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SPEAKER SPANGLER OUSTED AND WHITAKER SEATED

Ousted Official, Pale and Trembling, Repulsed by State Police in Effort to Regain Chair

GOVERNOR'S DEFEAT OF GRUNDY IN HOUSE SPLITS STATE G. O. P.

Party Rent in Twain as The Drama in the House **Faction Fight Breaks** Out

STATUS OF PENROSE IS SERIOUS QUESTION

Senator Apparently in Sympathy With Side That Suffered 'Crushing Defeat

FATE OF KNOX IN BALANCE

Governor's Victory Will Affect Federal Patronage and Future Election Situation

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN Harrisburg, April 26 .- The greatsplit in the ranks of the Republican party in its history has been precip-

itated within the last eighteen hours. The House of Representatives this morning by 131 votes-twenty-seven more than a majority-unseated Robert S. Spangler, a leader of the Grundy-Oliver faction, which has had the support and sympathy of Senator Penrose? and elected Major Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester, an

out-and-out Sproul man, in his stead. This is the first time in the history of the Legislature that such a thing has been done;

The crisis was precipitated by the events of the preceding night, when Speaker Spangler declared the House adjourned at 12:15 a. m. without taking a vote, in face of the opposition of the majority of the mem-

Trouble was anticipated this morn ing as the outcome, but it did not materialize. Speaker Spangler appeared on the floor of the House at 11:05 and demanded to speak on a question of per-

The newly elected speaker, Major Whitaker, was in the chair, the House having decided at 1:20 last night, after electing Major Whitaker speaker pro Weiss, tem., to recess till 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Spangler made an impassioned

sonal privilege.

address, defending his course as speaker for the last four months. He denounced what he termed the course of intimidation and bossism pursued by the administration and declared that he had nothing to apologize for or regret. After attempts to expunge from the

records all proceedings of the House under the new regime, which were voted down by large majorities, the House settled down to work. There are all sorts of rumors of legal

occedings to nullify the action of the majority. Injunctions and appeals to CONFESSES KILLING 2 SONS the courts in the various forms are These dispatches to the EVENING

PUBLIC LEDGER have for days past in-dicated the present outcome. The atdicated the present outcome. mination of the Sproul administration from here. majority to circumvent these efforts resulted in the crisis.

were irregular, that the anti-adminis-

is that every officed of the state Re-publican committee, with one or two minor exceptions, was behind the action session of two of the remaining three in unseating Mr. Spangler.

The Senate last night and this morning virtually suspended its sittings, the senators crowding into the House. attentive to the sensationa vents that were transpiring.

Chairman Now a Witness Republican State Chairman Senator

row occupied a prominent seat among the Allegheny delegation. Chief Clerk milk. Thomas Carvin, an attache of the state committee headquarters, acted as chair- o'clock.

the executive chamber during the day morgue. messengers kept the Governor posted on the events as they proceeded. It is said that a detachment of the state police were in waiting in their headquarters, prepared for any outbreak of Burning Paper Under Platform of physical violence that might occur.

Dramatic Scene in House

The most dramatic scenes followed caught fire under the platform of the Whitaker's election. Spangler asked a question of personal privilege and from in front of the desk made an impassioned defense of his stand. Some one shouted that the station

Pictured in Brief Summary

Grundy-Oliver forces, outvoted by Sproul-Crow men, declare adjourn ment at 12:07 a. m. and Speaker Spangler leaves chair.

Sproul-Crow men instantly seize reins, elect Major Samuel A. Whitaker, Sproul man, speaker pro tem, and rush administration bills out of "pickling vat." These measures include Governor's welfare bill and Leslie nonpartisan re-

House is reconvened at 10:10 o'clock this morning, fifty minutes ahead clared vacant, and Major Whitaker elected to succeed Spangler.

to take the speaker's chair, and is turned back by his successor and

by state police. Spangler, pale and trembling, is permitted to address the House and says he would rather quit Legislature than to be told by dutside influences what to do in House.

Hess, Lancaster, moves to expunge everything on minutes from 12:15 a. m. until 10. Motion fails.

McVicker, Allegheny, attacks proceedings as illegal, and Walker, Philadelphia, upholds them as le-

House proceeds with regular business, with Grundy-Oliver men remaining, despite contentions of

illegality. This legislative earthquake splits state G. O. P. wide open, threatens prestige of Senator Penrose and will have unquestionable effect on approaching election of United States senator, for which Senator Knox is an acknowledged candi-

POLICEMAN'S ACCUSER HELD

Man and Three Others Under Bail in Robbery Case Frank Brennan, Dorrance street near

Moore, who recently accused Patrolman Montague, of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station, of highway robbery, was held today on a charge of entering the drygoods store of on March 26. Brennan testified before the police

trial board several weeks ago that Mon-tague hed held him up while in plain An investigation exonerated the patrolman, Brennan today was arraigned before

Magistrate Dougherty, in the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station, with Michael Avalone, Mole street Moore; Matthew Dougherty, W near street near Moore, and Anthony Paran-zano, Broad street near Jackson.

All were held in \$600 bail each for a further hearing May 1 after testimony was heard which tended to connect them with the theft of \$600 worth of drygoods from Weisa' store.

Declares He Obeyed "Communica-

tion" From Dead Wife San Francisco, April 26.—(By A.

the P.)-Following a confession by the minority under the P.)—Following a confession by John Joseph R. Grundy and Cornyn that he had shot and killed his George S. Oliver to hold up bills in two sons, Arthur, seven, and Andrew, committees controlled by their adherents, and the openly expressed deter- last evening in the hills several miles Cornyn, who recently was released

from a state hospital, appeared at the It was upon the basis that the pro-ceedings of last night and this morning blood, to tell the authorities of his act. He obtained the boys from an or tration men sought to overthrow the phanage. According to the police, h work of the administration majority by said he had been "in communication" An interesting feature of the situation that she "had asked him to send all of children after the shooting.

FALLS DEAD IN RESTAURANT Riverside Man Dies After Drinking

John L. Tuohy, fifty years old, of Riverside, N. J., fell dead early today in the Palace Restaurant, 342 North Senator Max Leslie sat with Eighth street, while drinking a glass of

Glass of Milk

Tuchy entered the place about 12:30 ommittee headquarters, acted as chair- o'clock. He slid from a chair to the Moves for Sproul were watched from Hahnemann Hospital and then to th

FIRE SCARE AT R. R. STATION

P. R. R. Depot at Bridesburg

A stray piece of newspaper which

impassioned defense of his stand, which led the majority to declare his office vacant.

This is the unprecedented result of the most dramatic series of episodes the most dramatic series of episodes

ACCEPTS DEFEAT AS IMPASSIONED PLEA IS GREETED COLDLY

New Presiding Officer Is Protected by Guards as Pre-decessor Enters

LEGALITY OF MIDNIGHT

SESSION PUT IN QUESTION

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, April 26 .- Representaives of state police turned back Robert S. Spangler when he sought today to take the chair of speaker of the House,

from which he has been deposed. Repulsed not only by the state police, of schedule, office of speaker is de- but by the new speaker, Samuel A. Whitager, and by the sergeant-at-arms, Spangler, who appeared in the House Spangler appears at 11 o'clock, tries at 11 o'clock, was turned back at the very steps leading to the chair he had

so lately occupied. Trembling, pale, Spangler wheeled about as though to leave. Suddenly h turned again.

"Mr. Speaker," said Mr. Spangler. thereby recognizing Speaker Whitaker. "I demand the right to preside over the House.

As he spoke Spangler raised his right hand and strode toward the chair. "In reply," said Mr. Whitaker, "I will say that, in accordance with the

rules and law of the House, the office

of speaker has been "declared vacant and a new speaker elected."

Demands Right to Talk Swaying with suppressed emotion shortly to break out in an impassioned speech, Spangler again raised his hand

to Speaker Whitaker. . "I rise," said Spangler, "to a question of a personal privilege concerning this assembly.

Mr. Whitaker. He stalked to the space between the seats of the members and the rostrum. hind his back, Spangler began his ap- and transport. peal to the "independents" of the

tion that he would abide by the deci-Declares He Was Fair

'I more than any one regret the unfortunate situation in which we of the House have found ourselves," he said. 'As speaker, I have tried to be fair s I pledged myself after my election. Before the appointment of committaees was announced they were submitted to the state chairman and the Governor and O. K.'d. Whenever there was opportunity to help and assist any one, I have been ready. During the last week of parliamentary squabble. ing to parliamentary law, you members sustained me. Is there a member who Union. can say I was unfair? Is there a The ember here who can say my treatment of him was anything disgraceful? It is necessary for the speaker to preserve the dignity and integrity of the House. I have tried to keep this legislative body independent. When a Legislature today permits itself to be buildozed and intimidated a crisis has arisen in republican government. I had ten thouthan permit any clique of bosses to or have threats been made to intimi

Tells of "Threats"

"I have received complaints of interference; just recently a man told me his appropriations had been threatened reported a bill out of mirtee. Even the secretary to the Govme to declare myself on how I would

decide a point of order. Republican issues are at stake. The House must either assist its independence or recognize certain bosses determined to put two measures through no matter what happens. are determined to put through these two measures (nonpartisan repealer and welfare) even if they have to blow off

Speaker Whitaker ordered his remarks incorporated in the record.

Representative Hess, Lancaster, raised the point of illegality of the pro ceedings of early this morning, when Whitaker took the speaker's chair and

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House Action Must Stand, According to Precedent

After John R. Farr left the speaker's chair in the exciting situation of 1899, when the Legisla ure was deadlocked on the election of M. S. Quay, the House next day stood by the record. It was main tained that the House could not go behind the record.

The question was raised again repeatedly during the session of 1901, when Speaker Marshall, after many sharp practices had been resorted to asnounced that "you cannot go be-And on appeals from his decision the House supported Marshall, who was elected by the barest of majorities and in the closest of situations.

In Legislative Row



ROBERT S. SPANGLER SAMUEL A. WHITAKER Representative Whitaker was chosen speaker pro tem of the House last night in a wild scene after Speaker Spangler had arbitrarily adjourned the session and quit the chair

BRITISH RAIL MEN DIRECTED

NOT TO HANDLE COAL Union Order Attempt to Starve Na-

tion, Says Sir Eric Geddes London, April 26.—(By A. P.)—The Sational Union of Railway Men has instructed its members not to handle coal from colliery sidings or from over-"Second reading!" was the shout from all over the House, as if to shut the former speaker.

But Mr. Spangler was recognized by Seas, Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transportation, announced in the House of Commons today. He characterized the order as a grave step.

Such coal, the minister said, was ab-

To prevent the delivery of such coal,

House, and concluded with a declara- Sir Eric declared, was an attempt to the nation, and no government could allow the nation to be so co-

REFEREES ORDER WAGE CUT Cleveland Garment Workers' Pay to

Be Reduced After May 1 Cleveland, April 26 .- (By A. P.)will be reduced 9½ to 13½ per cent, spread Bolshevist literature. smiled away. It was about 2 o'clock, Davis testidown by the board of referees maintnined by the Cleveland Garment Manufacturers' Association and the Inter-

weeks each, and one week's vacation with pay.

scale of July, 1919, and involves 6000 the story. He said:
workers in forty factories. "We fired in the air several times,

MOONEY IS SUSPENDED

Acting Lieutenant Relieved From Duty Following Charges

While Acting Lieutenant Henry B. Mooney, of the Twenty-eighth and Ritner streets station, was testifying at Superintendent Mills' office today against five patrolmen suspended on the charge of fightin gover credit for arrests of radicals, six poolroom owners entered the superintendent's office and charged Mooney with bribery.

They alleged he had systematically

demanded money from them, threaten-ing to close their poolrooms if they failed to "come across." One man said Mooney had misappropriated a pig which had been placed in a poolroom window advertising purposes. Sucrintendent Mills suspended the

the Civil Service Commission for trial. He then detailed Sergeam John J. Mullen, o fthe Twelfth and Pine streets station, to succeed Mooney as acting lieu-tenant of the Twenty-eighth and Ritner streets station. He instructed him to "straighten the

district out regardless of political allegiance." declaring the district was badly demoralized and "utterly disorganized."

WOMAN SEES DROWNING

ville Trying to Set Sall

Atlantic City, April 26.—Bridge Tender Levi Truitt late yesterday afternoon and this morning with his son dredged the bottom of the Thoroughfare under and near the second bridge of the Pleasantville boulevard in an effort to recover the body of a man seen to plunge from a skiff. The boat was picked up and a hat was found

Mrs. Truitt, wife of the bridge tender He had taken down the mast and rowed under the bridge. When he reached the other side he stood up and was replacing the mast and sail, when he seemed to trip and went overboard. seemed to trip and went overboard. Jelliest Me made a struggle to reach the craft melody listen

AS HE FLEES POLICE

Employe in Bourse Near Death Following Accidental Discharge of Patrolman's Gun

SERGEANT AND 2 OFFICERS DRESSED IN PLAIN CLOTHES

Ernest Taylor, twenty-six years old, 835 North Fourth street, the only son of a widowed mother, was shot so seriously that he is likely to die, when he

highwaymen, Peter Osman, patrolman of the Third street and Fairmount avenue station, who fired a bullet which pierced the youth's lung, was arrested and given a hearing this morning in his own station house before Magistrate Magner. He was paroled in the custody of Lieuten-ant Stickel for a further hearing May 3. Ceman, in his own defense, said the a shot which injured the victim was fired of accidentally when he tripped over a curbstone as he reached to grab Taylor. This story was corroborated by Patrolman Edward T. Davis, who was on duty with Osman when the shooting occurred at 2 o'clock this morning.

Makes Ante-Mortem Statement Taylor is in the Children's Homeo-pathic Hospital, where he was rushed by the patrolmen after the shooting He made an ante-mortem statement to a notary public. The surgeons say that Taylor's condition is serious.

Taylor's condition is serious.

The story of the shooting as the victim viewed it is known for the present only to the notary. It was not brought out at the hearing before the magistrate. His family, however, and friends believe he mistook the patrolmen, who accosted him at Third and Noble streets, as he was walking homewarks this meaning for history are not the meaning for history are not the meaning for his programs. early this morning, for highwaymen, and only ran the faster when they

shouted after him and fired.

He is employed as a clerk in the Philadelphia Bourse. His mother, Mrs. seas, Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transportation, announced in the House of Commons today. He characterized the order as a grave step.

Such coal, the minister said, was absolutely necessary to the life of the community, as it was needed to produce a fair minimum for household use and to continue the essential public utilities.

Emma Taylor, who lives with him at the house on North Fourth street, also is employed part of the day in the Bourse. Young Taylor is widely known in his neighborhood and bears an excellent reputation. He is a member of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church, North American and Brown streets, of which the Rev. George von Emma Taylor, who lives with him at know him say his only diversion was to go occasionally to dances, and it is believed he was returning from one of these, walking because he did not care at 11:12 o'clock before Judge Henry on arrests of scores of radicals throughout in treasury notes, redeemable within

today before Magistrate Magner. Davis said that he and Osman, with Sergeant Hogan, had been sent out in plain

accost him. "I threw back my coat and showed national Ladies' Garment Workers' him my badge when he came near," said Patrolman Davis, "just so there

wouldn't be any mistake. I told him The referces also ruled that every regular worker shall be guaranteed and walked on. We followed and called forty weeks employment each year, to be divided into two periods of twenty weeks each, and one week's vacation after him to stop. Instead of obeying he took him to stop. Instead of obeying he took him to stop. after him. Patrolman Osman, when sworn in his

thinking it would frighten the man and bring him to a stop. Instead he kept right on running. I had my revolver in Instead he kept my hand. I was catching up with him and as I got within a few feet I reached out to seize him. I had my revolver in the other hand. As I reached I tripped and fell just behind him. The fall set the gun off, and the bullet went into his He dropped, and Officer Davis picked him up and sent him to ospital. I had no intention of and I picked shooting him, and it was purely an ac-

The injured youth's mother talked host ital today.

"He told me he had been to a dance in Camden," Mrs. Taylor said. "When he reached Third and Noble streets, he saw two men standing under an awnmg at the corner.

My son said be suspected the men might be baudits. As he passed he said one of the men shouted: 'Hold up.'

This led him to believe they were going to rob him and be replied, doing,' and ran as hard as he could Then my son said he felt a sharp pain and heard a shot and he fel down.

Fight for Share of Estate to Supreme Court Mrs. Edith Craig Werner, 4700 Che

ter avenue, whose claim for a share in the estate of Hugh Craig, Sr., was rethe Orphans' Court, has instructed her the case to the Supreme Court. Judge Porter said today that a strong

dissenting opinion made the case look favorable. "It is toubtful if it will come up before next January," said Philadelphia and a member of the First morning, had not arrived up to 7:30 Mrs. Werner, knowing a. m. im as her father, endeavored to prove

that a common law marriage existed be-

tween him and her mother.

CLERK SHOT IN BACK New German Proposals Open Way for Parleys

HE BELIEVED THUGS Note to President Makes Favorable Impression at Washington — Issue Bourt

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been received and is under consideration. Presumably it is being discussed in the cabinet meeting.

It is generally believed here that the note will lead to a reopening of negotiations with regard to reparations and that this country will sit in the new negotiations. The circumstances recall the notes exchanged between President Wilson and Germany preceding the ar-

Wilson and Germany preceding the ar-mistice, except that this time the Pres-ident is keeping the allied powers apprised of the steps he is taking. At that time one note succeeded an other until finally Mr. Wilson obtained other until finally Mr. Wilson obtained from Germany the concessions he de-sired. In this case, if the note now here is not wholly satisfactory, Ger-many will be told so, and a fürther communication invited. In the end, if she has not already, Germany will make a proposition which will become a basis of new negotiations. In this sense it

is safe to say that negotiations will be resumed. Expect Harding to Consult Allies The expected course with regard to the present note, unless it proves disappointing in some respects or requires clearing up, is for resident Harding to consult with England, France and Italy

Around Juggling on Reparations By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, April 26 .- It is officially negotiations. If they are ready to ne announced that the German note has gotiate upon it, this country will trans-been received and is under considera- mit the German proposal to them, prob-

possis are borne out by the examina-tion of the note itself, it is believed here that the way is now open to renewed negotiations without further exchange of communications between Washington and Berlin. The amount which the Germans say they are offering differs by so little from the amount the Allies demanded at Paris that it

can hardly be dismissed without con-But, after all, as at the London conference, there is great room for differ-ence of opinion as to how much is involved in an offer or a demand. Every employed working out capital values.

In the negotiations to date the Allie and the Germans have approached the

AMBLER ACTS ROLE FIVE PATROLMEN

Smiles at Women Jurors Bring Fight Over Credit for Arrests of tions or for changes in the present pro-Quick Challenges From Taulane in Bank Case

TALESMEN FINALLY PICKED BULLET GRAZES ONE'S HEAD private property in foreign countries

service when his trial opened here to- have participated in a general fight over the note. Germany is prepared immeday led to swift challenges from the credit for arrests following a raid on diately to place at the disposal of the The trial of the former state insur-

nember of the jury panel, was called trolman Albert O. Beech, and necession intercognition. for interrogation. The defendant smiled broadly at the pital.

Tries It Second Time Ambler's smile, which was in evi-

own defense, agreed with this version of the story. He said:
"We fired in the air several times, her if she served on the jury. Replying ferty is a motorcycle patrolman, but

subject from different ends. The Allies wishing to make their own people, and especially the French people, think that reparations totaled a large sum, have ot demanded a capital sum, but have added up annuities spread over fortyabout its acceptability as a basis of

Alleged Radicals

in Raid

Charles A. Ambier's attempt to Five patrolmen of the Twenty-eighth 'vamp" two women called for jury and Ritner street station, alleged to The trial of the former state insur-ance commissioner and former speaker o'clock this morning, were suspended marks in gold, silver and foreign ex-of the House of Representatives opened teday as an aftermath of the general change, and 850,000,000 gold marks

to wait for a night line car, when he was accosted by the patrolmen.

Patrolman Tells Story

Patrolman Osman, who admitted doing the shooting, and Patrolman Edvers old. 6919 Saybrook avenue. 3 word T. Davis testified at the hearing.

According to the acting lieutenant's of 50,000,000,000 marks gold at their Wages in the garment industry here clothes to watch for radicals trying to his eyes for about two seconds, then story, based on the report of a street will be reduced 9½ to 13½ per cent, spread Bolshevist literature. the Moore street house after eleven fied, when they saw Taylor walking north on Third street, and decided to Assistant District Attorney Joseph II. had been removed, had a heated argu- to a total of 200,000,000,000 marks ment as to who deserved credit for the gold."

dence for every talesman called, grew broad again when Miss Rose Greenburg, twenty-two years old, 3225 Fontaine street, was called. The young woman beaten in the fight, according to the would pay the interest at 4 per cent had a cold and could speak only in a neting lieutenant.

The other three patrolmen, none Taulane showed solicitude for whom was injured, were Arthur J. Greenburg's cold. He suggested Murphy, Jr., Thomas W. McClafferty

through a court officer, who relayed her was detailed for special duty at the

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TUDGES RESERVE DECISION IN M'COACH SUIT

Judges Barratt and Rogers reserved decision today following hearing in the suit of former Police Captain David McCoach to et his position back. McCoach was found guilty by the civil ervice trial board last year of charges of permitting vice and gambling in his district, and ordered his demotion to a lieutenant

GERMANY ASKS THAT PENALTIES BE REMOVED

BERLIN, April 26 .- Germany, in her new reparations proosals, declares that the present proposals are only capable of being carried out if the system of penalties now in force is discontinued forthwith. She insists that she be freed of all unproductive outlays now imposed on her, and be given freedom of

JUDGE SWING, OF OHIO, DIES OF PARALYSIS UINCINNATI, April 26 .- Peter F. Swing, former judge of the Circuit Court of Ohio, died here last night, following a stroke of

Judge Swing served on the bench from 1885 to 1915.

paralysis suffered two weeks ago. He was seventy-six years old,

WOOD'S SHIP NOT ARRIVED

Yokobama, April 26.4-(By A. P.)

It is presumed the vessels have been is aboard the Wenatchee.

RIOT OVER WAR CRUELTIES

Wenatchee Believed to Have Been British Service Men Checked Rush for German Lawyer London, April 26,- (By A. P.) - A so that the United States shall be in a

The American steamer Wenatchee riot was checked outside the Bow Street which recently suffered engine trouble Court today at the luncheon adjourn-Judge Porter, but I feel confident of the and is being towed into port by the ment of an inquiry into accusations of RAIL PROBE STARTS MAY 10 steamer Edmore, although expected at the breakwater here at 2 o'clock this cruelty and atrocity against German army officers.

> had assembled and several rushed toretarded by the heavy fog hanging over ward the German counsel for the actused. Here Schroder, and his friends Constables succeeded in rescuing the is on his way to the Philippines to in-vestigate conditions for President HardSavoy Hotel, the crowd following the with railway executives as the fir-

Agrees to Abide by Decision of Commission in New

Note to U. S. PROPOSES ANNULMENT

OF ALL OLD OBLIGATIONS Berlin Offers 50 Billion Gold Marks, Amounting in Annui-

ties to 200,000,000,000

PART AVAILABLE AT ONCE Teutons Willing to Assume Allied War Debts to

America

By the Associated Press Berlin, April 26 .- An arbitration roposal by Germany for determining the total amount due from her on reparations is contained in the reparations note forwarded to Washington. A clause in this note says:

"Germany suggests the appointment

of an unbiased commission to fix the total sum of her war reparations. which she pledges to accept as binding and to carry out in good faith." Germany, adds the note, would welcome any suggestions from the Amer-

ican Government for further negotia-"With the acceptance of these proposals," says the German note, "Germany's other reparations and obligations will be annulled, and all German

be released." Would Pay Billion Marks Now As evidence of her good faith, says

"Germany declares herself ready to engage to pay for reparations a total present value. Germany is equally ready to pay this amount in annuities

Germany proposes in the note the issue of an international loan, the and provide for amortization. The sum of the reparations total not covered by this international loan would be provided, to the limit of Germany's

apacity, by payments in goods, materials, et cetera.

Co-operation In Restoration "Germany is disposed," says the note, "to allow the Allied powers to participate in Germany's economic and financial amelioration. Germany will co-operate with all her efforts in the reconstruction of the devastated regions, so that she may acquit herself as quickly as possibly of the sums re-

unining unpaid."
As security for the credi

her, the proposals state, willing to pledge public re nues and properties in a manner to by etermined between the contracting parties. Germany, "in the event the United States and the Allies so desire, is willing, according to the extent of her ability and capacity, to assume the allied obligations to the United States." says another clause in her counter pro-

"takes upon becoulf the obligation to recognize as binding the decidons of an international commission of experts upon her capacities,
"If it is believed by the American Government that another form of pro-

"Germany," continues the note,

that it be notified of the points on which modification appears desirable to the American Covernment.

handle, the German Government asks

velcome any suggestion from the American Government. The German Government is too deeply convinced that are dependent upon a speedy, moderate and just solution of the reparations problem not to do everything possible

Road Executives Will Be First Wit nesses Called

Washington, April 26,-(By A. P.) -Chairman Cummins, of the Senate in-terstate commerce committee, announced today that the general inquiry into rallthe road conditions would begin May 10.