## MAYOR REFUTES SALUS CHARGES

Executive Issues Sheaf of Answers to Criticism of Fourth Ward

### NO BOOTLEGGING EVIDENCE

A composite answer to the sheaf of letters sent to the Mayor and other rity officials recently by State Senator Samuel W. Salus, Vare leader of the Fourth Ward, complaining of conditions in that ward, was lasted by Mayor Moore today.

One by one the Mayor took up the Salus complaints and, quoting from the reports of police officials and special investigators, declared the complaints were "captious and without founda-

Answering the Salus charge that the Fourth ward was honeycombed with hootleggers, the Mayor quoted Acting Captein Graham, of the district, who said his men were keeping several suspected places under close watch, but had been unable to get any direct evi-

dence against alleged violators.

Another charge made by Salus was that Joe Hirst, former prize fighter, had been murdered a few days ago in a gambling house at Eighth street and Pass-

bling house at Eighth street and Passyunk avenue.

"Our investigation shows that the slaying of Hirst was the result of a quarrel over a robbery," the report of Graham said, "and not following a gambling quarrel. The place where the shooting took place is occupied, not by any gambling clubs, but by several political and other social organizations."

A third charge discussed by the A third charge discussed by the Mayor was that of Salus saying that money collected for the widow of Joseph McGinn, a detective murdered by

seph McGinn, a detective murdered by gunmen-gamblers several months ago, had not been delivered to her.

"In all, Captain Graham reported, the sum of \$567 was collected. Of this \$100 was turned over to Mrs. McGinn and the balance placed in a trust fund for a crippled child of McGinn by a former wife."

The Mayor also quoted his subordi-nates in denial of a Salus charge that

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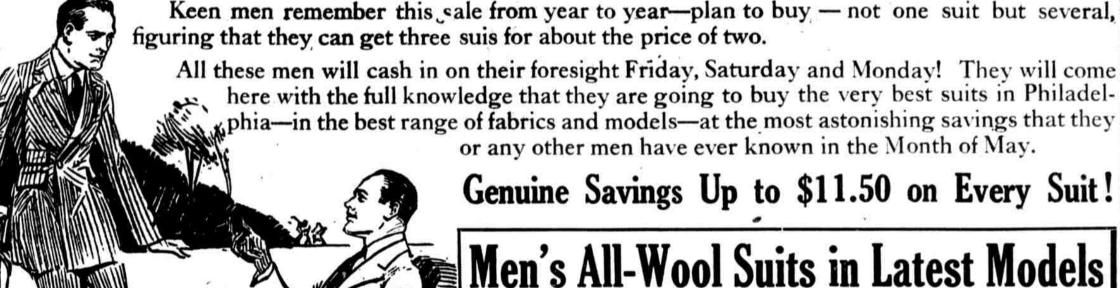
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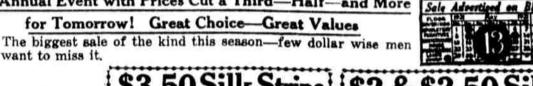
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