Even This Weather Isn't Snappier Than the Limpin' Lim'rick Lines We're Getting—See Page 2

THE WEATHER
Fair and not quite so cold tonight; lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Wednesday cloudy and warmer.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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SPROUL URGES TAX ON COAL TO BOOST REVENUE

Appears Personally Before Assembly and Outlines His Program for Progress

QUIET DIGNITY MARKS LEGISLATURE PRECEDENT

Governor Would Levy on Capital Stock of Corporations and on Signboards

Legislative Suggestions Given Assembly by Sproul

Revenue—Four cents tax at mine on bituminous and six cents on anthracite; one to two mill tax on capital stock of corporation now exempt from state taxes on their stock issues; 1 per cent increase inheritance taxes; license tax, five cents per square foot on advertising signs and billboards.

Education—State Council of Education, in place of State Board of Education and College and University Council. Increase state aid to public education.

Americanization—Establish bureau in Department of Public Instruction to eliminate adult illiteracy.

Highways—Make all main roads available at all seasons; free all toll bridges in state.

Prohibition Enforcement — Brooks law should conform to Federal law.

Constitutional Revision—Give people present opportunity to revise, simplify and strengthen fundamental law.

Legislative Reapportionment—General Assembly should divide the state into districts containing as nearly as possible equal units of population.

Public Welfare—Concentrate direction of penal and charitable institutions at Harrisburg; create new Department of Public Welfare.

Soldiers' Bonus—Amend constitution to make bonus possible.

Prisoners—Put all prisoners to work; distribute prisoners between Eastern and Western Penitentiaries.

Hospitals—Continue state aid to hospitals. Continue work of rehabilitating wounded and those injured in industry.

Housing—If necessary create a Housing Commission to study problem and suggest laws.

City Legislation—Don't "tinker" with new Philadelphia charter.

Delaware River Bridge—Appropriate state's share during present session.

Crime Wave—Impose heavier sentences, and if necessary, revise laws.

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Jan. 18.—In an atmosphere of impressive dignity and formality, in harmony with the greatness of the Commonwealth, Governor Sproul today delivered in person his biennial message to the General Assembly.

The address was made to the members of the House and Senate in joint session, the first time such a message has been so presented in the history of the Legislature.

The Governor spoke from the speaker's rostrum in the huge chamber of the House. He addressed a brilliant assemblage of lawmakers, state officials and citizens of the commonwealth, among whom were a large number of the newly enfranchised electors.

The scene in the House chamber was colorful, though the note of quiet dignity was predominant.

Governor Sproul's message was rich with suggestions for the session of 1921. He called for the enactment of progressive legislation—for the enlargement and improvement of the school system, for example, and in pointing out the legislative needs he did not hesitate to direct attention to the need for additional revenues.

Progress Depends on More Revenue

"If we are to do anything that is new or forward looking," said the Governor, "instead of standing still or of following the path of least resistance, we shall have to find some additional revenue."

One of the revenue suggestions was that a tax of one or two mills be laid on the capital stock of manufacturing corporations at present exempt from states taxes. The estimated yield would would be about $16,000,000. This tax would affect the business interests allied under the leadership of Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association. Such legislation is expected to meet with opposition from the Grundy interests. The Governor, however, has alternative suggestions which may alleviate the situation.

Among the revenue suggestions are small ad valorem tax on coal, four cents a ton on bituminous and eight cents a ton on anthracite at the mines, an increase in the tax on collateral and

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Sproul Delivers Message Asking Greater Revenue

Governor Sproul, delivering his message in person to the Legislature at noon today, said:

Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

It is not with any desire to introduce an innovation that I have asked the privilege of coming before you in person to deliver to you the recommendations of the executive as to some of the things which will require particular attention during your session, but it is with a purpose of assuring you of the all appreciation of the Governor and of all of the departmental chiefs under his direction of the problems which are before you for solution, and to offer you our thorough co-operation in discharging the responsibilities with which the people of Pennsylvania have intrusted you in these momentous times.

The service in which we are enlisted is a most important one. It will do us no harm, in the contemplation of our work, to realize that Pennsylvania is one of the mighty states of the earth. Providentially favored with vast natural wealth and an unequaled position with respect to transportation and markets, our commonwealth ranks with some of the conspicuous nations of the globe in its population and resources and is greater than many of them.

The exposition of these facts must impress us with a deep sense of the opportunities which are before us for service, the like of which are given to comparatively few, and fill us with a patriotic desire to do that which is for us to do with a zeal and earnestness worthy of the trust imposed by our people. And when we fully appreciate that these nearly nine millions of Pennsylvanians whose work we are here to carry on, constitute a body of citizens unexcelled in all Christendom for loyalty, industry, real achievement, true worthiness of character and devoted public spirit, we shall approach our duties resolved that **our vision shall not be limited nor our actions cramped by individual or local prejudices, selfish considerations or small politics,** but that we shall give to this splendid state our best abilities as representatives of all of its people in our official obligations. Already one of the most highly developed states in the Union or in the world in its governmental efficiency, our material strength should make it easy not only to maintain that position but to improve it, and we must set ourselves to a course of steadfast progressiveness which will bring to our citizens those blessings of an enlightened civilization which they deserve and which they have the means to possess.

It is not my purpose today to make any detailed report of the operations of the various departments of the government of the commonwealth, except in so far as those operations relate to the matters which will now require our attention or which have led to developments affecting questions of immediate public interest. Permit me to say, however, with much pride and satisfaction, that without exception, thanks to the particularly able public servants whose efforts it has been our good fortune to have been able to command, our administrative organization has functioned admirably; the many changes and improvements authorized by the last Legislature have been carried out; the public work along constructive lines has been extended and developed, and, better than all, the state's diversified activities have been brought nearer to the people in every section of the state and have won their general commendation and approval.

It is a noteworthy fact that departments as a whole were operated within the limit of appropriations granted two years ago, and that the only deficits of moment are in the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings, through higher costs of labor, fuel, supplies, rentals and the provision for housing the expanding forces of state employes, and in the printing department, where the extraordinary costs of paper and typography have exceeded the estimates in spite of our efforts to reduce to a minimum the printing requirements by eliminating useless publications.

Gratifying as this situation is in the immediate departments of the state government, the extraordinary conditions prevailing throughout the country with regard to the cost of living and maintenance, and which have affected every

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STATE HARMONY DUE FOR BLOW-UP

Legislature Is Seen as Sitting Over Sleeping Volcano as Session Starts

NEW COALITIONS THREATEN

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Harrisburg, Jan. 18.—To those whose interest in state politics is only of the moment it would seem that an unconscionable amount of valuable newspaper space has been wasted in the last two weeks over the squabble in the Allegheny county delegation.

But Allegheny county means Pittsburgh.

The fight is a scramble for spoil—for places that pay nothing, comparatively. Yet this scrabble will have much to do with legislation this session and perhaps with the future of some prominent state leaders.

It really is not important whether Senator Max Leslie and his followers win or whether Editor George S. Oliver, leader of the anti-Leslie faction, triumphs. But it will mean bad blood and hot fighting through the entire session.

Rumbles of Trouble

More than ever today I would emphasize the fact that this Legislature is beginning business over a sleeping volcano. It is liable to tear loose at any time.

The Pittsburgh situation only accentuates the crisis.

If George S. Oliver fails to get what he wants, he will parade the fiery cross of defiance and revenge around so high that all may see it.

If Senator Leslie loses, his followers in the Pittsburgh delegation will form a fighting unit that will devote the coming days and nights to scheming the overthrow of every plan his opponents may make.

The ancestors of George S. Oliver, who is the son of former United States Senator Oliver, belonged to that breed of north of Ireland Scotch who in far generations paraded the high ands bare-legged and never forgott nor forgave an injury. Not by a de'il o' a sight.

Senator Leslie, odd as it may seem from current history stories of his political affiliations in Pittsburgh, was a country boy born of godly Methodist parentage near Garver's Ferry, thirty miles up the Allegheny river.

His brother is a lifelong teetotaler, and one of the leading temperance advocates of Allegheny county. The senator has a son in Princeton. Outside of politics he is sales manager for a paving preparation concern.

Oliver of Fighting Family

The Olivers made their great fortunes out of iron and steel. The head of the family was a Scotch-Irish immigrant who located in Allegheny county nearly a hundred years ago. He opened a little saddler shop in the Allegheny dis-

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FIRE SCARE AT CITY HALL

Paper Chute Again Fills Offices With Clouds of Smoke

Offices in City Hall early today were filled with smoke and so were the eyes of officeholders.

Pedestrians, in the central sections saw clouds of heavy smoke emanating from lower windows and feared the municipal structure was endangered by fire when they saw a chemical engine dash into the court yard.

There was a fire, but nothing dangerous. The waste paper chute in the northeast section was again responsible for the scare.

Waste paper from different offices is "shot" to one central compartment by means of the chute. Officials think the blaze may have started when some one threw a lighted cigar or cigarette butt into the chute.

"NOT GUILTY" PLEA GIVEN BY "BOOTS"

Girl in Peirce Murder Appears in Court With Treadway and Moss

"IS FIGHTING FOR MARIE"

Marie "Boots" Rogers, Peter D. Treadway and Joseph A. Moss all pleaded not guilty today before Judge McCullen, in criminal court, to the indictment charging them with the murder of Henry T. Pierce, manufacturing representative, who was found in his apartment, 2009 Market stret, on the morning of November 22.

Marie Rogers, clad in the same maroon suit which she wore at the time of her arrest at Wheeling, W. Va., appeared a changed woman.

Weeks of confinement in Moyamensing Prison had left their pallor on her face, and she now has an appearance of seriousness of purpose. She no longer poses for the benefit of the crowd. Her apparent sangfroid has given away to an attitude of one who realizes her situation is a serious one.

Edwin M. Abbott volunteered to act as her counsel during the brief proceeding of entering a plea. Thomas E. Cogan volunteered as Treadway's counsel, and William F. Berkowitz represented Moss.

As the three were led into the courtroom and faced the bar the court crier read the bill of indictment formally charging them with Peirce's murder.

"How say you, guilty or not guilty?" the court crier asked after reading the indictment.

In unison the three answered "Not guilty."

"Pleading not guilty, how will you be tried?" said the court crier in a monotonous voice.

"By God and my country," the three said.

"May God send you a safe deliverance," read the court crier, ending the proceeding.

Although all three were indicted for murder, only Treadway will be tried for murder. Marie Rogers and Moss will be tried as accessories after the fact. The trial will probably be scheduled for next month.

Before she was led back to her cell in Moyamensing prison, "Boots" declared that, acting on the advice of friends, she had decided to make no further attempt to save Treadway, but would "look after Marie."

"I've been in almost daily communication with my people," she said, "and I realize I've been foolish and rather wild." Her manner and her voice were in striking contrast to the girl who chided the detectives on the long journey from Wheeling, W. Va.

"I feel confident," she continued, "that I will be exonerated when I am brought to trial. Perhaps I should be censured for not telling the truth when I was first arrested. But I was more or less under the domination of Treadway at that time.

"Since my imprisonment in Moyamensing I have been advised that I had better 'take care of Marie,' and that I intend to do. I also hope that Moss gets off, because this poor fellow is just as innocent as I am."

It was announced this afternoon by the district attorney's office that new indictments are being prepared and will be returned by the grand jury this month against Marie and Moss. The second indictments will make it possible to try them on the charge of having been accessories after the fact and will also give them an opportunity to turn state's evidence.

Swiss Reject Internationale

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Rejection of Moscow's conditions for adhesion to the Third Internationale has been voted by the Socialist party of Switzerland at a general conference held here. The conference cast 3420 votes for rejection of the conditions as against 912 for their acceptance.

TWO KILLED, TEN INJURED IN FILM PLANT EXPLOSION

Bodies of Dead Blown Through Window and Building Wrecked by Blast

Bayonne, N. J., Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Two persons were killed and more than ten were injured in an explosion and fire in the plant of the Bellows Film Co. here today.

The charred bodies, apparently blown through a window of the plant, were found beside the tracks of the Central Railroad near the factory. One apparently was that of a woman.

Firemen worked desperately to check the flames and rescue others who might be inside the building. Ten injured persons were taken to the Bayonne Hospital.

Fifteen persons were inside the building when the explosion occurred. Instantly the structure was wrapped in flames. Several nearby buildings caught fire, but were saved by prompt arrival of fire apparatus.

The fire was caused by the ignition of films, which flared up with a blast that shattered windows in the vicinity.

MODEL LODGER GONE

Also Clothing and Jewelry Worth $275, Property of Landlord

Eugene Cyr, thirty-five years old, popular habitue of the Y. M. C. A. at Fifty-second and Sansom streets, and a lodger at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Rennison, 5550 Sansom street, disappeared yesterday after a month's stay at the Rennison home, taking with him clothing and jewelry not his, valued at $275.

Cyr came to the West Branch Y. M. C. A., a month ago. He presented a membership card issued by the Pittsburgh, Pa., "Y," and asked for a room. There was no vacant room at the Y. M. C. A., but Mrs. Rennison, swimming instructor there, rented a room to the stranger.

Cyr was regarded as a model lodger. He was employed here as a clothing designer.

Yesterday, when Mrs. Rennison went home, she discovered that a new $75 suit, eight shirts, three pairs of trousers, a sweater, two safety razors, a tiepin and clasp, a suitcase and brief case belonging to her husband, were missing, together with Cyr. Three shirts, marked "T. B. Nason" and a sailor blouse, were left in his room. She notified the police of the Fifty-fifth and Pine streets station.

TEMPERATURE DOWN TO 13

Severest Cold of Season So Far Won't Last Long

The coldest of the winter!

Today achieved that distinction by a margin of seven degrees, the official thermometer showing 13 degrees at 7 o'clock this morning. Another cold night tonight, and then a decided rise tomorrow is the forecast.

A stiff wind from the north was given by the forecaster as the main reason for the cold snap.

Albany had a low mark last night of 4 degrees below zero; Syracuse had 10 degrees below; New York, 8 above, Pittsburgh, 12 above, and Atlantic City 13 above.

WOMAN BEATEN AND ROBBED

Mrs. Anna Scroder Attacked in Passyunk Avenue Home

Mrs. Anna Scroder, sixty years old, of 1703 West Passyunk avenue, was held up in her home by a well-dressed man, beaten with a blackjack and robbed late yesterday afternoon, according to a report received by Superintendent of Police Mills today.

Mrs. Scroder is being treated in her home for seven bruises about the head.

Her assailant, who was well dressed, represented himself as an insurance collector.

She went to get her insurance book and $10 which she owed, Mrs. Scroder said, and when she offered the money to him he drew a blackjack and struck her with it. She fell half unconscious in a chair and her assailant escaped.

FUNERAL OF MR. CLOTHIER

Simplicity Marks Service at Wynnewood This Afternoon

Simplicity marked the funeral of Isaac H. Clothier, prominent member of the Society of Friends and a founder of Strawbridge & Clothier, which took place at his home, Ballytore, Wynnewood, this afternoon. Mr. Clothier died Saturday morning.

The Friends' service was conducted at the house and Dr. Alexander G. Cummings read Mr. Clothier's favorite passages from the Scriptures.

Four sons and two grandsons of Mr. Clothier were pallbearer. They are Isaac Clothier, Jr., Morris L. Clothier, Walter Clothier, William J. Clothier, Isaac Clothier, 3d, and Isaac Clothier Heel.

Mr. Clothier's favorite hymns, "Abide With Me" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," were sung during the service by Herbert J. Tily and employes of the store.

Interment was in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

TWO MEN HOLD UP SIX

Armed Highwaymen Get $100 From Saloon's Cash Register

Two Negroes held six men at bay in the saloon of William Purdy, Swanson and Christian streets, at 6:30 o'clock last night, obtained $100 from a cash register and escaped after exchanging several shots with two patrolmen.

Purdy was behind the bar when the two men entered. Five customers were standing along the bar.

One of the men then lined the customers against a wall while the other leaped over the bar, backed Purdy away from the cash register and obtained its contents.

The robbers then fled from the barroom with the proprietor and patrons at their heels. As the pursuers pressed them they turned and fired several shots, continuing east on Christian street.

The Mercury's Tumble Since 5 P. M. Yesterday

5 p. m.	31	6 a. m.	14
7 p. m.	28	7 a. m.	13
9 p. m.	25	8 a. m.	14
11 p. m.	21	9 a. m.	14
1 a. m.	18	10 a. m.	15
2 a. m.	17	11 a. m.	15
3 a. m.	16	12 m.	17
4 a. m.	16	1 p. m.	17
5 a. m.	16	2 p. m.	18

WIRE CODE SAVES TREASURER'S AIDE, LOCKED IN VAULT

Arthur Brenner Telegraphs Through Doors in City Hall Office—Prisoner 6 Hours

CHIEF CLERK TO RESCUE FROM HOLMESBURG HOME

Assistant City Treasurer Arthur Brenner, forty-five years old, of 1339 Somerset street, was locked in the darkened, airtight vault in the city treasurer's office from 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon until 10 o'clock last night.

He was finally rescued after signaling in Morse telegraph code, through taps on the wall of the vault to the night watchman, who summoned George W. Morrison, chief clerk of the office, the only man besides Brenner who knows the combination of the vault.

Both Brenner and Charles Hockwald, the night watchman, are former telegraph operators. It was Brenner's custom to signal in the Morse code by means of a gate latch when he desired to be admitted to the city treasurer's office at night.

This custom enabled the imprisoned man to communicate with the watchman from the depth of his living tomb, and when Morrison, after a record run from Holmesburg, thrust the heavy double doors of the vault open, he found Brenner leaning weakly against the railing of a stairway in the vault.

Kept His Head

Brenner retained his presence of mind throughout the ordeal. He slept part of the six hours, and when the air became so stifling that he became drowsy the prisoner opened drawers along the side of the large vault to release additional air.

The vault is fifty feet high, twenty-five feet wide and thirty feet deep. There are two doors, one inside of the other, each with its own complicated combination, and each door a foot thick.

It is the custom at the treasurer's office for cashiers and clerks to place their day's collections in the vault each afternoon between 3:50 and 3:55 o'clock.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Charles Medway, of 307 Fitzwater street, receiving teller, looked hurriedly into the vault, shouted to the cashiers, asking them if they had all turned in their collections and then closed the heavy doors.

Was Hunting Paper

No one had seen Brenner enter the vault. He was on a circular balcony searching for a pay warrant, which had been requested a few minutes before closing time, over the telephone.

Brenner heard Medway ask the cashiers if everything was all right. The assistant treasurer shouted with all his might not to close the doors, but before he could reach the entrance of the vault the doors swung shut, automatically plunging the vault into darkness.

Brenner ran to the doors of the vault, shouting and thumping against the massive slabs of steel. Outside the cashiers and clerks were preparing to close the office for the day, ignorant of Brenner's predicament.

No one discovered Brenner's plight until the night watchman heard a muffled tapping from the interior of the vault six hours later.

The tapping spelled out the familiar signal which Brenner used when he wished to attract Hockwald's attention to the gate leading to the city treasurer's office. The watchman then knew Brenner was imprisoned.

He telephoned to Morrison, fourteen miles way in Holmesburg, and within half an hour, Brenner was liberated. He is apparently no worse for his experience.

Asked why he had not communicated the combination of the vault to the watchman by means of the tapping, he said that only Morrison and he were

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U. S. ACTS IN CRAMP STRIKE

Charles Fury Named by Labor Department as Conciliator

Charles Fury was appointed today by the Department of Labor in Washington as conciliator in the strike of shipbuilders at the Cramp ship yards. The appointment followed a request by James O'Connell, president of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor.

Refusal of the Cramp Co. to renew an agreement with the metal trades unions resulted in calling the strike of the employes at the plant, and in a series of statements and counter statements by officials of the plant and the union.

Union officials claim 3000 men have walked out. Plant heads assert only 1700 have left their places, and that 1300 replacements in these ranks has prevented virtually any reduction of production at the works.

Union officials have attacked the statement of J. H. Mull, president and general manager of the plant, and declare untrue the statement of reasons for refusing to renew the agreement. In turn Mr. Mull characterized the attack of the union officials as "utterly a falsehood."

PAUL REVERE UP TO DATE

Policeman Catches Trolley Car and Recovers Woman's Money

A mounted policeman, galloping for four blocks after a trolley car, reigning in his horse, forcing the motorman to stop when he rapped with his club on the door and finding and returning to its owner an envelope containing $1000 in bonds, was a melodramatic incident witnessed by pedestrians and car riders on Chestnut street today during the noon hour.

Mrs. U. R. Guerrni, when she left a car at Twelfth and Chestnut streets, missed the envelope. She told Harry Hamilton, of the mounted squad, and he immediately gave chase to the trolley, telling the woman to follow in the next car.

A man in the first car had found the envelope and returned it to the woman when she arrived.

War Veteran Wins Lim'rick Prize

Today's winner is a member of Prince - Forbes Post No. 7, American Legion. The prize was awarded to him by a jury from the Navy Recruiting Station, 1515 Arch street. His lim'rick is:—

LIMERICK NO. 26

Said Jim, "That new fur coat of Lil's
Gives me shivers and shudders and chills;
It lets in all the breeze
At the neck and the kneeses;
Marm-ot-ter fur-bid her such frills."

CHARLES T. ROGERS,
817 S. St. Bernard Street.
Clerk: 1513 Race Street.

There's Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2

AUTOIST DRUGGED AND CAR IS STOLEN

Man Left Unconscious in Street After Being Chloroformed by Robbers

VICTIM LOSES HARD FIGHT

Harry Gold, 516 Lombard street, was chloroformed by two men at Fifty-fifth and Walnut streets, at 3 o'clock this morning, robbed of his automobile and left lying unconscious in the middle of the street.

The robbers escaped. In addition to stealing the car they took a small sum of money from Gold.

Gold was driving east on Walnut stret when he noticed two men standing on the corner of Fifty-fifth street. One appeared to be directing the other as to an address in the neighborhood.

As Gold was driving by one of the strangers remarked: "Perhaps this man can tel you."

One of the men then asked Gold to stop.

When the car was halted both men jumped on the running board. As Gold leaned over to hear their questions one grabbed him by the throat and the other held a bottle of chloroform under his nose.

Despite the odds against him, Gold fought the robbers until completely overpowered by the drug.

When Gold regained consciousness his car was gone and his pockets were turned inside out. The thieves took everything but a few personal papers.

A patrolman found Gold on the sidewalk and took him to a drug store where he was treated.

Gold said that his assailants were tall and well built. They wore long, dark ulsters and dark caps. One of the men had a cane.

HALL IN WEGLEIN'S PLACE

Seventh Ward Member Will Preside Over Council Today

Councilman Charles B. Hall will preside over today's session of Council at the request of Richard Weglein, president of the body.

Mr. Weglein is in Harrisburg in the interest of legislation affecting Philadelphia. He is especially interested in a proposed bill to float short-term bonds for repaving streets.

Mr. Hall was the Vare choice for the presidency of Council, but Mr. Weglein, regarded as an administration supporter, won out.

CITY STATION TO AID UNEMPLOYED HERE

Council Committee Recommends $10,000 to Start Relief for Jobless

VINE ST. HEADQUARTERS

Establishment of a municipal clearing house at 1733 Vine street to give aid to Philadelphia's unemployed was decided upon today at a meeting of Council's committee on public welfare, which recommended a $10,000 appropriation for initial expenses.

Activities of all welfare organizations in the city will be co-ordinated under the Department of Public Welfare to lessen distres samong the jobless and their families. At the same time precautions will be taken to prevent the habitually idle and the vicious from "sponging" on the city.

The plans included the furnishing of transportation to residents of other cities stranded here; an employment exchange for men and women; temporary work for persons until they obtain steady employment; family aid; hospital and nursing aid and children's aid.

Guard Against Grafters

At the committee meeting were Mrs. J. Willis Martin and Mrs. John C. Groome, who announced that the Emergency Aid was ready for action. Karl De Schweinitz, general secretary of the Society for Organizing Charity, and Colonel Brewer, of the Salvation Army, also attended the conference.

"Our object," Director Tustin stated, "is to help the unemployed without making Philadelphia a mecca for tramps and the criminally inclined. There are 1000 beds at the House of Correction for tramps, but we do not want to send decent men there."

In describing the growing pressure on rescue homes and lodging houses Director Tustin said applications for lodging at one rescue home leaped from 123 to 435 a day.

Situation Called Serious

Colonel Brewer told the committee the situation is serious but no alarming. Many men temporarily down but not out, he said, would be satisfied with chairs at night in a warm place. Even this small accommodation, he said, would tend to keep them from begging and stealing.

The Salvation Army official said he did not advocate soup kitchens. It would be far better, he said, to provide help in the homes of the unemployed.

Mr. De Schweinitz told of a recent

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BARCELONA THREATENED BY FOOD SHORTAGE

BARCELONA, Spain, Jan. 18.—Food retailers of this city are greatly alarmed at the civil governor's threat that he will ruthlessly imprison all who infringe laws regarding food prices. Several have announced they intend to close their stores, owing to official "persecution," and have canceled orders they placed with wholesalers. This may result in a serious food shortage in this city. Saragossa is without meat, due to a strike of butchers.

SPANISH CABINET TO RESIGN

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Decision to resign has been reached by the Spanish cabinet, according to a Madrid dispatch, quoting information received in political circles at the Spanish capital. It is declared Premier Dato will hand the resignation of his ministry to Alfonso upon the king's return to Madrid from Seville today.

SHORE TRAIN KILLS WOMAN

Mrs. Joseph Stites, Cape May, Meets Death at Winslow

Mrs. Joseph Stites, wife of a prominent citizen of Cape May, N. J., and daughter-in-law of Samuel Stites, president of the Cape May board of education, was killed by a train at Winslow Junction on the Atlantic City division of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway last night.

It is supposed Mrs. Stites was returning to Cape May on the 6 o'clock express and that in changing cars at Winslow Junction to the Cape May division train, she became bewildered and tried to cross the tracks.

BRESHKOVSKAYA VERY ILL

'Little Grandmother of Russian Revolution' Has Breakdown

Paris, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya, "the little grandmother of the Russian revolution," who came to Paris recently from Ruthenia to attend the conference here of the remnant of the old Russian duma, is seriously ill in the Russian hospital at Boulogne, near Paris.

She was taken to the institution last week suffering from a general breakdown and a heart affection. Madame Breshkovskaya is in her seventy-seventh year and her revolutionary activities began when she was at the age of twenty-six. She visited the United States in 1919.

TAXI STRIKERS ARE BLAMED BY MILLS FOR BOMB

Entire Murder Squad Combs City for Men Who Caused Two Deaths in Blast

SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN RAID RELEASED LATER

Poolrooms Used as Headquarters for Striking Chauffeurs Ordered Closed

POLICE GUARDING CARS

Detectives Try to Trace Men Who Put Infernal Machine in Auto

Superintendent of Police Mills blames strikers and strike sympathizers for the bomb explosion which killed two and injured six shortly after 7 o'clock last night in the garage of the Quaker City Taxicab Co., 1211 Arch street.

Those who lost their lives were:

James McKee, twenty-four years old, electrician, Haddon Heights, N. J.; killed instantly.

Perry H. Dean, thirty-one years old, inspector of vehicles, 1942 North Franklin street. Died at the Hahnemann Hospital shortly after admission.

Those seriously hurt are:

Edward Hartley, thirty-seven years old, inspector of meters, 2826 West Fletcher street; cuts and bruises. Hahnemann Hospital.

Richard Kelly, twenty years old, 2443 North Sixteenth street, eyeball cut by glass, cut on head, face and body. Jeeerson Hospital.

Four other men hurt were not sent to hospitals, as their injuries were slight. Their names were withheld.

Scouts Radical Theory

Superintendent of Police Mills said he was convinced that the outrage was perpetrated either by strikers or sympathizers, the latter possibly radicals.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Tempest and Detective Belshaw, head of the murder squad, are giving their entire time to running out clues. The whole murder squad is engaged in the work.

Though Superintendent Mills discounts the theory that radicals solely were responsible for the explosion, he is running out this angle of the crime also. Last night's outrage was the climax of a series of acts of violence against the drivers and the company's cars. Several bombs either have been found or exploded in taxicabs.

The police are looking for Joseph Kizis, Catharine street near Second, who was arrested January 2 when distributing radical literature near the Quaker City garage. They believe he may help them in running down the guilty persons.

Kizis had a hearing before Magistrate Mecleary, held for a further hearing a week later, and then discharged, as he said he had distributed the circulars for "some one else," and did not understand what they were about. The circulars were in English and the suspect spoke only Russian.

Tempest Examines Fragments

Tempest had fragments of the bomb at his office today. These consisted of five bullets of thirty-two caliber, evidently packed in the bomb, and two pieces of casing, apparently galvanized pipe, two inches in diameter. There were also fragments of the knit woolen garment in which the bomb had been wrapped, either a stocking or a knit woolen jacket of very dark brown or black.

Captain Tempest said three unexploded bombs of the same type, but larger in size, had been found by patrolmen at various times within recent weeks and brought to his office. Recently he caused the three to be taken carefully to the river and dropped in, fearing some one would shake them and cause an explosion.

Union Leader Denies Blame

Alexander Maguire, business agent for the taxi drivers, vehemently repudiated the bomb outrage, saying that it was the work of radicals who are seeking to destroy union labor.

The striking drivers belong to Local 112 of the Taxi Drivers and Individual Owners Union. This, in turn, is part of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and as such affiliated with the A. F. of L.

"I can't find words to say what I think of the outrage," said Maguire who is widely known in local labor circles. "The men responsible for it are murderers and hanging is too good for them. I will go the limit, and so will every union man, to seek them out and hand them over to justice.

"The explosion was the work of radicals. They are trying to disrupt the labor movement. I'd rather lose a dozen strikes than see our boys do things like that.

"Only last Sunday night at our meet-

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Believe Outrages Committed by Strike Sympathizers

November 9—Five men attacked—one sent to hospital with fractured skull.

December 8—Six persons injured in fights—one man blinded by acid.

December 15—Dr. A. A. Caines, chief medical inspector, cut when brick was hurled through window.

December 20—Two taxicabs blown up.

January 6—"Smell bomb" in taxicab at Ritz-Carlton.

January 8—Two drivers injured—one man's hand blown off by bomb, another badly cut.

January 17—Two killed, six hurt in bomb outrage.

Twelve taxicabs have been stolen and wrecked.