TULLEY DEFENDS SKIP-STOP PLAN

Accidents Fewer Under System, Says P. R. T. Official

CITES FIGURES IN PROOF

Declares Business Men and Public Satisfied With Company's Attitude

Skip-stops, far from increasing the number of accidents on the Rapid Transit Company's trolley lines, have actually reduced them, according to H. G. Tulley, vice president in charge of public relations of the company.

Mr. Tulley said so today and offered figures to support his statement. The accidents for the first eighteen days of this month numbered 728, Mr. Tulley's figures from the operating department showed, while in the corresponding period of 1918 the number was 1034.

Mr. Tulley was asked: "Do you contend that the skip-stop system has reduced the accidents, or merely that it does not affect the number?"

"We contend that it reduces them," he answered. "With the system established everybody has learned to exercise care, not only at skip-stop points, but everywhere. Persons are more careful at the stops that remain, whereas before they were frequently reckless."

Mr. Tulley was discussing his meeting yesterday with the United Business Men's Association's skip-stop committee and said the committee generally was well satisfied with the progress made in adjusting the skip-stop system to the city's needs—despite the fact that several of its members expressed dissatisfaction and caused what had been termed a "clash" with Mr. Tulley.

Answers Business Men's Complaints

"We reported on forty-three skips, elimination of which had been asked," said Mr. Tulley. "We reported that six had been eliminated. As to twenty-nine, we reported no action taken. Mind you, we did not report that we refused to eliminate these. We left the cases open so that those who complain against them may offer further argument or new facts, if they can or wish to. We reported on the other eight that we had not completed our investigations.

The six stops that we restored were those which our investigations showed should be restored.

"We are not eliminating what we call 'normal' skip-stops; that is, skip-stops where the only complaint is that a few persons have to walk an extra square or that some cigar store or drug store or other store is not getting so many customers.

"The interests of single individuals cannot be considered. It is the general public we are trying to benefit, and we cannot conduct a street-car system for the benefit of individuals and for the general public at the same time. We must have a system that provides the greatest good to the greatest number.

"It is easy to see where a system of considering each individual's pleasure would lead us. The cars would have to stop in front of every house and every store, and if that were done we might as well have no cars at all.

"We are sorry certain individuals must suffer the inconvenience of walking another square to a car—little as that inconvenience is for the average—but neither the P. R. T. Company nor any other company or persons could remedy that.

"We have our next meeting with the United Business Men's Committee next Monday in the Land Title Building, and I believe nearly all the adjustments will be completed by that time. Then we will ask the public to just give the system a fair trial.

Cleveland Satisfied with Skip-Stops

"Peter Witt, commissioner of street railways of Cleveland, who established the skip-stops in that city, is here advising us. The people of Cleveland, he tells me, voted eight to one to establish the skip-stops and nobody has asked to return to the old system except a few storekeepers at whose places the cars do not stop.

"The public is well pleased. The running time is reduced from three minutes on short lines to fourteen on the long ones. Surely we are not harder to please than Cleveland. The Philadelphia public, in my opinion, is as reasonable and fair-minded as that of Cleveland, and I believe the public will give this system a fair trial.

"We are trying to hold the fares down to five cents and this system, saving $1,500,000 a year, as I feel satisfied it will, will help us. Cleveland has increased fares from three cents to five and has added a one-cent charge for transfers. In Chicago they are paying seven cents. In Boston the fare is eight cents and may go to ten. In New York application has been made to increase the five-cent fare.

"We are trying to keep the fare down and we want the public to help and we believe it will."

Mr. Tulley said that the company is not delaying action on skip-stop complaints. It is investigating them rapidly and there were now on hand less than twenty complaints not investigated, the number pending including those received in today's mails.

To prevent traffic congestion around City Hall the Rapid Transit Company plans to shift the trolley tracks close to City Hall plaza.

Announcement of the plan of shifting the tracks about City Hall followed a suggestion by Mr. Witt.

Thinks Congestion Will Be Reduced

Mr Witt, who estimates that 25,400 vehicles pass around City Hall square every twelve hours, says the rearrangement of tracks will reduce congestion 50 per cent.

The rails are now in the middle of the thoroughfares about the municipal building. As a result, transit officials say, automobiles and wagons criss-cross over the path of the trolley cars causing confusion and delay.

The company's plan is to extend the double tracks on either side of City Hall to within twenty feet of the plaza and then to relay the single tracks close to the curbing. Vehicles, as a result, will be able to pass around City Hall without crossing the trolley tracks.

The six skip-stops just eliminated by the transit company are at Frankford avenue and Dyre street; Market street at Twenty-first; Ridge avenue at Twenty-fourth, Woodland avenue at Forty-eighth, Germantown avenue at Price street and Germantown avenue at Seymour street.

A new skip is at Frankford avenue and Pratt street, one block from Dyre street, where a skip just has been abandoned.

Plan Great July 4 Celebration

If plans now being formulated for the celebration of Independence Day by Chairman John H. Baizley, of the Fourth of July Committee of Councils, materialize, the celebration will eclipse anything of the kind ever held in Philadelphia. It is the intention, if possible, to have President Wilson to come to Philadelphia and deliver an address on the morning of July Fourth, in Independence Square, as he did three years

Too Many Golf "Foozles" Bad for Health at Fifty

New York, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—Men of fifty to sixty years "need not take their daily exercise in a rocking chair," according to physicians who addressed the Medical Association of Greater New York at a meeting last night. Recent army and navy examinations, it was said, showed men of these ages in perfect physical condition.

Swimming and walking, especially the "heel-and-toe step," were advocated as the best exercises. Boxing was classed as too strenuous, while golf was asserted to be a fine game for exercising, "but if too many misses are made, the effect on the nerves distracts from the muscular benefits."

SUES FORMER FIANCE TO RECOVER PROPERTY

Woman Alleges Sweetheart Deceived Her to Acquire Title

In a suit brought today in Common Pleas Court No. 4, a charge of fraud is made by Ada M. Cohen against her former sweetheart, Aaron Roykees. The proceeding is an equity suit in which Miss Cohen seeks to restrain the defendant from disposing of a property, which she says belongs to her, but was conveyed to him through fraudulent representations.

The statement of claim alleges that the couple were engaged to be married, and that, as a result of the engagement, Miss Cohen bought a house at 2128 South Fourth street, for which she paid $4150. On December 15, last, she states, Roykees came to her with a document which he is alleged to have said was an insurance policy on the furniture for their home. Feeling she could trust Roykees, Miss Cohen said she signed the paper without reading it.

On December 19, however, it was discovered that the paper she signed was a deed of conveyance of the property from her to Roykees. She also states that there was no notary public present when she signed what she thought was an insurance policy, but on the deed on file with the Recorder of Deeds, it is shown that a notary's acknowledgement of the signature is affixed to the document, and it dated December 16.

HOUSE FLOOR CLEARED

Speaker Spangler Orders Unauthorized Persons From Room

Harrisburg, Feb. 18.—Speaker Spangler today ordered unauthorized persons off the floor of the House of Representatives during sessions.

"Visitors who are not former members have no right on the floor when the House is in session and seats of members must be vacated at once," he said. "The sergeant-at-arms will enforce this order."

The Scott resolution relative to acceptance of Federal assistance in military training was sent to the Military Committee for a hearing.

MOVE TO SETTLE STRIKE

Building Trades Representatives to Confer at Washington

New York, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of the Building Trades Employers' Association of this city and their striking building trades workers each announced today that they would send committees to meet Secretaries Baker and Wilson in Washington tomorrow afternoon in an attempt to settle the nation-wide strike, effective yesterday, on contracts held by the employers' association.

Bills Introduced in Senate

Harrisburg, Feb. 18.—Bills introduced in the Senate today included the following:

By Mr. Phipps, Venango—Requiring assessors and assistant assessors for county purposes in third-class cities to keep an account of days actually employed.

Mr. McNichol, Philadelphia—Regulating the practice of drugless therapeutics and creating a board of licensure.

Mr. Daix, Philadelphia—Appropriating $20,000 for a statue of Andrew G. Curtin in the rotunda of the state capitol.

Mr. Daix, Philadelphia—Requiring all inmates of the Eastern and Western Penitentiaries and the Huntingdon Reformatory to be employed daily at such labor as they are able to perform.

MOTHER COMES FROM OREGON TO SEE ILL SON

Mrs. S. M. Caruthers came all the way from Eugene, Ore., to sit at the bedside of her soldier son in the Pennsylvania Hospital. Private Arthur Marion Caruthers became ill while on the Haverford, which brought the Sixty-fifth Coast Artillery to Philadelphia. He was in the battles at Argonne woods, St. Mihiel, Verdun and others

TWO KILLED FIGHTING FIRE; ANOTHER DYING

Threatened Bank Building at Keyser, W. Va., Wrecked, $50,000 Cumberland Blaze

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 18.—Fire early today wrecked Music Hall, a two-story brick theatre building, at Keyser, W. Va., owned by the First National Bank, which occupied the first floor. Leo Brotemarkle and C. W. Clark, employes of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, while acting as volunteer firemen, were struck by a falling wall and killed. James Turner, a schoolboy who was assisting the firemen, sustained a crushed skull and severe burns. He is not expected to recover.

The fire is believed to have originated from the stage of the theatre. The bank's loss is $15,000.

The two volunteer fire companies were aided by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad fire department of Keyser and the two fire companies of Piedmont, W. Va. The whole town was endangered for a time, as a high wind carried blazing embers to all sections.

The three-story brick Jammer Building here, occupied by the Cumberland branch of the W. F. Frederick Piano Company, also was wrecked by fire early today. A muffled report, as if from an explosion, was heard about ten minutes before the flames broke out. The loss is placed at $50,000. Bradford Wilson and Edward Criswell, firemen, were buried down by a falling floor, but escaped serious injury.

AGED MAIL CARRIER DIES

Thomas Wiggins Was Oldest in Service in Camden

Thomas Wiggins, sixty-two years old and both in age and length of service the oldest mail-carrier in Camden, died early this morning at his home, 9 Pine street, that city, of pneumonia.

Wiggins was appointed a carrier in August, 1892, by the then postmaster and now Congressman William J. Browning. Had he lived until the coming August he would have been placed on the retired list and pensioned.

Wiggins's route was through the central part of Camden, where he was personally known to thousands of patrons of that postoffice.

PUSEY & JONES YARD TO BUILD MORE SHIPS

Admiral Bowles Denies Gloucester Plant Will Cease Operations

The Pusey & Jones yards at Gloucester are undergoing a thorough readjustment to clear up the confusions and then go on with their work of shipbuilding, according to former Rear Admiral Bowles, whose resignation as assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation takes effect soon.

"It is not true," he said, "that the last ship was launched there Saturday. Eleven vessels, whose keels had not been laid, though some of the material had been gathered, were canceled. The plant will keep on building ships."

William G. Coxe has been made general manager of the corporation and the remaining changes in the management to strengthen the organization will be made by him.

The executive council of the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association met in the Bellevue-Stratford last night to consider, among other questions, the important problem of a substitute for the Macy board, which expires March 31. They hoped to arrive at some recommendation on the subject to present to the full meeting of the association.

"Bolshevism in Seattle are quieting down a bit," said Director General Piez, of the fleet corporation, yesterday. "They were bound to lose the strike in the premises. Some teeth were pulled, and that hurts. But I expect the shipyards to open up again in Seattle Wednesday or Monday."

CAST GOO-GOO EYES; $10 SIZE

Sporty Flirt, Actions Hurt; Husband "Cop" Forces Stop

He was sporty, he was neat, as he strutted up the street and gave the eye to girlies passing by. He stroked his silk cravat and doffed his dainty hat at a woman whom he thought a little shy.

He thought that he was wise, but she glared back in surprise and ran to a patrolman standing near. "Please arrest that man," she said, "for I think he's lost his head and is following me everywhere, I fear."

The patrolman wasn't clubby, for you see he was her hubby, and he quickly put the sporty boy in line. Subsequently he was brought to the bar of Central court and dug deeply for a whole $10 fine. George Roper was his name and his explanation lame.

"Flirting," said the court, "must stop." This pleased Rodenburg, the cop, and appeased the wrath of the insulted dame.

CITY SUES RAILWAY

Clai mfor $46,000 to Be Heard in Common Pleas Court

Assistant City Solicitor Coyne has filed a statement of claim against the Frankford, Tacony and Holmesburg Street Railway Company, in Court of Common Pleas No. 4, to recover $46,881.80 expended by the city for paving work along the line of the railway.

Under its agreement with the municipality, it is explained, the cost of the work should have been paid by the railway company.

The bill included a charge of $18,342.21 for material and labor for concrete road on Frankford avenue, from a point 150 feet north of Stevenson street to the south curbline of Hegerman street; also an item of $27,793.02 for the surfacing of Frankford avenue from Linden avenue to Stevenson street, and also from Hegerman street to the north side of bridge over Poquessing creek.

A claim for interest is also made against the railway company.

Finds Lost Sister Too Late

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 18.—After trying to find her sister for ten years, Mrs. Harvey McCoombs was thwarted in a tragic manner when, upon arriving in Scranton, in response to her latest clew, she learned that her sister had died the day before. She was able to identify her by a burn on the back of the neck and a scar on the left hand.

MARY ROBERTS RINEHART DENIES BREST IS PEST-HOLE

Situation Halfway Between Unbearable and Being Good, Says Woman-Author, Here, After Visit to Embarkation Port of American Troops in France

Mary Roberts Rinehart, famous novelist recently back from France, said in an interview this afternoon that conditions at Brest are "half way between unbearable and very good."

Mrs. Rinehart returned to this country about two weeks ago. She has reported to the Secretary of War on conditions at Brest, the seaport where American troops are embarking for their return to this country. Complaints have been made by returned soldiers concerning the insanitary state of the camp there at Pont a Nezan.

Mrs. Rinehart will address the members of Independence Square Auxiliary of the Red Cross this afternoon.

"Brest will never be a good site for a camp," said Mrs. Rinehart at the Bellevue-Stratford. "Climate, location, soil, drainage and water supply are against it. It is necessary to have the troops embark there, however, because large transports such as the Leviathan cannot dock at any other port.

"The army authorities had to choose between keeping the troops for the winter on the Riviera or sending them to Brest. The real administrative error was sending so many troops to Brest.

"It would be possible to handle 15,000 troops with ease at Brest, but not with comfort. Comfort must be unknown where the mud is always knee deep.

"I notice that many attacks have been made upon the administration for errors in France. I hold no brief for the administration, but it should be clearly understood that the choice of Brest and the use made of it are matters entirely under the administration of the commander-in-chief in France. As he is on the ground, he naturally understands conditions there better than we can through the highly colored medium of reports received on this side.

"I wish to make it clear that the exact truth about conditions at best is that they are half way between intolerable and very good.

"The rate of sickness there is exceedingly low. Much of the discontent expressed by the men grew out of the fact that it was necessary to occupy the camp before it was completed.

"Another thing I want to make clear—Brest is the Socialist center in France. Its Mayor and city government are Socialist. They refused all co-operation with the American officers in charge. This made the problem greater than it might have been otherwise.

"There is a sort of hysteria prevailing in this country about conditions as they affect our troops on the other side. For instance, I heard recently the charge that there was no soap in France. Some one told me about a cake of American soap selling for $5.

"That isn't true. I have been all over France, and I found soap everywhere selling for about 50 per cent advance on the usual price. This incident is just a sample of the sort of exaggeration one hears."

Mrs. Rinehart spoke of the prospects of American doctors and nurses getting back to this country. She said she believes it will be many months before our nurses get back to their work here.

"The army authorities already are planning to release certain nursing units," said Mrs. Rinehart, "and are preparing to close the hospitals.

"It will be several months, however, before the situation created here by lack of nurses can be relieved. While they are bringing the wounded over to this country as fast as possible, it must be remembered that convalescence after serious battle injury takes a long time.

"I don't believe our nurses can get home in less than six or eight months. The French people would like to get our nurses out of the country and our soldiers as well. They want to get back on a peace basis in France. They are anxious to get their country cleaned up after the war.

"It ought to be easier to get the doctors home to the United States than the nurses. American nurses were always short in France; there was never a shortage of medical men. It ought to be possible, therefore, to return more doctors pro rata than nurses at an early date. The demobilization of the doctors has been slow—too slow. Every attempt should be made to speed it up."

GEORGE D. FIRMIN

He was waylaid by five gunmen operating in Glenside shortly after midnight. Professor Firmin is an instructor at the Northeast High School, and lives at 30 West Mount Carmel avenue

WIFE FATALLY SHOT; HUSBAND ACCUSED

Robert Hamilton, Former Philadelphian, Under Arrest in Jersey

Robert Hamilton, Pitman Grove, N. J., said to be a member of a Philadelphia family, who were formerly soap manufacturers, shot his wife today at their home, it is charged.

Mrs. Hamilton was taken to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital in Camden. Her condition is critical. Hamilton was taken to the Gloucester County jail, Woodbury.

According to the police, Hamilton was under the influence of liquor. The shooting occurred in the Hamilton home, 36 Boulevard.

A seven-year-old daughter ran from the house screaming. Her cries brought Special Officer William Simpson, who found Hamilton with a revolver in his hand, it is said.

Hamilton made no statement. According to neighbors, the Hamiltons have been living in Pitman Grove for two years, having gone there from this city. Mrs. Hamilton, it is said, frequently told neighbors that she was afraid of her husband, because he was frequently intoxicated, and when in that condition, had threatened to kill her.

Hamilton is forty years old. The Hamiltons have eight children.

"WETS" OPEN BIG DRIVE

Atlantic City Visitors Urged to Sign Anti-Prohibition Call

Atlantic City, Feb. 18.—Emissaries for the Association Opposed to National Prohibition, with offices at 331 Fifth avenue, New York, set in motion here today, through the signing up of hotel guests, a nation-wide protest against the enforcement of the dry edict in America.

Thousands of visitors from almost every city in the country are being urged to place their names and addresses on cards "protesting against the methods by which the prohibition amendment has been acted upon by state Legislatures in disregard of the opinion of the people."

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—Referendum elections will be held in fourteen states of the union on the Federal prohibition amendment, according to an announcement made by the National Association of Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers here today. The states are: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Leading distillers here state they believe at least thirteen of these fourteen states will reject the amendment and thus defeat national prohibition.

SUSPECTED THIEVES CAUGHT

An Alleged Purse Snatcher and Three Other Suspects Arrested

A negro is alleged to have snatched the handbag of Miss Ethel Davis, 1805 North Fifteenth street, on Spruce street last night. She shouted and chased the man.

Detective Detective Isaacs heard the woman's shouts and also joined the chase. He caught the negro after a run of several blocks. The man gave his name as George Campbell, Ninth and Lombard streets.

He was held in $1000 bail for court today by Magistrate Mecleary in the Central Police Court.

Three men acting suspiciously at Eighth and Walnut streets today were arrested at the point of a revolver by Patrolman Gibbs.

He saw them entering and leaving a house near Ninth and Walnut streets. After capturing the three the place was searched. A room occupied by the men contained stolen goods, the police say.

The prisoners, according to the police, are members of a band which has been connected with several robberies. The men gave their names as Peter Maurio, Eighth and Wharton streets; Charles Toney, Fifth and Clymer streets, and Dominick Cecile, Twelfth and Federal streets. Each was held without bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Mecleary in Central Station.

PASSES LICENSE FEE BILLS

Senate Approves Monthly Installment Payment Measure

Harrisburg, Feb. 18.—(By A. P.)—The Senate today passed finally and sent to the House the two bills permitting wholesale and retail liquor dealers to pay license fees in monthly installments. The vote was thirty-three to six on each bill. The negative votes were Barnes, of Wayne; Craig, Beaver; Leiby, Perry; J. S. Miller, Somerset; Snyder, Blair, and Buckman, Bucks.

Senator Snyder spoke in opposition to the bills, saying the liquor dealers expect to sell out their stocks before prohibition is enforced and they will lose nothing in paying the full year license fee.

Senator Eyre, Chester, took issue with Snyder. He said it was not fair to take money from saloonkeepers for a year's license when they will not have the privilege of selling for a full year. He said he will vote for ratification of the national prohibition bill.

Chauffeur Hurt When Car Skids

John Ayers, a chauffeur, was injured today when the automobile he was driving, owned by Dr. Thomas Kain, Sixth and Walnut streets, Camden, skidded at Sixth and Benson streets and struck a telephone pole.

FIRES HOT SHOT AT BREST CAMP

Congressman Siegel Calls for Rigid Inquiry Into Conditions There

PICTURED AS HELL HOLE

Other Army Conditions Described as Fatal to Volunteer Enlistments

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congressman Isaac Siegel, of New York, warned the rules committee of the House of Representatives today that it is going to be very difficult for the United States to raise a volunteer army unless Congress goes on record as favoring a correction of the abuses of the war by ordering a full investigation of the charges made regarding conditions at Brest camp and other army matters regarding which serious charges have been made.

Mr. Siegel appeared before the committee today to urge adoption of his resolution calling for appointment of a select committee of eight members of the House to investigate the charges that Brest camp is a "terrible hell hole" and numerous other unsavory charges made in various quarters regarding the army.

After citing Governor Allen's description of conditions which marked the Argonne Forest battle and a statement by Colonel Hayward, of the 369th Infantry, that in the three weeks that his command was at Brest he had lost more men and officers than in the ten previous months when they had been fighting and that some of his men had not been paid for eight months, Congressman Siegel said:

"A week ago Representative Cooper, of Ohio, and myself interviewed two men, respectively Alfred W. Larson, of Ogden, Utah, and Victor F. Harr, of McCook, Neb. They had come back the Saturday previous from Brest. They told us that the camp was 'a living hell on earth' and that the men had to stand from one and a half to two hours in rain and mud in order to obtain meals. That they had to sleep in water and that the men were not permitted to purchase food at the Y. M. C. A. and specifically told they must make no complaints.

"The newspapers have carried numerous stories describing the alleged condition of this camp. The newspaper pictures apear to confirm those harrowing conditions.

"The complaints about the mail service are on the increase. One outfit of the Second Pioneers, stationed permanently near St. Nazaire, has sent to me a complaint in behalf of 250 men from Harlem, that from thirty to forty days elapse before mail gets to them, and that some of the men are going insane over not hearing from their folks.

"More than 100 men who had been drafted complain bitterly over the fact that at St. Elizabeth's Hospital they have to work in the insane wards from 6 a. m. to 8 p. m. one day, and on the following day from 6 a. m. to 5 p. M., besides having to eat in the wards. These men complain that they never were orderlies in their lives and that unless they get relief they will go insane themselves.

"Five thousand six hundred crippled men have been permitted to go to their homes without the government having arranged to pay to them the monthly allowance provided by Congress.

"The charges made on the floor of the House touching the efficiency and fairness of many officers in courts-martial and in the treatment of men and officers by their superiors cry to heaven for a thorough and earnest investigation.

"The 22,000 cases tried by courts-martial have created in the minds of the privates and their friends the impression that we are indisposed to face the truth and expose to public view the sore-spots in the military service."

SUITS AGGREGATE $65,000

N. J. Public Service Corporation Defendant in Three Actions

Suits claiming damages aggregating $65,000 were instituted today in the Camden Circuit Court at Camden against the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, as the result of accidents causing one death and the injury of a woman.

Mrs. Johanna Auhele, of Gloucester, started proceedings through her counsel for $50,000 damages for the death of her husband, Henry Auhele, on September 19, 1918. An automobile Auhele was driving on the Mantua pike was struck by a trolley car at the Woodbury Heights crossing. Auhele was thrown out of the machine and dragged some distance. He died two hours later.

Joint suits were entered by William Mathes, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Mathes, of Camden, the former claiming $5000 and the latter, $10,000 damages for injuries which Mrs. Mathes claims to have suffered when a trolley she was leaving at Broadway and Webster street, Camden, on November 7, suddenly started up and threw her to the ground.

BRIDGE PLAN OPPOSED

Board of Trade Says Property Condemnation Would Be Costly

The Philadelphia Board of Trade has taken issue with Governor Sproul's Philadelphia-Camden bridge location plan. It is contended by the council that to erect the proposed bridge from Front and Market streets, this city, would involve an expenditure of city funds for property condemnation proceedings far out of proportion to Philadelphia's share of the actual bridge construction cost, which is now estimated at $18,000,000.

It was emphasized that to provide approaches adequate to the anticipated bridge, if this location should be accepted, it would necessitate the razing of property in the widening of thoroughfares in the vicinity of the Market street "hill," aggregating probably $5,000,000, which would be as much again as Philadelphia's share ($4,500,000) in the state's proportionate interest in the contemplated project.

YORK MAN ARRESTED

Onetime Hotel Clerk Held on Safe Robbery Indictment

York, Pa., Feb. 18.—James E. Lord, onetime hotel clerk of this city, was arrested last night by Detective Charles H. White shortly after he arrived here from Denver.

Lord has been a fugitive from justice since May 6, 1917, when he was indicted on a charge of robbing the safe of the Robert Treat Hotel, at Newark, N. J., of $1200. He was committed to jail to await officers from Newark.

Man Crushed to Death by Elevator

Paul Granger, fifty-eight years old, Eighth and Spruce streets, was killed early today when caught between the elevator doors on the second floor of the Moore Bread Company's plant, Spring Garden street near Twelfth, where he was employed. The man's head was crushed and he was pronounced dead at the Hahnemann Hospital. The body was taken to the morgue.

Pay Income Tax Early as a Patriotic Duty

While the army of occupation winds up the watch on the Rhine, your income tax will help wind up the cost of getting there. Pay it early!

If you think an income tax pinches, remember that some of our returned soldiers would be glad to pay it.

WILLARD AGAINST U. S. OWNERSHIP

Urges More Power for Railroads Under Private Control

SCORES FIVE-YEAR PLAN

B. and O. President Opposes Division of Excess Profits With Labor

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 18.—Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, testified today before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee that experience in the war showed that railroads under private ownership and subject always to governmental regulation should be authorized to do whatever would be done in the public interest under government ownership and operation, or is actually being done under Federal control and operation.

Mr. Willard contended that railroads under private management had not broken down during the war, and that both private operation and Federal regulation, which he said had proved successful, should be continued.

"It has been clearly shown, however," he added, "that a system of regulation designed for peace time conditions did not function properly in time of war and the government assumed control of the railroads and proceeded to run them as if there were no restrictive laws or regulations."

Mr. Willard opposed government ownership, extension of the present control until 1924 and the plan of cooperative operation advanced by the four brotherhoods. He said he believed if the five-year extension plan was carried out, government ownership would be inevitable.

Discussing proposals to insure larger returns to labor, Mr. Willard said he did not favor division of excess profits with labor. "I believe thoroughly in good wages," he said, "and if a man does work of unusual value he should receive unusual reward, but the two should go together."

He referred to his own rise from an unskilled laborer at the age of eighteen in discussing the opportunities which he said were open to railway employes.

FUNERAL OF MAJOR WILSON

Many Organizations Attend Services in Holy Trinity Church

The funeral of Major H. Frederick Wilson was held at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, this morning. The service was read by the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins in the presence of relatives and friends representing various organizations with which Mr. Wilson had been actively connected.

Major Wilson was assistant manager of the clothing department of Strawbridge & Clothier; managing director of the Drexel-Biddle Bible classes, and a major in the Philadelphia military training corps, of which he was co-founder with Major Biddle.

He was a member of University Lodge No. 610, the Craftsman of Delaware County, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Inasmuch Mission.

Among those who attended the funeral were Alexander F. Williamson, superintendent of Holy Trinity Sunday school; Dr. James M. Anders, Colonel J. Campbell Gilmore, Colonel John S. Muckle and Major A. J. Drexel Biddle.

The pallbearers were Judson J. Adams, Horace Hood and Earl P. Rees, representing the Bible class, and John Morrison, H. L. Sampson and A. V. Robey representing Strawbridge & Clothier.

Major Wilson, who was thirty-nine years old, is survived by his widow, mother, two sisters and a brother.

Burial was made at Elkton, Md., this afternoon.

MOTHER DESERTS CHILD

Baby Boy Found on Apartment House Doorstep With Note

"Please see that my little boy has a good home, because I am poor and cannot keep him. It breaks my heart to part with him. I am all alone in the world.—Mother."

This note and a healthy three-month-old baby boy were found in a basket in the vestibule of the Monte Vista Apartments, Sixty-third and Oxford streets, shortly before midnight. The baby was taken to the Philadelphia Hospital by the police of the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

William M. Flanagan, 361 Lyceum ave., and Ellen Lamb, 5242 Ridge ave.
Herman Upshaw, 1618 Seybert st., and Viola Kenney, 1618 Seybert st.
Lawrence Hershman, 424 S. 8th st., and Kathryn Bornstein, 503 Emily st.
Alexander Dombrowski, 2029 Wallace st., and Anna Ebert, Camden, N. J.
Wesley Thomas, 2027 W. Westmoreland st., and Felicia Lee, 2927 Midvale ave.
Louis E. Weed, New York city, and Minnie Burns, 1320 Green st.
Alexander Braunfeld, 3127 Euclid ave., and Henrietta Schwartz, 3058 Richmond st.
Harry C. Russell, 626 N. Frazier st., and Irene B. Musselman, 1457 N. Robinson st.
George B. Gempp, Greenfield, Ill., and Hilda McCrell, 2064 E. Stella st.
Antoni Peters, 1305 N. 12th st., and Margaret Sarsfield, 1228 W. Girard ave.
James P. Keene, Chicago, Ill., and Effie M. Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
John Mossman, U. S. N., 1509 E. Montgomery ave., and Anna Vaughan, 1218 N. Ringgold st.
Joseph Gold, 2 Providence Court, and Celia R. England, 2 Providence Court.
Arthur Lucier, Tacony, and Edna Swindlehurst, Tacony.
Cesare Volpi, Chester, and Lena Giannineto, 948 Carpenter st.
George W. Schlafer, 1603 Margaret st., and Edyth L. Barfoot, 4931 Penn st.
Philip Fritzsche, 243 Duncannon st., and Alice Dolt, 5109 N. 4th st.
William Dirsh, 530 N. Warren st., and Blanche Knause, 107 Nectarine st.
William S. Johnson, 2239 S. 67th st., and Rae McCulley, 2115 S. 66th st.
Frank Leopold, New York city, and Marie F. Bernlohr, 4114 N. 5th st.
Elisha L. Morgan, U. S. N., Indianapolis, Ind., and Adelaide W. Knechtel, 5103 W. Funston st.
Otto H. Kolb, 3716 N. 10th st., and Caroline Spaeter, 2031 N. Broad st.
Edward F. Glazier, 3744 N. 7th st., and Eleanor Haney, 3934 N. 5th st.
Ray Roberts, 1020 Mt. Vernon st., and Alma F. Henry, 1020 Mt. Vernon st.
Richard F. Harrison, New York city, and Evelyn L. Hommel, Brownsville, Pa.
Louis Potenza, U. S. N., 3647 Stanton st., and Sadie Wiedeburg, 2608 E. Cumberland st.
Charles Edwards, 1524 Womrath st., and Elsie Kaltwinkel, 152 E. Allegheny ave.
Walter E. Kelly, 2120 S. 65th st., and Bertha E. Heiser, 2127 S. 65th st.
William Smith, 1720 Naudain st., and Annie Pitts, 908 S. 17th st.
Patrick Comerford, 333 Dawson st., and Ellen MacFadden, 3877 Manayunk ave.
John W. Byrne, 2958 N. Hancock st., and Agnes E. Doyle, 2958 N. Hancock st.
Frank J. McNally, U. S. N., Louisville, Ky., and Elizabeth Hapburn, Providence, R. I.
Samuel Feinstein, 1924 N. 8th st., and Fannie Goldberg, 1924 N. 8th st.

STATE AID ASKED TO DOWN CRIME

Will Request Governor to Give Defense Council Police Control

THIEVES STILL ACTIVE

Burglar Insurance Jumps and Philadelphians Are Hiding Their Valuables

Former State Representative Isadore Stern will confer with Governor Sproul in Harrisburg and ask him to supply state aid in checking crime in Philadelphia.

The Daix bill restricting the sale of firearms has been referred by the State Legislature back to a committee for a hearing because of the protests of hardware merchants and dealers.

Representative C. A. Michel, of Allegheny, has introduced a bill providing a ten-year penalty for automobile thieves.

Mr. Stern, who was prominent in causing the arrest of Mayor Smith and others in the Fifth Ward election conspiracy, said today he was going to ask the Governor to place the police situation here in the hands of the Pennsylvania council of national defense.

Call City Police Incapable

"There is only one way to stamp out the holdups, outrages and disorder in Philadelphia," Mr. Stern declared, "and that is for real detectives and policemen to get on the job. The Philadelphia police, as now managed, are incapable of looking after our citizens. If several good sleuths are sent there, I am sure that the scoundrels who are responsible for all the disorder will be run down.

"I have several addresses to give the Governor. It is useless to ask the Philadelphia police to aid, and that is the reason I am here. It is a fact that there was talk of bombing the homes of prominent men several weeks before the actual crimes were committed.

"These radicals should be run down and then run out of the state and country. I am in favor of deporting them. I am sure the Governor will aid our city and make it a place where women and children can walk the streets in safety."

Because of insistent demands for a hearing by hardware merchants and dealers of small firearms, Senator Daix moved that his bill to restrict the sale of the weapons be referred back to the committee, to give dealers a chance to appear and present their arguments. Some minor amendments to correct the phraseology of the bill might be made, he said.

The Neary bill, which is similar in its provisions to the Daix bill, except that it requires an applicant for a revolver or small arms to get a license from the sheriff instead of the police, was amended and given a second reading.

The Michel bill defines auto thievery as a felony, and the extreme penalty of ten years would apply to any person knowingly implicated in a theft. It is much more severe than the bill introduced by Representative Cox, of this city, along similar lines.

Philadelphians Hiding Valuables

Thousands of Philadelphians are hiding their valuables in safe places, according to the banks of the city, which announce a largely increased demand for safe-deposit boxes. Prevalence of crime and the Liberty Loans are held jointly responsible for the demand.

Burglar insurance also has taken a jump, according to several companies. Payroll messengers, bank runners and wealthy men and women are the principal holders of the new policies.

Automobile policies were boosted yesterday 100 per cent in price.

During the services in the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday, it was learned today, a sneak thief entered the choir room and stole a fur coat valued at $250 belonging to Mrs. Maybelle Addison. The theft was reported by the Rev. A. J. MacCullum, pastor of the church.

Shot at By Highwayman

J. O. Johnson, of 4827 Cedar avenue, reported to the police that a highwayman fired a shot through the windshield of his automobile because he refused to stop when commanded. The bullet narrowly missed his head. The attempted hold-up occurred on Fitzwater street near Seventh.

Bernard Goldberg, of 163 St. Albans street, reported today that he was held up at Fifth and Market streets about 2 o'clock this morning by a man in uniform, who asked him for a quarter. The man walked down Fifth street with him, he alleges, and at Walnut pointed what appeared to be a revolver at him from the pocket of his coat and demanded $8, which Goldberg gave him. The man fled.

A sneak thief entered the home of H. D. Hauffler, 1740 North Twenty-ninth street, while the family was at supper last night, according to a report made to the police today, and stole four overcoats, a smoking jacket and other wearing apparel that was hanging in the hallway.

Motor bandits held up and robbed M. Ward, of East Lansdowne, of $50 at Lansdowne avenue and Marshall road as he stepped from a trolley car last night, according to Chief of Police Munch.

Skebbe Hold-up Suspects Freed

George Holt, of Collingdale, his brother William and Joseph Geutter, of Philadelphia, were arrested and given a hearing before Magistrate Robinson, of Lansdowne, in connection with the Skebbe hold-up on Saturday night. All three denied any knowledge of the robbery. They were discharged for lack of evidence. George Holt is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Skebbe.

Lad Held on Arson Charge

Anthony Tuffo, eighteen years old, was held without bail today by Magistrate Baker for a further hearing Sunday on suspicion of arson. The prisoner, according to the police of the Twentieth and Federal streets station, was seen running away from a stable at Thirty-fourth and Reed streets shortly after a fire was discovered early today. The fire was soon extinguished after doing slight damage.

DEATHS

KERR.—Suddenly, Feb. 17, JOHN J. KERR. Relatives and friends, also Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, F. and A. M.; Jerusalem R. A. C., No. 3; St. Alban's Commandery, No. 47, K. T., and Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and Eastern Travelers' Club, invited to funeral service, Thurs., 2 p. m., 4933 Catharine st. Int. Mt. Moriah. Auto funeral.

POLLOCK.—Feb. 17, EMMA W., widow of James C. Pollock, in Buffalo, N. Y. Funeral Feb. 19, at Milton, Pa.

KILPATRICK.—Feb. 17, EDWARD V., husband of Edith S. Kilpatrick, aged 38. Relatives and friends, also Meridian Sun Lodge No. 158, F. & A. M.; Belmont Council No. 190, O. of I. A.; employes of Phila. and Reading Railway and Relief Asso., invited to services Friday, 2 p. m., at 826 N. 43d st. Int. private at Fernwood Cem. Friends may call Thurs. eve., 7 to 9 o'clock.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

MANAGER—Man efficient and qualified to run apartment hotel; best of references. P 421, Ledger Office.