

The groups were scattered along the outer ring of woodland surrounding the mission. With reports of strikes, pubwoods. Every foot of the woods was

rounding

searched. Several of the men climbed to lic discontent and other traffic prob- He had been a member of both Common the top of trees to get a better view lems rolling in, it was looked upon as and Select Councils for years. He was a miners were still in session and it was of the Bethlehem Steel Company, dedissenting voice in the wilderness of protege of the late Israel W. Durham announced there probably would be no clares 75 per cent of the men have quit

circles.

his councilmanic job that Mr. Seger miners their reply to the demands of the Federal Electric Railways Com- agreed to support Judge Patterson and the men for a 60 per cent increase in the organization ticket.

wages and shorter hours. The reply is Mr. Seger was seventy one years old. said to be a flat refusal.

At 12:30 p. m. the operators and

By a Staff Carresponden

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 29.-David H. zations were as follows: Williams, who heads the forces of the Police - The Patrolmen's Protective campaign would involve. striking steel workers in the big plants

and presented upon organization letter of what has happened on his recent trip heads and stationery. The labor organi- that his family and his medical ad-

and Benevolent Association. Head-quarters, rooms 206-207 Hutchinson he has suffered a complete nervous on Seventeenth street near the courtbuilding. Harry M. Dickerson, busi-ness manager. busi-breakdown. He is described as "burned house about 10 o'clock and was threat-out" by the exertion of the last few house with traching. He was hustled by the exertion of the last few ened with lynching. He was hustled ness manager. More will follow when the night shift Firemen - The City Fire Fighters' years culminating in the strain of this to Harney street and stopped at the Union, No. 22. affiliated with the last trip. A long rest will be necessary foot of a trolley pole on the cross-American Federation of Labor. James and the intention of his family is to arm of which was a coll of rope. take him away from Washington in a M. Simister, president. few days, so that he can forget the we can't get the nigger we'll lynch you. Bureau of Water-Steam and Operating cares of his office Engineers' Local Union No. 447, af-He will not take part in the labor-

reported by his physicians to be slightly that his family and his medical ad improved today. The mayor, who suf-visers will oppose his taking the risk a fered from cuts and fractured bones,

recovered consciousness at noon. Mayor Smith was seized by the mob

"Give us the key to the jai

"He's no better than the nigger."

Start to Hang Mayor

It was pulled down by the loose end,

cut the rone. It was brought down

"Throw it up over the pole and string

The rope was placed around the

The mapor's law firm is at present

made by members of the mob, who had

could not be estimated early today, but

**100** Prisoners Imperiled

For several hours the lives of more

lower floors of the building. It was

finally necessary to send them all to

angry mob until the flames caused the

prisoners themselves to take action. They at first decided among themselves

to throw the negro from the roof to the

pavement below and leave him to the

that had gained entrance to the burn-

into the cell corridor. Here it was that

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the negro was turned over to them,

It was at this moment that the moh

destruction of the mob.

Sheriff Clark stood off the

The property was valued at

univor's neck. Appalled at the possi-bility of murdering the city's chief ex-

Mr. Wilson has had no real vacation centive, protests began to be heard,

The President virtually had only one a hand in the attempt against his life.

associate, Colonel House, and he was an agent or broker for Mr. Wilson house left that structure a mass of

the weight of the peace bargaining on \$1,500,000. The damage to the records

The results at Paris were disappoint - it is believed many have been destroyed

the roof.

has been trying to him. On top of this county affairs since the county was or-

2 KILLED AS TRAINS CRASH ing building pushed past Sheriff Clark and his deputies and forced, their way

Freights Near Danbury Danbury, Conn., Sept. 29.—Two per-sons were killed and five injured in a United to the ground floor,

"Get that rope," some one shouted.

For more than an hour the search higher fare demands. was continued. The negro had been seen running in the direction of the woods and the chief of police and his way executive in the country to prevolunteer aides believe he is hiding sent argument before the commission, somewhere in the clumps of high grass who did not emphasize that fare inand fallen trees.

Back in Merchantville, within a few minutes after the first batch of volun-teers had followed Chief Linderman, ruptcy. there were gathered other residents of the city and surrounding small towns.

## Threats of Lynching

Threats of lynching were heard. Other automobiles were called for and shortly after noon four more machines, each carrying from six to ten men, some of them said to be armed, started in the direction of the woods to aid in the search. They scoured carefully the sur-rounding thickets and looked into every strip of woods on the way down Cove toward Green Tree woods. No trace of the negro had been found.

When the second contingent of volunrs reached the woods where Chief Linderman and his searchers were busy hunting the negro, they, too, were separated into groups of several men each, and were ordered to completely surround the thicket.

This was done. The men formed a This was done. The men formed a circle for about a mile around the woods. Several shots were fired into the thicket in the hope of driving out the nere. One of the several shots were fired so the pennsylvania Railroad from a state-ment attributed to W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania systhe negro. One of the searchers wanted set fire to the woods and force out the alleged assailant. This was not done, the searchers believing that the ro would be caught in the course of a few hours.

# Identity Is Known

At the home of Chief Linderman it was announced that the chief of police knows the identity of the negro for whom the posse is searching. The man was identified by his wagon.

He was driving out from Merchantsille at the time of the attack. Mrs. stsey was coming toward the town It is believed he grabbed the woman by the throat and dragged her into a hump of bushes nearby. Several times Mrs. Notsey screamed

Her shouts grew weaker. Cole, who was walking along the road, heard fain shouts from the woman. He saw the wice at the negro. The man fell to the ground. He got up and continued

running along the Cove road. Then Cole notified Chief Linderman and the man-hunt was begun.

### Wait Till the Clouds Roll By Warmer tanight with the clouds increasing. Rain both tonight and tomorrow. isoner or later the rain will be ceasing And so there's no reason for sor-Ton.

Mr. Mitten was the only street rail creases alone will save the transit cor-

"Philadelphia's plan is not offered as

a cure-all for other cities," Mr. Mitten told the commission. "Every situation

has its own peculiar difficulties to overcome, but in the light of this experience, it is our plain duty to decry the thought that there is any cure for the present trouble excepting that which lies in honest dealing, efficient manage-

# ment, effective workers." 98 Per Cent More Efficient

Although the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company now has 5 per cent fewer employes than in 1910, Mr. Mit-ten said it is producing 98 per cent more effective traffic units per employe. He contrasted this situation with a condition existing on the Pennsylvania Railroad where, with a 14 per cent increase in the number of em-ployes, the output, or effective traffic units, has decreased 11 per cent since

pre-war days.

Through co-operation, Mr. Mitten

Through co-operation, Air. Ainten informed the commission, public patron-age in Philadelphia has jumped from 288 to more than 400 rides per capita singe 1910, and that average fares have docreased from 4.13 cents to 3.98 cents. The difference between that figure and that flat five-cent fare is represented by advant the transfers.

exchange tickets and free transfers.

Stotesbury Holds No Securities Mr. Mitten declared that neither he nor E. T. Stotesbury has any financial interest in the securities of the rapid

transit company. "Mr. Stotesbury is interested in complishing something worth while for the city of his birth," air. Mitten stated, "while my own ambition in this regard is to demonstrate that there

is a real and rational way by which the vexed problem may be solved. My long experience devoted to nearly twenty-five years of continuous active service has been devoted to this task.'

FOUR BURNED ON DESTROYER

# Explosion in Boiler Room of Green

Off Key West P.)-Four men were severely burned in an explosion in the boller room of the destroyer Greene off Key West yesterdestroyer Greene on Rey West yester-day. Submarine chasers with physi-cians and assistants have gone to the aid of the destroyer, which will be towed chues in a snow squall over the channel bar and solution of the strike in England be-will be E. T. Stotesbury, Samuel M. Vauclain, Levi L. Rue, Charles S.

here No details of the accident were given morning. The fate of the other ma- est T.

when the latter was leader in political break in the conference until 2 p. m. work. FOUR INJURED WHEN TROLLEY CAR CRASHES miners do not accept this view,

INTO ICE CREAM CART

Occurred at Brandywine and

17th Street Crossing-Woman

Taken to Hospital

Three men and a woman were injured this afternoon when a Seven-

teenth street trolley car smashed into a ing. wagon at Seventeenth and Brandywine One of the horses had to be streets. 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 p. m. shot. The injured are: Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, thirty-five

years old, 2017 North Sixteenth street, bruised back and shock; af Garretson Hospital. Robert Middleton, twenty-one years

old, 4303 Fairmount avenue, fractured 5000 U. OF P. MEN TO DRILL collarbone. Walter Middleton, sixteen years old.

Expect That Many to Enroll in Mil-4303 Fairmount avenue, fractured right leg.

John Platt. motorman. cut by splin tered glass.

Middleton was driving an ice cream term. wagon of the Scott-Powell Dairies and was accompanied by his brother. Walter. They say that they did not hear any warning.

Their wagon swung from Brandywine street into Seventeenth street and was struck as it turned by the trolley car.

Both of the Middletons were knocked from the seat and one of the horses dropped with a fractured hip. The wagon was badly damaged.

Mrs. Gilmore, who was riding in the trolley car, was knocked to the floor. Platt was cut by glass when the front part of the car was wrecked.

AIR MAIL OVER CHANNEL

Daily Service Begun on Account of

British Rail Strike Paris, Sept. 29 .- (By A. P.) -Com

nencing at noon today a daily aerial mail service will be operated between Paris and London because of the British

railroad strike, which has interrupted mails to and from the continent.

plane mail service has been operated between the two cities three times a week

in the messages from the Greene. chines is unknown.

It is understood the principal contengoes on at 4 and 5:30 o'clock this aftertion of the operators is that the war time agreement still is in force and will noon, he says, and the union leaders estimate that already the production not terminate until the peace treaty of the big steel industry has been curwith Germany has been signed. The tailed 90 per cent.

HEAR PLEAS OF VOTERS

Registration Board Takes Up Those Who Falled to Enroll

All citizens who failed to register and leaders here can give a good reason for this neglect

had an opportunity to get on the list of voters today through the registration Eagles' Home. mmissioners.

E. Lawrence Fell, president of the Sees Complete Tie-up

board, and George Pierie heard the sto-"We estimate, conservatively, that ries of about twenty citizens this morn-75 per cent of the force of workers at They will continue these hearing the Bethlehem works have quit work.

until October 25, meeting daily from he said. "More will follow when the night shifts are due to report, and to Every citizen who can prove that he morrow we hope to see a complete tiewas prevented from registering by absence from the city on business or other ure we have succeeded in reducing proessonable cause will be allowed to vote.

duction at the steel plants by fully 90 per cent The Bethlehem company also claimed

cictory in the strike which began today.

80 Per Cent Work Says Company Police officials declared this afternoon More than 5000 students of the Uni that from figures furnished them by

rersity of Pennsylvania military unit are expected to enroll for the coming efficials of the Bethlehem plant fully The unit will consist of in-S0 per cent of the men were at work fantry organizations only at first, but today. An earlier statement was at tributed to Chief of Police Davies to the later other branches of the service may effect that the company said only 65 per

were working today. ling has been made professor of mili-Officials of the Bethlehem Company. science. The first infantry drill according to statements of workers at will be held tomorrow, he announced

today. The military course, for the union headquarters, are scouring this and adjacent towns in search of expresent, will be confined to the freshman and sophomore classes. Three hours each week will constitute the

time allotted for military study. Summer camps and frequent hikes are expected to add attraction to the

TACKLE TRADE PROBLEMS

Prominent Philadelphians Attend

itary Course Today

represented.

tary

ourse.

Conference at Shore

Prominent Philadelphians are at tending the first meeting of the International Trade Conference at Atlantic City today. The meeting was called and important operations. There is under the auspices of the Chamber of nothing to indicate that there will be

Commerce of the United States to at. any curtailment of production. tack the problem of getting world busi-

The conference will last all week. Among the Philadelphians to attend

last night and arrived at Havre this Calwell. Thomas de Witt Cuyler, Ern- Continued on Page Fourteen, Column Three Trigg, Samuel Rea and George H. McFadden.

"The strike committee is much filiated with the American Federation pleased with the results of the first day of Labor: headquarters, Room 6B. of the strike," said Mr. Williams as he was leaving for the strikers' head-Parkway Building. John H. Schmick, president quarters in Allentown this afternoon.

-Bureau of Water - Firemen, Oilers and Helpers' Local Union No. 340. Room 403, Parkway Building. Edafter lengthy conferences with union He heard reports from his men who Bethlehem plants in the rooms of the

Protective Association. Headquarters, 1235 Columbia avenue. Lewis J. Gardner, president. Electrical Bureau-Emophyes' Associa. the year-around job. requiring all the the mayor up." yelled a dozen voices.

tion of Bureau of Electricity. Room energies of a vigorous man. During The mayor was the center of a crush Mr. Wilson's incumbency the war and so great that it almost overthrew an 616, City Hall. the negotiations of peace have added automobile standing near. General Employes - Municipal Lodge

No. 816. International Association of te the wear and tear of the position. Machinists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Headquarters, 317 Parkway Building. William in several years. And the last year "We won't stand for hanging the A. Kelton, business representative.

#### <sup>o</sup> Thousands In Unions

or more has been especially difficult. mayor." "That won't get us the First came the German offensives of the spring of 1918, with all the anxiety get out of here." Then two officers cut It is impossible approximately to state It is impossible approximately to start they caused. They were followed by the rope, carried the mayor to an autothe negotiations of the armistice, which mobile and rushed him to a hospital. ployes are members of these organiza-In technical trades it is underfell entirely upon Mr. Wilson's shoultions. stood that the majority of workers are ders. The President did not spare him- defending two negroes, charged with aslentified with and members of unions. Departmental clerks, laborers and tiations of peace, the American dele-nssert that that fact had much to do identified with and members of unions. gation at Paris being in a true sense a with some of the remarks that

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SHOPMEN SIGN AGREEMENT

Lieutenant Colonel Sheldon W. And- cent of the men in the machine shop Rules Governing Working Condi- rather than a fellow delegate taking half rules.

tions Effective October 20 Washington, Sept. 20.-(By A. P. The national agreement on working ing, and their reception by the Scuate beyond reclamation. Statistics vital to conditions for railway shopmen, establishing uniform rules for 600,000 men.

powerbouse which the walkout of elec-tricians has left scant of help. Is the demand of the men for in-H. E. Lewis, senior vice president of creased wages, will become effective Oc- peither young nor especially robust. the Bethlehem company, this afternoon tober 20 and remain in force until the That he will undertake another term

issued a formal statement to the news-end of government control of the roads. for the presidency after the news-has just received is regarded as un-were endangered by the flames in the ment had been signed by the railroad likely. 'It was ascertained that reports had been read at the office of the Bethlehem administration and six international

Steel Company from their plants located unions affiliated with the railway emat Sparrows Point, Lebanon, Steelton, ployes' department of the American Federation of Labor. It is now in the He is removed as a factor in the situa-Reading and Bethlehem. All of the rehands of the printer. ports substantially confirm full opera-

tions of the plants. Exceptions to this were only in unimportant, isolated ALSACE REPUBLIC RUMORED reservations is concerned. His nervous unions, in no way affecting the large

Report Emanates From Coblenz Paris Knows Nothing of It

Coblenz, Sept. 27 (delayed.)-(By A. P.)-It is rumored here that an in-On New street bridge today William Bohning, secretary of a local dependent republic has been declared in union. was arrested for picketing by

Police Chief Davis's men today, after Alsace. alleged strenuous efforts to restrain Paris, Sept. 28 .- (Br A. P.)-Nothworkers from entering the Bethlehem ing has been heard here relative to the collision of freight trains on the Central stiffing stairways and through blinding rumor that a republic has been set up in Alsace, which was current in Cob-Y, twenty miles west of this city, this peared at the Harney street entrained

when you think of writing lenz yesterday,

"He's a negro lover." were shouts capital conference which begins on heard among the mob. October G. And he will probably hold ust one conference on the treaty situa-

executive putil the presidency is an all-

President's Heavy Task

for the presidency after the warning he

Virtually Out of Treaty Fight

upon the treaty is not easy to predict.

tion, except so far as a conference in

which it is hoped he will agree to

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The effect of the President's illness

tion, if he is able to before leaving this city. The presidency is now such an office ; but was not long enough to reach. A it almost automatically solves the ques- man climbed the pole, and with a knife He heard reports from his men who had canvassed the situation in the Bureau of Water-Mutual Benefit and tion whether a President shall be renominated for a third term or not, and placed around the neck of the Power has drifted into the hands of the mayor.

his shoulders.

morning ...