were issued modifying the embargo so as o admit anthracite coal, of which com-nodity all mention was intentionally ombed in the original order. At Broad Street

Station today it is explained that this course was taken in order to make more explicit an important order. Congestion, which traffic managers of the Pennsylvania Railroad have been strug-gling desperately to relieve, still exists, but to a less extent than formerly. An em-bargo on certain commodities from connecting lines was imperative at this time in

order to avoid a greater tieup of freight than ever existed before.

West Philadelphia coal dealers, in the belief that relief is near, are inclined to take their woos philosephically today, though a virtual famine is still reported. Not a pound of coal at the yards of J. E. Kunkel, despite layers orders where weeter Kunkel, despite large orders placed week back, and more being produced than ever before.

### E. T. POSTLETHWAITE ILL

Assistant to P. R. R. President in Serious Condition in Hospital

E. T. Postlethwaite, assistant to President Samuel Rea, of the Pennsylvania Rafiroad, is in a serious condition at the Hahns-mann Hospital. He was taken critically in at his home in Haverford ten days ago and was removed to the hospital at once, where he has been under the care of Dr. F. Levil

Van Tine, his brother-in-law. Mrs. Postlethwaite, who has been in Cole, rado Springs for her health, was sent for and has arrived and as at his bedside a most constantly. Other relatives have been notified of the seriousness of his con-dition. Mr. Postlethwaite is past sixtyseven years old. He has been assistant to presidents of the Pennsylvania Railross

since 1897.

Child Dies of Scald Burns Two-and-a-half-year-old John died at the Jewish Hospital today burns received vesterday when he fell into tub of boiling water at his home, 501



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