CITY CREDIT PLOT EXPOSED BY MAYOR who had bought the loan and told them of our action, offering to get them blocks of the loan if they desired it in the open market." J. B. Ellison, treasurer of the Commonwealth Trust Co.. likewise denied that his institution had received any

Hidden Influences and Anonymous Letter Have No Effect on Most of Bidders on Loan

THREE MAKE WITHDRAWALS Enough Material

A plot to "hamstring" the munici-pal administration by injuring the city's credit through the circulation of an anonymous letter was exposed today by

Mayer Moore,
The plot was entented to frighten successful bidders for the \$5,310.500 block of the recent \$7,000.000 city bond issue for which hids were opened De-

Circulation of an monomous letter Charles G. Dawes, secretary of treas-to bilders for the \$5.310.500 raising ary

one question about the need for further Ohlo-Myron T. Herrick, secretary investigation of the bond issue, the anonymous communication, were mer the means employed by the hidden in- ney fluences that sought to persuale suc-cessful hidders to withdraw their of-fers and leave the city numble to berrow the amount for which those bidders subscribed.

upon to present the situation. It was only after he had been convinced that the time limit in which the hidders had City to make their payments had expired, and failure of the plot was demonstrated by the confidence the bidders had showed in the city's credit, that the Mayor consented to discuss the subject. yesterday afternoon. In the face of the Mayor explained that \$4,160,500 worth of the bonds had been taken over by the bidders, and in only three instances were checks returned to bidders permit- secretary of war. ting them to withdraw their bids.

respective bids are Corn Exchange Na tional Bank, \$1,000,000; Commercial Trust Co., \$100,000, and Brown, Brooks, Stokes & Co., \$50,000. said the Mayor. want to say. "that the bidders who were in possescopies of the anonymous communica-tion, and who paid their subscriptions were not shaken in the least by the underhand attack. The whole matter is being made the subject of an in-vestigation. We have not yet been able to trace the origin of the rumor or the

source of the anonymous letter. The attack failed, and it is probably well that public should be informed as to what laining the attempts made to scare so off biders for the loan opened on De-cember 16, the Mayor said that fifteen minutes before the bids were opened a group of bankers called on him in his Rail Reduc.

They told me they would like to bid Continued from Page One on the loan, but felt there should be Continued from Page One some further legal advice. I rold them went with the victim and was made questions. They told me it had been the Hancock street above Columbia avenue custom in the past to have outside legal. Both promised to appear as witnesses opinion, and said they would like to when needed and were discharged.

I told them that Mr Johnson was book. The prisoners were represented by

open the lods and they withdraw.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS BETTER

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the bonds were used. There was some carried.

matter no to the sections to unitary and the bonds being on itself. I heard how a great the question argued. But I do not know the bonds to argued.

"I reiterate that I do not come to discuss this matter except to say that, in a general way. I don't very much this story of a set also I branched at largely bankers were at also resistant at largely to withdraw their this. We conselved stand to lose a considerable sum by so

H. W. Stellfest, thee president of the Commercial Trust Co., said his bank had not received any anonymous com-

munication concerning the loan. of allegal technicality," he said. "We papers colo.

had sold a large part of the loan to our customers before we decided to with-draw our bid. When we did so, on advice of counsel, we called our clients

monymous warning against the loan. 'I think it would be outrageous for any one to try to burt the city's credit."
he said. "Our bank never has had
any trouble disposing of the city's bond

for 20 Cabinets

of state; Governor Sproul, secretary of merce; Mayor Moore, of Philadelphia cretary of commerce; W. W. Atter-

The conspirators' success would have resulted in the city's inability to may its legitimate obligations for certain work done this year and might have seriously affected the fleating of other city logics in the near future.

City logics for the treasury of commerce; Julius Rosenwald, merchant, secretary of commerce; Charles C. Daves, secretary of treasure.

of the treasury; Carmi Thompson, postcoupled with rumous that had been in master general; Harry M. Daugherty, mer assistant attorney general, attorgeneral.

Indiana - Senator New, postmaster general, and Chairman Hays, postmas-District of Columbia-Former Sena

scribed.

as with great reluctance, the said, that he felt called Chandler P. Anderson, secretary of state. Missouri-Walter Dickey, Kansas

City, secretary of commerce.

Lowa — James F. Wallace, Des.

Moines, secretary of agriculture. Kansas Former Congressman Scott, secretary of agriculture, Michigan Charles B. Warren, sec-

tary of war.

Montana - Ex-Senator Dixon, secre-

wisconsin-Senator Lenroot, secre-

Three Bidders Withdraw retary of war; Herbert Hoover, secretary of labor, commerce or interior; Congressman Nolant secretary of labor.

land a cabinet berth, and at the moment three states below the Ohio river are peting for that honor.

Tennessee Former Senator Sanders, postmuster general; Jesse M. Littleton, any portfolio, and George N. Tillman. North Carolina — Former Senator Salter and National Committee man ohn M. Morehead, any portfolio.

Kentucky — Tobe Hert, postmaster

neral.
It is reasonable to assume that at least nine out of the ten men who are to go into the next cabinet may be found sewhere in the list as just presented.

The Mayor said he would not

have the opinion of John G. Johnson.

The prisoners were represented by whell there should be other outside advice. I teid them it was very strange they should wait for that late day to consider the question, when the hids had been advertised and they had every opportunity to seek any legal advice they desired. I told them I was about to the commonwealth and he demanded that all the principal defendants be held without bail for court on charges of manslanghter and of violation of the pounded to the national Congress of the Dominican republic respectively."

Republic Reported Tranquil

Charles S Cause resident of the Mrs. Mr. where the cardinal went for much to the best and suggested for Moyer Mers be seen as to the following However, Mr. I have given the following the following the seen as to the following the seen that the following the following the following the following the following the following the first and following the first large the first large the following the first large the following the first large the first l Mr talwed give the 2 wind argumetro for the physician bull and the strength of the physician bull and the strength of the physician bull and the strength of the physician bull and the physician bull and the physician bull and the physician bull a few clerical visitors are permitted. Plans for the cardinal's New Year resulting of the colorance and results and the physician bull and other validity of the colorance and results and the physician bull and other validity of the colorance and results are consequently of the president bull and other validity.

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When asked today whether he know about the according to letter a leged to have been sent to implies. Mr. Calwell to wash on at the according to the control of the sent to implies the control of the control of the sent to implies the control of th

"Our withdrawal merely was because CAME aged II years. Farers II Mc-

"KISSING TEACHER" LACKED ERUDITION

School Board Dropped North Wales Man for Lack of School Certificate

OSCULATION ADMITTED

Inefficiency and lack of the proper qualifications for teaching, which prevented him from obtaining a certificate or leader, secretary of labor; of Russell R. Brown, teacher in a arles M. Schwab, secretary of com-North Wales school, and not merely because he had introduced "kissing" games into the classroom curriculum.

That he did urge the boys and girls to play such games as "postoffice." 'forfeits" and "spin the plate," how ever, was admitted by both members of the school board and students.

For a period of several days the community aws much perturbed by of the 'three r's' and higher subjects of concation, and the substitution of "osculation courses." parent passed the story along it gained color, but it was said today by Dr. William S. Hanley, treasurer of the school board, that, although there was truth in the report that Mr. Brown had started the games in the school, the matter was not nearly so serious as Mr. Brown's lack of knowledge of the regular subjects he was required to

There was nothing suggestive immoral in the games," said Dr. Han-ley, "but it was, of course, impolitic for Mr. Brown to introduce them among students in their early teens."
Esther Payne, the eleven-year-old daughter of the fire marshal of North Wales, told today of how the teacher

had started the garnes. "He asked all of us to hold up our hands if we wanted to play spin the plate," said little Esther, "And of said little Esther. "And or course all of us did so. The day before Thanksgiving.

Esther described the games, but what had apparently made a great impression upon her was the reputed ignorance of

their teacher on many subjects.

"When any of us would ask him a question he couldn't answer, he would quickly change the subject he was teaching," said she. "Then he told us all sorts of stories. He said, when some one asked where raisins grew, that they grew on bushes and that negroes picked them by stamping on the bushes with their feet. That's the way he answered our questions." Dr. Hauley explained today that after Brown had been teaching in the school for some time it was found he did not

essess a teacher's certificate.
"He was informed," said the doctor. that he must have one, and when he was unable to pass his examinations, it was impossible for us to do anything but ask for his resignation, which re-leased him immediately from his post in the school."

Bail Reductions U. S. to End Rule in Santo Domingo

west scrapble it to observe the terms of the treats made with the United States a 3597 and which gave the United Start the right to mame a general re-

Ask Fred About Jimmy man giving his name as Fred ans, who is declared to have been g doors in the mighborhood of

file and Chestnat streets at and Woodbard avenue station, arraigned before Magistrate Har-was hold under Slaco half for a cr housing January 6. The police as they found a jimuty in his pocket.



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The award of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last DOLLAR prize for the best last

line to Limerick No. 11 will be announced one week from today; to Limerick No. 12, one week from awarded to each successful conawarded to each successful conawarded to each successful contestant. For example, if the judges
decide there are two or more
answers of equal merit for the
prize, the author of each answer
will receive ONE HUNDRED
DOLLARS. The prize will not be split up among them.
The Limerick will be judged by three editors on the staff of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and their decision will be final.

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LIMERICK NO. 11

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THE WINNER OF CONTEST NO. 12 WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TOMORROW

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TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER,

P. O. Box 1524, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 12

Now we come to the Happy New Year And the limerickers all want to hear What new leaf you're turning, What old habits spurning-

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Limerickers Get

About Saturday's Winner

Mr. Hazelton's winning limerick fol-Bill Wilson, who lived in West Philly.

Was in love with a girlic named Lillie. He tried hard to kiss her But she cried, "None of this, sir; Bring your missile toe, Pa"-exit American aviator who was sent to search for the missing balloonists. He

Mr. Hazelton has been an ardent believes it would require many days for the airmen to reach a point of commerick fan for many years.
He believes that "ilmerickitis" is one munication

-Belief that the three United States naval officers who left Rockaway Point N. Y., a week ago last Monday in the free balloon, A-5508, on an endurance flight, had fallen into the hands of traders or were being cared for by Indians in the lake country, was expressed today by Lieutenant Evans, the

Christmas Greetings and Every Good Wish for the Coming Year

Lexington Motor Company of Penna. W. A. Kuser, President

CITY'S TINY XMAS TREE

Whole Maine Product Smaller Than Decimated Jersey Sample Half a Christmas tree from Brown's

Mills, N. J., is better than a whole tree rom Maine, city officials have decided. Accordingly, a tree which was cut expressly for Philadelphia, and hauled ecross New England fell under "the official ax" at City Hall today and less than half of a tree from Brown's Mills was substituted to stand in City Hall

courtyard.

C. H. Graves, who had a red spruce tree, fifty-four feet high, on his property at Brown's Mills, last Wednesday decided to offer it to the city through the Poor Richard Club as a community tree for City Hall courts at community

tree for City Hall courtyard.

Accordingly, a committee was formed and a letter was forwarded to the Mayor, formally offering the tree. Something happened to the letter. Mr. Graves received no response. He decided to cut it whether the city desired ns a community tree or not.

The tree was felled, then cut in two

and Mr. Graves brought about twenty Meantime the tree which the city or-dered from Maine arrived, looking like the kind of tree that would have been suitable for brownies or Lilliputians. Mr. Graves had the tree taken to

City Hall, thinking some of its branches might be used for decorative purposes. When the half tree reached City Hall it eclipsed the whole tree from Maine. There was a last-minute conference of city officials, and it was decided to adopt the half tree as the city official community Christmas tree. Accordingly the specially imported tree from Maine was discarded, and electricians are today stringing the Brown's Mills product with colored lights and other ornaments.

XMAS TREES HIS DOWNFALL

Man Caught in Haymow Held as Thief Suspect

A telephone call to the Thirty-second A telephone call to the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station at 3 o'clock this morning resulted in Patrolman Higgins being sent to the ''Christmas tree yard'' of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Thirtieth and Chestnut streets. It was reported a man was trying to steal Christmas trees.

When Higgins reached the yard he was told the man under suspicion was hiding in a haymow. Under the hay was Henry Smith, alias Buck Haig. In his pockets were found revolver cartridges, a drug outfit and a bundle of silk socks, according to the police. Magistrate Harris held the man under \$1500 bail for a further hearing Jan-

HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Machines Crash at Fifty-eighth
Street and Washington Avenue
One man was slightly injured and two
automobiles were damaged as a result
of a collision this morning at Fiftyeighth street and Washington avenue.
The injured man is George S. Floyd,
2243 South Bancroft street. He reeighth street and Washington avenue.
"These conditions were permitted in
face of the fact that a letter from you
as early as Algust 28 states: 'I beg
to advise you that so-called 'commercialized' baseball will not be tolerated
on Sunday by this department. Orders
have been issued to prevent the collection of money, and the tagging of those
who contribute."
"October 15 a letter was sent to you Machines Crash at Fifty-eighth 2243 South Bancroft street. He received severe cuts and bruises and was taken to the Misericordia Hospital. Floyd was driving a car east on Washington avenue and the other car was going south on Fifty-eighth street. A front wheel was knocked off Floyd's car and the machine was completely mitted in our Ward on Sunday, October 17.

Frankford Avenue Home Burned Fire was discovered early this morn-Fire was discovered early this morning in a third-story rear room of the residence of Frank Streit at 4671 Frankford avenue. Mrs. Streit was awakened shortly after 2 o'clock by a sound which she thought had been made by a rat. After an investigation she of the most interesting and fascinating diseases known in the world and he spends a great deal of his spare time in writing original limericks, many of which have been published in various publications.

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"The game Sunday, October 24, was played according to schedule even the played according to schedule e confine the blaze to the third floor. The damage was estimated at less than \$800.

GIVES WAY TO HALF-O'-ONE SAY POLICE WINK

Sabbath Association, in Letter, Tells Cortelyou of His and Mayor's Promises

Violations of the blue laws which the police or the director of public safety are alleged to have failed to act on, were charged in a report submitted today by the Rev. William B. Forney. of the Philadelphia Sabbath Associa-

tion, to Director Cortelyou. Sunday baseball and an ice skating rink with a ninety-cent "privilege card" to admit on Sunday, were specified in the report.

The report says: "In a letter from His Honor, the Mayor, dated December 17, 1920, and addressed to me as secretary of the committee of the Ministerial Union, he requested me to present to you as di-rector our evidence concerning 'con-ditions existing in our city on Sundays

during the last summer. "That our evidence may be specific we call your attention to copies of statements presented to you and to the Mayor by a committee representing the Law and Order Society of the Fortieth custody at Moyamensing prison charged

Law and Order Society of the Fortieth ward. In both these statements definite conditions of commercialism were presented by the committee.

'November 4 the Mayor promised the committee that a game scheduled November 7 at Sixty-eighth street and Elmwood avenue would not be permitted in view of the evidence presented by the committee. He instructed his sections and white possessing prison charged with complicity in the murder of Henry T. Peirce in this city in November.

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"Roots" is moody and morose over there "turkeyless" holiday, and she complained to the matron of the "Homicide Department" this morning. in view of the evidence presented by the committee. He instructed his secretary to accompany the committee to your office, where a like promise was

made. "Tickets Publicly Sold"

"Notwithstanding these promises the game scheduled for Sunday, November 7, was played and tickets or scorecards publicly sold, and this was done with the knowledge of the police.

"November 14 a game was in progress at the same location; a physician purchased a ticket on the public high-

way and went to the police station and succeeded in having the game stopped, thus proving that such games could be Stopped. October 24 a commercialized game

was played at Sixty-seventh street and Gibson avenue. This game also was played with the knowledge of the police. "September 25 a commercialised September 25 a commercialised game was played on the Stenton Field "These conditions were permited in

"We were informed that the players had been promised a permit to play Sunday, October 24 instead. "Sunday, October 24, 1920, the Thirteenth Police District stated that

within the knowledge and observation of the police.
"The Gazelle Club, over the signa-

ture of its executive secretary, announces in a circular letter that the Philadelphia Ice Palace has been leased for the winter of 1920-21 for the exclusive use of the club on Sundays.

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"In addition to the regular member-ship fees of the club, privilege cards are sold, ten for \$9. A privilege card must be surrendered by a member every time the privileges of the coun are used on Sunday. Visitors may be taken to the club by the surrender of a privilege card for every visitor. Skating is announced for all day Sunday.

"This being a commercial proposition it was brought to the attention of

OFFER SPECIFIC EVIDENCE tion it was brought to the attention of Assistant Superintendent Tempest, Saturday, December 11. We were informed that the company of the company o urday, December 11. We were informed that no permit had been given for such Sunday performances, but that the matter would be investigated.

"Up to the present time we have had no word from the investigation made by Assistant Superintendent Tempest.

Assistant Superintendent Tempest. "The specific cases given above we believe sufficient to prove our contention that Sunday is not only descerated, but commercia ized. "Understand, Mr. Director, we are

making no charges against you, as we recognize the position of the administration on this subject, but are addressing you under the specific instructions ing you under the specific instructions of his honor the Mayor to lay the facts before you."

NO TURKEY FOR "BOOTS"

Peirce Murder Prisoner Piqued at Prison Christmas Menu

sweet and white pointoes, ice cream and pie. Gobblers have been struck

off the bill of fare this year owing to off the bill of lare this year owing to their high price.
Besides "Boots" and the two men held with her in the murder of Peirce, Peter D. Treadway and Joseph "Archie" Moss, another Moyamensing prisoner in

the public eye this Christmas is William P. Brines, the student held in the murder of Elmer C. Drewes, a Dartmouth College undergraduate. They will have a Christmas tree at Moyamensing and prison rules against gifts being sent in to inmates will be overruled, so that Marie may receive some presents from her husband, Ross Rogers, who asked the prison au-thorities if he might not be permitted to send a few delicacies to her. Brines' people also are planning to send him a reminder of the day.

FAVORS CREDIT TO RUSSIA

Farm Organization Leader Suggests Plan to Ald Exports

Washington, Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)— Extension of credits to foreign governments able to pay for American farm products was advocated today by James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, at a joint meeting of the Senate agricultural and banking committees. He suggested that the war finance corporation be made the agency for the extension of such credits, and mentioned Germany and Russia as particular countries desiring

to buy American products.

Some method for a permanent plan of marketing. Mr. Howard said, is needed to relieve the farmers. In this connection he said that the plan of Senator Hitchcock to make the profits of the Federal Farm Lean banks avail-

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