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R.T.'S RENTALS TO BE PROBED IN

t Will Be Made to See if ints Paid Underlying Companies Affect Service

MMISSIONER CLEMENT MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

le Situation Is Discussed at Conference of Business Men and City Officials

thorough investigation of the paid underlying companies by Rapid Transit Co., insofar as these als affect the trolley service, will made as part of the Public Service ssion's transit survey.

Samuel M. Clement, Jr., member of e commission, made that announce-nt at an informal public hearing in office this morning, when plans were speed out for a complete survey of whole transit situation by engineers

Mr. Clement made the distribution of the United siness Men's Association that an apsines Men's Associated that are a size is a first of the underlying companies' sets be included in the survey. The business men charged that five-ths of the P. R. T.'s annual revenue paid over to the underlying comples for something "which does not

to every angle of the present situation build be made immediately by engineers the commission, under A. Howard ces, chief engineer, and Garfield

"Until this survey is completed," mmissioner Clement announced, "no cision will be rendered by the com-mion in individual complaints against e.P. R. T. service by civic and other those at the conference wer deman J. Joyce and Frederick P. Bald. representing the P. R. T.; Evan Lewis, for the Cliveden Improvent Association; Superintendent of the Mills, and J. T. Mitcheson, association is a superintendent of the Mills, and J. T. Mitcheson, association.

opening the conference, Mr. Clemwho presided, said that testimony the various individual fore the commission showed the ne-sity for greater traffic regulations adequate service, including addi al cars and extensions, and better

tribution of present cars. Mr. Jones and Mr. Phillips both exsaed the belief that bus lines on oad. Diamond streets, the Parkway Roosevelt Boulevard would aid in present situation. Mr. Phillips said worth of buses as auxiliaries to the eys had been well established in

dr. Lewis said that a survey of the esent situation would not be of any lue without a complete appraisement the underlying companies' assets. He so expressed a desire to know the exsaving through the "skip-stop

He said Thomas E. Mitten, president the P. R. T., had stated the "skipop" resulted in a saving of \$1,000,000 "I question that," Mr. Lewis an

Asks Appraisal of Assets was then Mr. Beasley asked for

appraisal of the underlying com ales assets. Mr. Clement later suggested to Mr. sley that he pointed out certain secthe city where congestion was sed at transfer points. Ir. Beasley pointed out Hunting

and Germantown avenues, Twenstreet at Germantown avenue ayne Junction, particularly at 4:30 lock in the afternoon when the Hog and troin arrives. He also instanced Third and Berks

s, Fifth and Berks streets, Front Norris streets, Thirteenth and ten streets and Thirteenth and Spring iden strets, btwn 6 and 8 a. m.,

said snother congested during the work hours was Frank-avenue and Orthodox street. re than 10,000 persons were de

on one line on Ptssyunk ave-The Passynn avenue line is the only that serves the Atlantic Refining e that serves the Atlantic Refining a plant at Thirty-second street and cars on Snyder ave-sayunk avenue. Cars on Snyder ave-e. Mr. Beasley pointed out, operated

Twenty-second street. Would Extend One-Way Traffic Mr. Joyce then spoke for the P. R. and said he favored the extension

he one-way stret regulations, par-larly the streets running north and said that much of the present irri-

and complaint grows out of deto service directly due to delays much of which d be cleared by furtherance of the way street plan Clement asked Mr. Joyce what

road street and other thorough-Mr. Joyce replied that the bus should not be established until elleys had been used to their ca-

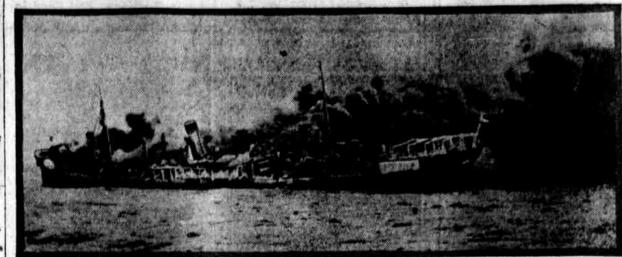
said the suggestion of Soperdent Mills to eliminate much of assenger traffic at Market street assed him as a useful one.

WATCHMAN FALLS DEAD

Disease Causes Death inancial District This Morning While patroling the various prop-es which he guarded in the financial riet, David Sprat, sixty-four years 662 North Farson street, a watch-, fell dead in front of 402 Chestnut et early this movement.

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FREIGHTER OLOCKSON BURNING AT SEA



narkable picture was taken shortly after the crew of the freighter Olockson had fied in small boats when flames reached the cargo of 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline off Balboa and was nearly destroyed

Giant Plane, Commanded by Lt. Com. Read, of Trans-Ocean Flight, Badly Damaged

WAS TRYING LONG FLIGHT

The giant naval seaplane NC-2 fell into the ocean off Atlantic City this morning with Lieutenant Commander Albert F. Read and a passenger, whose

ist."

"Unless the present rent is reduced."

Id C. Oscar Beasley, a member of the silted Association, "the P. R. T., as operating company, will have no replus whatever."

Two-Hour Conference

This morning's conference of transit perts, representatives of city departents and civic and business men's assict from 10 o'clock until noon.

At the conclusion Mr. Clement and the conclusion Mr. Clement and the conclusion Mr. Clement and the save and the passenger of the seaplane speeding high up above the sea.

The seaplane suddenly dipped sharply and began falling. It fluttered down like a wounded bird and struck a long swell. The seaplane kept affoat with searcy angle of the present situation their seats.

their seats.

The coastal air station at Cape May was notified at once. The destroyer O'Brien and a submarine chaser put out immediately. A detail of air me-chanics were dispatched to the damaged craft.

Coastal air officers were informed the NC-2 is badly damaged. It will be necessary to dismantle the plane, it was said.

The NC-2 was prepared for the history-making transoceanic flight last year, but proved the "hoodoo" of the navy's squadron of big fliers. It was unable to start in the race.

SIXTY DAYS FOR SLACKER

Draft Evader Is Convicted After Second Trial-Must Pay Court Costs Max Joseph Schwartz, twenty-six years old, Third and Spruce streets, convicted of violating the selective military service law, was sentenced to sixty days in Mercer county jail today by Judge Thompson, in the Federal Court. Schwartz was also ordered to pay the

costs of prosecution. Schwartz was found guilty at a trial last week. It was the second trial in the case; the first having resulted in a disagreement by the jury. It cost the government \$1000 to convict the draft-

Counsel for Schwartz asked that the defendant only be required to pay the costs. This plea was flatly rejected.

Schwartz was passed by Local Board No. 4 as physically fit for military service, and subsequently placed in Class 2. B. effor he asserted that his parents 3-B, after he asserted that his parents were mainly dependent on him for oort. Investigation showed

317 Market streets, and had a sub QUEEN OF VALLEY DERAILED

port. Investigation snowed Schwartz's father was a member of the wholesale firm of A. Schwartz & Sons, wholesale firm of A. Schwartz & Sons,

Passengers Badly Shaken on Read ding Filer, but None Are Injured Lebanon, Pa., March 29 .- A broken ail was responsible for the derailment of the Queen of the Valley express train on the Reading Railroad at Millards rossing, a mile west of Annville, this norning. Five coaches pounded over norning. the roadbed for some distance until the train, which was running at thirty-five niles an hour, was brought to a stand

Fortunately, all the cars remained upright. None of the passengers was injured, though all were badly shaken. The rail snapped off after the locomo-tive and two cars had passed over it.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK NOTED

Chicago Seismograph Records Tre more of Intensity 1200 Miles Away Chicago, March 29.—(By A. P.)-An earthquake shock of considerable in tensity was recorded by the seismograph in the office of the weather bureau here. tremors started at 11:14 p. m. last

The earthquake was centered approximately 1200 miles from Chicago.

night and continued until 12:20 ight and continued until 12:20 a.m. oday. It was most intense at 11:27

EXPECT MINERS TO AGREE

Conferees Hopeful of Early Settlement as Conference is Held

New York, March 29 .- (By A. P.)iners went into an executive session shortly before noon to consider the maority award of President Wilson's coal

said common sense would rule throughout the conferences and there would be sentences. no reason for further delay in clearing up the bituminous situation. A new wage agreement, based on the majority report, will be signed within a week, it is predicted by the conferees. The mine workers want at least a 31

The mine workers want at least a per cent increase, union officials say, and a seven-hour day. The award of the commission gave them a 27 per cent increase and an eight-hour day. The the commission gave them a 27 per cent increase and an eight-hour day. The increase included the 14 per cent given the workers wen they returned after the recent strik

LIFT POLICE AGÉ BAN

ommission Acts to Accommod Patrolman in Service

In order to accommodate patrolmen who had left the force to go into army or navy service or for other good cause, and now seek their positions again, the Civil Service Commission today amended the rule fixing the maximum age at 45 on III-Fated Olockson, With which men may join the police force. Under the old ruling the maximum age for entering the service was thirty-five years. The new arrangement allows for the length of service former members of the force have served, which

may be added to the present maximum in case they seek to regain their old positions. This rule goes into effect immediately and will affect a number of the 225 applicants for positions on the force, who will take an examination

CARD 11 YEARS IN MAILS

'Battling Abe" Cohen Gets Word of Party Held In 1909

Harry Cohen, who conducts a cigar

Conferences on Congressional Situa tion Postponed Until He Returns

Two conferences on the congressional situation in the Fifth and Sixth districts were sidetracked today through Mayor Moore's absence from the city. The Mayor and Mrs. Moore went to their summer home, at Island Heights, N. J., late Saturday for a week-end rest. Mr. Moore decided to continue his stay over today.

Congressman Peter E. Costello, of the Fifth district, who seeks the Mayor indorsement for re-election, reached here today from Florida expecting to have a conference with the city's execu-

Congressman George P. Darrow Sixth district, came up from Washington with the same thought in mind, it

The Republican Alliance-Town Meet-The Republican Alliance-Town Meeting coalition, in the Fifth district has now narrowed its discussion of possible candidates to two names. One is James B. Connolly, chief lieutenant of William F. Campbell, administration leader, of the Twenty-fifth ward. The tential candidate is J. Wilson Carter, Forty-third ward, a foreman in

NEW PLEA FOR TREATY

Prominent Americans Appeal

-An appeal to President Wilson, which later will also be made to the Senate, to accept the peace treaty with the Lodge reservations and leave the disputed issue to negotiation or a national referendum was presented at the White House today on behalf of a committee which numbers among its members President Lowell, of Harvard; former Attorney General Wickersham, Cleveland H. Dodge, Edmund Dwight, Hamilton Holt, Jacob H. Schiff, John G. Milburn, Augustus Thomas, and Samuel Colcord, of New York, and severa

It was said that the plan for accepting the treaty with the Lodge reservatained with the necessary two-third vote for ratification has been indorsed by some national figures not named in the petition today and that the committee charge of the movement expects to make it a nation-wide one.

NAB THIEF IN GRAND CANYON

Ex-Convict Confesses After Being Trailed From Alaska

Washington, March 29—(By A. P.)
—Carl C. Fischer, wanted on charges
of forging government checks, has been aptured in a remote section of the Grand Canyon district, after a chase which led Treneury secret service men from Juneau, Alaska, to several Pacific coast cities and then through the mountain trails known to few persons other W. H. Moran, chief of the Treasury

secret service, was notified today by telegraph that Fischer, in custody of a secret service operative, was being taken to Salt Lake City. The telegram said Fischer had confessed to the theft of a blank government check at Juneau. Before leaving that city Fischer cashed one check for \$2000, Chief Moran John D. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, began explaining the award, an official copy of which was before the miners for the first time. He said common sense would rule themselves as he proceeded from camp to camp. He then adopted the role of a

P. R. R. LOSES APPEAL

Supreme Court Refuses to Review \$800,000 Judgment

Washington, March 29.—(By A. P.)

The Supreme Court today refused to review judgments for approximately \$800,000 against the Central Elevator Co. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for damages to the steamers Welbeck Hall and Willem Van Driel, caused by the burning of a grain elevator operated by the companies in Raitimore,

Supreme Court Refuses to Review (and extra electron and extra electron and his life insurance of \$3000 Frank (habrow. The houses are at 29 North Fifth street, 1640 Ridge aver and 6122 Lansadowne avenue.

In a note to Frank Chabrow, Fayer said he decided to end his life because in the burning of a grain elevator operated by the companies in Raitimore,

In this communication.

Cargo of Gasoline, Saved. Says Mate Here

LAUDS VALOR OF THE CREW

The first survivors of the steamship Olockson, out of this port March 2 with 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline, which burned at sea, have returned with a story of the destruction of the ship off Balboa on March 13.

The entire crew of forty-five men, many of them from Philadelphia, was awayd.

The story of the fire on the ship on her way to Yokahoma and Vladivostok was told by the third mate of the vessel. J. B. Toler, 1212 South Peach street, who has just reached this city after the trip from the west coast on the arms transport Northern Peach Harry Cohen, who conducts a cigar store at Sixth and De Lancey streets, heard yesterday about a party a friend of his had on March 2, 1909, in Los Angeles. It took eleven years for a postal card bearing the news to reach the addressee.

'Had a party last night with the crowd. Won't forget you, old top, don't worry,' read the message, signed "George."

Cohen was formerly a pugilist and was known in the roped arena as "Battling Abe" Cohen.

MAYOR DELAYS INTERVIEWS

Her way to loganoma and vladivostok was told by the third mate of the vest sel, J. B. Toler, 1212 South Peach street, who has just reached this city after the trip from the west coast on the army transport Northern Pacific.

The first assistant engineer, on watch at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 13, when the ship was 120 miles off Balboa, discovered fire had broken out and was spreading so rapidly that he barely made his escape from the smoke-filled engine room through the shaft alley. The fire was so well under way that it could not be fought down, and it was only a question of time until it would reach the gasoline on board.

"Break-Out" Crew

"Break-Out" Crew The officers "broke out" the crew in their sleeping clothes and called all hands to man the boats and stand by to abandon the ship. Every man went to his post as cooly as though he were at fire drill, the boats were lowered and in the slip of the prior to the eighteenth "prohibition of the constitution in the same of the purpose of forming a more perfect union are detailed at length.

At 9 o'clock came the first explosion

of the crew could get off before a final out their consent.

President Wilson and Senate

Washington, March 29.—(By A. P.)

An appeal to President Wilson, which ter will also be made to the Senate, to company the present th ing day by a tug and sunk as the last

H. M. Sheldon, chief clerk of the sea service bureau. United States shipping board, this city, has gotten Toler guments were not expected to be constant to sail for the west coast of about to sail for the west coast of would not hand down a decision in would not hand down a decision in the sail for the west coast of the number of cases pending until M. Sheldon, chief clerk of the per cent of alcohol.

DRUNKEN SPREE ON SHIP

Four Sallors on Vessel From Cuba before it comes. Arrested by Boston Police Boston, March 28.—(By A. P.)—
Four members of the crew of the
steamship Lake Yelverton, which arrived
here yesterday from Cuba, were locked
up on charges of drunkenness today
after a wireless call had been sent out

JERSEY LAUNCHES DRY AMENDMENT

Attorney General McCran, in U. S. Supreme Court, Calls It Revolutionary

OF MEASURE INVALID Also Asserts It Invades Rights of

By the Associated Press

and discussed in the argument.

Prohibition Act Not "Appropriate" The brief also declared that the nalegislation; that there is no right in Congress to legislate outside the words of the amendment; that the words "beverage purposes" sufficiently describe the limit within which Congress will legislate, and that the term "inwill legislate, and that the term "in-toxicating liquors" is its own definition: that the Volstead law fixing the standard is oppressive and unconstitu-tional; that the Volstead law is uncon-stitutional in that it attempts to interfere with the right of physicians and druggists to furnish liquor; that the in-stitutions owned and conducted by the state of New Jersey are hampered and restricted by the arbitrary act of Con-

The history of New Jersey and its relation to the federal government, both before and since the adoption of the constitution, was discussed in the brief, while the rights which the states surrendered for the purpose of forming a more perfect union are detailed at least

fifteen minutes from the time the fire was discovered, half the crew were off in the small boats. The remainder of the crew, about twenty-five, stayed aboard to try to hold the fire in some sort of check with sand and hand-number.

sent out a boat to help the burning ship.

By this time the Olockson was a dingy hull belching out swirling columns of black smoke. The fire had won and it was a question of whether the remainder right may not be taken from them without their consent."

of the crew could get off before a final explosion tore the ship apart. Leaving all their gear behind, except a few things gathered together by the head of the mess, Paul De Chabert, of 7820 Botanic avenue, West Philadelphia, the seamen sin, brought by Hram Sawyer, United Spartacans, and one from Wisconsens to be a Spartacans. od their officers shoved off from the States attorney; Bert Williams, reve-nue collector, and Thomas Daleny, pro-

other prohibition cases pending until those mentioned were argued. It is believed that one opinion will answer and it may be several months

Will Decide Whether to Accept Gov-

ernment Offer or Strike for police assistance.

The message was relayed by the naval communities office to the harbor lot of the men as to whether the gov-

Government Announces Drastic Supporters of Amendment More Steps Unless Order Is Re-Optimistic as Day for stored by Tomorrow REBEL FORCES SPLIT UP DOMESTIC MATTERS UP

By the Associated Press Berlin, March 29.-Energetic measires to restore order and protect the German people from "illegal acts" will be taken against communist forces sion of House and Senate today, but operating in the Ruhr region, said a many of the most active suffragist workmanifesto issued by the government tolay, if leaders of the Communists fail by March 30 to give adequate guaranees to General von Watter, commander

of government troops in that district. The following stipulations are laid down as conditions upon which the government will refrain from taking drastic steps to punish those who have op-

Unconditional recognition of constitutional state authorities. Restoration of official civilian and police services, providing they have not been implicated in the movement supporting the reactionary regime set up by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp on March

Immediate release of prisoners. If these conditions are accepted, the covernment will not intervene, but if government will not intervene, but if they are not General von Watter will receive full powers to proceed. The manifesto declares the Bielefield agreement has not been kept, as "numerous complaints from all circles of the populace against the crimes of the extremists" have been received by the government.

there having been captured. There are indications that the rebels are getting out of hand of the leaders, among whom are Dr. Max Levien, who was president of the short-lived Bavarian soviet, and Marcuse, who is alleged to have been implicated in the murder of hostages at Munich during the soviet regime. The lack of food the soviet regime.

seems to be dampening the spirits of the The news from the Ruhr industrial district, the Rhineland in general and

Westphalia, the three socialist parties decided to withdraw from the Muelheim headquarters, the seat of the rebel control, and if necessary to fight under republican leadership against the Muelhelm faction. The behavior of this faction was characterized as "anarchis-

Similar decisions are expected from Dortmund, Elberfeld and Bremen, which would mean the isolation of the Muelheim faction. This faction demands, in excess of the Brelefeld settlement terms, the complete disarming and disbanding of the regular troops and the establishment of a people's BRITISH MINERS PLAN VOTE all arms must be surrendered.

The newly organized ministry for army, composed of workmen, to which

Prussia, it was announced today, is composed as follows: Premier and minister of agriculture, Herr Braun; min-Lenlen, March 20.—(By A. P.)— lister of the interior, Herr Severing he mine workers' delegates, in con- minister of education, Herr Haenisch minister of finance, Herr Ludeman minister of public works, Herr Oeser police, who rushed to the vessel pre-pared to quell a serious mutiny. They brought the men ashore without dif-cepted or a strike called for the three wald, and minister of justice, Herr

> Paris, March 29.—(By A. P.)— Many of the Minority Socialists who have been in the ranks of the rebellious workmen in the Buhr district of Ger-many have quit the fighting front and are now being followed in their action by the Independent Socialists, accord-ing to a telegram from Muenster to-

General von Watter's troops oppos-ing the insurrectionists number 35,000 men, and re-enforcements are arriving daily from the east and south.

Absolute confirmation of the entrance After writing Coroner Knight not to bury his body and declaring that he saw no joy in living, Boris Fayer, twenty-four years old, committed suicide by inhaling gas at Chabrow Bros. butter and eggs establishment 24 South

Final Market Quotations on Street Daily at 3 P. M.

S A result of the New York Stock A Exchange's decision to open at 9 o'clock, standard time, and to close at 2, starting today, closing market prices will appear in the Night Extra edition of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, which will be on sale daily at 3 o'clock.

A table showing the opening trans actions, and covering the first threequarters of an hour of the market's operations, will be printed each day in the Extra edition.

PROTESTS FILED AGAINST FARE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- Protests against the proposed increase in fares on the Hudson and Manhattan railroad between New York City and points in Jersey City and Hoboken were made today before the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was asked by representatives of the New Jersey cities and the State Board of Public Utilities to suspend the new tariffs filed by the road pending an investigation.

POPULATION FIGURES REPORTED BY CENSUS EUREAU

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- Population statistics announced today by the Census Bureau included: Winona, Minn., 19,143; Kankakee, Ilis., 16,721; Yankton, S. D., 5,024; Elkins, W. Va., 6,777; Winchester, Ky., 7,866; Little Falls, N. Y., 13,029; Bryan, Texas, 6,295; Corsicana, Texas, 11,356, and Hillsboro, Texas.

BERLIN ULTIMATUM SUFFRAGISTS SEE

Alabama and Georgia Swept

and Casualty List Will Likely

Known Dead by States

Grand total 161

By the Associated Press

Chicago, March 29 .- With more than

ninety-six already reported killed, hun-

dreds injured and millions of dollars of

Wednesday is the crucial day and all that can be done to promote or retard a decision on ratification of the suffrage amendment must be done before the House assembles on Wednesday morn-The resolution will be reported out from the committee on revised statutes

Vote Nears

Dover, Del., March 29 .- There was

only a scattered gathering of women in

attendance at the opening of the ses-

ers are expected on the scene this after-

noon and tomorrow morning.

in the House to morrow. This is by mutual agreement. Debate on the question will follow and then the vote will be taken on Wednesday.

The Senate which has assumed a rather superior attitude from the beginning, is concerned now only in the action of the House Metter. tion of the House. Matters have been so adjusted that no action will be taken

until after the House has voted. Suffragists Optimistic

All sorts of rumors are current. There as an impression that the proponents of suffrage have made gains over the weekend recess. There is certainly a greater feeling of confidence among them than was manifested when they adjourned on

The Legislature this morning confined itself to purely state matters. Ratifi-cation of the suffrage amendment was forgotten for the time being so far as of the gasoline, tearing off the wireless house, aft on the boat deck, which the captain and the operator had left seynorely eral minutes before. Several other to amend the constitution is a right of the people of the United States as distance of the people of without imposing extraordinary tax burdens on the people. It is a recog-

nized fact that the present school code

New School Plan A remedy that has been suggested, and which will undoubtedly meet with favor, is the formation of a new edu cational scheme which will be known as the school law of 1920. pose of its movers is to interest progressive Democrats as well as Republicans in a revision of the present code and the substitution of a more liberal statute At the same time it will embody the best features of the present law, but it will have to adopted under a new name, for the word "code" is not only objectionable but is obnoxious to a large majority of the rural population.

It is proposed to select a committee prominent lawyers of both parties be associated with members of the gislature who will draft a new law. ne that will give Delaware an adequate educational system without subjecting its people to the burden of greatly in-

reased taxation to maintain it, Kent "Ripper" Up The so-called "Ripper" bill for Kent ounty, which changes the entire systaxes, also comes under discussion. proposes to substitute for the obso-te system of district assessors a board pointed by the levy court who will fix property valuation equitably through-storm. In each instance, how out the county. It is called a "Ripper was the same tale-wrecked

bill' because it proposes to rip out prostration of wire communication and the present unsatisfactory system. After tomorrow no new legislation can be introduced, and as a ures were introduced this morning.

ROB GERMANTOWN STORE

Thieves Open Mitchell-Fletcher Co. Safe, but Ger Unly \$75 A meager haul of about \$75 was all

hat was obtained by thieves who broke nto the store of Mitchell Fletcher Co 600 Germantown avenue, some time between the closing time Saturday night and the opening hour this morning.
"The money of the firm is taken to a Germantown bank every evening, explained an official of the compan this morning, "and only small change is left in the safe, which really might just as well be left wide open as far as the sk is concerned."

The thieves entered the building by risk is concerned."

cate that the intruders were disappointwhen they discovered the small value of the safe's contents. WOMAN DIES OF BURNS

jimmying a door in the rear. The confusion around the safe would indi-

Agnes Delehanty Loses Battle of Two Weeks for Life

After a fight of two weeks, Delchanty, twenty-seven years old, 2624 North Bouvier street, died early this morning from burns sustained when her dress caught fire from a gas heater while sewing in her room on March 15. while sewing in her room on March 15.
Although burned from head to foot the girl, who was not expected to live twenty-four hours, put up a hard fight for life, aided by the skilful efforts of physicians at the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. Skin grafting and a number of other methods were resorted to in efforts to save her.

Hundreds Injured in 8 States by Twisters, Which Destroy Scores of Buildings

PROPERTY LOSS IN STORM ESTIMATED AT MILLIONS

by Cyclonic Winds COMMUNICATIONS CUT OFF

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio,

Country Districts Devastated Be Increased

of Yesterday's Storms

property loss in tornadoes which swept six Central West states, yesterday, efforts are being made today to restore communication with the stricken dis-tricts. It is expected that with complete

tricts. It is expected that with complete reports the list of dead and injured will be much larger.

From Georgia and Alabama come reports of more than sixty deaths in another twister which swept those states yesterday.

The most foreboding rumors early today were from the southern Michigan peninsula and the rural districts of Indiana and Ohio. In those states wires were prostrated in every direction and it was said it might be days before some of the communities were heard from.

The Chicago district, with twentynine deaths, was the heaviest sufferer, according to reports early today. The remainder of the known death list follows:

lows:
West Liberty, Ind., 7; Fenton, Mich.,
7; Zulu, Ind., 5; Nashville, O., 4;
Greenville, O., 4; Geneva, Ind., 3, and
one each at Monroeville, Ind.; Townley,
Ind.; Hart, Mich.; East Troy, Wis., and St. Louis, Mo.

Thousands of persons were made homeless by destruction of dwellings.

and outside relief was necessary for number of places. \$4,000,000 Loss at Elgin

Elgin, Ill., thirty miles west of Chicago, where eight persons were killed suffered approximately \$4,000,000 dam age when the tornado wrecked a large portion of the business quarter and

part of the residence section.

Merchants and professional men pined hundreds of laborers in clearing Eigin streets today. Many guardsmen and ex-soldiers on patrol last night laid aside their rifles at dawn and with picks and shovels attacked the heaps of timbers and shattered glass. Several business blocks, where the damage was greatest, remain roped of this morning while workmen prepare to raze the tottering wrecks which sway

falling into the street.

The electric light plant was wrecked and all factories without their own power are shut down. No newspapers can be printed here today.
From Elgin the tornado swept northeastwardly around Chicago, smashing through Melrose Park, Evanston, Wilmette and other suburbs with a trail of wreckage and deaths. In Melrose Park and Milmette fire further added

in the wind in momentary danger

to the havoc. Soldiers of a National Guard regiment, which was called out when the extent of the damage became known also, assumed control at Melrose Park and Wilmette. The twisters which swept through Michigan and Ohio and Indiana apparently were distinct from the Illinois storm. In each instance, however, it

A dozen or more Michigan cities were cut off from the rest of the world, and it was reported they were in the path of the twister which swept northeast wardly across the state from Lake Michigan. The storm was said to have been particularly severe in the vicinities of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Lansing, Bay City and Saginaw.

In Ohio and Indiana, however, the

tornado's fury apparently was wreaked on rural districts. None of the large cities was hit, according to In the open country and semi-isolated districts, it is believed, a number of

LA FOLLETTE ACT UPHELD

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Supreme Court Sustains Seamen's Right to Wages on Demand Washington, March 20.—(By A. P.) The Supreme Court, in deciding appeals brought by British ship owners, today upheld the constitutionality of the provisions of the La Follette sea-men's act relating to the payment of

wages to seamen upon demand.
Federal court decrees holding that the provisions apply to foreign seamen or foreign vessels while in American ports were sustained by the court.

The appeals resulted from libel proceedings steamers Strathearn and Westmeath by foreign seamen to obtain part of their under the act upon arrival in American ports.

Fined for Collision Joseph H. McNeal, son of J. Hector

McNeal, an attorney, Spruce street n Twenty-first street, was fined \$22.50

Magistrate Lewis at Ardmore yester-day as the result of a collision is which McNeal's car crashed into one owned by John P. Dolan, of Ard-

DECLARES RATIFICATION

State and Condemns Volstead Act as Void

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 29.—The eighteenth amendment to the constitution, known as the prohibition amendment, is legislative in nature and revolutionary in character, according to Attorney General Thomas F. McCran, of New Jersey, in opening his argument before the United States Supreme Court in the New Jersey suit to have the amendment declared void and the Volstead act unconstitutional. Eight points were raised and discussed in the argument.

Attorney General McCran's brief de-clared that the eighteenth amendment was not constitutionally proposed; that the proposal is subject to judicial ra-view; that Congress did not by two-thirds in numbers of both houses af-firmatively vote for the proposal of the resolution; that three-fourths of the states have not ratified in the constitu-tional sense.

eral minutes before. Several other eral minutes before. Several other explosions followed at intervals, one of the people of the United States as distance them blowing out the forward hatches. By this time the steamship Salvador, ticular state; that the people of the Date only national power being reserved to heavy losses, so that the bombardment of Wesel is no longer feared, the rebels' heavy howitzers and other artillery house of the people of

These cases involve principally the means of putting out the fire and sav-ing the hull and what cargo might beer alleged to be non-infoxicating, but still be undamaged.

THOUGHT HIMSELF A 'GROUCH,' WROTE CORONER, ENDED LIFE

Egg Candler Requested That Body Be Given to Medical Students-Left Property and Insurance to Employer

His body was discovered this morn ing by an employe who opened the place. It is believed that he killed himself on Saturday night. Fayer's body lay near a stove from which gas was flowing. Fayer lived at 3221 Turner street and was single. He was employed by Chabrow Bros.

eggs establishment, 24 South vania, or some other institution, scientific purposes. The letter to the coroner, which was

> Coroner's deputies are making an investigation as to the cause which led Fayer to take his life. Fayer was a nephew of the Chabrow

brothers. They do not believe he was in his right mind when he made the request regarding the disposition of his body. The Chabrow brothers have ening.

In this communication he made the the body and give it a proper burial.

typewritten, follows:
"When you get a report of a suicide
on Front street between Arch and Walnut do not allow the body to be but send it to the University of Pennsylvania so that the students can ex-periment on if. I do not sign this periment on if. I do not sign this letter because I do not wish to be identified.