GOVERNMENT MAY THIS REAL LIFE STORY SHOULD BENEFIT BAN TAKE COAL MINES

Concerted Demand for Action Heard From All Over Country

GARFIELD BACKS PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A con-certed demand that the Government take over the nation's coal mines is manifest throughout the country today. Private ownership and management has failed, according to those advocating this @ras-tle measure. It was certain that the demand for a new fuel deal will manifest list! in Congress as soon as it bureau drawer smashed open and the reconvenes. Many members already money gone. The East Girard and East here are a unit in advocating the plan. Montgomery aveilse police are hunting They point out that the fuel situation is so closely entwined with the railroads that taking over one and leaving the other to the tender mercles of private control is at least inconsistent.

Dr. Harry N. Garfield, the fuel administrator, is the leading advocate of Government control. He has taken the position that complete relief from the fuel shortage existing everywhere in the country cannot be expected unless the Government is in a position to do as it pleases with all of the fuel within

Doctor Garfield has explained to the President that a great deal of the pres-ent shortage has been due to the use of antiquated methods of production and distribution. He has prepared statistics which he insists conclusively prove his contention and has laid them before the President.

Up to the present time the President Up to the present time the President has not taken a positive stade on the coal question. It is known, however, that he retains an open mind on the question of Government compol and operation. There was a general feeling official circles today that eventually he will favor taking the mines ever.

It is expected that as soon as he completes his address to Congless on the railway situation, which is to be delivered the latter part of this week, he will immediately turn his complete attention to the coal situation. Officials who are close to the White House are convinced that the President will finally decide that the mines of the country st be taken over for the period of the

The nation-wide cold wave now prevailing has been made even more dis-astrous in its consequences by late of fuel in many places. This is especially so in New England. The New England so in New England. The New England fuel director, J. J. Storrow, made personal appeals today to President Wilson, fuel Director Garfield and Raiway Director McAdoo for relief. Both bitteninous and anthracite coal are very badly needed all through New England where temperatures run from 10 blow zero to 40 below, the latter figure-reported from Northfield, Vt. Public tilts comporations in New England arity corporations in New England ur-nishing light and heat are reported to-day as crippled because of lack of

fuel.

In an effort to relieve the situaton in New England, certain parts of New York and the middle west. Director NeAdoo issued orders that all trasportation lines entering that section pool their resources and jam through coal as fast as possible. Land adwater routes are to be used to relieve the situation before the threatened snow comes and blocks the flues.

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Mr. McAdoo conferred again today with Mr. McAdoo conferred again today with his assistants in charge of transportation, Alfred H. Smith, of the New You Central, Walter D. Hines and Howard Elliott. They had before them the reports of the operating committee of vic presidents showing what had been don and what was being done to make the railronds efficient. It was decided that coal should be kept moving from the CATHEDRAL AT PADIJA. coal should be kept moving from the CATHEDRAL AT PADUA mines to New England, New York, Ohio Michigan and the middle western States where the supply is low. So far as possible fuel will be given the right of way and certain systems will move Tacade of Historic Structure Shatelse until the present danger

BLAST IMPERILS MANY

Famous Old Civil War Landmark

A dozen or more diners in the General Wayne Hotel. Manheim street and Germantown avenue. Germantown, the oldest hotel in Germantown, which during the Civil War was used as a retruiting station, 'narrowly escaped injury this afternoon when a water pipe attached to a stove in the kitchen burst. The force of the explosion tore away the plaster of the restaurant and also a part of the ceiling. Almost every window of plaster of the restaurant and also a part of the ceiling. Almost every window of the famous landmark was shattered. John J. Gallagher, proprietor of the hotel, and his wife, who were standing near the entrance to the kitchen, were struck by some of the flying debris. They escaped injury. A local alarm was sounded and an engine company which responded helped, to adjust the broken pine.

For years the General Wayne' Hotel has been famous because it has been the gathering place of Civil War vet-erans, who would sit around and tell about battles in which they fought.

EXPLOSION IN COTTON, MILL

Officials Believe Infernal Machine Caused \$30,000 Loss to Plant

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FALL RIVER. Mass., Dec. 31.—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused to the plant of the Estes Mills today when a steel steam kier filled with cotton ex-ploded. Officials believe an infernal machine of high explosives was placed in e cotton before it entered the kier. The plant is working on war orders.

SHOULD BENEFIT BANKS

Sadowski's \$560 in Gold Disappears From Bureau Drawer-Boarder

fables, the moral of which is: A bank is a fine place to keep your money. Josef Sadowski lives at 2663 Mercer

street. Port Richmond. He had no faith in banks and kept \$560 in gold in the bureau drawer in his room. The drawer was not as strong as a bank vault and its lock was not as good as vault time combinations. Sadowski had a boarder named Alec Obritzski. Saturday night Obritzski said he was going to the movies and left.

after first going upstairs to get his best He has not returned. When Sadowski went upstairs to bed he found his bureau drawer smashed open and the

GLENOLDEN MINISTER RAPS BILLY SUNDAY

Bitter Attack and Criticism of Evangelist and His Methods

ployed by the Rev. "Rilly" Sunday in the conduct of his revival in this city mittee to answer charges of inefficiency and comment as to the permanence of the results obtained thereby featured an witnesses. He demanded that he be perand comment as to the permanence of the results obtained thereby featured an interesting and well-attended union meet-ing today of all the ministerial associaing today of all the ministerial associations of the city. The session, which was held at 1818 Chestnut street, was presided over by the Rev William H. Medlar, pastor of the Glenoiden Congregative here. General Crozier was sworn, given here. General Crozier was sworn, contracts held by the Grant.

Discussion of Sunday's work followed a bitter attack on the "methods of a certain evangelist" made by the Rev. Henry McCrea, pastor of the Beformed Protestant Episcopal Church, Kensington, in the course of an address in which lie discussed present conditions of the life of the modern Christian church, which he stated was entirely too lifelies. In the discussion which followed the address, ministers present look extended the address. In the discussion which followed the address, ministers present look extended to the France and England could not afford to be beard's organization following the Demman-Goeth is," row and changes in Demman-Goeth is, or was curious about Senator Nelson was curious agency contracts held by the Grant. Smith, Pottner & Guthrie Company, of Aberdeen, Wash. and by Sanderson & House deep New Senator Nelson was curious agency contracts held by the Grant. Smith, Pottner & Guthrie Company, of Aberdeen, Wash. and by Sanderson & House deep Nester Company, of Senator Nelson was curious agency. which he stated was entirely too life-lass. In the discussion which followed the address, ministers present took ex-caption to some of the statements made by Mr. McCrea, but all declared that there is too much of levity in Sunday's work Mr. McCrea referred among other Bilss cabled on December 5 that the

PENNIES DELAY WEDDING

Trip for Marriage License Leads to Prospective Bridegroom's Arrest

seems boday to secure a marriage it seems boday to marry hits Bessie France. When Borethsky objected to receiving five pennics in his change from half a dollar the conductor called upon Reserve Policeman Devine, at Seventh and Market streets.

and Market streets.

Borethsky confided his deep chagrin over his arrest and his predicament in relation to the intended marriage to Turnkey Atherholt at City Hail, and the Turnkey Atherholt at City Hail, and the latter enabled him to obtain the license. Later Frank Gaskell, special agent of the P. R. T. learning of the interrupted matrimonial plans, concurred in an agreement to discharge the prisoner, and

tered by Austrian Airmen's Attack

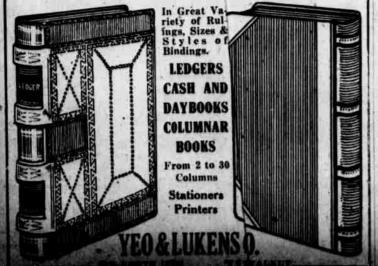
ROME, Dec. 31.—The facade of the istoric old cathedral in Padua was shatred by bombs dropped by Austro-Ger-IN GEN. WAYNE HOTEL han air raiders on Saturday night, the var Office announced in an official tatement today. The cathedral was set

Bursting Pipe Nearly Wrecks The Padua Cathedral dates back from to lifteenth century and is one of the best pieces of ecclesiastical architecture inorthern Italy.

> hw Head of Guarantee Trust Co. samuel Frederick Houston, vice presidit of the Real Estate Trust Company, we elected this afternoon president of the Guarantee Trust and Deposit Compay. Mr. Houston is a son of the late Hry H. Houston, who was a leading Deporat in Pennsylvania, and a direbr of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He refles in Willow Grove.

Javana Entries for Tomorrow

BLANK BOOKS



ALLIES TO SUPPLY ARTILLERY FOR U.S.

General Crozier Tells Senate This is another of those real life Probers England and France

Will Meet Deficiency BLAME LAID ON NATION

Failure to Meet Preparedness Demands Responsible for Present Conditions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. to supply artillery for all the American troops sent to France in 1918. They are prepared to furnish it even longer if necessary. They must furnish the big nuns, because America has neither the gons to send nor the ships to transport

This was the testimoty today of Ma-

whole for failure to prepare, Evangelist and His Methods at Union Meeting

Bitter criticisms of the methods emloyed by the Rev. "Billy" Sunday in Sunday in

Crozler was recalled by the committed to make his explanation under oath. No other witness before the com-mittee has given sworn testimony, but upon the suggestion of Senator Feeling-

work. Mr. McCrea referred, among other things, to the work of Sunday as being "revivals by machinery."

Biss cabled on December 5 that the munifions ministers of France and Eng-iend had stated that the expansion of their artillery production made it of their artillery production made it possible for them to equip all American forces sent abroad in 1918, and longer if necessary, with all sorts of artillery. To save tomage needed for other things the French and English agreed to

provide this artiflery and the animu-nition for it. Delivery of artiflery to Five pennies came very near being the "slip twixt the cup and the lip" for Samuel Borethsky, who engaged in an argument with a conductor of a P. B. T car on his way to secure a marriage license widay to marry hims Results. Pershing has been getting seventy-five and 155 millimeter howitzers in con-siderable quantities since September. Switching to the criticism of the ord-

gun never proved satisfactory in tests mili May 17 th's year.

General Crozier said there was no record that Colonel Lewis ever offered his gun to this Government free of charge, as the Colonel testified some

Replying to the charge that several autonments have an insufficient number cantonments have an insufficient number of rifles. General Croxier said delay was caused by fransportation and expressed the belief that the troops would be fully equipped and trained before ships were ready to transport them. General Crozler concluded his state-

ment with a plea for the cutting out of DAMAGED BY BOMBS red tape.
Senator Wadsworth referred to a statement by Crozler at a former hearing that Secretary Baker's machine-gun

gram."
"What would your program have been?" asked Wadsworth.

ROBBERY OF HOUSE REVEALED BY FIRE

Blaze Presumably Starts When Thieves Disconnect Slot Meter of Unoccupied Dwelling

A small fire which occurred in th nome of Frank Weeks, 541 West Moy-amensing avenue, at noon today revealed the fact that the house had been robbed. The family is away and firemen discov-ered that the front door was barred. Further investigation showed that every trunk and closet in the house had been ransacked.

The fire was in the cellar, and it is believed that in disconnecting a slot meter the thieves ignited the escaping gas with their candle light. The dam-age done to the house was slight and Great Britain and France have agreed it is not yet known how much loot the robbers made away with,

PRO-GERMAN INTRIGUE AND RAKE-OFF ALLEGE

jor General William Crozier, chief of Sensational Charges Affecting ordnance, before the Senate Military Shipbuilding Program Mark Senate Inquery

> Charges of pro-German intrigue at the heart of America's shipbuilding program and of 'rake-off' in contracts by which the Government turns over to indi-viduals shipyards, materials and pay roll mingled in today's session of the Senate shipping inquiry.

A printed story that German financial interests were profiting from emergency fleet construction was placed before Charles Page, member of the United States Shipping Board, when he took

Denman-Goethals' row and changes in general managers, it is in a "healthy and officient condition."

The committee went into executive session to hear a report on general con-ditions in France from Bajnbridge Colby, the Shipping Board member who one of the American commiss the recent Allied conference in Paris

JEWISH FUND ASSURED At the meeting of the campaign co ittees of the Jewish American Relief

Society today contributions of \$30,000, obtained within the last five days, were announced This brings the total subscription

the Philadelphia branch of the society up to \$100,000 and means that the com-nittee will reach the goal of \$500,000 which they set as the year's contribution. for the promises and subscriptions which the workers "have up our sleever" more than guarantee the last \$10,000.



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> This digest will be mailed on request

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WARNING TO GAS CONSUMERS

Gas consumers are warned that we may be unable, temporarily, fully to meet the great increase in the demand for gas, due to cold weather and the shortage of the domestic coal supply.

There is danger of some burners going out when the gas demand is heaviest, and gas coming on again later.

Be sure that all burners not in use ARE SHUT OFF.

Do not go to sleep with any gas burning.

If any burner will not light, be sure to close the gas cock before you leave it.

Do not keep a burner lighted unless some one is in the room.

If you smell gas, examine and shut off all burner cocks. Do not under any circumstances search for a gas leak with a candle or. match.

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