EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1918

RAPPED BY FIRE FOOTBALL STAR A CAPTAIN **AT SWIFT PLANT**

m Carried Down Ladder Six Floors at Three-Alarm Blaze

DAMAGE WILL BE LARGE

Telephone Operator Sticks at **Post Until All Employes Reach Safety**

thrilling rescue of an apparently man featured a three-alarm hich started shortly before 8 this morning to. the six-story ular building of Swift & Co. kers, in Percy street between Noble nd Willow

Captain John Duncan, Engine Comay No. 18, received slight lacerations the scalp when he was struck or head by faling debris. He was taken fefferson Hospital. Hoseman Frank ell, Engine Company No. 4. was sated for cuts of the hand received Hearing on Philadelphia Cases smashing glass.

W. Krants, manager of the plant, car no estimate of the loss. The m and of the building, and immensi titles of stock stored in the refriger section at the opposite end of the was saved by a fire wall which the entire height of the build-

ight on the sixth floor by the charles Maler, forty years old. North Fifteenth street, a sausage maker, was unable to escape by the stales and started a slide for his life

to the sixth floor. Admiral Bowles strong and Admiral Bowles and

Rescuer Forced Back santime, Captain Schwartzcoff, of the Company No. 26, started to climb rope to rescue Maler, but was turned the intense heat at the fourth Board, real estate men of this city and

ck No. 2 arrived at the scene soon er Capitaln Schwartzcoff was forsed to send and ladders were run up to the th floor. Firemen quickly ascended d carried Maier to the street.

be presented. The fire started in a smokehouse on a fourth floor, supposedly from over-

It quickly spread to an elevator shaft ad leaped to the sixth floor, eating ported, will also be heard.

Great clouds o clouds of smoke rolled from to be reported within the next few days,

day's hearing is considered sufficient by Telephone Man Sticks the committee.

W. Brown, 123 North Mole street erator at the telephone switchboard in building, notified of the fire when it arted, sent in the first alarm, then duy mat at his board and notified the department that the building was at the telephone switchboard in by the nearest escape. When he issue ansured that every person had been war, lad to leave, he left his post, tick volumes of smoke were envelop-

when he made his way to the

Nearby Buildings Menaced flames broke through the roof aped high in the sir, attracting nds of persons.

The entire top was a mass of flames the firemen arrived and the dense one hampered their operations. Half hour after it had started the blaze

R. F. Torrey One of Five Philadelphians to Get Commissions Robert F. Torrey, hero of many idiron battle for the University program battle for the University of Pennsylvania, and captain of the foot-ball team in 1905, has been awarded a captain's commission in the medical reserve corps. Five other Philadel-phians are included in the latest list of atmy amountements and the set of the set. Philans are included in the latest list of atmy appointments announced through the Adjutant General's office. Ricabrd Warren Evans, 2401 North Seventeenth street, is commissioned a second lieutenant, aviation section, sig-nal corps. He is a graduate of Prince-ton University and enlisted in December, 1917.

1917. Louis Robert McGinnis, 5837 Chester avenue, also commissioned a second licutenant in the aviation section, en-listed last September and took the eight-week's course at the Princeton aviation school. He is a graduate of the Catholic High School and studied two years at the Whatton School, U. of F. Rush S. Whiteside, 7416 Boyer street. Germantown, is also made a second licu: Rush S. Whiteside, 1416 Boyer street, Germantiown, is also made a second lieu-tenant in the air service. He is a grad-uate of the Central High School and also took a course at the Wharton School. The other two new officers are Dr. Frank R. Humphreys, 4019 Green street, first lieutenant, medical corps, and Arthur D. Waltz, Thirty-fourth and Pine streets, captain, medical reserve corps. DTD3

CONGRESS TAKES UP RENT PROFITEERING

Held by House Judiciary Committee

Testimony regarding rent gouges by real estate agents and landlords in West Philadelphia is being taken today by the Judiciary Committee of the House

in Washington The hearing is being held in connecion with Representative Parrow's bill on rent profiteering

United States Attorney Kane, Assist-Admiral Bowles, general manager of

the Emergency Fleet Corporation, who aided in framing the profiteering bill: 25 MEET DEATH officials of the United States Shipping many private cltizens are expected to

testify. Testimony taken by Councils' special ommittee on rent profiteering also will

A number of witnesses from Boston. where rent profiteering is likewise re-

Congressman Darrow's bill is expected

ilding and hung over the district an area of four or five blocks. provided the evidence submitted at to- COACHES TELESCOPED race or creed.

Admiral Bowles, in discussing the bill. declared it provides for a person, who believes himself to be a victim of profiteering, to report at once to the United States attorney, who will appoint an investigator without cost. If the charge be substantiated the court will issue an injunction for the period of the Park, in the western suburbs of Nash-

The bill also provides that the ville landlord be allowed to increase rentals to leave, he left his post, volumes of amoke were envelop-and threatening him with suf-not in proportion to the increased cost of materials for repairs.

This fatter point is the one feature seventy-five persons injured. against which objection has been volced Washington, Admiral Bowles says.

GRAND JURORS HARD TO GET Sufficient Veniremen Obtained

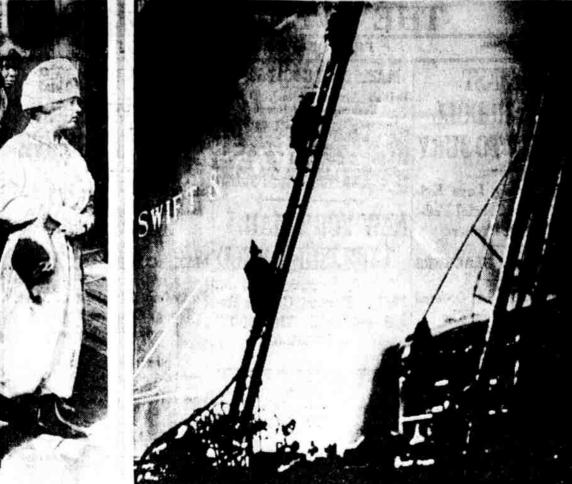
After Special Drawing

The four after it had started the blaze mage still burning fiercely, though fire members for the July Grand Jury for Quarter Sessions Court were obtained, and they were sworn in today before Judge Shoemaker in Court No, 1, W. E. Moore, Jr., 500 South Forty-eighth stret, was appointed foreman. The members of the jury are as follows:

passengers are being taken out with difficulty,

end to end.





One man, trapped by flames today on the top floor of the six-story building of Swift & Co., in Percy street, between Noble and Willow, was rescued by firemen, who carried him down a ladder to safety. Girls in bloomers em ployed at a nearby plant witnessed the fire, as illustrated above

MOTHER LOVE ONLY PROMPTS MRS. BERGDOLL TO SHIELD SON

Would Like to Talk, but Is Prevented.

Hearing Thursday

A MOTHER heart is still a mother ence to the case that is still rending in the United States courts, charging her the United States courts, charging her

Wealthy Widow of Brewer Says She Is American at Heart and

Seventy-five Others Injured

in Passenger Collision Near Nashville, Tenn.

AS TRAINS CRASH

There is no mystery, after all, in the

By the Associated Press Nashville, Tenn., July 9.

Several coaches were telescoped and

fact that Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, wealthy widow of the brewer, is fighting as only a mother can fight to reinstate her son. Two passenger trains on the Nash-Grover C. Bergdoll, and prevent his these men need it." ille, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway collided early today, near Belle Meade deserter.

eing caught and punished as an army eserter. "I'd like to, but I can say nothing." A the Federal Building Thursday. she admitted, as she stood today in the reception hall of her home in Overbrook. charge, Clad in a gray percale housedness, she terday, was featured by a wrangle be-herself had answered the door. Her tween Henry J. Scott, counsel for Mrs. Mair, quite gray about the temples. Bergdoll, and T. Henry Walnut, assist-Telephone reports from the scene the wreck are to the effect that twenty-

five were killed and between fifty and strayed in straight wisps about her neck and face. The wreck occurred at 7:15 o'clock, on Surrounded by the luxuries money had the Dutchman's Grade, seven miles from ought, there was a certain pathos in the

Nashville, Every doctor and nurse eagerly friendly woman standing there Thoroughly German in appearance and speech, she declared she was an Ameravailable in the city were rushed to the ene with all the ambulances can at heart, unconsciously admitting One train was eastbound from Mem-phis and St. Louis and the other from Nashville to Memphis. the argument of one of her attorneys that she was being persecuted because

she had been born in Germany. "I work hard." she said with a smile. "I'm cleaning today." Both engines and two baggage cars were completely wrecked. A combina-tion coach on the local, filled with white tion coach on the local, filled with white and negro passengers, was ripped from

It was no apology for her attire nor any attempted inhospitality. It was merely a neighborly bit of news. She wanted to be friendly. As woman to woman she would have loved a neigh-Testimony showing

passengers are being taken out with difficulty. Six passenger coaches in all were de-molished, and two cars of the through train caught fire and were burned up. Wrecking crews and volunteers worked heroically in the wreckage to rescue the

thing other sations have denied." he said. "But the greatest test of the power to succeed of a great democracy will come after the war, when we will have a tremendous social problem to face. Delaware must prepare to do its part in facing that problem. ANNULMENT PLAN

City and Construction

Company

ENTER PROFIT QUESTION

Allowance for Work Already

Done Under Contracts

Is Hard Problem

A preliminary conference to decide on

the Thompson stret sewer, was held

It was the first meeting between rep-

esentatives of the city and those of the

One of the most difficult problem

which confronted the conferees was that

regarding the amount to be paid to the

Keystone State Construction Company

for the work done up to the time of the

annulment of the contracts, and to allow

As the company contends it will be

obliged to maintain its organization and

equipment during the war, the cost of

such maintenance will have to be con-

sidered in the award made by the city

General Torms Discussed

a compromise will be effected as

Several of the settlement claims made

Hope to Finish Frankford

it is necessary for the city to annul all

pressed their willingness to permit a bond sale of \$4.100,000 for transit, but

the fate of the remainder of the issue is in doubt. Other money sought will, if allowed, he used as follows: Pier con-

DEATHS

-July P. JENNIE (nee Lamont).

to the amount due the company,

for a reasonable profit for the work to

that time.

Keystone State Construction Company,

today at the office of Mayor Smith.

part in facing that problem. Former Governor Miller said that when he was invited to the meeting he saw a new day dawning for Delaware. Mayor Meets Officials of "When I think of the Government su veys that have been made of the Dela ware. I am unhappy," he said, but I see

n the body that will be formed toda; hope for something better. I see a day dawning when our social and educational facilities will be sufficient to enable this State to take the place it deserves. Gov-ernment surveyors of conditions in this State have told me that social and educational conditions were deplorable, bu

I am satisfied they will not remain so. "If you only knew it, a Governor of a State is the lonellest human be-ing on earth. Nobody likes to give him advice, for fear that the adviser will be suspicited of having a personal or selfish motive. But everybody wants to complain and find fault whenever anything is done that does not please him in every minute detail. However, you will find the Governor and other officials subway contracts on the Arch and Lowilling to help in this movement in cust streets end of the transit loop, and

MURDER CHARGE IS NOT DROPPED

Unaffected by Trial of Fifth Ward Men for Election

Conspiracy

ROTAN EXPLAINS MOVE

The murder charge against former Common Councilman Isaac Deutsch and Mayor Smith, Transit Director Twining. the six policemen who are under indict. City Solicitor Connelly, Ernest Lowen ment with him for conspiracy in the grund, who will be Acting City Solicitor ment with him for conspiracy in the murder of Policeman Eppley, who was slain in the Fifth Ward political row heim, president of the Keystone Comon primary election day, September, 1917, has not been dropped by the Dis-

BAND FOR UPLIFT IN DELAWARE

tion cases at the coming trials in Went Chester next Monday did not mean that the murder conspiracy case had been furnished After the value of this work has been

Formed at Meeting of tan would not say.

meeting of prominent Delaware men forced the hands of the District Attorney and women in the du Pont Building. The idea of the organization is an outgrowth of the activity which has de-sulted in a legal victory for Deutsch and celoped in the State as a result of the war. Many organizations have been cases by delaying at least and possibly formed for drives for the Red Cross, averting altogether trial on the more

the Liberty Loans. Thrift Stamps and other war movements. Leading men and women conceived the idea that if the same energy and interest should be devoted to the general betterment of conditions in the Common-wealth a State that, according to the speakers, has been backward, would rise to the place it should have.

ttor Wolcott, former Governor Miller, Charles Warner, president of the General Service Board, and others, the solety was formed.

pany, and Joseph P. McCullen, counsel for the company. At the end of the conference Mr. Contrict Attorney's office. nelly said they discussed in a general way provisions suggested by Mr. Louch-heim for a settlement and final annull-District Attorney Rotan declared toheim for a settlement and final annull-ment of the contracts which make a total of \$2,900,000. day that the decision to try Deutsch and the accused policemen on two elec-Before the next conference Mr. Twin-ing will confer with his engineers and engineers of the company as to the amount of work done and the material

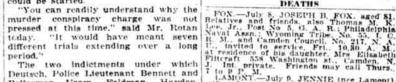
Social Reform Body dropped. When the murder conspiracy charge will be pressed, or whether it will ever fixed be pressed at all. District Attorney Ro-

by the Keystone Company are regarded as "impossible" by city financiers. Under this charge each of the seven defendants would be entitled to a That the Capital Issues Committee may look favorably upon the Frank-ford elevated project and the com-pletion of the subway under City Hall separate trial. That would mean seven different trials extending over a long-

drawn-out period. Wilmington, DeL, July 9. To cure social conditions in Delaware that were described as "deplorable" by separate trial and gave that as the chief It is necessary for the city to annul all other transit contracts. By asking money only for work that can be quickly completed the Mayor hopes to be allowed to float the grand total of \$10,000,000 for all projects before Oc-tober and to have the Frankford ele-vated continued to an early completion. Government officials have already ex-pressed their willingness to prose the many speakers, an organization of up-lift and reform was formed today at

"You can readily understand why the murder conspiracy charge was not

to the place it should have. John J. Raskob, who called the con-ference with the approval of Pierre S. duPont and others, wdas elected chair-man of the meeting. After remarks by Pierre S, duPont, United States Sen-"You can readily understand why the murder conspiracy charge was not



ant United States attorney, as to the meaning of the term "deserter." Government witnesses testified at the hearing that Mrs. Bergdoli had admitted she had been in communication with son about three weeks ago.

her son about three weeks ago. They said she declared she would be called on long distance telephone by him from Chicago one day, while within the next few days a wire would be re-ceived from some other distant town, asking her to raise funds for him and send them. send them

with aiding and abetting a deserter in the person of her son. "I am most worried about these poor

It will be her third hearing on the

The second hearing, held yes-

John P. Dwyer, secretary of Local Draft Board No. 22, testified that Mrs. Bergdoll had offered \$1000 to the Red Cross if her son could be exempted

Leaders in Wilmington SAV NEED IS URGENT Wilmington, Del., July 9.

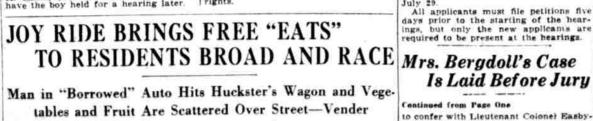


mediately After Wife's Funeral tricken with apoplexy immediately lowing the funeral of his wife on the 28 last, Henry W. Moore, an ar-at of the old school, whose efforts dur-t recent years were devoted exclusive-to works in water colors, died yes-to works in water colors, died yes-to works in water solars, died yes-to was sixty-eix years of age. The shock of his wife's death last onth is said by physicians to have sen the direct cause of Moore's liness, mediately after he returned to his mediately after the returned to his mediately after solar to his the from the cemetery, he was strick-beath resulted yesterday afterowing the funeral of his wife on

The first the was well-known throughout be East and middle west as an artist, in works in both oll and water colors and received with favor wherever they rete exhibited. His success in early if led to his appointment as a honor-ry member of the Washington Art Club from he was only twenty-one years if age. He studied under Whitman, and ther exerting his efforts at first in both it and water colors, turned later to the accusive use of the tatter.

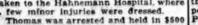
1000 CHINESE MURDERED

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Injured-Motorist Held

in a lone joy ride brought considerable ing to Frank Martisell on Broad street



Mrs. Busch Wants Her Property

to confer with Lieutenant Colonel Easby-Smith and Provost Marshal General Crowder. It is expected the outcome of THE sudden desire of Harry Thomas. Poplar and Watts streets, to indulge in a lone joy ride brought considerable mager Bace. It appears that no matter W H. Wellows has a constructed the outcome of the Fourth Naval district. The order restricting excursion of the Fourth Naval district. The order restricting excursion to Sundays the meeting will be the solution of the fourth Naval district. The order restricting excursion to Sundays the meeting will be the solution of the solution of the fourth Naval district. The order restricting excursion to Sundays the meeting will be the solution of the fourth Naval district. The order restricting excursion to Sundays the meeting will be the solution of the fourth Naval district.

Is Laid Before Jury

Excursion Parties May Be Taken Any Day in Week-Must Not Start Before Daybreak and Return Before Dusk-Women Not Allowed

FUSHERMEN may now take cut ex-cursion parties off the New Jersey coast any day in the week. A previous order restricting excursion

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* pital Room * pital Room Washington, July 9.—Notice has been orderly in the Presbyterian Hospital, to-day was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Pennock on the hearing by Magistrate Pennock on the hospital room former State Banking Commissioner, who died today. William H. Smith, former State Banking H. Smith, Jr., asked the magistrate to have the boy held for a hearing later. ** pital Room Washington, July 9.—Notice has been given the alien property custodian's of fac that a formal move may be expected in a few days to recover possession of the property of Mrs. Adolphus Busch, widow of the millionaire St. Louis the property of Mrs. Adolphus Busch, streament. The claim will be made that hridge street. William H. Smith, Jr., asked the magistrate to have the boy held for a hearing later. ** State Banking H. Smith, Jr., asked the magistrate to have the boy held for a hearing later. **RECALLED BY NAVAL OFFICIAL**

teenth, of the Forty-eighth Ward, and crop, there can be little, if any, lessening

Anglesse. Sea left City. 7:00 A. M. daily until September 7. except September 2: additional on Sundays. Atlantic City 7:30 A. M. Wildwood Branch 6:38 A. M. \$1.75 to Corson's Inlet Sundays only. 7.00 A. M. \$1.75 Barnesat Pier. Hay Head. Sundays until Sept. 29. T20 A. M. \$2.00 Asbury Park. Ocean Gross. Girt. Spring Lake. Sundays until Sept. 29. 7:00 A. M. Subject to cancellation without notice

Subject to cancellation without notice if equipment is required for use of U. S. Government.

Pennsylvania R. R.

