# **SCHAFFER EVASIVE, Dec**lares Brannan

Terms Replies to His Criticism of Creation of Constitution Body as "Beating About Bush"

### BACKS ILLEGALITY CHARGE

\*Merely beating about the bush.

Robert Brannan, former assistant city shife case, and slowly we came to her story of the negrees who she had said by Attorney General Schaffer and others.

I began questioning her regarding the case, and slowly we came to her story of the negrees who she had said being produced birn. I told her we should dismiss that story, as it was not true.

Mr. Brannan today.

"There is no precedent for the action taken. If the Legislature decared taken. If the Legislature decared to the constitution itself changes necessary the constitution itself opens two courses. One is the drafting of amendments by the Legislature itself and then submitting them to the people after two successive Legislatures have supported them. The second method is boy, approved them. The second method is submission by the Legislature to the people whether or not they desire a con-vention called, and this is voted upon an e gates, fixes the time, place and other grangements. These means have attacked his jury to view the rhidd's body, ways served as precedents and my contention is the Legislature should not bave gone outside its own body by naming any commission of citizens. It is at the undertaking establishment of Jeffries & Kates, at 1713 Atlantic avenue.

To Be Buried in Baltimore

of the war as an excuse for everything. It is not be released for burial. It is not the undertaking group, which, he said, was the salvation of the country through the crisis encountered, was promised by the national chairman. Labor of this exceeded its powers by appropriating. exceeded its powers by appropriating the taxpayers' money to pay expenses of body not expressly anthorized by constitution for such a purpose."

Sproul Makes Situation Plain Governor Sproul made it plain today expected to make, and that no change they were saving up their pennics to to the organic law could be made without all the people having something to buy him a Christmas gift.

Instead the small body will be say about it, not only once, but three

say about it, not only once, but these times.

"The commission was created simply to study and recommend such changes as it deems necessary to the constitution and I am very glad to see that it began work so promptly." said the Governor. "When it reports it will be a unatter for the Legislature. No one is authorized to speak for this administration now, and the next Legislature has to be elected.

"So far as I am concerned the people will have full opportunity to mass upon the matter. The question of necessity of a constitutional convention and the election of delegates are two matters which I think must be submitted and then the final report must instead the small body will be sent to Baltimore either late today or tomorrow. The faneral will be lead tomorrow or Thursday. Interment will saw to tomorrow or Thursday. Interment will be made in the family plot in Baltimore cemetery.

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twenty-five men and women to revise the constitution. The constitution, the constitution and the constitution to the constitution.

needs it might deem necessary or to suggest a new constitution. It possesses no final powers and the Legislature may disregard its suggestions or take any other steps within the taw it may desire to place any suggested changes before the people for their judgment. There is no abridgment of may right, either of the Legislature or people in the commission's functions.

"As the commission's capacity is on-

'As the commission's capacity is entirely advisory and whatever it may recommend must be passed upon both by Legislature and people, there is no invasion of the rights of either, and no constitutional question is raised by its woman has shown any sign of emotion existence or actions. There is no since her arrest was yesterday, when usurpation of the powers of Legislature she noticed the bright eyed little Italian

### DENIES HATE FOR U. S.

Italian Envoy Here on Way Home Expresses Kindliest Feeling

"It is absurd to any that Italy hates resident Wilson," said tieneral Emilio aglielmotti, Italian military attache Washington, who arrived in Phila-He was met at the West Philadelphia nice apple my mother brought to me?" he asked.

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tation by Colonel John S. Muckle, Chevalier Gaetano Poccurdi, Italian consul, and A. Josenh Di Silvestro, grand master of the Order of the Sons tation by Colonel John S. Minikle.

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tend somewhat and smiled at the
boy. She said "Good night" when the
lights were turned out.

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strong and adjusts the covers and pillows to her own satisfaction without calling to h

### DANSEY WRIT PREPARED

Attorney for Prisoners to Apply for him Their Freedom Today

## "Is It a Delusion?"

endly but insistently, brought the first trintion from Mrs. Blake's first story. From the first she had insisted that Troin the first she had insisted that 'Buddy,' son and namesake of James M. Blake, Philadelphia business man, was the victim of negro kidnappers. Almost from the first—even before the body was found early Sunday in the waves off Veninor beach—the police authorities have disbelieved her story.

Doctor Sonder told of his visit to Mrs. Blake.

Blake.
"I found her," he said, "in a perfectly calm condition and not in the least perturbed over the death of her son. I began questioning her regarding

By the Associated Press

Description of the Maintain.

ahead and went the first thing a white ago on the Steel pier.

Doctor Sonder said he intends making a further examination of Mrs.
Illake in the near future. He added that he had nothing but praise for James M. Blake, Sr., father of the law.

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tife. of the The coroner, George Studdard, will thing.

The child will be buried from the home of his grandfather, Eugen Blake. at Baltimore. It will be a sad Christ-mas for the aged man. He had planned to have the two grandchildren that it would be the Legislature that "Buddy" and Esther, at his home over would deal with the report that the the holidays. The youngsters had looked constitutional revision commission is forward with delight to the visit, and

and the election of delegates are two matters which I think must be submitted and then the final report units and then the final report units and the early specially the commission, coinciding with the commission, coinciding with the commission, coinciding with the commission a existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission as existence and continuous between the sale and the commission and a misconception of the purposes of the commission under the legislative act under which it was pointed as below the final report under the commission under the legislative act under which it was pointed as below the final report under the commission under the legislative act under which it was possible form and powers of the commission under the legislative act under which it was pointed as below the final report that the city and the final report the commission under the legislative act under which it was proposed to the commission under the legislative act under which it was proposed to the commission under the final report to make on Mrs. Bake eventual the often the treaty imposses of the commission of the purpose of the commission of the purpose of the final report to call it in effect the feature. It is call the treat in the content to make on Mrs. Bake scale in the final treat the commission in the final report to call the rest of the final report to call the rest of the final report to call the rest of the final report to call the rest of

Mr. Lewis said:

"That is exactly what we are not subtorized to do. If Mr. Brannan had read the act creating the commission he would have seen that its purpose was to examine the present constitution and to report to the Legislature any amend to report boy is thought to have been thrown the recomme

She called the nurse and insisted that or she be moved. "I cannot bear he or she be moved. "I cannot bear to look at him, he is just about 'Buddy's The boy made several attempts to

carry on conversation with Mrs. Blake, but she ignored all his efforts. 'I den't want to talk," she said, after he neuting of

the reported statement by the Rev.

D. Malau, rector of the Church of Rauveur, that Italy hates the Pressure and philoses will and adjusts the covers and philoses will and adjusts the covers and philoses.

friends. For I am going home to Italy about everything but the murder.

Tonight the general will address the Bons of Italy at Seventh and Christian streets.

The Moscow statement records a general advance by the bolsheviki on all frolley car on which Mrs. Blake is smid to have made the trip from Atlantic City, to Ventnor last Friday, said to day that be remembered Mrs. Blake and Buddy very well.

The Moscow statement records a general advance by the bolsheviki on all fronts.

General Denikine's communique, received today, admits a retirement by his troops in the region of Kursk, and also in the Don and Khariv districts.

day that be remembered Mrs. Blake and "Buddy" very well.

She boarded the car at Portland avenue on a southbound trip and rode to Longport, he said. The woman gave him fifty-five cents to pay the twelve cent fare and told him to keep the rest as a Christmas overent.

# Mrs. Blake's Query HAYS CALLS G. O. P. HOPE OF COUNTRY

National Chairman Declares Salvation of U. S. Rests With Party

Then it was that the action of the shown membership in creating a commission to examine or recommend any changes it might consider necessary ox creded its constitutional powers," said Mr. Brannan today.

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Then it was that Mrs. Rinks that old me that she and her son had been strolling down the Republican party is the country's only salvation.

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The stric nsked her how she accounted for the bag found on the Ventnor pier.

"In reply, Mrs. Blake said: 'He issually carried my bag and I guess he tan ahead of me. In fact, he did run ahead and went under the cailing of the pier. You know he did the same thing a while ago on the Steel nier."

The present day needs was urgen by the national chairman. "The special session of Congress just closed saved the man ahead of me. In fact, he did run a billion dollars, and if nothing else had been accomplished by Republican control except this." he said, "it would warrant an overwhelming victory next thing a while ago on the Steel nier."

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of the war as an excuse for every-

fair representation in all the councils of the nation," he added. Mr. Haya closed with an appeal for

patriotism of Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt.

Garage Boss Wasted 5 Barrels of Perfectly Good Whisky

No Hint as to When Wilson Will Gerard Not a Candidate if President

the recommendations are or whether they advocate a departure from the

### One of the few times the accused FIUME ANNOUNCEMENT SOON

Settlement Tomorrow

Rome, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)—Both Epoca and Giernale d'Italia predict teday that the solution of the Fiume con versy will be announced tomorro Premier Nitti in the Chamber of

Paris, Dec. 16,- (By A. P.)-Comdon't want to talk, 'she said, after he had made several efforts to engage her in conversation.

"But don't you want a piece of this fabriele D'Annunzio, the Petit Parisien piece means a process of the fabriele D'Annunzio. The Allies notified the recalls that the Allies notified the Italian Government that the adjustment of the D'Annunzio incident was solely

Bolsheviki Capture Novo Nikolaevsk and Advance Elsewhere

ceived today, admits a retirement by his troops in the region of Kursk, and also in the Don and Khariv districts.

### WILKENSON ESTATE LARGE

Inventory Discloses Personal Prop-

Conductor Tells of Trip

The car left Longport for Atlantic City at 5:19 p. m., he told Chief Sprague, and the woman and her son stayed aboard. At 5:36 they again left the car and started toward the Ventner casino and pier.

Ventner casino and pier.

Certy Valued at \$602,290.78

An inventory of the estate of the late recess will be to the stay of Wilkenson, Jr., 1302 Hunting bill will be ad narrow margin.

Park avenue, filed today with Register of Wilks Sheehan, disclosed personal property valued at \$602,290.78

Mr. Wilkenson's interest in E. Wil.

TOLEDO H.

Their Freedom Today

By vo Staf Corresponders

Atlantic City, Dec. 16.—A writ of habeas cornus applying for the release of Charles White and his housekeeper. Mrs. Edith Jones, under arrest in connection with the murder of Islily Dan. ey, is now being prepared by C. Arthur Bolte, connsel for the prisoners, and will be presented to Supreme Court Justice C. C. Black at his earlies convenience.

It is contended by Mr. Belte and Edward H. White, that Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill, Jr., has no evidence to warrant holding of Charles White and Mrs. Jones in fail. Washington Camp No. 73. Particitic Fix Sons of America, at a meeting aim Hammonton last night, adopted findution in which it was declared anty authorities committed a heror in arresting White.

Ce Causes \$25,000 Fire Pa., Dec. 16.—Estimated the grand of tractory were and fixed with the grand of the proportion of the prison of the grand of the grand of the grand of the proportion of the grand of the gran

# WHERE CLARA BARTEL WILL BE TRIED GERMANS DISCUSS



The court house at Doylestown, Pa., where the sixteen-year-old girl, of Edgewood. Pa., who is charged with killing her father with a sho gun last August, will face her accusers. Above is Judge William C. Ryan, of Bucks county, who will preside at the trial

### Father Awaits Trial

day morning, August 22.

Perfectly Good Whisky
Washington, Dec. 16.—Here is the saddest story of the day:
A very rich man with a big estate in the District of Columbia has a flock of automobiles and garage accommodations according. He has been getting his gasoline by wholesale. At intervals one of the big tank trucks drives into his place. His garage chief pipes the gasoline into his reservoir.

This tank truck gave the owner of place a gent idea. There are still places in the wilds of Maryland where bold and lawless spirits can buy standard whiskies. He bought five baryels. Then he betrowed a new tank truck that had never had a drop of gasoline in it.

Color Bestel was tired and irrita-

Stands for Third Term

FIUME ANNOUNCEMENT SOON
when share Papers Expect Nittl to Report
state proposal meeting, has until Junuary I to file his acceptance and de-laration of his campaign issue, under laration of his campaign issue, under ruling of the state attorney general,

### BEGINS 20 YEARS IN JAIL

Draft Obstructor's \$10,000 Bond Forfeited, Then Restored

New York, Dec. 16,—(By A. P.)— After declaring the forfeiture of bonds of \$10,000 each on which Hyman Lack owsky, Jacob Abrains and Samuel Lipman, draft obstructors, had been re-leased. Federal Judge Knox restored Lachowsky's bond and took the other o cases under advisement.

The decision was made after Lach-owsky had surrendered himself to begin a twenty year sentence in the peniton tiary at Atlanta. Abrams and Lipnan are said to be in New Orleans ready to leave for New York and give them-

### POINDEXTER HITS RAIL BILL

Senate Leaders Expect Measure to Pass Before Christmas

Washington, Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)

Opening the debate today on the Cummins railroad bill, Senator Poindexter, Republican, of Washington, sharply attacked the provision which would authorize the Interastic Company of the Campaigner of the Company of the Campaigner of

### Girl, 16, Who Killed Europe Waiting as America Wrangles

Edgewood, between Yardley and Lang-borne, at the breakfast table on Fri-day morning, August 22. This states at in the allied conferences be-fore the armistice. The conference just

whatever one chooses to call it, the international organization is a combilice of the Germantown station a story nation of the victors. It is now informal. It will be formul in effect only when the United States makes its great decision.

Under the covenant, a meeting of the learner of patients should have been true.

boy is thought to have been thrown everboard.

Mrs. Blake is confined in a ward with sixteen beds, on the third floor of the hospital. The room is in the extreme the president will issue a proclamation arrear of the building.

The bed next to hers is occupied by Antorio Cappuccio, a five-year-old Italian boy, recovering from pneumonia. He is about the same age as the dead it limits a first three roads by January 1. Nor has there been any indication as to when the President will issue a proclamation are change in his plans.

Meantime, however, preparations are going forward at the railroad administration for turning the roads back.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 16.—(By States should not waste its time on anything so impractical.) If it did anything its opponents over here would say that what it did was the every thing the United States could not afford to be committed to. If it

thing so impractical. The meeting of the premiers in Lon-on took the place of the first meeting of league, which evidently it was release sidered unwise to hold.

### "8:05" HAS THE SULKS A Morning of Temperament in the

Reading Roundhouse

Germantown's little "8:05." which secame famous a week or so ago when t scuttled into Chellen ayenue station make similar application on health of make similar application on health of a minute and a half ahead of schedule, had a fit of sulks today.

It was warm in the roundhouse and bitterly cold outside, and when the bitterly cold outside, and when the time came to clamor forth and pick up the Germantown commuters the loco-motive grew black in the face with an attack of temperament and balked. when it finally did draw into Chelten avenue with its string of cars it puffed and snorted petulantly, not a bit like the cheery 8:05 which bustled proudly up at 8:033½ that memorable day and had half of Germantown sprinting.

The sulky \$:05 had company today was a temperamental morning Reading roundhouse. It was cold and, like the rest of us, the locomotives

# SCAPA FLOW PAY

Experts Thresh Out Method of Reparation for Sinking

of Warships PEACE PROTOCOL TAKEN UP

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 16 .- German and altied experts met here this afternoon to dis-cuss the mode of reparation to be fol-lowed by the Germans in payment for the sinking of German warships at

Scang Flow.
The conference was presided over by Louis Loucheur, French representative on the reparation commission. Coun-cillor Seclinger, a member of the com-mercial department of the German foreign ministry, heads the Berlin delega-

The German note in reply to the allied communication demanding the signing of the peace protocol was taken up by the Supreme Council this morn-

inp by the Supreme Council this morning. The reply says:

"The German Government desires to dissipate the misunderstanding that, owing to the momentary absence of American delegates from the commissions provided for by the peace treaty. Germany claimed modifications and dispositions of the treaty concerning the extradition of persons charged with culpability in acts contrary to military law or the repartiation of prisoners.

law or the repatriation of prisoners.

"The German Government, previous to receiving the allied note, and already explained the reasons why is would appear necessary to modify the conditions for the execution of those clauses, but the German Government never made its assent for the putting into force of the peace treaty conditional into force of the peace treaty conditional never made its assent for the putting reau, who into force of the peace treaty conditional upon a previous solution of that quesseparately. "The German Government maintains

"The German Government maintains its opinion that the best means to reach a solution of the Scapa Flow incident would have been to submit the case to international arbitration at The Hague. Such a measure would not have delayed putting the trenty into force or the signing of the protocol thus modified. "Desirous, however, of doing its atmost for the early re-establishment of neace, the German Government depeace, the German Government de-clares itself ready to make reparations for the damages caused to the ailied and

House associated governments by the destruction of the ships.
 "But the German Government is un-able to effect such reparations in the manner demanded by the protocol of November I because the execution of the demands formulated in that protocol would compromise irretrievably Germany's economic life and also render impossible of execution the other enormous obligations which the treaty im-

day on the charge of theft, told the po-lice of the Germantown station a story

New York. Dec. 16.—James W. Gerard, formerly ambassador to Germany, telegraphed to friends in South Dakota that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President if President Wilson should seek a third term.

A minority Democratic nominating petition was filed in his behalf in that state.

It will be format in energy only the United States makes its great decision.

Under the covenant, a meeting of the league of nations should have been called. But no date has been set. Evidently, it is feared that the league, if it met at this time, would get into American party politics.

If it did anything its opponents over the owner, the purse of Miss Leila Firth, a clerk in the office. John Tommaro, twelve years old, of Germantown, was with Bowers, but es-

### BAIL FOR BOY BANDIT

Court at Norristown Fixes \$5000 for Walter Mellon's Release

Five thousand dollars was fixed to Five thousand dollars was fixed to-day as the bond necessary to obtain the release of Walter Mellon, son of the late Frank P. Mellon, of this city, who is held as an automobile bandit by the Lower Merion police. Petition for Mellon's release under bond was presented to Judges Swartz and Miller in chambers at Norristown

make similar application on behalf of his client. Mr. Fox said today he had been assured by the court that with the filing of a bond for \$5000 Gile would be released.

HOLD THREE IN HOMICIDE Coroner Probes Fight in Which Man

Was Fatally Shot Three men were held for the action Three men were held for the action of the grand jury as accessories in the death of Antonio Mangin by Coroner Knight today. They are Paul Milavi, Van Pelt street near Cambria; Giovanni Leviravi, Gratz street near Cambria, and Joseph Rizzio, Indiana avenue near Eighteenth street.

Mangin was twenty-eight years old

EX-ARMY MAN TRIES SUICIDE

Clarence L. Wiener Reported in Critical Condition

Critical Condition

Luce near Eightcenth street.

Mangin was twenty-eight years old and lived on Cambria street near Twenty-first. He engaged in a fight with the above men and Andrea Greeco on August 26. Mangin was shot by Greeco, according to the evidence, and then was kicked and beaten by the others. He died in the Samaritan Hos-

Clarence L. Wiener Reported in would authorize the provision which would authorize the provision which would authorize the Interastat Commerce Commission in special cases to permit a lower charge for a long haultan for a short haul. He offered an amendment to strike out the section.

Although there are apparently slight prospects for passage of the measure by the end of the week, when Christmasser cess will be taken, leaders insist the bill will be adopted this week by a narrow margin.

TOLEDO HAS \$900,000 FIRE

Automobiles and Bodies in Milburn Plant Destroyed

Toledo, O., Dec. 16.—(By A. P.)

Several hundred automobile bodies and more than twenty electric automobiles were destroyed in a fire which today destroyed the large east wing of the Milburn Wagon Co.'s plant here, causing a loss estimated at \$800,000.

Pirmen fought the fire for eight hours, and many of them suffered frost-bitten hands and noses.

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### Highways in Good Form, Weather Service Report

Today's report of the Highway Weather Service follows: Lincoln Highway (Trenton to Chambersburg): Fair to good; most-

good. William Penn Highway (Easton to Chambersburg): Good, except Section 117-A, south of Bethlehem, under construction; detour poor.
Philadelphia and Reading pike

Mostly good.

Lancaster and Harrisburg pike:
Fair to good; detours in Lancaster

Forecast for Wednesday: Roals will tend to improve where not already dry; there will be freezing weather again tonight; while will be lighter, and on Wednesday the temperature will be a little more

### **COMMITTEE TO FINISH** BONUS BILL THIS WEEK guarded.

Finance Heads Will Seek to Care added. for All Classes of City Employes

Although the 1920 budget contains the necessary funds for a bonus to all city employes now receiving \$3000 or less, final action on the bonus system will not be taken much before the end

One question yet to be decided is whether all employes who have received a salary increase since last July shall be denied the bonus. This was first decided upon, but it is now believed to work a hardship and inequality in some Chairman Gaffney, of Councils finance committee, has under consideration a proposal that all employes granted pay increases by the last Legislature shall not participate in the islature shall not participate in the bonus. This is being fought by many placeholders in the courts and county offices.

FIRST TROOP PICKS OFFICERS Thomas Cadwalader Chosen Captain

to Succeed George C. Thayer

Thomas Cadwalader was elected captain of the First Troop, Philadelphia Cavalry, at the election last night at the armory, Twenty-third above Chestnut street. Clement B. Wood was elected first licutenant and E. Florens Phyling was chosen second licutenant elected first lieutenant and E. Florens
Rivinus was chosen second lieutenant.
Captain Cadwalader will succeed Captain George G. Thayer, who resigned recently to accept a commission as lieutenant colonel of the First Cavalry Regiment in the newly reorganized Pennsylvania National Guard.

that he be released so that he could ent his Christmas dinner with his "old mother."

'I have not laid eyes on my mother for ten years." the letter said.

'If John White has waited ten years before thinking of having Christmas dinner with his mother." said the recorder, "he can wait until next year."

# CALLS WAR-CLAIM **AGENTS NEGLIGENT**

Representative Graham Hints at Plots to Defraud

### BAKER'S DATA INACCURATE

Government

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 13.-Representa tive Graham, Republican, of Illinois. chairman of the committee investigating War Department expenditures, addressed the House today, reiterating charges made recently that interests of the government in many war-claim settlements have not been sufficiently

"In many cases the government has been deprived of large sums of money to which it rightfully is entitled," he

Large sums have been allowed con Large sums have been allowed con-tractors through unfair salvage values for raw materials and federal officials responsible for adjusting claims have not exercised sufficient vigilance in pro-tecting government interests. Mr. Gra-ham charged. He urged submission of all claims, settled or pending with the War Department, to an impartial board for review and final settlement.

for review and final settlement.
"Certain officers and agents of the
United States who were charged with
direct responsibility in the matter," said Chairman Graham. 'failed to do the things they should have done to protect the interests of the government, or con-nived and confederated with the claimant, or were so careless of their duties as to call for the most severe criticism. "From Secretary Baker's report of settlements the original answer was erroneous and the committee instructed an roneous and the committee instructed an accountant to review the figures given by the secretary. After an extended investigation the accountant reported that the amounts expended by the War Department, as given by Secretary Baker, are off balance from \$171,582.37 as a minimum to \$184,925,938 as a maximum.

"Fifty per cent of the informal con tracts suspendid by the armistice have been adjusted with damages to the War Department. In investigating the vari-ous matters it has not been possible to find anywhere a complete record of the

PRISONER'S PLEA FAILS Wants to See Mother, but Neglected

Her Ten Years

John White, who is serving a

for stealing a stove, wrote to Recorder Stackhouse in Camden today, pleading that he he released so that he could eat

# J. E. CALDWELL & O.

JEWELERS-SILVERSMITHS-STATIONERS

CHESTNUT AND JUNIPER STREETS

# ESPECIALLY GRATIFYING

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

A Bar Pin may be purchased in this establishment for a few dollars, or through a progression of prices mounting to thousandsalways with assurance of utmost

value for the amount expended.

With equal advantage, patrons may select all jewelry; and silverware, watches, clocks, leather goods, china, glass, lamps, canes, umbrellas, crops and French fans.

The New York Times Book Review says editorially: 'Mare Nostrum stands supreme in contemporary fiction.

By VICENTE BLASCO IBANEZ

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