CLAIN MAY DIRECT STATE AGRICULTURE

doutenant Governor Selected to Succeed Secretary Patton, Harrisburg Hears

ant Governor Franklin McClain selected by Governor-elect Sproul Secretary of Agriculture.

wto that the Lieutenant Governor ld be selected to head the agriculof department are current in Harris-

ber of times that he would "weed various departments at Harrisburg nd the agricultural department is said be one. He has announced that the rtment should be reorganized and it on a more efficient basis.

The department is in ill repute among to farmers because of the constant fric-on between Charles E. Patton, its head, and the Agricultural Commission. When the commission was appointed two years

cause of his wide popularity and his recognised executive ability, it is believed his appointment as head of the Agricultural Department would be pleasing to the farmers of the State.

He was taken ill yesterday and sent to the Philadelphia Hospital. He died shortly after being admitted.

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Jewish Congress **Demands** Justice

protection. Others demanded that be given equal rights and citizensuch as is accorded Jews in the United States.

Isadore Hershfield, a delegate from New York and president of the Hebrew Immigrant and Aid Society, opposed the

"We do not want distinctive and eparate rights for the Jews," he said, seas detachment, not counting conva-

peace delegation and may have a considerable effect on their attitude toward the Jewish question. The congress will actual service. nission to France to carry

the views of the congress to the Peace

Denial of any friction among the ready to receive a whole division if necessary.

Major General Hugh L Scott, camp ander Kahn, vice president of the joonsess, representing the Jewish Workmen's Circle, and by B. Zukerman, New York, spokesman for the Jewish National Scotalists.

They and that though the statement of the configuration of midnight mass Christmas free will be to the home of an aunt in Philadelphia.

ish faith in this country and in other nations will be investigated by a com-

nittee of nine members appointed today. mittee is instructed to rec mend steps to preserve and safeguard their rights.

BEGGED FOOD AND DRINK; HAD \$5000 BANK DEPOSIT

Herman Merkovitch Regarded as Poor for Many Years Until Death Reveals Hoarded Wealth

Cash Exceeding \$500 Found in Room Where Lone Cigarmaker Subsisted on Charity

Herman Merkovitch, who lived in apparent poverty for several months in a lodging house at 515 Wood street, died last night. Investigation indicates that he possessed several thousand dollars. A bank book showing deposits of \$5000 and \$576 in notes were found in the closet of his attic room.

For some time prior to his death Merkovitch begged for food. Often he asked the landlady, Mrs. Mary Schlei-cher, for rolls and soup, claiming he could not afford to buy a regular dinner.

The woman was greatly touched by Merkovitch's plea and often fed him. He spent much time at night in his garret room, where he apparently pored ago it was believed a business administration of the department would result. Although the commission has met a number of times its members also ways declare, following the meetings, that they are powerless to act.

Lieutenant Governor McClain is interested in the livestock business, but has always taken a keen interest in the agricultural pursuits of his native county of Lancaster.

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grave. He was taken III yesterday and sent Policeman McIntyre, of the Third it was while making the search that street and Fairmount avenue station. he discovered Merkovitch's hidden money.



HERMAN MERKOVITCH A roomer at 515 Wood street, died at the Philadelphia Hospital yesterday. He was believed penniless,

but upon investigating his effects an estate of several thousand dollars was found

3000 MEN EXPECTED

AT DIX IN FEW DAYS

SUCCESSFUL AT MEADE

Troops Principally From Air

Save Soldiers Who Take

Franch Leave From Pun
Inumber of medical officers was used to harged today.

It is noted that the arrangements for demobilizing the army does not affect the veterinary detachment, due, it is thought, to the fact that the movements of troops "over there" probably will bring into action more cavalry than at any other time in the war. Today a support of the property and Casual Units

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Camp Dix, Dec. 17. About 3000 men, the first of the over-

we want equal rights for every man.

We shall plead the cause of the Jew on the ground of humanity, on the ground of humanity, on the ground of manhood, and not upon distinction of creed."

Several speakers rose to combat the several speakers rose to be sent the several speakers ro pected to be ordered here after the di-visions really begin to move from the other side. Few of the men have seen The movement of these men will ex-tend over several days. Six hundred are expected late tonight or tomorrow.

not be long before the camp again will be ready to receive a whole division if

They said that though the gathering exected near camp headquarters, the was made up of several groups, each with its own ambitions, all were united on the problems facing this congress.

Discrimination against persons of Jewthousand little lamps. Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, however, there will be no outdoor fostivities. The Y. M. C. A. will open the holiday program next Sunday evening with a Yule-tide musical service in the big auditide musical service in the big audi-

their rights.

A committee also was appointed to arrange for a visit by the 400 delegates to the Liberty Bell at the close of the It is not known yet when Georgia, and left today for his new before he leaves camp again without per-

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Payne Whitney, Finley Peter Dunne Mr. Docley"), and Francis P. Gar-in, named as residuary legatees of the late of Robert J. Collier, the publish, estimated at from \$2,000,000 to 000,000. Yesterday renounced the besis in favor of Mrs. Sarah S. Van on Collier. Mrs. Collier, the sole turns heir to the estate, had been cut by the terms of Mr. Collier's will, the terms of Mr. Collier's will, the terms of Mr. Collier's will, the series should be carried on without reference to his personal affairs or his personal participation and it was this

shair to the estate, had been out to the terms of Mr. Collier's will, three men also remounced appoints as executors of the wilf.

Femarkable procedure was dispersonal, participation and it was this that led him to entrust the business that led him to entrust the business to a committee of friends in order to enable it to be carried on for him. This trust is still in existence. We have no doubt that in making his will in the form in which we find it he intended to create a similar trust for these properties, but if conditions existed at the time which made such a will advisable we think they no longer

A. W. O. L. LETTERS ARE depot brigade, and 400 more men will leave for home tomorrow. The first number of medical officers was dis-

Camp Meade, Md., Dec. 17. The letters which are being sent to letters and are personal appeals from the commanding officer to the friends of absent soldiers to get them back to camp to avoid punishment for desertion. A number of men have "gone over the

monument to Jewish soldiers who and then will follow 800 more and, after and then will follow 800 more and, after them, the others in contingents of 500 because they felt that their service to the country was at an end. They the war will be erected by the Congress.

A commission of fifteen delegates to decide on the design, the place of erection and the time, and empowered to range funds for the project, was appointed today.

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forming her of the facts. The mother

HOMEWARD FLEET DELAYED American Warships May Not Ar-

rive Till Christmas Eve

Washington, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—
The American battle squadron returning from Europe may not reach New York until Christmas Eve because of delay in departing from the British base.

The Navy Department announced today, however, that the review at New York arranged for December 23 would not be ordered postponed until more definite information came by wireless from Admiral Mayo, who reported today that every effort was being made to make up lost time on the voyage.

Secretary Daniels said he would know definitely by Friday exactly when the ships might be expected at New York. the form in warm.

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CAMP LEE DISBANDING THOUSANDS FOR XMAS

Troops Arriving, However, Will Keep Total There Close to 3000 Men

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Camp Lee, Va., December 17 .- There vill not be less than 30,000 men at Camp Lee, even when the men imme-diately listed for discharge have been mustered out of the service, according to figures compiled here today. Major John S. Graves expects to have

Major John S. Graves expects to have all men available for transfer out of this camp by December 21 and they will have ample time to get home to eat their Christmas dinner and trim their own Christmas trees.

It is estimated roughly that there will be 4000 men left in the replacement camp, 4000 in the depot brigade, approximately 2000 men in the Eighth Division, and the Central Officers' Training School, base, hospital, quartermaster corps; development battalions and special corps, development battalions and specia duty men and special units, will bring the total up to 30,000 men. There are approximately 35,000 men in camp here

In the last week 10,500 men have been sent out of camp by discharge or transfer, of which approximately onetransfer, of which approximately one-third were sent to other camps to be discharged, the others being discharged here. Five hundred new men arrived here Saturday night from Newport News and were attached to the casual detachment. A false alarm of some sort concerning the arrival of another force of 1400 men caused preparations to made for their reception, but they did not show up, and are not expected here now. They were supposed to come from Penniman, Va.

Today, 800 were discharged from the

oring into action more cavairy than at any other time in the war. Today a detachment of forty officers and 144 men of Veterinary Replacement Unit No. 5 arrived here from Camp Merritt, New Jersey, and joined the veterinary detachment here, of which it will form

Captain C. C. Sampson, onetime superintendent of the Scranton, Pa., Life Inis here in the capacity of deputy zone supply officer. This is a branch of the Baltimore depot.

Penrose Wants Tax Bill Passed

revenue problems, but he expressed the hope "that at the proper time a tariff system will be adopted which will majn-tain all American activities intact and

As to the war excess profits system Major General Hugh L. Scott, camp

Commander, has granted permission to Frank Wandle, director of Knights of Columbus activities here, for the conducting of midnight mass Christmas Eve. A large Christmas gree will be to the home of an aunt in Philadelphia.

> Smoot Tax Idea Disapproved A consumption retail sales tax, advo-cated by Senator Smoot, of Utah, Repub-lican, was opposed by Senator Penrose as likely to be harassing to business in

times, the tax burden passed along to estate or inheritance taxes

rose as encroachment upon States' reve-nue source. In conclusion, Senator Penrose said mission. If this lad had been arrested the patriotic public will support the bill,

COLONEL HUGHES BACK IN U. S. Marine Corps Veteran Convales-

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Lieutenant Colonel John A. Hughes, a veteran of the marine corps, three times decorated for gallantry, has returned to this country and is now in a New York convaisseent hospital. He was wounded during the flattening of the St. Mihlel salient.

Lieutenant Warren M. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Wells, 212 Waliace street, was gassed during the final weeks of the war, according to a letter received by his parents, but recovered in time to be in at the finish.

Colonel Hughes is a son-in-law of Wythe M. Parks, U. S. N., 2682 North Sixty-third attreet, Overbrook. He has been with the marine corps nineteen years but during the final weeks of the war was in command of the Twenty-third Infantry, regular army.

Lieutenant Wells carned his commission at the first officers' training camp at Fort Niagara and was assigned to Company F. 214th Infantry. Shortly after his unit reached France he was transferred to division headquarters.

Old Atlantic City Physician Dead Atlantic City, Dec. 17.—Dr. Eugens L. Reed, One of the oldait physicians in the city in point of practice, died in a sanitarium after an illness of more than a year. He is survived by a widow, a daughter of L.S. Sweigart, one time general managet of the Randing Railway. He was an ausminus of officers of Medical



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