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SCHMIDT DENIES \$35,000 IN GRAFT

Sears-Roebuck Official Admits Testimony Was 'Not Complete.' Blames Probers' 'Insolence'

SICK OF ENTIRE MESS,"

Again Denies Mitten's Version of Their Talk About \$25,000 Bribe Seeker

By a Staff Correspondent Chicago, May 17 .- Sears, Roebuck & Co. never paid one cent of graft for any municipal favors granted in consection with their Roosevelt boulevard plant, says A. B. Schmidt, eastern repplant, says, and one of the three con-resentative, and one of the three con-troling heads of the firm.

He made this statement in reply to a

rumor that the Chicago corporation paid \$35,000 last fall, while the old Councils were in, to have streets through the Sears-Roebuck land here vacated the city plan.

The only time graft was mentioned

this firm made known its plan to come East, he said, was when the mysterious "Mr. Rodenburg" or "Ro-denburger" called on him and asked or \$25,000 to insure a trolley line over the boulevard to the new plant.
"I and the other officials of the firm are sick of the nasty mess," he said, "and if we don't get the transportation acilities we will maintain the boulevard plant as a warehouse only, which will mean the loss of \$50,000,000 in the first year, and more later, to Phila-

Mr. Schmidt was seen at his home 5702 Blackstone avenue, for the first time, and spoke freely about the at-tempted \$25,000 shakedown.

Denies Mitten's Statement

"The report that I told Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., that Councilman Alexis J. Limeburner urged me to pay the \$25,000 graft money is absolutely without foundation," he said.
"Mr. Limeburner called at my room at the Bellevue-Stratford only once.

That was the day after 'Rodenburger' had called on me, and was the day on which several councilmen had lunch with me and then itspected the boule-

with me and then inspected the boule-vard plant.

"Mr. Limeburner was ill, and when we returned from the trip I asked him up into my room. He accepted the in-vitation. He was there but a few min-utes and left when Mrs. Schmidt came

in.

"He did not mention graft in any manner, shape or form, nor did he solicit advertising for that publication of his, Patriotic Philadelphia, which he of his, Patriotic Philadelphia, which he has been necused of doing. Our conversation was general. He assured me, as have the Mayor and other councilmen, that we would get our trolley line.

"I don't see where Mr. Mitten gets the idea that I told him Mr. Linneburner trged me to pay the shakedown. And I don't see where Coleman S. Joyce, Mr. Mitten's counsel, gets license to corroborate such statements, because Mr. Joyce never attended my confer-Mr. Joyce never attended my confer- in \$500 bail. es with Mr. Mitten.

Advised to fell Mayor

"When I told Mr. Mitten of the visit burg' he told me to advise the Mayor of the occurrence. he would investigate.

"I knew nothing of the councilmante investigation committee until the day I appeared and testified. Mr. Mitten sent o'clock in the morning, by appointment.
"When I left his office a man from City Hall served me with a subpoena on the stand of the stand of the stand of the spear and testify. I thought it the brakes, but they failed the strong that he should know of my early moraing appointment with Mr. Mitten, and told Mr. Mitten so.

"I told Mr. Mitten I would appear gladly and testify, and then asked him if Council had the right to issue subbenas."

St. Timothy's Hospital.

"He called in Mr. Joyce, who said Council had such power. That was the only time I conferred with Mr. Joyce. I have no recollection of Mr. Joyce tanding before a mirror and telling me to testify to the committee as fully his figure was reflected there.

Is Willing to Testify Again "I went before the committee and

stified. I will do so again any time he committee wants me to, as soon as my wife, who is so ill she requires the rvices of two nurses, our family phydeian and a specialist, recovers. have nothing to conceal.

Possibly I did not testify as fully before, but that was ause of the insolently aggravating manner of certain members of the inrestigating committee. see why I should be brought

mto the affair if any persons want to bound Mr. Limeburner. I am not interested in any political maneuvering. y firm is a business institution purely simply, and we are sick of the

We plan to handle \$50,000,000 Continued on Page Two, Column One

GRIP VICTIM ENDS HIS LIFE

Man Suffering From Mental Trouble Cuts Throat

A victim of the influenza epidemic ended his life today after suffering for many menths. Elwood Hollaway, thirty-five years old, 5214 DeLancey street, was found in the bathroom of his home with his throat cut. ome with his throat cut.

When the man did not appear at cakfast his mother, Mrs. Katharine follaway, went to a bathroom on the laid floor and found her son. Mental rouble, but the son. or and found her son. Mental brought about through an at-influenza, is attributed as the Dr. A. V. Lampe, 1224 North Allison

The Weathervane

creasing cloudiness followed by showers Tonight and Tuesday's matutinal

hours. lentle to moderate breezes assure Very small change in the tempera-

FIGHT ON MAYOR AS DELEGATE BEING MADE IN TRUE APACHE STYLE

Those Opposing Him Are Not Only the Vares, but Element in State Committee Which Has Been Waging a Stealthy Battle

WOOD BOOMERS SAID TO BE BEHIND EFFORT TO BEAT MOORE FOR POST AT CONVENTION CONFERS WITH OFFICIALS

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

The state-wide primary election tomorrow will in some instances ssume metaphorically the characteristics of a Donnybrook fair.

For several weeks there have been persistent reports coming to me from various sections of the state outside Philadelphia that a concerted effort was to be made to defeat Mayor J. Hampton Moore for delegate-atarge to the Republican national convention.

If Mayor Moore cannot be defeated a diminished vote cast for him can be pointed to at least as an evidence of the power of his opponents.

Those opposing him are not only the Vares and their partisan followers and the friends of W. Freeland Kendrick, but the element in the Republican state committee which is fighting the organization in regular Apache style, yellow paint and all, but minus the war cry. It's been a still hunt up

There has been little else than rumor until the last three days, when the strategists have been compelled to crawl out of the chaparral. The publication of slates in the various congressional districts and

counties reveals the facts.

Wood Boom Activity I have before me a copy of a quarterpage advertisement that has been inserted in the newspapers of the Twen-ty-second Congressional district. ty-second Congressional district.

This district comprises the counties of Butler and Westmoreland. The ad is published "by the authority of the Leonard Wood League of the Twenty-second Congressional district."

The voter is requested to "cut out this sample ballot and take it to the polls on Tuesday May 18"

polls on Tuesday, May 18."

The same ticket has been put out The same ticket has been in Pittsburgh and a number of

counties. The sample ballot marks up eleven of the fifteen candidates. The names omitted from the sample The names omitted from the sample ballot are those of J. Hampton Moore, Edward V. Babcock, Allegheny county; Percy M. Chandler, Philadelphia, and William I. Schaffer, Delaware county.

During the last week the campaign of During the last week the campaign of Judge George Kunkel, of Harrisburg, for the Supreme Court in opposition to Judge Sylvester B. Sadler has been pushed to the limit. Philadelphia has been flooded with circulars and appeals by mail. Electric poles in the bystreets of outlying districts have blossomed like Aaron's rod with pictures of the Harrisburg jurist.

In the central counties of the state the assertion is openly made that the

the assertion is openly made that the Vare organization in Philadelphia is supporting Judge Kunkel's candidacy, lthough ostensibly for Sadler.

Baker Active for Kunkel As I have already point out in a previous dispatch from Harrisburg, the secretary of the Republican state committee, Harry Baker, is actively at work for Judge Kunkel. Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, who is a candidate presumptive for the governorship next time, is also interesting himself in Judge Kunkel's candidacy.

It is now a generally known and ad-

It is now a generally known and admitted fact that Senator William E. chairman of the Republican state committee, and Secretary Baker were responsible for placing Mr. Kendrick on the delegate-at-large ticket.

port of Senator Penrose, but failed. For certain satisfactory reasons, however, Senator Penrose did not openinly declare against Kendrick. The attitude of Chairman Crow and

Secretary Baker is seemingly one of defiance to the voice of the majority of the committee. Senator Crow, by the grace of John R. Grundy, was permitted to retain his position as chairman of the state committee, and Secretary Baker came dangerously near being in the same canoe with Crow during the recent big blow up.

Mayor Moore and Mr. Grundy, who

is president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, are personal and political friends. The action of Chairman Crow in espousing the cause of the enemies of Messrs. Moore and Grundy might be termed ingratitude; it is per-haps more charitable to attribute it to a

lapse of memory.

It is becoming more apparent. will be clearly revealed later on, I think, that the recent "fix up" and revision of the rules of finance in the state comimmigration for a period of years mittee was only a bit of temporary patchwork.

> Both Names May Be on Ballot The contest between Judges Sadler and Kunkel may, after all, result in

The structure needs a clearing out of

deadwood and a thorough underpinning

both names appearing on the regular ballot in November. Apathy on the part of the voters of the state, and a consequent failure of either one of the gentlemen named to secure a 51 per cent of the total vote, would make the gentlemen named to secure a 51

Continued on Page Two, Column Seven ISSUE ELECTION WARNING

Committee of Seventy Calls Atten tion to Law Governing Voting

Warning has been issued by the Com-mittee of Seventy to election officers against any violation of the law at the primary election tomorrow. Attention is called to an act of the Legislature which makes it a misde-meanor to intimidate voters, to give them assistance illegally or to render a false count of the votes. It is pointed out in the warning that convictio such violations of the law carries with it a five years' term of imprisonment,

13TH ST. WINDOW ROBBED Second Time Plate Glass Is Broken

in Five Weeks For the second time in five weeks thieves threw a brick through a display window of Scott & Hunsicker's haber-

dashery at 108 South Thirteenth street, early this morning.

The robbers obtained merchandise valued at \$50. The robbery was discovered at 2:30 o'clock by a patrolman. These payments, instead of being used to retire specific securities, must be used by the trustees to purchase certificates in the open market at or below par, if obtainable. The fixed rentals may be increased from time to time to buy certificates at a premium

ELECTION WARNING TO CITY EMPLOYES ISSUED BY MAYOR

Calls Vare Plans "Desperate Effort to Put Contractors on Horseback"

ON DETAILS OF PRIMARY

Makes It Plain He Will Not Give Indorsement to County Office Seekers

Contests in All Wards Are Due Tomorrow

Polls open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. Contests in every ward between anti-Vare and Vare forces for control of ward committees which will give control of Republican city com-

Contests in Third and Fifth Congressional districts overshadow those in remaining four districts. Charles Delany is administration candidate for Congress from Third district, formerly represented by Mayor

Mayor Moore is candidate for lelegate-at-large to the Republican national convention. Vare organi-zation will "knife" the Mayor's candidacy in favor of W. Freeland Kendrick, receiver of taxes.

John R. McLean's candidacy for

state Senate from the Fifth district is regarded as the most important of the state Senate contests in the First, Third, Fifth and Seventh districts.

WANTS TO BE DELEGATE Mayor Moore issued a pre-election warning today to the police and city jobholders that he intends to enforce to the letter the civil service section of the city charter at the primary election

He emphasized that the police are "to obey the law and see that it is obeyed by others."

He characterized the plans of the Vare forces as "desperate efforts to put the contractors on horseback." He Major Biddle made this plain this morning in discussing the protest that the contractors on horseback." He has arisen in American Legion circles over what some of the members feel was an endeavor to draw the Legion into politics.

He denied emphatically that he had either meant to independ the Varea or conditions hitherto expenditions without the police of the contractors on horseback." He spoke of rumors that the police will be prevented by force from upholding the law as "cheap and blatant terrorism." and the "last squeal of those who have been responsible for the rotten police conditions hitherto expenditions are also contractors as "desperate efforts to put the contractors on horseback." He spoke of rumors that the police will be prevented by force from upholding the law as "cheap and blatant terrorism."

that no county employe seeking office has the indorsement of the administration. In his warning to officeholders, the Mayor said:

"Every employe of the city sections 23, 25 and 26 of article 19 (known as the civil service section) of the new city charter with respect to active participation in politics. Section 23 prohibits officeholders interfering with the conduct of any election or with the preparation therefor at the polling places, or with the election officers while counting the vote or returning the ballot boxes, books and papers, etc., and it also prohibits the receiving or soliciting or expending of funds for elecon purposes by officeholders.

"Officeholders are no longer expected to contribute to political campaigns, so that there is an added reason for their abserving the law. Section 25 gives the Mayor power to 'immediately dismiss' from the service those employes who violate the law. Section 26 takes policemen and firemen out of politics and provides for their dismissal in the event of their making political contributions. This administration has announced that the policemen and firemen shall not be mulcted for contributions to political campaigns, and that is another reason why police officials should pay strict at-

Confer on Laws

advance his candidacy. That is the the Mayor said:

advance his candidacy. That is the only thing that interests me.

"As for the suggestion that I am espousing the cause of the Vares, I can settle that in a word. I indorsed these candidates because they are for General with recurse to the nots of centain country." ood, not because they represent the with respect to the acts of certain coun-Every precaution is being taken "I have neither the time nor the police have been instructed to do their to insure a fair election tomorrow. The ability to study and pass judgment on every individual's political antecedents.

I know only what they stand for in the increment of the law and see that it is obeyed by others.

"We have learned enough of the tac-

I know only what they stand for in the present issue. I am for them because they are for Wood."

"We have learned enough of the tactics of the contractor combine to know that desperate efforts are to be made to-WILSON AGAIN SEES PARADE morrow to put the contractors on horseback. The executive officer of the discredited city committee at Eleventh Enjoys Circus Pageant Second Time and Chestnut streets, a member Council and an active Vare agent. credited with the statement that police-men called upon to enforce the law in men called upon to enforce the ward in which he lives will have sea- guns poked under their noses. the kind of cheap and blatant terrorism

"It is a condition from which the good citizens living in those wards have prayed for deliverence. It is the system that has been encouraged by gamblers,

able Section From Legislative Bill

Continued on Page Two. Column Two YIELD TO WILSON'S VETO

House Committee Strikes Objection

Washington, May 17.—(By A. P.)— The section of the legislative, executive and judicial bill giving the joint congressional printing committee super-vision over government publications, which caused the President to veto the measure, was stricken out today by the House appropriations committee.
With this modification the bill was reported ot the House for immediate consideration, but final actio nwas de-layed by unfinished business.

SUPREME COURT FAILS TO DECIDE DRY ISSUE WASHINGTON, May 17 .- The Supreme Court failed again

today to decide the validity of the prohibition amendment and the enforcement act and recessed until June 1.

BIG PACKERS INDICTED AS PROFITEERS

NEW YORK, May 17 .- The federal grand jury in Brooklyn today returned indictments against Morris and Co. and the Cudahy Packing Co., of Chicago, charging profiteering in food-

STATE AFTER JITNEY LAW VIOLATORS

HARRISBURG, May 17 .- The Public Service Commission has resumed bringing actions against persons operating jitneys without State authority as a result of inspections made by of -. ficers of the commission, the coming of spring having brought out more such vehicles. In event that notices to appear are not obeyed the commission will ask the Highway Commissioner to recover the automobile licenses.

SOUTH AMERICA SEEKS CINCINNATI TRADE

CINCINNATI. Ohio, May 17 .- A study of local conditions and establishment of closer business relations between Cincinnati and the South Atlantic states was the object of a large and influential delegation of business and professional men, members of the South Atlantic Ports Association, who spend today in this city.

CHARGE BIG WASTE R. R. CHIEFS FAVOR IN CAMDEN JOBS PARTIAL PAY RISE

Board, Adds to Indictment of "Boss Rule"

Labor Board

valitical regime controlling Cam Gen's destiny is costing the city up-ward of \$100,000 in wasteful expenditures annually in providing public of-fices for David Baird's political pen-sioners, says William Handley. He is an independent member of the Camden county Board of Freeholders and was

elected last fall on an anti-Baird ma-Mr. Handley is in full accord with Colonel Harry C. Kramer's indictment of Camden's political ring and the conditions which maintain its power.

Inga here today.

E. T. Whiter, chairman of the conference committee of the association, federal suffrage amendment when House of the maintain its power. "I was glad to see a man like Colonel Kramer come fearlessly into the open in opposition to a dangerous poformed this city into stupidity and ham-

strings anything that does no along with the machine," sai strings anything that said Mr. Handley. Explains Low Taxes

He called attention to the vast in Camden secured this year by the advance in the assessed valuation of property.

'Baird boasts that he is giving Camden a low tax rate, but he has r the ratables," said Mr. Handley. would be interesting to know where all this money is going. 'Comparing the income and expen-

ditures of the city today with twenty years ago, when Baird says things were so rotten, I dare say that you can nd upward of \$100,000 wasted in extravagant expendiques which accrue to the benefit of the machine. The city is loaded down with political pensioners for their faithfulness to the machine. We are getting a taste of contractor given by the board.

am in this thing for the sole reason that I regard General Leonard Wood as the best man for President. I admire him intensely and want to do what I can to advance his candidacy. That is the Mayor said: red with a majority of contracts in the ity and county. 'The machine is certainly squander-

ing public funds in a wasteful and shameful manner. If the city was run on anything like good business lines, we might be able to say to the citizens of Camden 'we can let you go by this year

treasury just to have it emptied by is next to impossible to believe that salary increases for the favorites and the peak in the increase in the cost of new offices to take care of faithful living has not been reached; and a procedure that would fix railroad wages Mr. Handley declared that business enterprises were in constant dread and

fear of the machine.

"The influence of David Baird is felt in every part of Camden county. People are afraid to raise their voice in protest against the controlling political power. Philadelphia's political machine never had anything like the grip on pub-Philadelphia's political machin lie affairs that the Baird machine enjoys

political ring Mr. Handley told of an incident at a recent meeting of the Board of Freeholders. Whisky for "Freeholders"

"When I arrived at the meeting a quart bottle of whisky was in evidence and the suggestion was made that if any one were feeling ill or needed a bracer they were welcome to a drink. In these days of prohibition and high cost of whisky, the person who provided that bottle was certainly kindly disposed toward the welfare of the freeholders."

Mr. Handley pointed to Camden City

councils manual as another example of the influence of David Baird on the political life of the city. Mr. Baird's picture is the first feature of the book, with a short sketch of his career.

"Why the record of a private citizen, not supposed to hold office in the Camden government, should appear in council's manual before that of the mayor's photograph and biography is a matter that might be explained," he said.

S1.80."

are selling today for forty cents. We have made a careful study of the different entire manual before that of the mayor's price of shoes. We find that the labor cost of a pair of shoes never exceeds

William Handley, of Freeholders' Executives Present Stand of Carriers on Wages to

MANY SINECURES ARE CITED SEE H. C. L. PEAK PASSED for a show-down all around.

By the Associated Press Chicago, May 17.—Wage ndvances should be granted to many railroad workers to enable them to meet the high cost of living, the Association of Rall-way Executives declared today in its opening statement before the Railroad Labor Board. The board began hear-

railway employes probably would be the Republican party. Beneve anything railway employes probably would be the Republican party. Beneve anything found to be justified by the rise in the that you and other Republican members of the Delaware Legislature can do to of the Delaware Legislature can do to

Agreement of the railroads themselves that at least a part of the men should done. have more money is expected to go far toward expediting early settlement of toward expediting early settlement of the controversy which culminated last month in strikes.

from Senator Sutherland. Republican, of West Virginia:

"Please convey to Legislature when

Huge Sum Demanded The demands now before the board ratify."

aggregate more than a billion dollars a cear, in addition to a billion-dollar received from all parts of the country. advance during the war and a \$300. 000,000 advance in the two years prior to government control, according He presented figures show that the railway pay roll had in-creased from 39.5 per cent of the gross earnings of the roads in 1915 to per cent last year.

"We appreciate fully," Mr. Whiter we appreciate fully. Mr. Whiter said, "that the increases received by some employes is the last five years have not been commensurate with the increases in the cost of living and that due consideration of this fact must be given by the board."

H. C. L. Peak Reached The great increase in the cost of liv

Whiter said, was an eviden fact and wage adjustments must take this fact into account. But, he said, peak in the cost of living had probably been reached and that the board must consider the situation which would be brought about when the cost of living declined. On this subject he said :

"With the forces now at work to without taxes. bring about a reduction in the high living cost, with the now thoroughly and everybody is protesting against the aroused public sentiment, with the or-nerease. Who wants to fill the public ganized movement to curtail inflation, it permanently on the basis of the presen living cost could hardly be defended.

"And unless some automatic priniple is embodied in the award of will operate to readjust basic rates as living costs go back toward the pre-war basis, or unless son thing is incorporated that will provide Continued on Page Two. Column Five England.

Camden. If you want anything or want to do anything you must get the consent of David Baird. Short the manner in which "contentment" is secured by the Labor Cost Never Exceeds \$1.80 a

Labor Cost Never Exceeds \$1.80 a Pair, Investigators Find San Francisco, May 17.—(By A. P. Hides are stored in California ware

houses "by thousands" and are selling at decidedly lower prices than in 1919 it was announced today by Mrs. Ed-ward F. Scanlon, president of the local branch of the State Housewives eague, which has been investigating the leather industry in an effort to discover why shoe prices are high.
"Members of the league delegated to

make this investigation have made personal canvass of the leather San Francisco district and the findings are startling," Mrs. Scanlon said. The finest grades of hides that brought seventy cents a pound in are selling today for forty cents.

SUFFRAGE CHIEFS CONFER AT DOVER FOR FINAL BATTLE

Delaware Assembly Reconvenes and G. O. P. Leaders Rally for Supreme Effort

IMPRESSED BY NATIONAL IMPORTANCE OF EVENT

United States Senators and Others Urge Legislators to **Ratify Amendment**

By a Staff Correspondent Dover, Del., May 17 .- With Republican leaders in conference on suffrage in the Supreme Court chamber and a big open-air suffrage meeting scheduled for this afternoon on the green before the State House, the stage is being set for the last act in the suffrage fight.

The House met at noon and at once adjourned until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. If, following the conference, there are enough votes in sight to enable the suffrage leaders in the House to concur in the ratification resolution, it will be messaged from the Senate to the House this afternoon. That would mean a showdown tomorrow.

Speaker Corbit, of the House, called the conference of Republican leaders for 1 p. m., upon request of state and national leaders. As Dan J. Layton, re-tiring state chairman, has put it, "this thing has gone beyand a district consideration, it is a national affair, and its effect upon the presidential campaign must be considered. It has become a patriotic duty to have Delaware

Similar sentiments are entertained by all the big leaders. At the conference are Governor Townsend, Alfred I. du Pont, Pierre S. du Pont, T. Coleman du Pont, Congressman Caleb R. Layton, Dan J. Layton, United States Senator Ball, state and county chairmen and other leaders. It is expected the powwow will be over before the House reconvenes this afternoon.

· A feature of the day was a dinner A feature of the day was a dinner to leaders given by the du Ponts at the Hotel Richardson. At the open air suffrage meeting on the green the speakers will be Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, national ratification chairman of the Woman's party; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Delaware chairman, and Miss Mary Dubrow pational organics. Mary Dubrow, national organizer.

It is understood Pierre du Pont is for a show-down all around. "Show your colors, either for or against," is his stand. It is having its effect, although suffrage opponents in the House declare their front to be as solid as

National Leaders Urge Ratification Among the messages received by Speaker Corbit prompting him to call this afternoon's conference was the following from United States Senator

wage demands being made by 2,000,000 stant of greatest possible importance to railway employes probably would be the Republican party. Relieve anything

bring about such ratification should be The following telegram was received

it convenes on the 17th the hope of Republican leaders that Delaware will Other wires in similar vein were

of them being from Semtor Calder. of New olrk. Women at the Front

In the suffrage delegation here today Mrs. Victor du Pont, secretary ; Mrs. William du Pont, Miss Rachel How-land, Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, chairman of the Woman's party; Miss Vernon, Mrs. Frank Mrs. Annie Arniel and Mrs. George

Among the national suffrage workers Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the

Woman's party; Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, political chairman; Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, ratification chairman; Miss Mary Dubrow, of New Jersey; Miss Elsie Hill, Miss Anita Pollitzer, Eleanor Marsh, of Washington, and Miss Catherine Flanagan, of Connecticut. Following the passage of the suf-

House has been used by suffrage advo-cates. Alfred I. du Pont was the last big power in the state to make his in-

U. S. SHIP HITS ROCKS

frage ratification resolution by the Senate two weeks ago, every possible

sort of pressure that could legitimately

be brought to bear upon members of the

The Lake Grafton, Grounded Off England, Probably Will Be Lost London, May 17 .-- (By A. P.) -- The United States Shipping Board steamer Lake Grafton, 1610 tons net, from Swansea for Copenhagen, went aground on Runnelstone rocks. Mounts bay,

The vessel probably will All the crew were saved.

High Lights in Contest for Presidential Honors

Seventy-six delegates to the na ional convention will be selected in Pennsylvania primaries tomorrow. Edwards declares he will fight for wet plank in the Democratic plat

form. A movement has been begun in the Republican party for the nomination of a southerner for vice president.

Oregon will conduct a preferential primary on Friday. Work on the Republican platform'

will be begun this week. Colorado Democrats met in state convention today to elect delegates

TO OLD COUNCILS HE SAYS IN CHICAGO

SAMUEL M. VAUCLAIN resident of Baldwin Locomotive Works, who has returned to this country after a successful business trip through Europe

GIRL MASQUERADER HELD

Wore Boy's Clothing to See 'Movie, She Explains Fourteen-year-old Mary Rosar, Tenth and Tioga streets, dressed in boy's clothing, was arrested this morning in St. Columba's Church, Twenty-fourth

street and Lehigh avenue. Shortly before noon Special Officer McCloskey discovered that the poor box in the church had been opened and the money taken. The only person he saw in the church was a small "boy" kneeling before the sanctuary. Questions revealed the identity of the little girl. In the pockets of the suit she wore Mc-Closkey found a table knife and about a dollar in change. This, the girl said. she got from her savings bank at home and had intended going to a "movie." She donned the boy's suit, she said, because she would be unable to get into the theatre in a girl's dress during school

money from the poor box. DENIED USE OF SYNAGOGUE

The child insisted she had not taken

Salus Followers Turned From Doors Window Broken-Men Held Magistrate Harrigan, at the Third and De Lancey streets station, today eld Charles Linzler, twenty years old. of Thirteenth and South streets, in \$1000 for court charged with breaking window of B'nai Israel synagogue, at 340 Fitzwater street, yesterday.

A large crowd had gathered at the

doors of the synagogue, and when it was rumored that an attempt might be made to turn the meeting into a Vare-Salus rally trustees of the synagogue decided not to open the doors.

Meantime three men began a fight at Third and Fitzwater streets and a riot call was sent into the Second and Chris-

Driver Is Crushed as Vehicle Drops Twelve Feet Samuel McCauley, nineteen years old, of 327 Lemonte street, Roxborough, reinternal injuries when a coal ceived

TRUCK BACKS OVER WALL

truck he was driving backed over a wall at the west end of the City avenue wall at the west end of the City avenue come to Philadelphia. I went. I called on Mr. Mitten in his office at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Clock in the morning, by appointment.

McCauley was driving the heavy truck up a steep hill when it suddenly started backward. The driver threw on the brakes, but they failed to hold and the truck lumbered down the steep grade and toppled over the wall, drop-ping twelve feet to the river bank.

McCauley was caught and crushed by

He was taken to

IMMIGRANT BILL HELD UP

Congress Won't Try to Pass Law Till After Party Conventions Washington, May 17 .- (By A. P.)

will be made at this session of Congress. committee announced today at a hearing on immigration problems. Representatives of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of New York, who appeared before the committee, were told that it would be impossible to complete an immigration

No attempt to enact legislation suspend-

bill before the political conventions. MRS. C. A. D. FINN DIES Succumbs at Hotel Walton After

Short Illness Clara Everhart Finn died at 10 clock last night at the Walton Hotel after a short illness.

She was the wife of Clarence Aloysius Durham Finn and a daughter of John P. Everhart, of West Pittston, Pa., and 1508 North Broad street. She was first married to W. H. Llewellyn.

Boston, and Mrs. M. Rice Taylor, CANADA FLOATS R. R. LOAN

She is survived by her husband and two sisters, Mrs. Mary F. Holden, of

Issue of \$15,000,000 Trust Certificates Announced in New York New York, May 17 .- The plan of the Canadian Government for financing the purchase of railroad equipment, which was announced here last night, provides for an issue of \$15,000,000 fifteen-year 7 per cent sinking fund equip-

railway elects.

ment trust gold certificates of the Cana-dian National Ralways. Details were made public by William A. Read & Co., who are floating the loan. Equal semi-annual payments sufficient to retire the issue by triby date, May 1, 1935, are pro-

BIDDLE FOR WOOD, NOT VARE, HE SAYS

Explains Letter of Indorsement Was Sent as Individual, Not as Legion Member

Major Charles J. Biddle's indorse-In place of Mayor Moore preference given to the name of W. Freeland ment of Vare candidates for the Republican national convention is not an indorsement of the Vares and their politics, but of Major General Leonard Wood for President.

He denied emphatically that he had either meant to indorse the Vares, or to enlist the Legion in a political cause. Major Biddle last week sent a letter to former service men and others, in which he urged the election of Vare candidates for the Republican national convention, and also asked votes for himself as one of the delegates-at-large.

With his letter was inclosed a sample ballot recommending that only five names out of the twelve be voted on for delegates-at-large.

Warns City Employes

In a later statement, he made it plain that no county employe seeking office has the indorsement of the administration.

Major Biddle made this plain

Legion Not Involved, He Says "The letter was sent out," said ajor Biddle today, "simply as from Major Biddle today, It was not confined to men who were members of the American Legion. have been connected with the American Legion from the first, and an officer of the Philadelphia county committee. However, this has nothing to do with the matter. From the first I have advocated keeping the American Legion out of politics. On the other hand, I see no reason why an indi-vidual should be debarred from entering politics, and soliciting the suffrage others who had been in the service, simply because he is a member of the

"The letter was written and sent by me as an individual. I asked the support of the men I wrote to as individuals, and I can see no impropriety in such a proceeding. It was a general letter. That men received it who were members of the American Legion was merely incidental. There is nothing in the letter, so far as I know, that

American Legion.

gives just ground for offense. Is Strong for Wood "I am sorry that some should have tention to their duty." taken a wrong view of the letter. I am not in politics and never have been. I am in this thing for the sole reason that

Vares. I am not interested in Vare cilmen.

This Season Washington, May 17.—(By A. P.)— men President Wilson today saw another circus parade, the second of the sea-son. The President, with Mrs. Wilson the son. The President, with Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson, his obysician, were seated on the East portice and the circus management, out of consideration for him, diverted the parade so as to pass down Executive

Tomorrow to be Interesting Mr. Wilson, who before his illness, rarely missed an opportunity to see a circus, appeared to enjoy the pageant.

\$18.000 IN WHISKY STOLEN oaded Truck is Spirited Away While Chauffeur Eats Breakfast Cleveland, May 17.—(By A. P.)— A motortruck loaded with whisky valued at \$18,000 was driven away by thieves today when the chauffeur left it while he breakfasted. The truck was loaded with 120 cases

When you think of writing.

of bonded whisky, intended for medicinal purposes, which was being taken by government permit from a Kentucky distillery to a wholesale house in

Brooklyn.