COMPLAIN TODAY OVER SKIP-STOPS

Business Organizations Present Grievances to Transit Officials

RYAN SUGGESTS PLAN

P. R. T. Agrees to Hear Complaints of Community Inconvenience

Complaints against the skip-stop system are being laid before the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company today by business organizations throughout the

The complaints are being made individually by the members of the confer ence committee of the United Busines Men's Association, under a plan suggested by Public Service Commissioner Michae! J. Ryan and sanctioned by H. G. Tulley, vice president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Under the plan, as worked out by the committee of the United Business Men's akip-stop system should be sent to Edward A. Noppel, secretary of the association, at his office, 1915 Arch street. It will then be taken up immediately

with Mr. Tulley, through the conference committee member living in the vicinity BIG HOTEL WALKOUT of the nonstop location of which complaint is made.

Mr. Tulley has agreed to be in his of fice, Eighth and Dauhpin streets, every

pany and the public the committee's efforts will not prejudice any future action it might decide to bring before the State Commission.

BENJ. H. SHOEMAKER DIES; 91 YEARS OLD

Retired Glass Merchant Was Descendant of Quaker Colonists

Benjamin H. Shoemaker, member of table an'old Quaker family, died at his home. 535 Church Lane, Germantown today.

He was ninety-one years old. Death was due to advanced age. Fun-

made in Laurel Hill cemetery. Mr. Shoemaker, who retired eight Mr. Shoemaker, who retired eight The smaller hotels were able to attend years ago, was a glass merchant. He to their permanent guests, but in the

cerns, charitable organizations and so- 1000 or more guests each, long lines of es, and was especially interested in patrons stood outside the dining of managers for nineteen years, and new forces for the establishments was elected president of the hospital in being recruited. He was president for twenty-

emaker was at one time president of the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven railroad, and when he died was a Haven railread, and when he giet was a director of the road. He was also a director of the Glasgow Iron Company; the Mortgage Trust Company, of Pennsylvania, and a member of the advisory nittee of the Germantown Trust

ten years he was secretary of the Society for Organizing Charity and president of the Germantown Hortlcultural Society. Mr. Shoemaker was one of the earliest members of the Union League.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Shoemakertown, Montgomery County, Pa., December 27, 1827, his ancestors had settled in the town in 1686. Mr. Shoemaker came to Philadelphia in 1848 and ne an apprentice under his brothe Robert Shoemaker, a druggist. In four years he became a member of the firm and the firm then took the name of

Robert H. Shoemaker & Co.
When the business disbanded in 1865,
Benjamin Shoemaker established a plate
and window glass business at 205 Pourth and window gials pusiness at 200 Fourth street and the business is still at this address. Since Mr. Shoemaker retired the giass business has been conducted by his two sons, Robert Shoemaker, Jr.

and Benjamin H, Shoemaker, 2d. Benides his sons, Mr. Shoemaker survived by two daughters, Mrs. P. W. Kimber and Mrs. J. S. L. Wharton, ten grandchildren, and four great grand children.

Mr. Shoemaker's wife, who was Miss Susan B. Trump, dled in 1910.

BAKER PROBES OVERSEAS MAIL War Secretary Will Endeavor to

End Congestion New York, Feb. 4.—Secretary of War Baker today conducted a personal investigation of conditions surrounding the handling of mail destined to troops overseas. Accompanied by an official of the local postoffice, he visited railway terminals, meannship piers and embarkation depots to determine whether the mail was being unduly delayed and to put into operation such changes as may be found hecessary to expedite its movement.

WILLS PROBATED TODAY

C. E. Simon Estate Disposed of in vate Bequests



MRS. JOHN C. GROOME Was the victim on Friday evening of two highwaymen, one of whom snatched her handbag containing \$50 in cash, jewelry and valuable

MORE ROADS QUIT IN LONDON STRIKE

Association, any complaint regarding the Electric Railways and Street Car Stoppage Added to Tube Tie-Up

By the Associated Press London, Peb. 4 .- Profiting by its exmorning this week from 9 to 11, and at the company's office in the Land Title building each afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 to hear the complaints and attempt to adjust them.

Derience yesterday, when the city awoke to find transportation hampered by the strike in the tubes, London started early to work today. By daybreak the streets and in company with others, you are not safe."

Mrs. Groonge, who is vice chairman

As another result of the shutting

down of the power station, some of the street cars on the Surrey side of the Thames, which get their current from the station, were compelled to stop run-

Hotel Strike Affects Thousands

Thousands of Londoners who because of the shortage of donestic help during the war, had become hotel dwellers, either went without breakfast this morning or were compelled to be satisfied with a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of bread. This situation was the result of a strike of the botel workers, which has crippled the kitchen staffs and the

The kitchen staffs, which are made up largely of foreigners, demand an eight-bour day and a 25 per cent increase in the wages. The waiters demand the abolition of the system under which their tips are pooled and divided, with a commission on the takings deducted They deline coordance with their demand for the operatives showed no inclination to participate in I. W. W. meetings. eral will be held at his home Thursday are pooled and divided, with a commis-afternoon at 2 o'clck. Interment will be sion on the takings deducted They defor women and £3 for men.

he work of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

He became a manager of the instituion in 1886, was secretary of its board mit to the strikers' demands and that

larger ones, with accommodations for

Glasgow Situation Improved

The situation in Glasgow showed further improvement today. Though none of the strikers at the Fairfield shipbuilding yards resumed work, fully 60 per cent of the strikers at the Cathcart engineering works and many at the Linthouse shippard returned to work. This afternoon the shipwrights at Govan notified the authorities they would re-sume work tomorrow morning if protecion for them could be provided. It is understood the impression pre-vails among the authorities that a small ninority brought about the strike in

Glasgow The Associated Societies of Locomtive Engineers, which today called out their men on the London District Railway, announced that if their strike ngineers and firemen of the railways m the London area, that also have electric propulsion, will be called out and, subsequently, if necessary, all the societies' 43,000 members throughout the

The executive counc'l of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, after con-sidering the situation created by various unofficial strikes in connection with the latest grievances arising out of the introduction of the demand for a forty-soven-hour week, issued a statement dis-

"I haven't done a thing more impor-tant than all the other yeowomen over here," declared Miss Edith R. Barron, who has just returned from fifteen months' service in Brest, France. "I was just a little luckier in getting over-seas."

Miss Barron, a Philadelphian, was the first yeowoman to enter service in

first yeowoman to enter service in France. One other reached Brest a month earlier, but Miss Barron was the first to be assigned to work. She was in the office of one of the navy hospitals.

in Brest.
"It was a wonderful experience for ing, but would personally recommends as a result of his ling, but would personally recommend to be relieve mail congestion here, if to relieve mail congestion here, if a congestion is found to exist.

FILLS PROBATED TODAY

L. Simon Estate Disposed of in Private Bequests

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"Conditions in Breat were unbelieved at in private bequests, asiate valued at \$2350 was distored in the will of Sophia F. Greer, Washington avenue.

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SOCIETY MATRON ROBBED BY THUGS

Mrs. John C. Groome, After Holdup, Says Streets Are Unsafe

ATTACKED NEAR HOME

bery, Which Happened in Early Evening

"The situation has grown so serious hat it is virtually unsafe for women to go outdoors after nightfall, and I

held up by two negroes, one of whom Conway avenue, late yesterday aftersnatched her handbag containing \$50 in noon. He was shouting with glee. And may have had something to do with his then he fell to the pavement, strangely death."

The child was five years old Janucash, some jewelry and valuable papers. still The facts were suppressed by the poice and did not become public until Mrs. Groome gave them to the news-

"Philadelphia seems to be full of all types of undesirables," she said, "and several friends of mine have related to me the most d'sagrecable experiences they have had with them within the last fortnight. This state of affairs surely calls for immediate remedial action.
"When it becomes unsafe for two
women to walk along a main city thoroughfare at dusk, surely it is time for authorities to at least start an investiga tion of the crime situation. We scarcely had time to be frightened before the

evening a plain clothes man interviewed her at her home, 1018 Clinton street. He was followed by three more police investigators the next day. So far, the thieves have not been apprehended.

In Textile Clash

it as a great victory."

27,000 SILK WORKERS OUT AT PATERSON

In accordance with their demand for a forty-seven-hour week, the silk operatives reported for work this morning at 7:36, half an hour late. They found the doors closed against them. Therefore, leaders assert, they are being locked out. The manufacturers declare it is a strike, not a lockout.

Louis Magnat, strike leader, declared he was opposed to the national war labor board arbitrating the matter at present, saying the workers were justified in asking the forty-seven-hour week. week.

I. W. W. leaders urge the strikers to demand a forty-four-hour week.

ALL LAWRENCE MILLS CRIPPLED BY STRIKE

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 4.—(By A. P.)
—The second day of the strike of textile operatives in the twelve mills of
this city found virtually all plants affected. The Everett mills were idle
and the four American Woolen Company mills were operating only a few departments, and those with greatly de-

departments, and those with greatly depleted forces.

The general committee which has the strike in charge held a meeting today to decide whether the strikers would affiliate with the United Textlie Workers of America. At present they are organized only on racial lines. The United Textlie Workers have not sanctioned the demand for fifty-four hours pay under the new forty-eight-hour schedule, which is the object sought by the strikers.

WALK ALONG SUBWAY

Passengers Foot It Through Tube When Accident Blocks Traffic Several hundred persons groped their way through the subway this morning in a personally conducted tour from the Schuylkill River bridge to Fifteenth

soven-hour week, issued a statement disapproving of all unofficial strikes and urging its members to resume work immediately and thus enable responsible trades unions' executives immediately to enter into negotiations with the employers' federation.

YEOWOMAN BACK FROM BREST
Miss Edith R. Barron Spent Fifteen Months in Navy Service

Schuylkill River bridge to Fifteenth street.

Service Men to Attend Ball Service Men to Attend Ball
Service men affiliated with the Ancient
Order of Hibernians will be the guests
of honor at the fifty-third annual ball
of the Philadelphia branch of the organization to be held in the Academy
of Music, on February 24. The committee in charge met yesterday and completed plans for the military reception.
Individual invitations will be sent to
each member in the army or navy to
attend in uniform. Relatives of members also will be included in the invitation.

Lectures at U. of P. Museum Lectures at U. of P. Museum

The first of a series of three illustrated lectures on Greece by Arthur
Wellesley Howes, of the Central High
School, will be given at 3:30 o'clock
tomorrow afternoon at the University
Museum, Spruce and Thirty-third
streets. The subject will be "Athens and
Environs." Other lectures will be given
on concurrent Wednesday afternoons.
They are "Southern Greece." February
12, and "Northern Greece." February
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Colgate Chemist Dies of Burns Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 4—(By A. P.) Dr. George Pairce, of Montclair, N. J., search chemist for the Colgate soap anufacturing plant here, and was

BOY FALLS DEAD AT PLAY; SEEMINGLY IN GOOD HEALTH LONG-TERM LOANS

Little Walter Roser Asked Mother for Apple, Went Outside to Resume Playing and Died on Pavement in Narberth-Blood

Clot From Fall Believed Cause Little Walter Roser lay white and is near the Rosers, saw him fall. She very still today in his tiny room at the called to her mother.

Roser home in Narberth.

Town on the rainswent from porch.

Roser home in Narberth. Police Try to Suppress Rob.

Down on the rainswept front porch was his express wagon, as forlorn and forsaken and desolate as any manimate called his name. But there was no re-Down on the rainswept front porch

His cousin, May Banfield, whose home ary 28.

And rocking to and fro in the little parlor was Mrs. Roser, her eyes reddened by weeping, her voice choked by sobs.

"Just five minutes before little Walter died," she faltered—"just five minutes before—he ran in and asked for an apple."

The circumstance of the little was dead."

Coroner Neville of Mantager and Tree in the Roser home with her little burden. "I couldn't believe my boy was dead." Sobbed Mrs. Roser today. "His little cheeks were warm. But he wouldn't talk to me. He wouldn't say a word. We sent for a doctor—quick. And the doctor said—he said—he said that Walter was dead."

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The circumstances of the child's death are tragic, Death came in an Instant. There was no second of warn-Groome, head of the military police in France, who last Friday evening was held up by two negroes, one of whom Instant. There was no second of the side-walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted upon fully, will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully, will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully, will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully, will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully, will conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully and the city's present than the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. "Only a few days ago," said Walter walk a few doors from his home, at 128 converted to the effect upon fully and the converted to the effect upon fully and the cause of little Walter's death. It is thought probable it was due to a biod clot on the heart or the brain. The boy was playi

CRUISERS TO BRING FOOD PRICE DESCENT TROOPS FROM FRANCE

Part of Returning Forces to Tobogganing Eggs Hit 54 Be Demobilized at Lee Cents and Butter Reaches 55 and 58 and Dix

Washington, Feb. 4.-The cruiser Se-Eggs, butter, meat, potatoes, fish. attle, Brest for New York, is due Feb. ruary 13 with a medical detachment,

to adjust them.

The conference committee will meet the transit company's offices in the Land Luwards of fifty complaints against individual steps were placed before Mr. Tulley yesterday after moon at 1 o'clock, were ference committee meet on the superish and t Hens apparently didn't know that first Division) to be demobilized at Camps directors of High, Price & Co. had As Supply Train, Camp Dix; medical de- card index system, and so they kept on tachment, headquarters and supply de. laying. The weather being pleasant, tachments and Companies A. B. C. of and no snow hereabouts, the hens paid to part, two men who had been loltering tachments and Companies A. B. C. of and no snow hereabouts, the hens paid on the corner approached them from 116th (branch of service missing). Camp no attention to eight-hour regulations, the rear.

Dix: Battery C. Fiftieth Regiment, C. but kept right at work. The result is Dix; Battery C, Fiftieth Regiment, C. but kept right at work. The result is C., casual company 235 (New that eggs are piling up on the farms

The transport Madawaska, due at Newport News about February 12, has the field and staff, headquarters company, supply company, medical detach-ment and Batteries A. B. C. D and E. of the Forty-seventh Regiment, Const Artillery, and the same units from the 326th Regiment Field Artillery (Eightyfourth Division)

The transport Pastores is scheduled to arrive at Newport News February 10 with convalescent detachments 8, 9, one. Our main purpose was to estab.

10, 21, 41, 52 to 63 inclusive, 67 and down to half the quantity each week All of which helps to create a vacuum in cash registers and leave the beef on the state of the supply that we have done this. We look upon casual company for New York. 21, 41, 52 to 63 inclusive, 67 and

> Transport Pattori Maru, Bordeaux for about the high price of cans simply New York, is due February 12 with one casual officer.
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> Transport Ancona sailed from Marseilles, January 29, with six casual of-

ficers. Its home port and date of arrival are not indicated. New York, Feb. 4.-The White Star liner Cedric arrived today with 3705 officers and men from France. On board were the Forty-fourth Regiment C. A. C. complete, regular army forty-three officers and 1589 men; the Sixtleth Regiment, C. A. C. army, forty-seven officers and 1602 men a casual company of two officers and sixty-six men from Illinois and 133 casual officers, seventy-one of whom were

MRS. COONLEY IN EUROPE Wife of Emergency Fleet Vice Presi-

dent Visiting Sick Sister Mrs. Howard Coonley, wife of Vice President Coonley, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has been summoned to London by the serious illness of her sister. After closing her house in Ardmore, where she had lived since coming here from Boston last October, Mrs. Coonley sailed at once for England. She will remain an indefinite period. Mrs. Henry S. Greenwood, Mrs. Coonley's slater, is the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Greenwood, who served with the Canadian forces and was later assigned Colonel Greenwood, who served with the Canadian forces and was later assigned to duty in the War Office at London. His death resulted from an illness brought on by overwork. After his death, Mrs. Greenwood remained in London with her young son, who is at Eton. Her two stepsons were in the Royal Engineers. One lost a leg carly in the war and has since been in the War Office. The other has seen continuous service since 1915 and has been slightly wounded.

NEW SECRETARY ON JOB

Talbot Assumes Duties Jersey Defense Council

Jersey Defense Council

Homer Talbot, recently appointed secretary of the New Jersey State Council
of Defense, has assumed his duties, succeeding Edward T. Paxton, secretary of
the Philadelphia Bureau of Municipal
Research. The latter has directed the
work of the Defense Council and the
State League of Municipalities for the
last two months, on leave of absence
from Philadelphia.

Mr. Talbot is executive secretary of
the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, and was formerly in charge
of the municipal reference bureau, University of Kansas, and secretary of the
League of Kansas Municipalities. He
holds degrees from the University of
Wisconsin and the University of Kansas, and has had special training in
civic and commercial organization work
with the American City Bureau, of New
York.

HIS AIM WAS BETTER

Use of Revolver

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Miliville. N. J., Feb. 4.—Lieutenant
Percy Smith, who was gassed in France
while he was fighting with the france
Rainbow Division, has been passing a
couple of days with his mother. Mrs.
John Miskelley, here.

He tells a thrilling story of dropping
into a shell crater in the Argonne sector
during a flerce bombardment to find
himself face to face with a Hun officer,
who had just jumped into the same hole.
Both officers pulled their pistols, but
Smith shot straight and the German
fell dead.

Schooner Abandoned at Sea

Lunenburg, N. S., Feb. 4.—(By A. P.)

—The schooner William Duff, of this port, has been abandoned at sea with a cargo of sait from Turks Island, according to information received today by the owners. The crew was resoned by the strammer Philindelphia, New Yesthound from Currocao. The Duff was bound from Currocao. The Duff was bound from Currocao.

GATHERS MOMENTUM

Going down!

All the technical arguments of grocery

and farmers are determined to get rid

Many farmers are bringing their eggs, chickens and butter into market them

That's one of the reasons the prices are flopping. Furthermore, they will go down gradually and stay down, many dealers believe. Best eggs were seiling today from fifty to fifty-four cents a dozen and best butter from fifty-five to

fifty-eight cents a pound.

The time-worn argument about transportation facilities being had is also knocked out by the fact that scores of farmers have motortrucks and are bringing their goods into the city and ling them direct. Housekeepers themselves are gradu-

ally lowering the high price of meat. In many localities families that ate meat every day have cut their supply Artillery, comprising Illinois troups.

Artillery, comprising Illinois troups.

Casual company for New York.

The transport West Eagle is due at New York February 22, with an Iowa of days, for the reason that more metal will soon be available for the vegetables and the dealers who have been talking and the dealers who have been talking the high price of cans simply

AVIATOR HERO WEDS

Capt. James D. Este Marries

Bride He Met in France Captain James Dickinson Este, of this city, whose victories over German airplanes won for him the Distinguished Service Cross, was married in Washington to Miss Lydia R. Taber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Richmond Taber, of Princeton, N. J.

The ceremony was performed quietly ast night at the home of the Rev. Dr. harles Wood, pastor of the Presbyterian

The ceremony was performed quietly isst night at the home of the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Only members of the two families attended the ceremony. Mr. Charles Este, of Swarthmore, the bridegroom's brother, was best manf. Caprain Este and his bride will make their home in Philadelphia after a brief honeymoon.

Captain Este met his bride in France, where she was doing war work. Mrs. Este returned to the United States last spring and centinued her war work up until a few days ago. Captain Este returned home last December.
Captain Este, a son of the late Charles Este, a lumber merchant, is president of the J. D. Este Company, Sansom street above Fifteenth. He was graduated from Princeton in 1892. He began his course as an aviator at Essington, was in the service at Newport News and Kelly Field and went to France in September, 1917. He has the distinction of bringing down five German planes officially and twelve unofficially.

FIREMEN HURT IN BLAZE

Fire in Lansdowne Starts When Electric Iron Ignites Cloth

Four firemen are recovering today from injuries received when fire damaged the homes of E. B. Hunt and William Davis, 132 and 134 West Baltimore avenue, Lensdowne.

Chief: George W. Riley, Pierce Richards and C. McCullough, of the Lansdowne fire company, were overcome by
smoke, and Frank Duke, of the Clifton
Heights Fire Protective Association, was
badly bruised when he fell from the
roof.

The fire started late yesterday afternoon on the second floor of the Hunt home when a member of the family forgot to turn off the current of an electric iron. The flames communicated to the Davis home from the upper floors. The damage is estimated at \$6000.

TWINING OPPOSES

Transit Director Would Pay for Improvements by Direct Taxation

TALKS TO ENGINEERS

Advocating the payment for public improvements out of direct taxation rather than by thirty or fifty year bond issues, Director William S. Twining, Department of Transit, this afternoon out. lined city finances at a talk before the

As a basis for his opposition to long-

ing project has come to ruin due to unwise financing, and that engineers pay too little concern to financing problems Before launching into his discussion h expressed the fear that some of his views might not be regarded as orthodox, and declared his statements to have no direct connection with his official position as head of a municipal department that has been granted \$63,100,000 in long-term

Sees Lesson in Comics

"We are all familiar with the way the comic papers have made a joke of the man who mortgages his house to buy an automobile," he said, "but we have not yet learned to laugh at the city that merigages its income for fifty years in the future to build its art gallery, li-brary or convention hall, or issues bonds to pay for other expenditures that should not be strictly classed as public neces-

In pointing his objection to long-term In pointing his objection to long-term loans he said: "At present through the action of Councils in authorizing the creation of loans and providing for the payment of annual charges thereon, over \$6,000,000 of the city's prospective tax with revenue for the year 1945—25 years hence—has been appropriated and durber of Commerce, the Federation of Labert Occupancy of the total conditions and home ecomonics committee of the Civic Club believe,

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Today they voted to back the Chamber of Commerce plan for the appointment of a market commission. loans he said: "At present through the action of Councils in authorizing the crehas been appropriated, and during these intervening twenty-five years it is probable that by the same device nearly twenty millions more of the tax revenues of that year shall be appro-

A part of his address included a table showing that during the showing that during the period between 1912 to 1918 inclusive. Philadelphia has paid from its treasury in fixed charges on its outstanding bonds about \$54,000, 000, an average of about \$9,000,000 a

\$11,000,000 Year Average During the same period, the speaker

said, the city has expended funds, pro-cured by the isue of city bonds, to the amount of about \$78,700,000, or an aver-age of about \$11,000,000 a year. He showed also that the amount of fixed charges on bonds during this period is equal to 80 per cent of the actual expenditure of loan funds. This ratio, said, has been reduced during the last few years because of the large increase in loan expenditures following the big loan authorization of 1915 and 1916.

BILL "PICKLING" AT HARRISBURG IS OVER, SAYS SCOTT

Representative Declares Committee Will Report on All Measures Submitted

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Feb. 4.—Gone is the House City Will Launch "pickl'ng committee." Representative John R. Captain James Dickinson Este, of this heads the Judiciary Special Committee of the House, declared today that his

committee would "pickle" no legislation this session. Mr. Scott's committee met for organization last night and decided unanimously to report out all legislation with either an affirmative or negative recommendation. Such a procedure was fol-lowed by the committee in the famous 1913 session when the independents were in control.

As the Judiciary Special Committee is the local committee is

the logical committee to refer Philadelphia's charter legislation, the measure is considered certain to be reported out of committee.

This committee handled the greater Pittsburgh bill in the 1911 session, Representative Marcus, of Allegheny, was elected secretary of the committee.

SCHUYLKILL MINES WORKING Surplus Output by Reading Will city.

Be Put in Storage Reading, Pa., Feb. 4.—(By A. P.)—teports from the Schuyik il coal regions oday show that conditions are virtuilly the same as they were yesterday, of ar as the production of anthracite concerned. is concerned.

The Reading Coal and Iron Company's mines are all in operation and shipments will be made as usual and what is not absorbed by the market will be stored at Abrams and Landingville.

The dumps at Landingville will hold 1,500,000 tons and the one at Abrams at least as much more.

DE VALERA. SINN FEIN, ESCAPES

Two Others Elected to Parliament Also Break Prison London, Feb. 4.—News reached Dub

TRANSATLANTIC PASSENGER SERVICE AT PORT RESUMED

Seventy Booked to Sail on American Liner Haverford Tomorrow. Northland Probably Will Bring Another Contingent of Veterans to This Port

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MRS. WM. ALBERT WOOD Mrs. Wood is taking an active part in the campaign to raise funds for the West Philadelphia Hospital for Women

CIVIC CLUB ASKS **BETTER MARKETS**

Mayor to Name Commission

WILL ASK CONFERENCE

take no active steps to better marketing conditions until public opinion is

"He acknowledged the receipt of the letter, but has done nothing. Of course, other matters have distracted him recently, but I believe we should urge him to consider the matter immediate-

The consumers of food, retailers, wholesalers the city as an organized municipality and the nearby producers are all to be represented on this commission, whose duty will be to investigate the food situation and place the facts intelligently before the people. "While public improvement along other lines such as trolleys, telephones, water system and electricity have touched Philadelphia, the market situation is virtually the same as thirty years ago."

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ed Frinadelphia, the market situation is virtually the same as thirty years ago," declared A. C. Bigelow, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and one of the speakers before the Civic Club today.

Mr. Blgelow told of the days when
cobble streets, stage coaches and kerosine lamps were promment and traced briefly the change to modern methods. His idea of bettering the market system today is the establishment of co-oper-

Continued from Page One condemnation of land for parks, \$8,940,120 toward the removal of grade \$8,940,120 toward the removal of grade crossings, and millions more for sewers highway construction, bridges, etc. Some of the items have been partly exhausted. This is the case with the \$5,000,000 net aside for the acquisition of property along the Parkway. It is now astimated that \$5,000,000 more will be needed to take additional land along the Parkway west of Logan Square and for its improvement.

An item of \$550,000 is also included in the general loan for the erection, con-struction and repair of police and fire stations. The expenditure of much of this total has been prevented by high prices, and Director Wilson, of the De-partment of Public Safety, is planning to

Further Improvement of Port portion of the \$3,000,000 allotted Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, for buildings a the city institution at Byberry has been spent, but there remains a great deal of construction work to be done, both in the Thirty-fifth Ward and at the Philadelphia General Western Philadelphia General Hospital. "A new Blockley" was the cry at the opening of the Smith administration, and the work is only partly completed.

One of the most important "after the war" undertakings is the further improvement of the port. provement of the port. For this work \$10,000,000 of the \$67,100,000 loan au-thorization was set aside. As yet only \$5,000,000 of the total of the loan has

ever been borrowed, leaving a large bal-ance available for port improvements, in-cluding the completion of a number of new municipal piers now under way. An entirely new project for which An entirely new project for which no loan has been created contemplates extension to the city's water system and the possible acquisition of new sources of supply along the upper Schuyikill River. The cost of plans now on hand in the office of Chief Davis, of the Bureau of Water, is between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000, and present plans call for the inclusion of a portion of the total in each loan program for the plans call for the inclusion of a portion of the total in each loan program for the

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES BENEFIT West Phila. Hospital for Women Campaign Partly for Free Beds

Transatiantic passenger service from Philadelphia, abandoned during the war, will be resumed tomorrow. The American liner Haverford will sall for Liverpool with seventy passengers and a carse of general merchandise.

The Haverford arrived here last Thursday morning from Brest with the Stry-fifth Coast Artillery, the first contingent of returning troops home of its return voyage March 16.

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SETTLE ONE WAR CONTRACTS POINT

Claims Court to Hear Appeals and Make Final Awards

\$2,750,000,000 INVOLVED

Conferees on Informal Pacts Disagree on Some Amendments

By the Associated Press Washington, Feb. 4.—In a partial agreement reached today by Senate and House conferees on the legislation for validation and settlement of informat war contracts aggregating about \$2,-750,000,000, the Senate managers yielded and struck from the bill the plan for an appellate commission to pass upon

awards of government officials. Under a compromise adopted for the mmission plan which the War Department vigorously opposed, the conferees adopted a substitute giving the court of Joins Other Bodies to Urge claims jurisdiction to hear contractors' appeals and make final awards.

On other important Senate amendments, including that of Senator Henderson, of Nevada, proposing authority for the Secretary of Interior to settle claims arising from the bill to stimulate WILL ASK CONFERENCE production of war minerals, the conferees were unable to agree. They decided to report a disagreement to the House, for discussion and instructions.

Chairman Chamberlain, of the Senate

conferees, said the commission plan was yielded in a desire to secure urgent legthoroughly roused, members of the food and home ecomonics committee of the Civic Club believe.

Today they voted to back the Chamfrom government officials settlement the court of claims, contractors would not have the right to accept 75 per cent of the official awards as proposed in the commission project, but would in the commission project, but would

the commendation concerning the appointment of a market commission to the Mayor December 13," explained Clarence Sears Kates, vice chairman of the Pennsylvania Rural Association and one of the speakers at the Civic Club.

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MAIL FROM HERE **BURNED ON TRAIN**

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Valuables Destroyed When Limited Catches Fire

Thousands of dollars' worth of regis-

tered mail bound from Philadelphia to

western cities was burned in a fire to day that destroyed one car and badly injured another of a limited mail train on the Fennsylvania Railroad. The limited was stopped at Pitcaire

twenty miles east of Pittsburgh, after the railway mail clerks had fought a lesing battle with the blaze as the train speeded toward the west. Some of the bags of mail were saw Some of the bags of mail were saved by their heroic efforts, but most of the contents of the car carrying mail from Philadelphia to Chicago was destroyed. Mail for Indianapolis, in an adjoining coach, was burned when the fire com-

The origin of the fire is not known, but when discovered by one of the men in the Chicago mail coach it had got a good start. The car was crowded a good start. The car was crowded with bags and the presence of so many made the efforts to subdue the blase all the more difficult because of the

The speed at which the train was rushing fanned the fire and made it partment of Public Safety, is planning to put under contract a number of new buildings in different sections of the city.

Further Improvement of Port

rushing fanned the fire and made it grow swiftly. The Chicago car was burned to the trucks. The Indianapolis city.

Prompt action of the fire department at Pitcairn subdued the blaze. Officials at the local postoffice have

ceived no report of the accident, as yet, and will give no cat mate of the prob-able amount of money represented in

able amount of money represented in the registered mail on board the train.

limited room for fighting it



to harmonize with the table decorations

1716 Chestnut St.

DEATHS SEARLEY.—Feb. 3. ARTHUR LESS.
N. late of 1851 S Taylor et. Husbar 7 Amy M. Searley fine Armstrongs, a 3n of B. L. and M. C. Searley of Newpo-own, Vs. Int. at Newport News, Vs.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE GIRLS, over 16, to work in finishing department corrugated box factory; light work 75.50 to start. F. B. Foster, 25th and Locust sts.