and probably tomorrow.
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Evening Public Tedger

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SHOW BOOKS, HEPBURN CHALLENGES CONTRACTORS

President Announces "Unalterable" Decision on Wage Demands to Railroad Brotherhoods

EXCESSIVE PROFITS IN SNOW REMOVAL FIGURED BY CHIEF

Latest Statement Reveals New Phase in Alleged 100 Per Cent Gains in Street Cleaning

ASSERTS \$1882 A DAY LOST ON FALSE CAPACITY WAGONS

He Finds 34 of 54 Vehicles Overrated as to Loads. Stands by Disclosures

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN Denald M. Hepburn, chief of the bureau of street cleaning in Director Winston's Department of Public Works. seems to have tilted the lid of a Pandora's Box when he announced through the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER Wednesday that the city could do its own

present prices paid to contractors and save \$1,000,000. Protests from the street-cleaning and set and rubbish contractors have since DISABLED VESSEL poured in. This was perhaps to be expected, but Chief Hepburn remains not only unperturbed, but produces fresh figures to substantiate bis original

street cleaning on the basis of the

"So there may be no misunderstandand ash and rubbish contractor, I reaffirm the statement that on the basis of present contract prices for street cleaning I would undertake to do the work and save the city \$1,000,000," said Chief Hepburn.

Refutes Contractor's Statement 'One contractor, I observe, asserts in public statement that I had figured only the men on the streets. His statement is not borne out by the facts. I included all equipment and gangs used by the different contractors in metual work, and in making this declaration, which included all items, the figures to date show 100 per cent profit for the

"If this particular individual or any other street-cleaning and ash and rubbish contractor so desires, I will be glad his profits are not excessive I will guaranten to see that the fact gets as wide publicity as those already published.

"The statement of a contractor that I figured \$524 a day as his expenses for bauling ashes is misleading and is not a fact. Street cleaning and ash and rubbish collection are two absolutely separate and distinct items, and as this contractor must know, are so specified in every contract. My previous state-ment and figures were confined solely to street cleaning. In no manner what-ever did they refer or relate to ash and rubbish contracts, which I have not yet

completely investigated.
"The city will spend this year \$1,-The city will spend this year \$1,-547,606 for the collection of rubbish and ashes alone in the nine districts into ordered the which Philadelphia is divided, and of thorities

one contractor referred to gets quest to aid the boat. \$157.160 as his share. In my previous statement I gave the figures of the contract price for street cleaning alone by the day; that is the amount that each contractor receives daily for 300 days in the year. Since the question of ash collection, to which

I did not refer, is now brought in by the contractors, the public may as well have all the figures, both for street cleaning and for ash and rubbish col-lection. This table supplies that data lection. This table supplies that data and also gives the daily total which the city pays every contractor for this work Figures for Both Contracts

Contract price for street cleaning,

grant	Street Clean's	Ash & Rubbish	by the	day ; Contractors' Names
1.,	\$550	\$600	\$1,150	Cunningham
and and	0.507 2.275 835 550 577	644 786 717 521 613 350	1.629 2.643 2.992 1.363 1.163 027	Murray James Irvin E. H. Vare E. H. Vare L. L. Pianage Peoples & Ru R. J. & A. P.
6.	1,067	311	1.730	Frank Curran Est David N Mahon
76.1	0.320	160 .	4 400	

"I thought my original statement as sufficiently plain, but that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of the public or of any contractor. I wish to say that in figuring flushers, Brinkland sprinklers, machine brooms and other equipment, I have figured them at the price for which such equipment could be rented by the day, which is ample to cover the question of maintenance. And equipment such as described can be rented at the prices I have fixed in my estimate.

Any contractor is at liberty to submit his books, if he cares to, and go
ere with me the question of the collection of ashes and rubbish alone,
which, as I have already pointed out,
was not included in the restance of not included in my statement on

et cleaning.
"Some of the contractors in disput-

Leap in Street-Cleaning Cost Is Shown by Contract Tables

	2.70	r 1919 Street	Ashes and		
Distri	ct Contractors .	Cleaning	Rubbish		Total
	Cunningham & Murray	\$114,000	\$100,000		\$214,000
2 .	James Irvin	180,000	140,000		320,000
3	E. H. Vare	509,000	182,000	1:	601,000
4 1	E. H. Vare	616,000	183,000		799,000
5 '	T. L. Flannagan	244,000	133,000		377.000
6 1	Peoples & Ruch	150,000	168,559		318,559
7 1	R. J. & A. Peoples	165,000	87,000		252,000
8 1	Frank Curran	164,300	78,350		242,650
	Estate David McMahon	298,000	174,000		472,000

-1		. 200,000	114,000	112,000
1	Total	.\$2,440,300	\$1,245,909	\$3,686,209
	Figures f	or 1920		
1		Street	Ashes and	
	District Contractors	Cleaning	Rubbish	Total
	1 Cunningham & Murray	. \$165,000	\$180,000	\$345,000
	2 James Irvin	. 295,400	193,200	488,600
П	3 E. H. Vare		220,713	792,961
11	4 E. H. Vare	682,660	215,133	897,793
1	5 T. L. Flannagan		157,160	408,900
1	6 Peoples & Ruch	. 165,000	184,000	349,000
	7 R. J. & A. Peoples		105,000	278,000
1	8 Frank Curran	. 173,750	93,400	266,750
	9 Estate David McMahon		199,000	519,000
	Total	.\$2,798,798	\$1,547,606	\$4,846,004

APPEALS FOR AID YIELDING OF KAISER

William Webb Is Drifting Toward N. J. Shore

nesday, is in a perilous position off Tucker's Beach, N. J.

The engine is broken, the boilers are patched tomorrow, according to the out of commission and a late wireless Evening Standard today. message from the captain of the craft reports that he believes the ship is drifting toward shore despite the auchor which he succeeded in dropping.

for him to bring his books and I will go The present trip is its maiden voyage.

speeding to the help of the Webb. The United States coast guard cutter Seneca and the United States tog Manhattan left New York harbor early today.

Barge Near Ship

The barge Rescue, of the Merritt Chapman Wrecking Co., New York, which left New York yesterday, is believed to be somewhere in the vicinity of the Webb. The company has been trying to get in touch with the barge for several hours to have it go to the rescue of the Webb.

The first call for help was reported at the communication office, Philadelphia Navy Yard, shortly after midnight, Admiral Hughes was notified of the appeal and the position of the boat. Its position off Barnegat made it

more accessible from New York than from this port and Admiral Hughes ordered that the New York port au-

Send Second Appeal

The call told of the breakdown of the the disablement of the engine and the disablement of the boilers. The sea was getting rought at that time, according to the message.

Later a more urgent appeal for help was received. The captain reported that the condition of the boat was serious and that the anchor did not appear to have sufficient strength to held it in the rapidly rising sea.

The Webb has a deadweight tonnage of 9000 It was completed has Novem. of 9000. It was completed last Novem

ber. The Webb made its trial trip satisfactorily and returned to the yard for the finishing touches with an ex-ceptionally fine record. Authorities here are unable to ex-

plain what may have happened to the engines and boilers, as both were of a standard type that have proved their

Most of the twenty-three members of the crew are residents of this city. addition to Captain Blollock, those board the vessel are:
F. L. Hanson, first mate;

Connell, second mate; Joseph E. Wells, third mate; Raymond C. Hill, chief en-gineer; Fred Priest, first assistant enrineer; Robert E, Christman, second 110 South Thirty-eighth street, las assistant engineer; Charles Snyder, nig third assistant engineer, and these members of the crew; Dolge Ballen-He members of the crew: Dolge Ballen-tine, George Ertis, Pieraceni Lorenzo, Clyde Bishop, James N. McDonald, Arthur Jones Elkins, A. T. Belleneau, Joseph Keenan, Patrick E. Cassidy: Patrick J. Coursey, Thomas Kelly, C. A. Sorenson, A. N. Barntzen, M. A. Randall and John F. Kelly.

SPROUL BOOM INDORSED

Republicans From Five Counties Thirty-eightn street Monday Urge Governor as President Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 13 .- A res plution favoring the nomination of Gov

ALLIES AGAIN URGE

ing on the part of any street-cleaning With Engines Dead Steamer Note to Holland Will Be Sent Tomorrow in Hope of Reopening Negotiations

to Holland regarding the extradition of for him, originally set for this morn-former Emperor William will be dis-

this afternoon that the council this afternoon that the council was engaged in completing the note to Hol-land. The note was being drawn, it was stated, in a form to emphasize the presence of the former emperor in Holland was a danger to the

The note does not make any requests study of Holland, but it is hoped that the reflected. Dutch Government will be drawn into reopening the negotiations which ended the navy in refusal to give up the ex-ruler. It is intimated that Holland has not received a suggestion to this effect unkindly and that she might be willing to intern the former emperor outside of Europe.

FINED AS DISEASE CARRIER

Nurse With Measles Accused of Exposing Herself Here

request of Director Furbush. Chief Medical Inspector Cairns swore out a warrant for Eleanor M. Carr. a surse in the Vineland Home for eeble-Minded, on a charge of having iolated the law prohibiting persons afflicted with contagious diseases from exposing themselves in public. She was later fixed \$20 and costs. This is aid to be one of the few times any one has been arrested and fined in this state

At the hearing before Magistrate Rooney in Central Station this morning. shown the woman had traveled this city on railroad, ferry and tro with measles, finally being admitted the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases.

REV. C. E. MILNOR DEAD

He Was Former Rector of St. Andrew's and Mediator Churches The Rev. Charles Edward Miluor emerly rector of St. Andrew's P. E.

Church, Eighth street near Soruce, and the Chupel of the Mediator, Fifty-first and Spruce streets, died at his home,

Mr. Milnor was born in New York. He was a grandson of the late Rev. James Milnor, D. D., one time rector of St. George's Church, Stuyvesant of St. George's Church, Stuyvesant square, New York. He was a graduate of Kenyou College, Ohio, and of the Divinity School of the Protestant Epis-

He is survived by his wife, Annie E. Hopper Milnor, daughter of the late Samuel M. and Deborah Hopper. The funeral will be held at 110 South

DECREASE IN GRIP CASES

"Some of the contractors in disputing my figures have suggested that all the state of the Young Men's Republican mously adopted at the Lincoln Day show the publican and cquipment at cost plus adopted at the Lincoln Day Show Failing Off

There is a slight decrease in the number of influence of pour contractor does not do his work at the consent of Director of the best in American Ame

BOY STEALS AUTO AT REVOLVER POINT: CAUGHT AFTER RACE

High School Student Brandishes 45-Caliber Automatic and Driver Turns Over Car

YOUTHFUL BANDIT USES FATHER'S SERVICE GUN

Inability to Handle Machine Resultş in Arrest After Chase in Broad Street

Brandishing a 45-caliber revolver. which his father carried on the battlefields of France, Edmond D'Arcy, fifteen-year-old high school boy, gained ossession of a motor car in true bandit fashion late last night, according to the police, only to be captured after a race

by a pursuing taxi. The boy, a student at the Southern High School, halted the motorcar of Stuart Noble, of 2633 South Broad street, and, police say, after be had shoved his father's service revolver in

Knew Little of Automobile

"Gimme that car or your life,"
'Arcy is said to have demanded of
oble, just after the latter had climbed

into his car in front of his store after closing time last night, and had started the machine. Noble surrendered.

The fact that he scarcely knew how to drive the car did not daunt the mis-directed courage of the schoolboy handlift whose contract of the schoolboy handlift whose contract of the school of the s dit, whose capture after a short chase down Broad street was due to the facthat the boy did not know how to accel NAVY PARTIES TO RESCUE

NO DEFINITE REQUEST MADE

The United States shipping board steamer William Henry Webb, which left this port for New York on Wedy resident is in a perilegal position off to Holland regarding the extradition of the life than the boy did not know how to acceltent the speed of the stolen machine. He was caught at Moyamensing avenue. Today, the boy is in the House of Detention. Authorities there were so impressed by the attractiveness and intelligence of the alleged schoolboy bandit, that they have deferred a learning to Holland regarding the extradition of the line with the boy did not know how to acceltent the speed of the stolen machine. Today, the boy is in the House of Detention. Authorities there were so impressed by the attractiveness and intelligence of the alleged schoolboy bandit, that they have deferred a learning to Holland regarding the extradition of the line was caught at Moyamensing avenue.

> chance. "I'm glad my poor boy was caught." The note, says the newspaper, makes a strong appeal to the Dutch Government not to create greater difficulties in Europe by insisting on the right.
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> The glad my poor boy was caught, said Eurieo D'Arcy, father of the boy. "If he had gotten away with it this time, he might have tried to do the same time, he might have tried to do the same time, he might have tried to do the same time, he might have tried to do the same time. The glad my poor boy was caught.

which he succeeded in dropping.

A heavy sea, according to two S O S appeals received, adds to the perils of the disabled ship. The Webb was built at Chester for the shipping board. The present trip is its maiden voyage.

The present trip is its maiden voyage. com other sources it was learned structor in the general administration school of the quartermaster's depart-ment at Iuland warehouse. Twenty first

street and Oregon avenue.

Wanted to Join Navy "Ever since we moved here from Chillicothe, O., Edmond has been going out in the evenings, we thought to study his lessons." the soldier-father "Some time ago he wanted to quit the Southern High School to join the navy. I discouraged the plan, and

carried my service pistol, was empty. The gun was not loaded when I put it in the holster."

the hoister."

Nob'e is proprietor of a mariners' prnishing store on South Broad street.

He had started the engine. This, the police believe, is what the young bandit was waiting for, not being able himself

story.
Young D'Arey started in such an awkward manner that Noble saw at awkward once that he was inexperienced and followed in the wake of the slow-mov-

ing car. Pursue in Taxi

After running a few blocks he came to a taxicab driven by Joseph W. Brown, of 1633 Porter street.

managed to get the stolen car going at a beter rate, but Brown was the superior driver, and, after a thrilling bermanent tribunal such as is provided for in Article XIV of the covenant of on South Broad street, over

STOCKS DECLINE, BUT RALLY

Brokers and commission houses had an accumulation of selling orders over the holiday and stocks most seriously affected bore testimony to the enforced after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable paper to containing data regarding contracts in the holiday and stocks most seriously after he reached this city on his return from Europe.

character of the liquidation.

Greater anxiety concerning the railto today's declines and representative
rails made new low records.

General Motors was again the week

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food and tobacco shares were dragged down in the general reaction, which was mid-day the liquidating seemed to have spent its orce and extensive covering of the short interest brought in many cases a plete recovery of the morning declines. The market, however, continued in feverish state, showing only feeble rally

of WHITING .- Adv.



nderwood & Underwood

ELHIU ROOT Distinguished American who has been asked by the League of Na-tions Council to help prepare plans for the international court of jus-

ASK ROOT TO HELP

League Council Requests American to Serve on Constitution Committee

By the Associated Press

London, Feb. 13.—Elihu Root is one a number of distinguished men from various countries who have been in-vited to become members of the committee to prepare plans for the constitu-

"Maybe, for one reason or another.
Mr. Root may not deem it desirable to accept the council's invitation. The council hopes he will always remember that he will be welcome at whatever stage of our sittings he may be president to the council hopes. privileged to accept, to add to our de-liberations the great weight of his

learning and name Other men invited to serve on the omnittee are;
Baron Deschamps, of Belgium, a

member of The Hague court of arbitration: Luis M. Drago, former Argentine minister of foreign affairs: Prof. Carle Fadds, of the faculty of the Jurisprudence of the University of Naples; Henri Fromageot, a prominent French advocate; Professor Gran, of the University of Christiania, Norway; Doctor Loarder, of Holland; Baron Phillimore. former lord justice of appeal in England; Dr. Milenko R. Vesnitch, Serbian minister to France; S. Akidzuki, forme Japanese ambassudor to Austria; Rafae

Attamira, a prominent lawyer of Mad-rid, and Clovis Bevilacqua, of Brazil,
The council appointed Sir Reginald children. The title of the position is
Power, formerly British minister to
Argentina and Paraguay, as high com-missioner to the free city of Danzig, them in homes. That is the job of the He received a temporary appointment probation officer.

was waiting for, not call to set the engine going.

Noble stepped from the machine and the boy took his place at the steering wheel, according to the storekeeper's of the League of Nations to become a niember of the committee which will member of the committee which will be committeed which will be committeed which will be committeed which will be committeed which plan a permanent court of international justice. Until he received such an in-vitation, he declined to indicate justice. Until he received such an in-vitation, he declined to indicate whether he would accept the bonor.

The Hague, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)— Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzer-land and Holland will be represented at the conference, which opens peace palace here on February In a few words he told Brown what had happened and pursuit was begun in the taxi. By that time young D'Aarcy had paring and examining plans already

SEEK VAUCLAIN PAPERS

Selling Orders Accumulated Over Police Believe Rival Firm May Have

Holiday—Resistance Feenie

New York, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—
Quoted values on the stock exchange continued to crumble today, speculative shares in the first hour's trading adding 3 to 10 points to their recent extensive declines.

A vigorous search is being made by detectives of Philadelphia and those of Samuel M. Vanclain, president of the locomotive works, which was stolen after he reached this city on his return after he reached this city on his return from Europe. Many valuable papers

General Motors was again the weakest feature, breaking 10 points from
Wednesday's close and 35 points from
last week's final quotations. Crucible
Steel, Chandler Motors, United States
Rubber, Industrial Alcohol and Leather.
Rubber, Industrial Alcohol and Leather.

feed and tobacco shares were drugged. dragged terday, said that the valise contained hich was contracts made by Mr. Vauclain in

EXPLOSION IN CHESTNUT ST.

All the munhole covers on Chestnut street between Third and Fourth streets were lifted off this morning by the force of an explosion in a gas pocket in the conduits at Third and Chestnut streets, before Mr. McAvox was recommended A fire resulted. The firemen were until the post was offered to Robert S able to extinguish the blaze until the Bright, a Philadelphia lawyer, who described the post was offered to Robert S.

KRAUSE WILL GET Wrapped Up in Blanket. **HEARING MONDAY** BY COUNTY BOARD

Court Records of Cause for Cancellation of Saloon License Will Be Examined

APPOINTMENT AS ACENT URGED BY LANE LIEUTENANT

Commissioner Holmes Says Officials Did Not Know That He Ever Owned Saloon

Rudolph Krause, former saloonkeeper and recently appointed to an \$1800 job as children's agent and investigator, will be summoned to defend himself on Monday before the county commission-

At the same time the records of the session of the License Court at which Krause lost the license to his salson at Ninth street and Columbia avenue, in 1916, will be scrutinized by the com-

missioners. The license was withheld after a charge had been made that liquor was sold to a fifteen year-old girl in Krause's cafe.

County Commissioner George F. Holmes today told of the plans to review the matter. Neither Commissioner Edward W. Lank nor Commissioner Harry Kuenzel was in Philadelphia toy. Lank had gone to Washington, was said, to advance the candidacy OTHER MEMBERS SELECTED

OTHER

Title is a Misnomer Commissioner Holmes, discussing the Krause case, explained that the title

tional justice. The list was announced at today's session of the council of the League of Nations.

A. J. Balfour, who is presiding over the council sessions, after reading the names of the men invited to become members of the committee, said:

"Maybe, for one reason or another."

"In actual contact with children.

"The commissioners will meet at 11 o'clock Monday morning. 'said Mr. Holmes. "and Krause will be norified to attend. We will look up the stenographic record of the case meanwhile and find out just why Krause lost his license." 'Jeseph Marcus, clerk of the old garment.

we didn't know anything about his ving been a saloonkeeper or having had been dressed. est his license

would have consented to the which he referred.
"I would not want to be placed on record in the matter," he answered. "in the absence of the other commissioners. It would not be fair to Krause or to the

other county commissioners to discuss

Must Be Honest and Willing Mr. Holmes was asked what sort of man he thought should be entrusted with the work of a children's agent and in-

must be honest and willing to Japanese ambassedor to Austria: Rafael work, was the reply, "He does not Altamira, a prominent lawyer of Mad-need special qualifications, and he does

'The investigator's work does not be gin until the children have been placed. Then he finds out whether the parents guardians are able to pay for them, e really is nothing more than a bill Washington, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—When the railroad men's representative greeted the President to-

Wilson Greets Rail Men

day at a conference of wage de-mands they told him he was looking very well. "I have just been shaved," said the President. "That

The President, sitting in his wheel chair in a corner under the south portice, wrapped in a blanket, shook hands with the men when Secretary Tumulty presented them. They stood up throughout the conference with their overconts on, but their hats in their bands. The President pressed them to put their bats on ecause of the dampness, but they

cfused. The occasion, marking the resump ion of public conferences by President, coming on Friday the 13th, recalls the fact that thirteen is looked upon as Mr. Wilson's lucky num

RESTAURANT MAN. FIRED AT BY THIEF ESCAPES WITH ROLL

William Monroe Convinced Fri-

of a highwayman and escaping a bullet restaurantkeeper at 711 North Broad street, is convinced that today is a lucky day, even though it is Friday the

thirteenth.

2 o'clock this morning when a burly ruffian strode toward him, holding a revolver threateningly.

"Hands up," shouted the bandit.

Monroe thought of the \$250 in his pocket and would not obey. Instead, he struck the highwayman over the head with a bey of runner, he was head with a bag of prunes he was carrying. The improvised weapon failed Krause case, explained that the title of "children's agent and investigator" was a misnomer, the agents not coming into actual contact with children.

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"Jeseph Marcus, clerk of the old Councils and lieutenant of 'Dave' Lane, was sponsor for Krause. He brought him in and recommended him. At the time we didn't know anything about his

FRIDAY 13TH WEATHER of Krause had he known the facts to Plenty of Rain-Weatherman Sees Temperature Drop and Sunshine Intermittent rain, followed by colder Presi weather with a sprinkle of snow tonight of the weather offering for this Friday other

the Thirteenth. decided change for the better will take place tomorrow, says the weatherperhaps a little sunshine and the mer-cury hovering around 25 degrees. At noon the temperature was 34 degrees.

shortly before noon today the rainfal. in this city registered one-third of an inch. There are indications that it will continue until tonight at least. As the Schuylkill river has been choked with ice and snow accumulated

rom the storms of the last few week was feared by those having manuusual flood which follows such condions would develop. It was learned day, however, there is no immediate adjustion of an abnormal rise of the Continued on Page Two, Column One Stream

WILSON REFUSES TO GRANT PAY RISE, BELIEF AT CAPITAL

Executive Said to Have Made Counter-Proposal to Railway Workers

CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE AT WHITE HOUSE PORTICO

"Justice to All," Government Policy-Unions Meet to

Take Action By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 13. - An "qualter-

ble" decision in the railroad wage controversy was made today by President Wilson in conference with representa-William Monroe Convinced Friday the Thirteenth Is His

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Licky Brown of the brotherhoods, The President said the government's policy was reason to all interests.

The President's decision was not announced at the White House, Officially said it was "a decision containing a proposal." From this it was assumed that the President said the government's policy was reason to all interests.

Lucky Day

After saving \$250 from the clutches are contained as a counter-proposition to the men. tives of the brotherhoods, The President

Promise to Consider Proposal After reading the statement containing his proposal to the railread men, the President asked them to give consideration to his suggestion and they promised to de so.

The brotherhood men would not say that the proposal was Timothy Shea

what the proposal was; Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of iremen and Enginemen, announcing that they would make no statement

today.
The White House was expected to issue a statement later in the day.
Meantime there was no intimation whether the President had offered a substitute for an increase in wages in the nature of a continuation of the light on the later. whether he asked the workers to delay pressing their demands until the rail-

pressing their demands until the rail-reads were returned to the private own-ers March 1.

B. M. Jewell, president of the rail-way department of the American Fed-eration of Labor, announced that the I'resident's proposal would have to be "put up to the men." before any an-nouncement could be made by the union rancementatives.

Conference Lasts Fifteen Minutes Besides Mr. Jewell and Mr. Shea, E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, was present at White House. The conference white House. The consted about fifteen minutes.

dent was in his wheel chair, Mr. Shen immediately notified the ferring with Mr. Hines, advising them to call a conference to consider the President's statement. He indicated that the conference would consume most of the day, and neight be continued to-He said there was no disposimorrow. hostily, and that they desired to make

dent's statement before reaching a was, was not expected to stay the strike of the maintenance of way employes alled for next Tuesday.

President has had outside of the sick-com since his illness began last fall and The original plan was for the Presi-ut to meet the brotherhood representatives on the south lawn, but

The conference today was the first the resident has had outside of the sick-

o use the south portico instead. Detroit, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—Any proposal President Wilson has made to presentatives of the railroad brother demands will receive "earnest consideration" by officers of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employee and Shop Laborers, President

Allen Barker said today.

Mr. Barker said today.

Mr. Barker said he was still hopeful the President's decision would be such as to make possible a withdrawal of the order-calling for a strike February 17. of the brotherhood's more than 300,000 members. He added, however, that he has to information form ver, that he has no information

TRAIN DELAYED 3 WEEKS Twenty - foot Snowdrifts Impede

Newfoundland Railway St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 13 .- (By A P.)-Au express train on the Reid-Newfoundland Railway, a narrowgauge line, has arrived here after being three weeks on the way, across the island, from Port-au-Basques. The train was scheduled to make the 546-mile run in twenty-nine hours. Several storms were encountered and it was

Pass agets reported that at some ex-posed points the snow drifted to a height of twenty feet. The ywere on fish as the principal food.

The perils of cross-country travel have increased so much that it was said today service probably would be suspended notif the storm season passed. passengers being sent by steamshi

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 13. - (By A. P.) Official announcement was made b today that the conferences between representatives of the anthracite representatives of the anthracite controperators and the United Mine Workers of America regarding a new wage scale offsetive April I, will begin in New York on March 9.

rules of court require. The case was continued until next week.

ADA HUFF FAILS TO GAIN RELEASE

Genevieve Leonard, 918 North Bambrey street, failed to secure

her release on bail this morning because her attorney neglected

to comply with a rule of the court in asking for a writ of habeas

corpus. The attorney appeared before Judge Bregy in quarter

sessions court this morning, but brought no witnesses, as the

ADMIRAL AT NAVY YARD COMPLAINS AGAINST P. R. T.

Ada Huff, held for carrying away eighteen-months of

Admiral Charles F. Hughes, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, appeared before the Public Service Commission today in City Hall and complained against the service of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to League Island. He presented affidavits from women employes charging poor car service and requested that the commission order the company to extend its service one mile into the yard.

NAME TO GO TO SENATE

Attorney Here to Be Acted On It is expected that President Wilson will send the appointment of Charles D. McAvoy, of Norristown, as United States district attorney here to the m

Senate today for confirmation.

Mr. McAvoy, who was formerly as present sistant district attorney of Montgomery county, has been recommended as sucessor of Francis Fisher Kane by Attorney General Palmer. It is said that before Mr. McAvox was recommended the post was offered to Robert S.

TO LAUNCH 86TH SHIP

Miss Jane Sproul Klaer, the five-

year-old granddaughter of Governor Sproul, will christen Hog Island's eighty-sixth ship tomorrow at 9:40 a. m. The Governor, Mrs. Sproul and many state and city officials will be The ship, the Commack, is a steel Hard Coal Wage Meeting March \$

carrier of 7825 deadweight Her speed will be eleven and one snets. The launching of this ship half knots. The launching of this ship will make the total tennage councilouted American marine by Hog Island

Continuous Baseing Every Saturday Evening, 23 S. 40th St. -- Adv.

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