YOUNG AND OLD ASSEMBLE AT CATHEDRAL TO PAY THEIR FINAL TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST

Extending from the main entrance of the sacred edifice, facing Logan Square, and along Eighteenth and other streets, Catholics representing nearly every parish in the city and its suburbs assembled today. Their object was to obtain a farewell view of the features of Archbishop Prendergast, whose body, in state before the main altar of the Cathedral, was exposed to public view. The hour set for opening the doors was 4 o'clock, but long before the time set for admission of the populace hundreds of persons had congregated about the building, in front of which police lines had been stretched. Succeeding hours increased the numbers of the assemblage, until by nightfall several thousand were in the church or in the slow-moving procession.

MEAT TO BE LOWER AS BAN IS REMOVED

Cooke Predicts Drop in Prices Because of Surplus Due to Abstinence

Meat prices should drop soon because of the large surplus stocks of meats in Philadelphia, which allowed the Federal food administration to modify its restrictions on meat eating so that Tuesday alone remains meatless.

This statement was made today by Jay Cooke, Federal food administrator for Philadelphia, in explaining the local phases of the situation that brought about the abolition of porkless Saturday and all meatless meals (one every day). The surplus, which is particularly big in the case of pork, should cause a decided decrease in meat costs in the near future.

Mr. Cooke attributed the surplus to the fact that shipping facilities for transporting meat overseas have not kept pace with the accumulation of stocks. So rapid has that accumulation been, he said, that the warehouse facilities of the city are now taxed to accommodate the large quantities of meat, and the people of the city are now urged to eat more meat instead of less meat, in order to restore the equilibrim of the meat supply.

Mr. Cooke today announced the appointment of Thomas R. Elcock, Jr., as director of conservation of the local food administration. Mr. Elcock has been connected with the administration in an unofficial way for some time past. He was formerly advertising manager of the United Gas Improvement Company and has at different times been connected with the Military Training Camps Association and the Red Cross.

The food administration has decreed that there is no longer any special need for porkless Saturday and one meatless meal every day. Tuesday remains beefless and porkless, but the bridle is off on the other days of the week.

In giving rein to the appetite for meat, however, the patriot must bear in mind that there is just as much need to conserve wheat as there ever was, if not more. "Save wheat" is the slogan of the food administration and doubtless will be until the war is won by the Allies. The relaxation of the restrictions on the consumption of meat does not in any manner alter the situation regarding the necessity for getting bread to the soldiers.

The order abolishing the porkless Saturday and the one meatless meal a day came as the result of a survey made recently, in which it was discovered that there is in the country a much larger supply of pork and mutton than had been supposed.

MOWITZ "HAS NOTHING TO SAY AT THIS TIME"

Consistently Retains Silence and Civilian Directorship of Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve

Pertinent to criticism of his retaining the position of civilian director of the Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve, a series of questions were submitted on Friday last to Arno P. Mowitz, lawyer, in his office in the Liberty Building. He asked until the following day to give his answers. On Saturday Mr. Mowitz said that the questions had been answered, but that he wished to withhold them until today (Monday), at which time he would have a supplementary statement prepared. The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER promised Mr. Mowitz to print the questions and his answers, along with his supplementary statement.

Today Mr. Mowitz said he would have nothing to say at this time. Pressed for answers to the series of questions, he repeated, "Nothing to say at this time." Urged to make a general statement, he again repeated: "Nothing to say at this time."

A similar stereotyped answer was made to the query as to whether he would resign from the Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve, at least as civilian director of the organization.

One of the principal criticisms of Mr. Mowitz's continuance as civilian director of the Philadelphia Home Defense Reserve is that he was German-born and German-educated; that until recently he was antagonistic to at least one of the allies of the United States; that until recently he was advisory attorney of an organization composed largely of enemy aliens, and that, whether intentionally or not, he drew up an enrollment for members of the reserve which renders the organization impotent to do any service worth while, even in a time of greatest stress.

MANY WANT JOBS AT SEA

Sea Service Bureau in Bourse Is Besieged by Applicants

The large number of applications for work in the sea service bureau, which has headquarters at the Bourse, indicates that the American youths, especially those of Philadelphia, are eager for action. The bureau was opened to recruit every type of shipworkers, from captain down.

"The men are impatient to get into the thick of the battle," said William G. Rice, head of the bureau, today. "Men of every age and condition," he said, "come here for berths on vessels in overseas trade, and in most cases the desire to see a fight or to take part in one is keen in them. Some ask specially to be assigned to transports in the belief that the presence of soldiers aboard would hasten an attack. In many instances revenge for outrages committed by the enemy is the prevailing emotion. Others enroll, aside from the chance of adventure, to enter on a promising career in the new merchant marine."

The award of bonuses by the Government for voyages into the war zone is to many an attractive feature. This totals usually 50 per cent of the man's salary, which now is at a high level.

RECOMMEND DIVORCE FOR MRS. CONVERSE

Husband, Captain in Army, Fails to Appear—May Be on Way to France

A decree of divorce to Mrs. Kiltrude S. Converse from her husband, Captain John S. Converse, member of a family prominent in financial circles and in society, and who has been stationed with his infantry regiment at Camp Meade, was recommended today by the master who was assigned to hear the case.

The suit came up for a hearing before Judge Johnson, in the Delaware County Court, Media, after several preliminary hearings, which had been conducted before William Clood Alexander, master in the proceedings, in his offices in Philadelphia. Captain Converse was to have been present today to show cause why a decree of absolute divorce should not be granted. He failed to appear, his attorney, Maurice Saul, telephoning to Mr. Alexander that he may possibly be on his way to France.

Mr. Saul and Henry J. Scott, attorney for Mrs. Converse, both requested that the papers in the case be turned over to Judge Johnson for his decision. This was done, Mr. Alexander recommending to the Court that the decree be granted.

Judge Johnson announced that he would examine the evidence and issue his decree as soon as possible.

Captain Converse and Mrs. Converse have one child, a daughter, seven years old. Previous to joining the army Captain Converse lived with his sister, Miss Mary Converse, on the Converse estate at Rosemont and at White Horse Farm, Paoli, while Mrs. Converse and her daughter lived in another house on the Rosemont estate. The plea for divorce, said Mr. Alexander, was confined solely to the charge of desertion.

WOMAN AND RELIGION LEAD TO TWO SHOOTINGS

Three Wounded in Frays, One Believed Dying; One Victim Found Wife With Another

Love and religion are the impelling causes of two shootings that have landed patients in the Episcopal and Frankford Hospitals.

Howard Potter, twenty-four years old, 816 East Schiller street, was shot in the left lung by Lawrence Caine, a restaurant keeper of Frankford avenue near Westmoreland street. Potter is believed to be dying in the Episcopal Hospital. He found his wife in Caine's company, drinking, yesterday.

Caine says Potter hit him several times and he drew his revolver only to protect himself. Mrs. Potter, he says, had posed as a single woman and he did not know she was married until her husband appeared on the scene of the fatal shooting. Caine is being held without bail to await the result of Potter's wound.

Inflamed in a quarrel over religion, Joseph Vendito, 1321 Adams avenue, and his neighbor, Louis Grippo, 1323 Adams avenue, got up early yesterday to renew a dispute they had started the night before. Both are now in the Frankford Hospital with gunshot wounds. Vendito has three in the abdomen and one in the left arm. Grippo was shot in the back.

The three sixteen-year-old boys who killed a watchman to effect their escape from the Philadelphia Protectory at Fatlands several weeks ago, will be brought to trial at the Montgomery County Court at Norristown today. They are Daniel Donahue, William Sexton and Thomas Kelly. They killed Patrick McCrory, sixty years old, to get his keys.

THOUSANDS MOURN AT BIER OF ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST

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Michael Donovan, St. Agatha's; the Rev. P. J. Dailey, Our Lady of the Rosary; the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Antonio Isoleti, St. Mary Magdalena di Pazzi, and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Keiran, D. D., of St. Patrick's Church.

BOY SCOUTS VIEW BODY

More than 1000 Boy Scouts from various parishes assembled in Logan Square at 4 o'clock this afternoon. They were under the direction of Father D. J. Daly, the spiritual advisor of the Catholic Scouts, and their lay commander, Field Commissioner George W. Boyle.

After the boys assembled they formed into line and marched into the Cathedral, where the body of the Archbishop lies in state.

The Catholic Scouts represent the following parishes:

Church of the Most Precious Blood, Twenty-eighth and Diamond streets; Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue; Church of our Mother of Sorrows, Forty-eighth street and Lancaster avenue; Church of the Sacred Heart, Third and Dickinson streets; St. Columba's Church, Lehigh avenue and Twenty-fourth street; St. Elizabeth's Church, Twenty-third and Berks streets; Church of St. Francis de Sales, Forty-seventh and Chester avenue; St. Francis Xavier's Church, Twenty-fourth and Green streets; St. Gregory's Church, Lancaster avenue and Fifty-second street, and the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, East Price street, Germantown.

In addition to the Boy Scouts, most of the executives from Scout headquarters, 825 Walnut street, viewed the body of the dead prelate.

Several representatives of every Catholic organization in the archdiocese formed a guard of honor at Archbishop Prendergast's bier. The various societies maintained a constant vigil in hourly relays. The guard was selected from the following organizations by a committee of laymen, of which James F. Herron was chairman:

Catholic Philopatrians, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Union, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Total Abstinence Union, C. Y. M. U., Federation of Catholic Societies, C. M. B. A., Cahill Club, Knights of St. John, Knights of Red Branch, United German Societies, United Irish County Societies, United Italian Societies, United Polish Societies, I. C. B. U., Colored Catholic Union, United Sodality Alumnae and Catholic Foresters of America.

Catholic prelates from all parts of the United States arrived today to attend the solemn obsequies for Archbishop Prendergast. Among the distinguished arrivals are Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal Farley, while Archbishop Bonzano will be present as apostolic delegate.

Solemn requiem mass was celebrated at the Cathedral at 8 o'clock this morning.

Tomorrow at 8 o'clock the Cathedral will be closed in preparation for the mass. At 9 o'clock it will be opened only to those holding pew tickets. At 9.45 will begin the procession from the Cathedral chapel to the north aisle, thence to the rear of the edifice, passing up the center aisle to places reserved on the other side of the sanctuary. There will be no procession or ceremony outside the church.

At 10 a. m. the solemn pontifical mass will be celebrated by the auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, the Right Rev. John J. McCort, D. D., who is administrator of the diocese, as celebrant; the Very Rev. Edmond J. FitzMaurice, D. D., chancellor, will be assistant priest; the Right Rev. Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, D. D., LL.D., will be deacon, and the Right Rev. Monsignor Peter Masson, subdeacon; the Revs. Francis J. Clark, W. J. Walsh and Thomas F. McNally will be Masters of ceremonies, and the assistant masters of ceremonies will be the Revs. William P. McNally, S. T. L., Eugene A. Kelly and Charles B. McGinley. Bishop Canevin, of Pittsburgh, will deliver the funeral sermon.

Following the mass the absolution of the body will be pronounced by Bishops Hoban, Garvey, Dougherty and McDevitt and Cardinal Gibbons. The priest choir will render the music during the mass.

A list of distinguished members of the Catholic hierarchy who will attend, whose acceptances had been received up to last night, are Bishops Hoban, Scranton; Hayes, New York; Hickey, Rochester; Farrelly, Cleveland; Dougherty, Buffalo; Gannon, Erie; Gunn, Natchez; Monahan, Wilmington; Walsh, Portland, Me.; Hankins, Providence; McDevitt, Harrisburg; O'Connell, Richmond; Garvey, Altoona, and Heffron, Winona, and the Right Rev. Abbot Obrecht, Gethsemane Abbey, Kentucky.

The clerical pallbearers will be the Right Rev. Monsignor George Bornemann, V. F., St. Paul's, Reading; the Right Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Crane, St. Francis de Sales; the Right Rev. Monsignor Charles F. Kavanagh, St. Katharine's, Wayne; the Right Rev. Monsignor Hugh T. Henry, LL.D., LH.D., rector of the Roman Catholic High School; the Right Rev. Monsignor Eugene Murphy, St. John the Baptist's, Manayunk; the Rev. Luke V. McCabe, D. D., LL.D., and the Rev. Herman J. Hooper, D. D., St. Charles's Seminary, Overbrook; the Very Rev. Charles M. Driscoll, O. S. A., provincial of the Augustine Order in the United States; the Very Rev. Patrick McHale, C. M., provincial of the Congregation of the Missions; the Rev. James Timmons, St. Michael's, Chester; the Rev. Bernard F. Gallagher, St. Bridget's, Falls of Schuylkill; the Rev. Michael Dugan, St. Michael's; the Rev. M. A. Kopytkiewicz, St. John Cantius's, Bridesburg, and the Rev. Francis J. Sheehan, St. Thomas Aquinas.

The honorary pallbearers are John M. Campbell, Samuel Castner, Jr., John R. Comber, Edward J. Du Mee, Ignatius J. Dolan, James A. Flaherty, Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, Anthony A. Hirst, Ignatius J. Horstman, Peter J. Hoban, J. Percy Keating, Peter F. Kernan, Joseph G. Magee, Martin Maloney, Dr. Peter P. Moylan, William V. McGrath, Jr., M. P. Quinlan, Michael J. Ryan, James J. Ryan, Walter George Smith, Jeremiah J. Sullivan and Russell Thayer.

RAIDS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL CITY IS CLEAN

More Than 400 "Undesirables" Rounded Up by Police in Last Week

The crusade against Philadelphia's "undesirables" will be continued until the whole city is thoroughly combed, it was said at the Detective Bureau today. In the last week more than 400 prisoners have been taken, many of whom have been turned over to the Federal authorities for failure to obey the draft laws.

A letter to Mayor Smith, charging that thirteen gambling houses are being maintained within the five-mile limit of the navy yard, "makes a mountain out of a molehill," according to ex-Captain of Detectives Alfred L. Souder, chief of the gaming squad, to whom the letter was given for investigation.

"The places named in this letter are well known to us," said Souder today. "They are not regular gambling houses, but places where cheap 'crap' games are held off and on. We have raided several of them time and again. Of course, we are always glad to get information, but not much importance can be attached to this letter. We'd like to know, though, who the writer is."

DENY WRITING LETTER

The informant signed himself William H. Shuman, but the two men of that name listed in the city directory denied that they had written the letter, which, in addition, threatened to report the houses to Secretary of the Navy Daniels unless the police closed them.

The three city employes named as gambling-house profit-sharers are negro cleaners, it was learned today. They will be "cleaned up," Souder said.

With the police investigating charges that a mysterious automobile-theft syndicate is in operation in the city, and organizations demanding relief from automobile thieving, the report of motor-car thefts over the week-end made to police headquarters today showed a decided slump. Six cars, worth $5000, were stolen Saturday night and Sunday, and four of these were recovered, according to the police, who said it was one of the best records in many weeks. One reason for the big decrease was said to be due to the fact that motorcar thieves have "got wise" and made up their minds that the police "mean business."

BUSINESS MEN DETERMINED

Another big reason, it was said, was the vigorous action taken by business men's associations, clubs and other organizations, who have appealed in no uncertain terms to Mayor Smith to take action to stem the city-wide epidemic of auto thefts, which for the last month has made life miserable for owners of cars.

The two missing cars belong to W. H. Perry, 4509 Springfield avenue, and M. P. Corcoran, 2129 Master street. The cars of R. M. Abbott, 5329 Hatfield street; H. S. Burbank, 6208 Wayne avenue; Charles F. Herschel, 2044 Carlisle street, and Kazmunz Kida, 4367 Germantown avenue, were recovered.

As a result of a clean-up raid of the negro pool-hall section, made by Captain Nicholas Kenny, eighty prisoners have been sentenced to the House of Correction for three months, while sixty were given their freedom. A number of others were held for court on various charges, several of them for carrying concealed deadly weapons.

7-CENT TROLLEY FARES MAY BE ASKED IN N. J.

Public Service Corporation Meeting in Newark Today Will Consider Rate Increase

Officers of the Public Service Railway Company will decide today in Newark whether they will petition the New Jersey State Board of Public Utility Commissioners for permission to increase trolley fare from five to possibly seven cents. The officials will also consider, it is said, the advisability of asking permission to make an extra charge of two cents for each transfer.

Residents of Jersey City, Hoboken, Bayonne, Newark, the Oranges, Montclair, Paterson, Passaic, Elizabeth, New Brunswick, Trenton and Camden will be affected if the change is made. The company controls lines in other parts of the State.

Increased cost of operation due to the high prices for materials, fuel, etc., will be set forth by the company if the application is made. The amount of additional revenue needed will determine the increase the company will ask.

The company carried 476,974,983 passengers in 1917 and it is said that three of every ten asked for transfers. Last week the company announced that it carried 25,000,000 more passengers in 1917 than in 1916. The munition plants established in Newark since the outbreak of the war, it is believed by the company, will cause a still further increase in the number of passengers carried this year.

FARMERS DISCUSS FOOD PROBLEMS AT BUSTLETON

Institutes Open With Questions of Serious Concern as Matter for Consideration

Prominent agriculturalists from all parts of the United States attended the farmers' institutes, held at Bustleton today under the direction of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Joseph N. Rosenberger, of Wycombe, an expert on dairying; J. R. Bechtel, of State College, and Mrs. Eugenia G. Benn, of Williamsport, were among the Pennsylvanians who addressed the meetings. In view of the food problems, which are now causing serious concern, the meetings have aroused considerable interest.

BOMB STARTS FIRE ON SHIP

Flames Gain Headway on Italian Vessel Before Discovery

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 4.—Fire, believed to have been started by an incendiary bomb, was discovered early today aboard an Italian steamship in this port. The flames had gained some headway before being discovered by the crew, who fought them until they returned in an alarm.

The ship is loaded with general merchandise.

CHEROKEE VICTIM'S WIDOW TESTIFIES

Mrs. Newell Repeats Story of Tug's Unseaworthiness Told in Husband's Letters

Mrs. Esther C. Newell, of 5525 Walnut street, widow of Commander Newell, who sank with the Cherokee last Tuesday, today testified before the naval board of inquiry, at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and reiterated her story in which she said that the craft was unfit for duty and based her declarations on letters received from her husband. She also said that her husband's mother and father had also been told by Commander Newell of the condition of the Cherokee and of his fears for her safety if she put to sea.

She was accompanied by her father-in-law, Dr. George H. Newell, of Worcester, Mass. But her mother-in-law, did not appear at the inquiry today. Doctor Newell said that he was ready to testify before the board should the members decide to call him.

Rigid secrecy is being maintained as to the progress of the investigation.

Many of the survivors were examined by the Board of Inquiry, but all information regarding their testimony was refused. Officials at the yard said today that all information concerning the investigation would have to come from Washington.

Friends of the survivors loitered near the gates and speculated as to the outcome.

Doctor Newell made public a letter he sent to Secretary of the Navy Daniels. In it he quoted his son as having said the name of the Cherokee was changed "for the purpose of blinding the public to the worthlessness of the kind of craft for which they were spending the people's money."

The mother of the drowned lieutenant also told how she learned of the poor condition of the tug by a copy of the report on its condition when it dropped from a pocket of his uniform coat she was mending.

Mrs. Newell said that her husband wrote her that the hulk of the Cherokee was rotten and it was not fit to go down the Delaware River, to say nothing of putting out to sea.

"My belief is firm that my husband is not dead," sobbed the little wife, today. Mrs. Newell's sister, Miss Ebba Andersen, with whom she is living, supports her in the belief that the Lieutenant surely would return. "We are Danish people," said Miss Andersen, today, "and are descended from seafaring folks who have an unexplainable feeling about the mysteries of the deep. I positively cannot feel that Edward has been lost."

SUSPECT PLOT IN FIRE AT CAMDEN CAR BARN

Eighteen Trolleys Destroyed in Sunday Morning Blaze, Believed Incendiary

Camden detectives are today investigating the mysterious fire that early Sunday morning destroyed eighteen cars and badly damaged the extensive barn of the Public Service Railway Company at Newton avenue and Carter street.

Officials of the company expressed the belief the fire was of incendiary origin, started with the intent of crippling the service to shipyards along the Delaware River. Particular significance is attached to the fact that early in the week thirty of the cars were stripped of controller handles, which also severely tied up service.

These incidents, officials and the police say, prove that yesterday's blaze was the result of deliberate arson. The damage amounted to $150,000, and at the present high cost of materials officials of the company say it will cost approximately $10,000 to replace each car.

As to the fire itself, it was for a time as threatening in its aspect that all of the companies of Camden, exclusive of those in East Camden, were called into service. Had the full force of workmen been at the barn, as is the case through the week, it is probable the flames would not have gotten such headway, but by herculean efforts in removing the cars out of the barn were many saved, and this was done at great personal risk. The car barn is 75 by 100 feet and the section burned is at the extreme eastern part of the structure. As far as the building was concerned, there was little to burn save the roof, the walls being of brick.

...LD AS "DOPE" SELLER

...Worth of Cocaine and Heroin ...d on Man Taken in Tenderloin

...ph Miller, twenty-three-years old, ... North Eighth street, was held ... bail for court this morning by ...ts Collins, in City Hall, for attempt to sell "dope."

He was arrested this morning by ...and Detective Pacilelli at Eighth ... streets. He asked him if he ... "dope" and Miller said he had. ... worth of ...

RETURNING STRIKERS FIND PLACES FILLED

Kensington Weavers Charge Discrimination and Threaten Appeal to Washington

When the Kensington weavers, on strike for the last twenty-two weeks, returned to their various workshops this morning on word that the strike had been called off, 500 of them complained that they had been refused work by the mills. Louis Gergots, their chairman, said that these men were being discriminated against by the millmen, and that unless they were put back to work immediately the strikers would take the matter up with the Government at Washington and charge unfair discrimination by the employers and ask for an investigation into conditions here in the mills.

Employers said in answer that there had been no discrimination, but that they would not discharge those now at work who had taken the places of the strikers. It is said that of the 4000 weavers who struck last October 1000 have gone into other work and 500 were already at work, having gone to work before the strike was called off.

The terms asked by the strikers had been as follows:

One and one-half mills per pick for two-loom work.

Three mills per pick for one-loom work.

One and one-half cents per yard for over two shuttles.

Forty cents per hour for sample and time work.

Twenty cents per hour for extra and overtime.

On February 25 the employers granted a general increase of from 5 to 10 per cent in all wages and the strikers, considering that this covered their demands, called the strike off and went back to work, expecting to be put to work this morning, but 500 of them were told that there were no vacancies.

Gergots says that is not true; that there are plenty of vacancies, but that the strikers are being discriminated against. The employers say they are not discriminating against the weavers, but that some little time will be needed to arrange matters so that the weavers can all come back to work and that they will all get their jobs back in a few days' time.

The strikers today are in session in their headquarters on the Lighthouse, on Lehigh street, and considerable discussion is being had. A list of the names of those refused work this morning is being made up to send to Washington.

RED-HEADED, MILITARY AND SOUGHT BY POLICE

Varied Misdeeds Alleged Against Man Calling Himself H. R. Boyd

The police of Gloucester City, N. J., and many other towns began a determined man hunt today for one H. R. Boyd, described as red-headed, of military bearing, and about twenty-seven years old.

Among the things of which he is accused are:

Deserting his wife and family in Trenton.

Eloping with a Trenton girl.

Stealing a Ford automobile from Levi Troth, of Camden.

Running over and killing the dog of S. T. Jones, of Camden.

Stealing the dog's expensive collar.

Stealing two automobile tires from Joseph Kitchen, a Philadelphia salesman, and two tires from Charles Callahan, of Gloucester.

Jumping a $1000 bail bond in Connecticut.

Trying to persuade Squire Hamilton, of Gloucester, to cash a $15 check.

And, finally, jumping a three-week board bill at 122 South King street, Gloucester, where he lived that length of time.

The Trenton girl, whose name was withheld by the police, returned home with her mother after being deserted. The stolen car was recovered in a Gloucester garage, where the dog collar and tires also were found. The police believe they have a clue, in an empty motion-picture film box left by the dashing stranger.

City Pays Blankenburg $68,871

A mandamus for $68,871 issued recently to former Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg for his Logan Square property, taken by the city, was paid today by the City Treasurer.

BAIRD WON'T SAY AYE OR NAY AS TO HIS VOTE ON SUFFRAGE

New Jersey's Seventy-Nine-Year-Old "Baby Member" May Decide Fate of Federal Amendment in United States Senate

DAVID BAIRD, who will shortly take his seat in the United States Senate by appointment of Governor Edge, refused today to tell how he is going to vote on the momentous suffrage amendment now before the upper branch of Congress.

Senator Baird, looking hale and hearty, and far younger than his nearly seventy-nine years, arrived at his home in Camden last night after a sojourn in Miami, Fla.

At his office today Senator Baird pointed to a desk filled with business papers and correspondence and gave this mass of work to be done as reason No. 1 why, at this time, he could not announce or even discuss his stand on the suffrage amendment or other vital questions.

No. 2 reason was that before he arrives at any definite decision on this or other political questions he wishes to confer with Governor Edge, to whom he owes his appointment, and with Senator Frelinghuysen, his colleague. He said that he would go to Trenton late today to see the Governor and that Senator Frelinghuysen was expected there to meet them. The latter might not reach Trenton today, it was said, because of some previous engagement.

Senator Baird said that down in Miami he was informed that his vote would probably decide whether the suffrage amendment would pass the Senate, but even this unique responsibility and distinction so suddenly thrust upon him did not apparently perturb the long-time South Jersey political leader.

But he would not comment on it and neither would he comment on the shift-over to the suffrage side of Senator Gallinger, Old Guard Republican leader of the Senate.

As to his past views on the suffrage question, it is said in Camden, that Senator Baird opposed votes for women when the question was before the voters of New Jersey a year or so ago. A large vote was cast against the proposition in Camden County, of which he is Republican leader.

REV. J. W. WILLIAMS DEAD

Was Pastor of Historic Abington Presbyterian Church

The Rev. James Wilson Williams, pastor of the historic Abington Presbyterian Church, died yesterday in the Presbyterian Hospital, after a two months' illness.

Mr. Williams was born in Berwyn, Chester County, fifty-four years ago. He was a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Before entering upon his pastorate at Abington fourteen years ago as the successor of the Rev. Dr. W. Scott Nevin, Mr. Williams was assistant to the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, then pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Harriet Allen, of Ardmore.

RIDICULES "BEAUTIFIERS"

Big Sisters Told of Real Womanhood's Duties

A pure womanhood must be found by the nation's fighters when they return home from the front, declared Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, president of the Home and School League, who, at a meeting of the Big Sisters, ridiculed the use by girls of paint, powder and other artificial "beautifiers."

"These girls do not live in a world of reality," said Mrs. Grice, speaking on "Democracy's Challenge to Womanhood." She urged the opening of community centers in every public shool building to Americanize the younger generation. The meeting, held at 1620 North Broad street yesterday, celebrated the granting of the organization's charter.

PREVENT COAL FAMINE BY SPEEDING UP MINES

Fuel Administration Making Survey of Production and Needs for Next Winter

Comprehensive plans to prevent a serious coal famine in 1918 are being perfected by the fuel administration. It is hoped to match demand with supply by speeding up production and eliminating all waste. To accomplish this a survey is being carried on to determine the prospective output of all mines and the needs of bituminous and anthracite consumers.

The campaign for clean coal is still being pushed by William Potter, administrator for Pennsylvania. Some coal is still reaching Philadelphia unfit for consumers, Mr. Potter said, and reports from points upstate indicate some poor preparation.

But it can be said definitely, the fuel administration officials announced, that any operator who ships his coal to market up to the standard of preparation said to be enforced by all the large mining companies will not come into conflict with the law.

Francis A. Lewis, fuel administrator for Philadelphia, announced he was still in favor of keeping the price of coal up to the Government standard and was not in favor of the usual reduction of fifty cents a ton on the first of April.

Former Cop Dies in London

Ernest Kinzler, twenty-nine years old, 2945 Kipp street, formerly a policeman of the Fourth and York streets station, who, with his brother Herman, enlisted last December in the aero division of the signal corps, died in a London hospital, according to a cablegram received by his father, George Kinzler. There were no details as to the cause of death.

NAVY EXPERT AIDS HOG ISLAND PROBE

Special Investigators Bring in Commander A. L. Parsons, Shipyard Engineer

The Philadelphia end of the probe into conditions at Hog Island being conducted by the Department of Justice took on new interest today when George Carroll Todd and Mark Hyman, the special investigators in charge of the work, returned from New York, bringing with them Commander Archibald L. Parsons, of the United States Navy, a civil engineer, who has had wide experience in shipyard construction problems, and who has been detailed to aid in the investigation.

Upon their arrival in the city Messrs. Todd and Hyman and Commander Parsons went immediately to the office of Rear Admiral Bowles, where a preliminary conference was held, after which the party went in an automobile to Hog Island. No information was given out as to what the nature of Commander Parsons's work would be, but it is presumed that he will check up the items of expenditure on the Hog Island plant in the light of his experience in shipbuilding work and report to the other investigators the result of his investigation.

Admiral Bowles today expressed himself as being well pleased with the progress of work at Hog Island, and said that while as yet there has been no ruling from the fuel administration regarding his application for special priority for shipments of fuel oil to subcontractors at work in the yard, he has submitted a plan to Administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo which, if adopted, will give the relief that is needed and result in speeding up the work of turning out ships.

Asked if the statement made in New York by Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, that twenty-six complete vessels would be put into service and thirty-four additional vessels launched during the month of March, had reference to the work being done at Hog Island, Admiral Bowles replied in the negative. He declared, however, that the speeding-up process now going on is bringing satisfactory results and adhered to his statement made a few days ago that the schedule laid down for this year would be carried out.

STATE DRAFT QUOTA IS REDUCED BY 1200

Allowance for Aliens Exempted Will Benefit Pennsylvania in Next Call

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Pennsylvania's quota in the next draft will be reduced by 1200 by the provisions of Provost Marshal General Crowder submitted before the Military Affairs Committee of the House this afternoon, according to Representative John M. Morin.

General Crowder admitted that the quota was ascertained according to persons available on the first class with aliens exempted eliminated. Congressman Morin pointed out that in some districts where there is a large alien population virtually all of the American boys in the first class would be taken, as was the case in the first draft unless credit is given for the alien population.

Though the average for the entire State would not be changed to any great extent, the figures being placed at 1200, the average for many districts would meet considerable adjustment.

There will be some opposition in the committee from sections of the country where the foreign population is light. The quota will be increased in these States.

The bill for further registration of persons who have attained the age of twenty-one since June 5 last will be taken before the end of the war.

The present plan of the forces who changed the administrative bill last year to cover all between twenty-one and thirty-one instead of nineteen to twenty-five are insisting that no person should be called for service until six months after registration, that the availability of farm labor will not be made more uncertain until after the harvest of the coming season's crop.

Stuart Asks Support for Wilson

Support of the President above all other considerations was urged by former Governor Edwin S. Stuart at a prayer-for-victory service at Holy Trinity Memorial Episcopal Chapel, Twenty-second and Spruce streets, last night. The Rev. J. Ogle Warfield conducted the meeting.

New Men's Wear Shop Opened

A new men's wear shop which ranks with the highest class haberderies in this city opened its doors this morning under the name of Ferrer, Inc., at Chestnut and Juniper streets.