

### MOYER COUP FAILS AS COURT REFUSES TO END BANK CASE

Judge Davis Permits State to Offer Statement Signed by Former Cashier

TRIAL IS ENLIVENED BY CLASHES OF LAWYERS

Responsibility for Overdrafts Put Up to Defendant by Board Minutes

Judge Davis, trying Ralph T. Moyer in Quarter Sessions Court, Room 633, City Hall, as one of the workers of the defunct Penn Bank, refused against a motion made by the defendant's counsel, William A. Gray, this afternoon, which, if granted, would have thrown the case out of court.

Moyer, cashier of the defunct bank, is being tried on two out of half a dozen indictments. The basis of the trial is a charge of perjury, in connection with the forming of a false statement of the bank's financial condition to the state banking authorities.

Mr. Gray's assault on the very grounds of the case came at the trial of the case, when he petitioned for a copy of a statement made June 3 and 4 of 1919, sent to the banking authorities over what purported to be Moyer's oath and signature, but which was irrelevant.

Judge Davis ruled against him after a lengthy argument between Mr. Gray and Joseph Taulane, assistant district attorney, who is handling the case for the Commonwealth.

The feature of the morning session was the introduction in evidence of a minute of the board of directors of the bank, signed by Moyer, in which it was provided that he and William T. Gabel, a clerk at the bank, must witness all overdrafts.

Mr. Gray made strenuous efforts to prevent the introduction of this testimony and the morning was a series of verbal clashes between Mr. Taulane and Mr. Gray. Judge Davis refused to grant a motion notifying both attorneys that they would permit no personalities.

**Homeser First Witness**

The prosecution formally opened its case before court adjourned yesterday, and this morning the taking of testimony began immediately when court was convened at 10:10 o'clock.

The first witness was Fred L. Homeser, of 1012 Spruce street, an agent of the state banking commissioner as a bank examiner. As representative of Commissioner Fisher, the witness testified, he had been in charge at the bank since August 7, 1919.

Hanscher was asked to produce the charter of the bank, which was read to the board of directors, which Mr. Taulane needed to lay the groundwork of his case.

Mr. Gray began his fight immediately, but he failed to produce any evidence, failed to get the book out of evidence.

### Spellbinders Make Pleas in Presidential Campaign

Primaries are being held today in Nebraska with Johnson, Wood and Peckham contesting for Republican delegates. The Hitchcock-Bryan feud figures largely on the Democratic side.

Palmer, Smith and Watson are Democratic opponents in Georgia's primaries today.

Delaware state convention of Republicans is meeting today to elect national delegates.

Wood has begun his Ohio speech-making campaign and may give Harding a hard fight next Tuesday.

Borah spoke at Trenton, N. J., last night in behalf of Johnson. New Jersey supporters of Wood claim the general will win next Tuesday.

A Hoover meeting will be held in New York tonight.

A Democratic committee is meeting in Chicago today to make final plans for the San Francisco convention.

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Governor Fails in Candidacy for Delegate to National Convention

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Decree Gives Custody of Children to Beautiful Wife of Philadelphian

BOTH SILENT AS TO CAUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas, of Philadelphia, New York and Newport, have obtained a divorce in Paris.

Mr. Thomas is the son of the late George C. Thomas, formerly of Drexel & Co., and brother of Bishop Nathaniel Thomas. The Thomas home is at Grey's Court Lodge, one of the show places of Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. Thomas, who, before her marriage, was Miss Blanche M. Oelrichs, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles May Oelrichs, 925 Park avenue, N. Y.

She was heralded as "the most beautiful woman in the land" in 1913, three years after her marriage, by Paul Hill, the famous artist.

The Thomas divorce was obtained in Paris several months ago. Mrs. Thomas, who is in New York at present, where her former husband also is, verified the report, but would not discuss it.

Neither she nor her husband would discuss the cause of the divorce.

Mrs. Thomas has custody of the two children, Leonard Moorhead Thomas, Jr., and Robin May Thomas, but were changed by court permission.

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### GERMANS WARNED BY ENTENTE FOOD MAY BE CUT OFF

Teutons Cautioned Against Forming Government Hostile to Treaty Fulfillment

FRANCE VIEWS BRITISH ECONOMIC PLAN AS CRUEL

Paris, April 20.—The German Government has received an identical note from the allied powers, warning her of the effect on the revictualing of the country the establishment of a government opposed to executing the terms of the treaty would have, according to a semi-official statement issued today.

The note was presented to the German undersecretary of foreign affairs by the representatives of the Allies in Berlin. The statement says:

"The action proposed by the British Government, having for its object to warn Germany of the consequences the establishment of a government hostile to execution of the treaty would have, according to a semi-official statement issued today.

The conference is entering on a new pathway, the three premiers having decided to modify the treaty slightly by fixing immediately the total amount Germany must pay us indemnity and her reimbursement in goods or kind. The question will come before the council on Wednesday. New experts have been summoned.

San Remo, April 20.—(By A. P.)—The premiers of the Allied powers in conference here, although busy with the problems of the Turkish peace treaty, have found time to resume the conversations begun Sunday afternoon upon what warning or ultimatum shall be sent to Germany respecting the execution of the treaty of Versailles.

It does not appear, however, that their consultations have led them to any agreement in principle, and it is something of a mandatory character differences in view as to the exact nature of the ultimatum.

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### BIG FIRE IN NORRISTOWN; BUSINESS PLACES THREATENED

Fire which threatens a row of business houses and dwellings started at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon in Kueens' lumber an yard, Norristown. Fanned by a strong wind the flames leaped across an area and ignited five dwellings. Residents hastily removed their household effects. The entire fire-fighting force in Norristown was called out to a battle with the flames.

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"The situation is very mixed," Watson said. "I am not sure that the situation is as bright as it was a few days ago. It is a matter of opinion, but I think it is a matter of opinion."

Senator Watson added that Governor Loden is "a factor to be reckoned with" in the nomination of Senator Johnson's strength, he said.

"Johnston is a universal favorite over the country today," he said. "He is a very strong representation."

The attitude of "Old Guard" Republicans toward Herbert Hoover was reflected by Watson when the former food administrator's name was suggested.

The visiting senator was puffing a cigar as he talked, and his mention of Hoover's name he puffed vigorously several times and shook his head negatively. "Not many votes, not many votes," he remarked.

Blue was arrested this morning by police of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station. He will have a hearing at the House of Detention.

### STRIKERS DEMAND RAIL LABOR BOARD ASSURE PAY RISE

Eastern and Western Yardmen's Associations Allowed to File Formal Complaints

MEN NOW OUT OBJECT TO LOSING SENIORITY

Workers' Side of Wage Question Presented by Brotherhood Vice President

By the Associated Press

Washington, April 20.—Formal written demands that the railroad labor board give assurance of the award of a "living wage" to railroad men and that the board give the strikers the right to return to work without loss of seniority or prejudice were filed with the board today by Edward McHugh, representing the strikers in the metropolitan district of New York, and James Eubank, of the St. Louis Yardmen's Association.

Spokesmen for the railroad brotherhoods objected to the filing of the demands, but Chairman Barton said any body of men who did not file complaints with the board, but who were on the board to decide whether they were such as the board was authorized to hear.

Separate Recognition Asked

The St. Louis Yardmen's Association asked a separate recognition before the board as a distinct organization, claiming that its members were not properly represented by the recognized unions.

Mr. Eubank said that if the board would assure him that the men's demands would be acted upon speedily he would put a message on the wire which would bring the strikers back to work in three hours. Mr. McHugh reiterated that the men of the New York district would not return to work until word was received from him that the board would act on their complaints.

Complaints Are Filed

The board permitted the filing of the complaints after it had held a short executive session. Later W. A. Robinson, representing the Chicago Yardmen's Association, filed with the board demands similar to those made by the New York and St. Louis organizations.

With the complaints in the hands of the board, the strikers' association held its first public hearing on the general wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad workers over the country.

Chairman Barton is opening the first hearing, laid down the policy that cases would be heard in the order in which they were filed, except where some dispute would become of such pressing importance as to demand precedence.

W. N. Dook, president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, was the first spokesman for the unions, presenting the trainmen's case as it was outlined to the bi-partisan board which failed to reach an agreement here three weeks ago.

Representatives of strikers from New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia and other parts of the country were present.

At the conclusion of Mr. Dook's presentation of the trainmen's case, the spokesman for the striking employees moved that their demands be given precedence in the board's consideration, with the meaning of the board's rules, but the board adjourned until tomorrow without taking action.

Outline of Demands

Principal demands of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen as presented today to the railroad labor board by Vice President W. N. Dook, include:

A wage increase of from 41 to 47 percent with a minimum of \$120 a month, and time and a half for overtime. Sundays and holidays. A basic month of twenty-six days with a uniform period of twenty minutes and a uniform "dead head" rule, providing that time be counted in going to and from work be counted as working time.

### TWO ARE INJURED IN GAS EXPLOSION

Force of Blast Knocks Contractor Through Door

Woman Is Cut

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### WOMAN, AGED 100, DEAD

Funeral of Mrs. Hannah Eppelsheimer to Take Place Tomorrow

After only one day's illness and in complete possession of her faculties, Mrs. Hannah Eppelsheimer died Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah L. Williams, 107 West Logan street, at the age of 100 years. She was born September 28, 1819, at Port Elizabeth, September 28, 1819, but lived for the last seven years in Philadelphia. She was the widow of William Eppelsheimer and is survived by her daughter, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In her will, her remarkably good health, Mrs. Eppelsheimer said last September that she was not particularly anxious to live longer.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late residence, the section being conducted by the Rev. J. Purman Shook, of the Methodist Church of the Advocate, Wayne avenue and Queen lane. Interment will be in Monument Cemetery.

### GEORGE ALLEN TO MARRY

Head of Millinery Firm Will Wed Miss Lillian Knaus

George Allen, president of George Allen, Inc., milliners, 1214 Chestnut street, and Miss Lillian Knaus, will be married Friday, at Spring Lake, N. J.

Mr. Allen and Miss Knaus, who is his secretary, have been engaged two years. Miss Knaus is twenty-seven years old. Mr. Allen lives at Fifty-seventh street and City avenue. Overbrook.

### CABINET HOLDS SESSION

President Confers With Secretaries for Hour and Quarter

Washington, April 20.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson met with his cabinet today for the second time since his illness interrupted the regular schedule of meetings last fall. As on last Wednesday, when a special meeting was called to consider the railroad strike, cabinet members went to the president's room, in the executive offices.

The meeting lasted for an hour and a quarter. It was said that the railroad strike and the international situation were affecting Mexico and Germany were mentioned only in a general way.

### TORNADO HITS MISSISSIPPI

Several Persons Killed and Many Hurt—\$200,000 Damage

Aberdeen, Miss., April 20.—(By A. P.)—Several persons are reported killed and many hurt in a tornado which struck here today. Property damage is estimated at \$200,000.

### MARITAL BARK IS WRECKED AFTER CRUISE OF 50 YEARS

Shadow of Divorce Court Darkens Course of Elderly Couple. Williston Weiss, Charged With "Desertion," Declares Wife Can Have Decree

Williston P. Weiss and his wife, Sophia, companions and helpmates of forty-nine summers and as many winters, will probably celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a divorce.

### BOY STABBED IN FIGHT

Wearing of Long Trousers for First Time Causes Row

Wearing long trousers for the first time proved to be an unpleasant experience for Edwin Stiles, thirteen, of 2349 North Strat street.

Young Stiles donned them last night for the first time and, in company with his chum, Clark Breidenbach, 3347 North Strat street, walked down the street on an errand to a nearby store.

The city alleged that the garage extends four feet eight inches over the line established by Pennsylvania's founder. Council for the defendants argued that no building law has been violated. Decision was reserved.

### QUEEN'S TRAIN FIRED UPON

Bandits Attack Coaches in Which Spanish Royalty Travels

Seville, Spain, April 20.—(By A. P.)—Bandits attacked a train last night on which Queen Victoria and her brother, the Marquis of Carisbrooke, were traveling from Madrid to Seville. The robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to carry off the royal plate which the queen was taking with her.

### MADE MOTORMAN RUN

Passenger Is Accused of Tampering With Airbrake

Charged with malicious mischief and tampering with the airbrake on a trolley car, Douglas Stevens, a negro, 2145 Ellsworth street, was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Dougherty for a further hearing.

### WANT AUSTRIAN PEACE ALSO

Washington, April 20.—(By A. P.)—A proposal to extend the Republican joint peace resolution passed by the House so as to declare the war with Austria at an end, was made today before the Senate foreign relations committee. Final action on the measure was deferred again.

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### BUILDINGS ARE NEGLECTED

Long-standing neglect of firehouses under the Smith administration led James T. Cortelyou, director of public safety, to advertise today for bids on repairs to a number of the buildings housing the city's fire-fighting apparatus.

Acting on the advice of Mayor Moore, the director threw out bids submitted in the closing days of the old administration. The offers, limited by the specifications to three bidders, were regarded as excessive.

"All the firehouses are in need of repairs and have been for a long time," Mr. Cortelyou said. "They have been neglected for at least a year. The Mayor and I have received many complaints about insanitary conditions in these structures."

Bids Considered Too High

Bids were received during the last administration. They were limited to three bidders. The Mayor felt it best to prepare new specifications and throw open the work to general competition. The bids rejected were considered too high.

The proposals call for general construction improvements to fire headquarters at 1328 Race street and for roof repairs on twenty-nine engine houses, six truck houses and two chemical engine houses.

Bids Also Were Asked for Repairs on pipe line station No. 2, Sixth street and Lehigh avenue, the fireboat station at the intersection of Lehigh river, and for cement paving required at Engine House No. 9, Germantown avenue and Carpenter street, and at Halliway avenue.