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DANIELS SAYS PUBLIC MUST HAVE ALL NAVY FACTS

Gas From Leaking Street Main Kills Family of Four and Servant in Allegheny Ave. Home

REAL ESTATE MAN. WIFE AND SON ARE VICTIMS OF FUMES

Woman's Father Also Dies When Entire Household Comes to Tragic End in Sleep

BREAK IN PIPES FOUND TWELVE FEET FROM HOUSE

Grocer Leads to Discovery of Disaster-Patrolman Breaks Down Door

Illuminating gas leaking from a faulty street main wiped out a family of five persons at 641 West Allegbeny avenue early this morning.

The dead : John J. Kelly, fifty years old, real

Mrs. Mary Kelly, fifty, his wife. Francis Kelly, sixteen, their son, Morgan Sweeney, eighty-five, Mrs. Kelly's father.

Mrs. Katharine McGinnis, fifty,

R. B. Duncan, district superintendent for the Spring Garden district of the United Gas Improvement Co., believes the gas came from a break in a sixinch main, which runs on Seventh street

Mr. Duncan thinks the gas from the break followed the house service pipes, and spread from the cellar to the entire

The accident was the worst of several recent cases of gas poisoning ascribed to broken street mains.

to broken street mains.

Ernest Kley, a butcher at the northwest corner of Seventh street and Allegheny avenue, was responsible for the discovery of the accident.

He noticed that the Kellys' milk had not been taken in by 8:45 o'clock and suspected that something must be arong, as o'clinarily they were early

Electrical Bureau Doesn't Worry He called up the electrical bureau and morning. Mrs. Glenn was dead when stilled the authorities. Kley says he taken into the receiving ward, and Mrs. notified the authorities. Kley says he told the police operator that he feared something was wrong with the Kelly family.

"Well, what have we got to do with thet?" Kley says the police operator answered, and hung up.

Mrs. Anna Noe, 3213 North Seventh street, was in the butcher shop and heard the telephone conservation. She and Kley talked the matter of the victims.

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Prendergast was arrested today by District Defectives Peacock and Derwin, together with William McCloskey, of the traffic squad, who lives at 818 West Alleghery avenue.

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knocked, but received no answer. Then he broke in the door. Instantly there was a powerful rush of gas from the front hall. Though the fumes all but avercame the patrolman, he held his breath and made a dash for the nearest indow, which he flung open. He opend windows as he went, dazed from the

Meanwhile a hurry call had been sent to the Germantown and Lycoming po-lice station. Police Captain Francis Callahan and Lieutenant John Bloomer responded with a detail of men. Search for Other Victims

The house was searched from top bottom, and patrolmen were sent bouses nearby to see if the accident burst main had involved any Saturday night, according to fourteen-smilles.

In the cellar of the Kelly home was yesterday. Awakening this morning, the girl found both women unconscious. The girl ran downstairs and informed found the body of a pet terrier, the first victim of the fumes that filled the cellar and then slowly crept up stairs.

It was evident that Mr. and Mrs.
Kelly had been aroused by the fumes
and were trying to save themselves
when they collapsed. prevented from going to the Glenn apartment by Prendergast. The latter,

body of Mr. Kelly lay on the lear of the second story front room, where he and his wife slept. Mrs. Kelly's body was near the bathroom, also on the second floor. The body of Francis the according to the physician, said he had left the place after offering to do what he could to aid the women. As he was he could to aid the women. As he was leaving he advised Prendergast to send icis, the son, lay on the landing the women to a hospital, he said. Prenaged father of Mrs. Kelly lay dergast then sent for Dr. John A. Me-Cormick, 1311 North Nineteenth street.

in his bed. His room was in the of the second floor. Apparently had come while he slept. Like-He was engaged on another case, and Mrs. McGinnis, the domestic killed by the gas during her reaching there.

Neighbors Hear Loud Crash

Neighbors say that the Kellys were the and about the house as late as 30 o'clock this morning. An aco'clock this morning. An ac-by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hirsh-who live at 639 West Allegheny c. bext door, fixes the time of the s asphyxiation at somewhere be-and 5:30 o'clock, chuhi's bedroom is opposite the

Early this morning the at anything serious was severe scalds on both limbs. His conecting that anything serious was

dition is serious. Mrs. Kelly's body was taken to the

Lola Laladay admitted that she 1.63 Laladay admitted that save had to firt with her manager because he could help ner get into a Breadway show. But after the accident that her coquetry caused she was content to live in a small town to keep another man's memory.

keep another man's memory. "EVER, EVER GREEN"

This is the new serial by

Fannie Hurst

MRS. KATE PRENDERGAST

Died this afternoon at the Wom-an's Hospital as the result of drinking wood alcohol. Her sis-ter, Mrs. Mary Glenn, died Sat-urday from same cause, according to the police

WOMAN AND SISTER

Deaths of Pair in Ridge

Avenue Apartments

Mrs. Mary Glenn, 2006 Ridge ave-

nue, and her sister, Mrs. Kate Prender-

gast, of the same address, are dead from

Prendergast, according to the police said he got the wood alcohol from Mc

that she saw him mix it with water

& Co., 1214 North College avenue, Me-

Bernard Reiber, a tailor on the first floor, of her discovery. He summoned

a physician. The doctor said he was

Elliott occupies a property west

More U. S. Machinery for Europe

Washington, Jan. 19.—(By A. P.)

—A further grant of \$10,000,000 for machinery to be exported to England, France. Italy and Belgium was announced today by the War Finance.

to the

FIRE IN PALMYRA DESTROYS 4 HOMES: RESCUE 11 PERSONS

Robert Stackhouse Saves Nine Children, Fainting Woman and Wife From Flames

WHOLE TOWN THREATENED; **OUTSIDE ENGINES ASSIST**

Frozen Water Plugs Hamper Firemen in Fighting Blaze. L'oss Is \$50,000

Fire destroyed four houses at North Palmyra, N. J., this morning, dam-aged fifteen other homes and for a time threatened the destruction of much of the town. During the fire, which was discovered

8:20 o'clock, nine children and two Robert Stackhouse, who was made omeless by the blaze, made the escues. Several of the children were rescues. Several of in their nightclothes.

Fire engines from all the surround-ing points were summoned to help fight the conflagration, but were hindered in their work by frozen water plugs. Wood fires had to be built around the plugs to thaw them out before water could be obtained to fight the blaze.

The fire began in the home of Mrs.

Thomas Barrett, at 430 Cinnaminson

Wood Alcohol Suspected in avenue avenue. Mrs. Barrett was burning paper in the kitchen of her home trying to thaw out frozen water pipes, when the woodwork in the room became ig-nited.

Entered Building Three Times

Mrs. Barrett's six children were in the house. By this time the building, which was a frame one, had become a mass of flames. Stackhouse fought his tway through the blazing building three times to carry and lead the frightened children to safety.

BRITISH WATCH BLACK SEA

Warships Sent to Guard Interests

During Red Advance

Malta, Jan. 16 (Delayed)—(By A. P.)

Orders were received Thursday night for a number of naval vessels to leave man suspended, examined the doctor about him for assault and battery.

John Burke, a former special officer at the theatre, was also attacked and arrested by Schwartz Friday night when Burke went to the station house to protest against the physician's arrest. The police say Burke was arrested a number of times on minor charges.

During Red Advance

Malta, Jan. 16 (Delayed)—(By A. P.)

Orders were received Thursday night for a number of naval vessels to leave Malta for the Black sen. Vice Admiral de Robeck sailed today on board the battleship Iron Duke, accompanied by the destroyers Serapis and Steadfast.

All the children were taken to the Mrs. Barrett's six children were in the police believe to be wood yietims of the poison were sent Woman's Hospital early this g. Mrs. Glenn was dead when into the receiving ward, and Mrs. rgast, dying. Though the physical early the register of the receiving ward, and Mrs. rgast, dying. Though the physical early the safety. what the police believe to be wood Both victims of the poison were sent

taken into the receiving ward, and Mrs.
Prendergast, dying. Though the physicians made heroic efforts to save her.
Screen

Fought Incipient Fires

engines were summoned from ide. Burlington, Moorestown, Closkey and frequently drank it after mixing it with water. He said he did not give the alcohol to his wife, but Riverside. Camden and other surrounding points The firemen had to stand by and content themselves with fighting incipien fires that started from sparks alighting on nearby frame buildings and homes and evidently mixed some and drank it during his absence from home.

McCloskey, according to the police, stole the alcohol from the paint manufacturing plant of H. M. Wacher Sons about a block and a half from the main about a block and a half from the main about a block and a half from the main fire. About fourteen other homes were slightly damaged. The high wind carit is said, sold the liquor for

The police found a bottle containing rying the sparks for blocks threatened the north end of the town.

The wind had caused the fire to Glenn's apartment and took it away for spread in a surprisingly short space of time, and when the plugs were finally thawed and the firemen obtained water, analysis.

The two women started drinking the last two houses to catch fire were almost burned to the ground.

Flames Destroy Homes

Both the McCrosson and Lawson families were able to get from their homes without danger, however, Virtually the entire contents of their homes and of the Stackhouse and Barrett homes were destroyed by the flames. The Red Cross, Home Relief, Visit-ing Nurses and other welfare organiscat for another doctor.

The physician, somewhat mystified, zations had representatives on the scene to look after the families made homeless. Cole held the approval of by the fire, but sympathetic neighbors under advisement. A sto but sympathetic neighbors under

lost is caced at about \$25,000. The mit a counter-proposition. damage to other buildings was comparagast sent the women to the hos-Mrs. Glenn was dead before tively y slight.
block of houses on the other side with interest. Stockholders will re-

Mr. Reiber said that he last spoke to Mrs. Glenn Saturday night. She asked for a key before going out. Mrs. Glenn widow. In addition to her daugh DISTRESSED TUG RESCUED

ter she leaves a six-year-old adopted Kickapoo, Caught in Gale, Coming MAN HURT IN EXPLOSION Here for Repairs

The United States Shipping Board's Boiler in Willow Grove Greenhouse 4500 ton wooden cargo carrier Kicka poo, bound from Smyrna to New York Blows Up

which was reported in distress off Chesapeake bay last Thursday, has been distress off rescued by tugs and will be brought to for repairs, according statement made today by the board offiwire received by the board late

Saturday announced that the Kickapoo was shipping water rapidly at the mercy of a nasty gale a few miles off the Five Fathom Hank Lightship. Shipping board tugs were dispatched to scene and the Kickapoe was towed to shore by the Atkins Hughes.

Her condition is such that a continu-ance of her trip to New York is rendered impossible.

The Middle Temple Murder

This clever detective story by J. Fletcher begins today on page 23. This is the story that gave so such pleasure to President Wilson giving him the necessary relaxation om the cares of state.

Don't fail to read the first in

"Shake-Ups" Galore in City Hall Today

Lieutenant Echtermeyer, of Secsuspended following investigation is Morris case, Warrant sworn out for arrest o

Patrolman Abraham Schwartz, ac-cusing him of assault and battery in Three patrolmen of the Fifteentl street and Snyder avenue station-James Chase, Antonio Baroni and William Kogan-suspended for par-

ticipating in alleged saloon row. Herhert M. Oram, chief clerk in Mayor's office. Smith administration 'holdover,'' dropped by Mayor Archangelo Lerro and Joseph

Dundon, patrolmen attached to the vice squad, were held without bail to await the action of the coroner, charged with shooting Lee Tong, last Friday.

STATE-WIDE HARMONY EXPECTED BY MOORE

Tentative Slate Agreed Upon Said to Name Charles A. Snyder and Samuel S. Lewis

Mayor Moore looks for harmony throughout the state this year despite the split in the state ranks due to Joseph R. Grundy's fight against Sen-

Joseph R. Grundy's fight against Sen-ator William E. Crow.

"I expect everything to be har-monious." the Mayor said today, "as a result of the conferences at Harrisburg. my conference with Chairman Crow and my conference with Mr. Grundy."

A tentative slate has been agreed upon, it is said, with Charles A. Sny-der, now auditor general as the can-

auditor general.

Lewis, who is supported by Grundy, is now chief corporation clerk in the auditor general's office. This slate bowls out Samuel C. Jamison, coroner of Pittsburgh county, who was the Grundy candidate for the transfer.

With regard to the Malta dispatch re-ceived here today announcing an ap-parently important naval movement, the admiralty said it "may be taken for The director indicated he would com-granted" that the ships in question plete his investigation before ordering admiralty said it "may be taken for The granted" that the ships in question were going to the Black sea to protect the British subjects and interests in case they were seriously threatened by the Bolshevik advance to the coast.

Odessa, chief port on the Black sea. was reported captured by the Bolsheviki severa! days ago.

BOARDWALK HOTEL SOLD

St. Charles, Atlantic City, Goes to Washington Syndicate

make public their names.

The St. Charles Hotel, one of the leading Boardwalk hostelries, was thrown into bankruptcy last summer and Edward A. Grosseup, of Newark,

was named receiver.

Receiver Grosscup had put the hotelon a paying basis when the offer from
Washington was received and Referee volunteered to care for them until more adequate arrangements can be made.

The damage to the four houses depay the debts and have the hotel retroyed by the fire and the furnishings turned. The stockholders failed to sub Creditors with accounts aggregating

A block of nouses on the dular approximately thirty-five cents about twenty-five years ago.

Ceive approximately thirty-five cents on the dollar. The St. Charles property was recently appraised at \$1.750.

SNOW TO LAST ALL NIGHT

Weatherman

Show, which began falling about 8:30 o'clock this morning, will last through the day and tenight, the "Several inches" will fall, adding to the two or three inches alread, on the

The storm is accompanied by low temperature. At 11 o'clock this morn-ing, the mercury registered 14. The crest of the storm, which came from the Ohio Valley, is expected to-

ON TRIAL AS TRAITOR

Edith Cavell to Germans

Paris, Jan. 19. — (By A. P.)—Georges Gaston Quien, convicted and condemned to death in September last on charges of having had treasonable dealings with the Germans and having betrayed to them Edith Cav-il, the English nurse, appeared before a court. English nurse, appeared before a court-martial for trial for the second time

The Court of Appeals set aside Quien's conviction last October and a new trial was ordered.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR PATROLMAN IN CASE OF DR. MORRIS

Cortelyou Orders Suspension of Lieutenant Echtermeyer, Who Kept Schwartz in Uniform

PHYSICIAN IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION AT HOSPITAL

Assailant Expected to Be Ar-

DESPITE PARTY SPLIT Schwartz, under suspension for an at tack Friday on Dr. Samuel M. Morris. Schwartz, whose superior officer. Lieutenant John F. Echtermeyer, also is under suspension, is charged in the warrant with "willfully, maliciously and

wickedly committing assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery" on the physician.

The document authorizing the patrolman's arrest, issued by Magistrate Macleary, was given to Major Samuel Wynne, chief county detective, Schwartz is to be arraigned in Central Station for

a hearing.

The attack on Doctor Morris occurred last Friday evening in front of the Franklin motion picture theatre.

747 South Third street. The theatre owned by Samuel Morris, the father Doctor Morris,

Condition Is Serious

The injured physician is at the North-western General Hospital in a critical condition. The left side of his face is paralysed, it is said, and he lost his hearing in the left ear. Schwartz is said to have nummelled the doctor about the face and head and then arrested

house on the ground that Burke

with bad record, the director replied, "What has that to do with the slugging of Doctor Morris?" Neither Lieutenant Echtermeyer nor

Continued on Duty

Director Cortelyou on Saturday night ordered the suspension of Schwartz. But the accused patrolman continued on duty in uniform Sunday. The directo said Schwartz remained on duty yes terday because his order was misunder

At the hearing yesterday, Magistrate Imber requested that the warrant Schwartz be obtained from some other magistrate. He believed it would be "unfortunate" if he were asked to G. Johnson collection have been dam-Atlantic City, Jan. 19.— Referee Clarence L. Cole today approved the sale of the St. Charles Hotel to a Washington syndicate for \$1,250,000. Frederick C. Bryan, an attorney, who represents the purchasers, declined to make subjective the first case of alleged police brutality since the new administration assumed power. Director Cortelyon acted swifting a public thicknesses, declined to ly in the matter. His suspension of Lieutenant Echtermeyer, based on neg-leyt of duty, is regarded as the fore-

runner of a campaign to purge the no-lice bureau of thinggery.

Plans for a wholesale shifting of lice tenants were said to be ready when the Morris-Schwartz incident brought matters to a crisis.

"TRICK" SUITS AGAIN?

Designers Are Boosting 'Em. but Tailors Are Skeptical

The men who decide "what the young man will wear" each season—the full American Designers Association—are trying to stage a return to the dark ages of dressing. Just for a change or mething they are pulling for pousers, bell sleeves and other trousers, bell baric features. But the tailors of this city have a

cheering word to say about coming styles. They don't believe that the public will fall for any of this old-time "Several Inches" to Fall. Says the stuff that the conspiring designers are trying to work off on the "natty dressers." They believe in the common sense of the tailored public. They say that the extremes of new styles will only hit count.

JOHNSON CHOSEN HEAD Chamber of Commerce Holds Elec-

tion-Tribute to Trigg

Alba B. Johnson was unanimously lected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year at a Cre-meeting of the board of directors of that to organization, beld this morning in the an Frenchmas Accused of Betraying placed in nomination.

Edith Cavell to Germans

Widener Building. No other name was of lung cases.

N. B. Kelly was re-elected general 3 DEAD.

secretary. Richard I., Austin was re-elected treasurer.

Ernest T. Trigg, the retiring presi- Blaze Destroys Barrack Housing dent, was presented with a silver service by the board as a token of appreciation for his services at the head of the organization for the last three years.

A. C. McGowin, Charles P. Vaughn, William A. Law and Howard B. French were elected vice presidents. were elected vice presidents.

When you think of writing,

Outbreak in Navy Traced to Feud of Rival Factions

Sims's Criticism Recalls Letter of Admiral Fiske in 1914, Which Hastened His Retirement-Benson of a Different Type

> By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington. Jan. 19.—The row which has just broken out in the navy is the old anti-Daniels, anti-Benson row which has been going on beneath the surface all the time since Secretary Daniels replaced the group which had dominated the navy under Republican administrations and brought forward in their place another faction, his own favorites, headed by Admiral Benson.

The group then displaced had come to the front during the Roosevelt administration, having in its turn displaced.

leading the fight upon their successors, the Daniels group, more particularly Admiral Benson, who, during the war, was chief of operations, the most im portant bureau chief in the depart-

Secretary Daniels, in speaking of his experience in office, today said, in effect, he had had two rows during his

raigned in Central Police

Station

Station

A warrant was issued this afternoon at City Hall for Patrolman Abraham Schwartz, under suspension for an attack Friday on Dr. Samuel M. Morris.

the front during the Roosevelt administration, having in its turn displaced a previous group which had earlier occupied all the important navy bureaus in Washington.

And curiously enough the man who led the fight which brought into power what might be called the Roosevelt group in the navy was the same Sims, admiral Bradley Fiske. Admiral Sims, Admiral Bradley Fiske. Admiral group in the navy was the same Sims, then a captain, who now, as admiral, is leading the fight upon their successors, and Winterhalter. and Winterhalter.

Two Forces Not in Sympathy

With the Sims, Fiskes and Winslows the present secretary of the navy had little in common. Mr. Daniels is a follower of Bryan; to this day, even after Continued on Page Two, Column Three

CORTELYOU PROBES SURLEY ANSWER OVER WIRE

James T. Cortelyou, director of Public Safety, has begun an investigation of the charge that an electrical bureau operator answered, "Well, what have we got to do with that?" and hung up, when a neighbor called up to say he feared something was wrong in the home of John J. Kelly, 641 West Alleghony avenue. where five persons were killed by leaking gas.

OPPOSE PENSIONS FOR SPANISH EX-MINISTER

MADRID, Jan. 19 .- Marquis De Lenia, minister of foreign affairs, has presented in the Senata a proposal to terminate the granting of pensions to former ministers. As a result of frequent changes in ministries, more than 150 former ministers are drawing pensions of 7000 pesetas each per year. Every man who has ever been in a Spanish cabinet even for an hour, is entitled to a pension.

JOHNSON PAINTINGS WILL TEST DRY ACT INJURED IN STORAGE IN SUPREME COURT

Widener and Price Inform the Rhode Island Allowed to Con-Mayor of Damage-Seek Fund to Restore Them

test Validity of Amendment and Enforcement

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 19.-Validity

asurnatory, unconstitutional

DRY LEADER WARNS

New York, Jan. 10 .- (Px A. P.)

Kramer, federal prohibition enforce

in probabition attachment was Bronel the Decalorue today by John F.

ment commissioner, in an address at the annual meeting of New York elergymen under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League.

"The passions, the appetites and the desires of men," he said, "made it peedessary for the promulgation of the Ten Commandments now embodied in Holy Writ. Notwithstanding the fact that the commandments and our criminal

the commandments and our criminal laws interfers with men's passions, ap-

petites and desires, yet they still stand and are obeyed by the creat mass of

American people, So I am

amendment and the laws enacted there.

lar support would be necessary for ef-fective enforcement of prohibition. William H. Anderson, state superin-

tendent of the Anti-Saloon League, of

New York, said:
"The real prohibition fight is just starting. The quip of the humorous weekly last winter, after ratification.

URGE ART GALLERY SPEEDED NO DATE FIXED FOR HEARING

This became known teday when Jo-seph A. Widener and Eli Kirk Price, an appropriation from Council to re-store a number of the pictures which were injured, it was said, by poor stor-

age conditions and moving.

building of the city art gallery to house the collection.

Both of these suggestions met with the hearty approval of the Mayor who feels that the collection should be moved the right place where people can suitable place where people can.

The collection is at browning the collection of the mo-age in West Philadelphia, where it was tion. Rhode Island authorities question taken after the old Conneils had de- the validity of the ratification of the eided that the Johnson home on South amendment and allege that it interferes Broad street was not a suitable place with the state police nowers and violates.

o house the paintings.

One hundred thousands dollars was ofted by the last Councils for the creeoutliness of the fifth constitutional amendment is often by the last Councils for the creeoutliness of the points nowers and violates the fifth constitutional amendment is often by the last Councils for the creeoutliness of the points nowers and violates the fifth constitutional amendment is often by the last Councils for the creeored by the last Coducies for the crec-tion of a suitable art gallery in which to exhibit the works. The Mayor fa-yors a site in the parkway for the that refused to ratify the amendment. tion on the project.

ANOTHER AMNESIA VICTIM

Thinks He Lives in Reading. Pa., but Is Not Known There Reading, Pa., Jan. 19.—A victim of shell shock, an unidentified soldier who says he is a Reading boy, has been found at Xenia. O., but he is not

known here, He rold his address might be 3342 Penn street, in this city, but there is no such number. He does not know his name, although he believes he belonged to the Second Division. the Second Division.

Until relatives or friends can be

found he is being cared for by the Red Cross. He said he had been confined to the army hospital at Denver Col

3 DEAD, 4 HURT IN FIRE

100 Civilians at Maryland Arsenal Baitimore, Jan. 19.—(By A. P.)—
Three men lost their lives and four others were seriously injured, one probably fatally, in a fire which destroyed a harrack housing 100 employes at Edgewood arsenal near Aberdeen, Md., early yesterday morning.

All of the victims were civilians,

OF SIMS CHARGES If Results Are Unsatisfactory. Secretary Promises Inquiry by Naval Board

DANIELS HIGHLY LAUDS WORK DONE DURING WAR

SENATE TO MAKE

COMPLETE PROBE

Commander of European Fleet Was Subordinate to Admiral Mayo

A Senate subcommittee has been ordered to make a complete inquiry into Admiral Sims's charges against the Navy Department. Secretary Daniels announces that if

tory to the public a naval board will make an inquiry. Every naval document is open to the light of day, the secretary declares. dmiral Sims, testifying today, declared his opinion in regard to

the investigation is not satisfac-

medal awards remains unchanged. By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 19 .- Unless the Senate investigation of Rear Admiral Sims's charges of failure of the Navy Department to co-operate fully with the Allies during the war is made to the entire satisfaction of the American people, an inquiry will be made by a naval board. Secretary Daniels an-

nounced today. He added that "no organization in the history of the world ever did a better job than the American navy. While refusing to discuss Admiral Sims's letter of criticism of the depart-ment, Mr. Daniels indicated the admiral

frequently clashed with the department through his insistence that more destroyers be withdrawn from troop con-voys to augment the antisubmarine forces in European waters. Convoying Was Chief Duty

The paramount duty of the American navy, Mr. Daniels declared, was to protect the passage of American troops to Europe, and the safeguarding of merchant shipping, vital as that was recognized to be, necessarily contrary to a popular impression, Admiral Sims throughout the war was sub-ordinate to Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. He in-dicated that on the question of the dis-

dicated that on the question of the dis-tribution of destroyers strength, as well is on other questions, Admiral Sims was everruled by Admiral Mayo as well as e department.
"Every naval order, every document "Every naval order, every document bearing on the navy's war activities."
Mr. Daniels continued, "is open to the light of day and the more thoroughly the entire record is laid before the people of this country the greater the pride they can have in the achievements of their navy. The country will be entired.

tirely reassured when matters are brought to a showdown."

Sims's Duty to Obey Orders Secretary Daniels Said that in the first summer of the war Admiral Sims was given the title of commander of the United States naval forces in European waters, but that, as a matter of fact,

Washington, Jan. 19. Validity of the federal prohibition constitutional amendment is to be determined by the Surreme Court, which today granted the state of Rhode Island permission to was to obey orders." declared the secinstitute original proceedings to test it and enjoin its enforcement in that state.

The permission was granted by Chief The permission was granted by Chief Justice White without comment or Justice White without comment or without fixing a date for hearing argu-Motions to bring the suit were filed of June or the 27th of July, or some

to a suitable place where people can see the pictures.

The rolle riou is at present in storage in West Philadelphia, where it was the picture of the pictur of pavel strategy. "There may be differences of opinion between naval officers as to these mat-ters, but there is nothing about this big job the navy did that I am not only

people in America to know about.

Pressed to Breaking Point "There wasn't a minute during the war when we didn't do everything we possibly could to increase naval effort and naval craft to fight submarines and protect our troops. We ordered 250 de-stroyers and there wasn't a minute dur-FIGHT IS NOT OVER ing the war that work was not pressed to the full capacity of the country. "We wanted every ship in America that was fit for use. We utilized the

navy yards, every private yard every-thing was pressed almost to the breaking paint to hasten things. Rear Admiral Sims must be required to establish every criticism he has made

of the department.
"I have been secretary of the navy now nearly seven years and I have never had any trouble at all since I have been here, but sometimes some rear admiral has broken out, I think about two, but I never had any controversy with the first one. But when the smoke blows away I have no doubt that the public will see that the naval administration has been efficient.

Plan Complete investigation At the same time that Mr. Daniels

gation committee that complete investi of the war will be conducted by a nth-committee now localizing into the award humorous of mayal decorations as soon as it compiletes its present task.

A motion of Senator Pittman, Democrat, of Nevada, to have a separate sub-

The explosion of a boiler in a green A few moments later there was reash. They listened, but heard for in the Abington Memorial Hos-

biscopal Hospital, in the hope that wildow Grove, near the intersection of Welsh road and Fitzwatertown road.

Extremely cold weather of the last few days, coupled with the high winds, made it necessary to "drive" the heating plant barder than is normal in his greenhouse.

The accident happened early last night. The cause of the bursting of the boiler has not been determined. Elliott had gone into the greenhouse, presumably to prepare the fires for the night, and the explosion happened a few minutes later.

starts today on page 11.