

# DEER LOSSES MAY REACH 4 MILLIONS

**Ancillary Receiver Takes Charge of Philadelphia Offices and Searches for Assets**

## EXPECT BROKER TO TALK

The E. D. Dier & Co. crash which M. the pocketbooks of about 500 Philadelphia was described as "a collapse" today by Clarence O. Bell, attorney of this city, who is to be named as an ancillary receiver.

The liabilities of the firm which had offices at 1435 Walnut street are about \$4,000,000 while the assets are problematical and almost negligible in comparison, according to Mr. Bell, who is receiving hundreds of complaints from clients of the firm.

**Office Building Sold**

The brokerage firm owned the Walnut street building where it had its offices but the structure was sold last week, although about \$15,000 is still to be paid. The firm also owned the building at 404 New street, New York, but it is said to be heavily mortgaged. The remainder of the assets, Mr. Bell said, consists chiefly of mining stocks of a highly speculative nature. He added that no substantial securities have been discovered so far.

Mr. Bell is the Philadelphia representative of the New York law firm which is counsel for Manfred Enrich, receiver of the firm. A petition is being drawn for the appointment of Mr. Bell as ancillary receiver.

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## WILLARD ASKS 6 PER CENT BASIS IN FIXING RAIL RATES

**Lower Income Will Not Permit Necessary Financing, He Says**

Washington, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—The question of the capital rate for the railroads will be settled to some extent after March 1, when the rate of 6 per cent fixed by the Transportation Act goes out of effect, was discussed today before the Interstate Commerce Commission's rate investigation.

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## SAYS HUSBAND "LAVISHED" TO CENTS MONTHLY ON HER

**Half-Dollar Pin Money Not Enough**

In Five Months, She Thinks

Mrs. Mary Linck, testifying against her husband, Charles, of 2112 East Cambria street, told Magistrate Dougherty today that in the five months of their marriage Linck had given her just fifty cents.

"I work and he doesn't do anything," said Mrs. Linck. "He annoys me all the time, and the other day he said he'd go to the electric chair for me."

Linck was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Harry Knell, of 2255 East Cambria street. Mrs. Linck's brother, Knell, charged that Sunday night he was attacked by Linck at Trenton avenue and Cambria street.

Linck blamed his troubles on his brother-in-law, declaring Knell instructed him since he to ignore Knell's "Ventilate your troubles in court," said the magistrate, holding Linck in \$500 bail.

## Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Jan. 17.—The following were granted marriage licenses here today: Corrodine Pentiville and Doris Pittine, Philadelphia; Clarence D. Sell and Elizabeth Pitt, Reading; Samuel S. Decon and Caroline Purdy, Trenton; Harrison J. Yocum and Florence Ives, Potomac; James Capps and Florence Morgan, Tanawana; Charles J. Smith and Catherine L. Burgoon, Jacksonville, Pa.; and Frank Cooper and Elizabeth Palmer, Georgetown, Del.

## ANOTHER GRIFFING STORY

Griffing, the well-known story of a man who was killed by a train, is being told again in a new version. The story is that a man named Griffing was killed by a train in the year 1890. The story is being told again in a new version.

# MAYOR CALLS P. R. T. "L" OFFER TOO LOW

**Declares Fiscal Report Will Prove Ability to Pay City Higher Rental**

## AGAINST WEGLEIN PLAN

The P. R. T. Company's statement that it cannot offer a \$750,000-a-year rental for the city-built Frankford elevated until the sixth year of operation "is unsupported by facts," Mayor Moore wrote today to Richard Weglein, president of Council.

The Mayor suggested that the company disclose all the facts regarding its increased earnings from the present six and one-quarter-cent ticket or seven-cent cash fare. Those facts should be obtained, he said, before an operating agreement is reached.

Thomas H. Mitten, president of the P. R. T., has offered a 1 per cent return on the city's \$15,000,000 investment, or \$150,000, for the first year of operation. This is to be increased 1 per cent yearly until a 5 per cent payment is made in the sixth year.

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## WANTS ALL FACTS MADE KNOWN

**Furthermore, in return for the emergency increase of fare to seven cents now enjoyed by the company, the company owes it to the city to give the fullest analysis of its ability to pay, in order to justify any sum it seeks to have the city accept for its valuable property as the Frankford elevated railway.**

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# \$100,000 BLAZE IN BOX FACTORY



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**Abandonment Recommended by Post Unless Conditions Are Improved**

## VETERANS BADLY TREATED

Washington, Jan. 17.—Charges of bad management, excessive prices and insanitary conditions at Pocono Mountain School, Pa., were laid before the House today by Representative Graham, of Philadelphia. He submitted a report made by a relief committee of D. and C. Post No. 132, of the American Legion, Pennsylvania department, which was furnished by Post Commander William B. Reilly, of Wilkes-Barre.

The report recommended that steps be taken at once to relieve conditions or abandon the school.

"After a thorough investigation," the report says, "your committee found conditions in general to be far from the standard that should be maintained in a sanitarium where men who, in sacrificing everything for the good of our country, are now placed in an effort to recover from pulmonary diseases and stomach ailments received as a result of the war."

**Charges Beyond Reason**

Your committee indignantly denounces the practice of extracting the large amount of \$49 from the pay envelope of every trainee each month to pay for meals and the renting of rooms. This is done by the National Subsistence Company. As the meals are of a poor grade and do not appear to be worth one-half of the price charged, the committee demands that the price be reduced. We believe that the amount is beyond reason."

The report points out that the men are charged fifty cents a meal, a fee of \$45 a month for board, but that if they are ill, no reduction is made. "This," adds the report, "goes to the Subsistence Company, which corporation, it is said, was organized to feed strike-breakers."

It is alleged that the rooms, for which \$4 is charged, are not properly taken care of, and that the kitchen was found to be in a deplorable state. The committee said the sinks in Pocono Pines were dirty, and that cobwebs were in the rooms, while the men were furnished a poor grade of linen.

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Fifty cents it was said, is charged for razor blades that may be bought elsewhere for thirty-five or forty cents; eight cents for soap that brings five cents elsewhere; seven cents for toothbrushes; and so on. The committee estimated that the stores were 50 or 60 per cent over regular sale prices.

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## ZELL'S JUGGLING CLUBS LAY TOKENS RELATED IN COURT ON FRANKLIN GRAVE

**Embezzling Cashier of Agricultural Trust Company and Broker Arraigned**

**JURY HAS HERR'S CASE G. W. NORRIS GIVES EULOGY**

Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 17.—The case of Frank E. Zell, assistant treasurer of the Agricultural Trust Company, charged with embezzlement, was arraigned today in the Lancaster County Court by Charles D. Zell, defaulting cashier of that corporation, through whose embezzlements the Agricultural Trust Company was wrecked last August.

Herr's defense was a denial of embezzlement. He said he was a stockholder in the company, which corporation, it is said, was organized to feed strike-breakers.

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# DRYS HOPE TO WIN NEXT STATE TICKET

**Anti-Saloon League Urged to Work for Men at Primary Who Will Back Law**

## SEE HARD FIGHT AHEAD

After two years of national prohibition the work of the Anti-Saloon League was never more needed, more appealed to, nor more effective than it is today.

This is a statement today of the Rev. Calvin C. Hays, of Johnstown, president of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League, at the annual meeting of that body in the Chambers-Wyckoff Presbyterian Church, Broad and Spruce streets.

Especially in Pennsylvania, said Mr. Hays, the league is passing through a trying period.

"It is being blamed for many things for which it is not responsible," he said, "and it is expected to accomplish the impossible under the present handicap of the law and law administration. Yet our organization was never more effective, more appealed to or more needed than now."

Mr. Hays declared that the league would press on until the saloon was gone from the State, and that the prohibition amendment is enforced in the homes of America.

Dr. Homer W. Tope, State superintendent of the league, in his report to the trustees, outlined the program that faces the organization which will require a vast expenditure of money and energy.

"The liquor traffic," said Dr. Tope, "after dominating Pennsylvania politics for half a century, although not dead, is sick. The suffrage of women has injected into our political affairs a new and untried element."

According to Dr. Tope the character of future legislation in prohibition enforcement will be influenced (temporarily) by the results of the May primaries.

In view of this the Anti-Saloon League is looking toward the accomplishment of five things which Dr. Tope outlines as follows:

The election of a Congress including two Senators in 1922 who would not allow violence to the purposes of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The election of a Governor and other State officials who will enforce the laws.

The election of a Legislature pledged to do away with the license system and secure an enforcement code in harmony with national laws.

An educational campaign creating sentiment for prohibition to law. Co-operation with Government officials in the enforcement of the Volstead act, encouraging honest officials and securing the removal of those dishonest and inefficient.

The trustees discussed the reports and after setting other routine business, adjourned for a luncheon at 2 o'clock at the City Club.

## KILLS WIFE AT NARBERTH AND THEN ENDS OWN LIFE

**Double Tragedy Follows Separation After Secret Marriage**

Mrs. Dennis Butler, known as Margaret Tierney, was shot and killed last night by her husband within 200 yards of the railroad station at Narberth. Then Butler committed suicide.

They were married secretly last June, and lived for a time at 4612 Brown street. Later they separated, and it is believed the man was infuriated last night when she spurned his pleas for reconciliation.

Mrs. Butler, who was thirty-one years old, lived at 515 Dibley avenue, Narberth, with her brother, Robert Tierney. Butler lived at 1330 North Fifty-fifth street.

Butler met his wife shortly after 7 o'clock last night. She alighted from a Pennsylvania Railroad train at Narberth station.

Another passenger, Frank Lozier, saw them talking together and then heard a shot. He turned just in time to see Butler fire two more shots into his wife's body, then place the muzzle of the revolver in his own mouth and pull the trigger.

The woman was still breathing when a doctor arrived, but she died a few moments after, as a priest was administering the last rites. Butler was left lying outside upon the pavement. His death had been instantaneous.

## MARQUIS OKUMA BURIED

**Impressive Funeral Services for Japanese Statesman**

Tokio, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—Many thousands of Japanese today paid tribute to the memory of Marquis Shigenobu Okuma, Japan's noted statesman, who died here last week. Before the funeral services were held today long lines of admirers filed past the body as it lay in state.

Many of the members of the imperial household, as well as numerous government officials and diplomats, visited the Okuma residence yesterday.

This morning a private religious service was held in the home, after which the body was escorted by a special detachment of the cavalry to the place of interment. It required several hours for the procession to move past the decorated building in which the funeral was conducted. During the ceremony a salute of nine guns was fired in front of the Department of Justice building.

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# MINT EMPLOYEES PRESENT PROTEST

**Petition Signed by Sixty Declares They Get Only Ten Days' Work in Month**

## DARROW TO PRESS CASE

**By a Staff Correspondent**

Washington, Jan. 17.—Representative Darrow will take up the question of wage and employment at the Philadelphia Mint with Director Baker, of the Bureau of the Mint, as soon as he returns to Washington, he said today.

The employees are greatly disturbed over the situation, the Congressman said, as evidenced by a petition signed by sixty of them this morning. It set forth that during December and January they were getting but ten days' work a month. They are working two weeks and off two weeks.

The men have got to get some outside work if they are to make a living," he said. "As far as the situation here is concerned, I have been waiting for Mr. Baker to get back, but I do not know that he will have any different view than that given by the Assistant Director."

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**Name Will Be Sent to Senate Within Few Days**

Washington, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—The German Government has notified the American Government that Alanson B. Houghton, now member of the House from New York, will be acceptable as Ambassador to the German Republic.

Representative Houghton's nomination as Ambassador to Berlin was recommended to President Harding by the New York Senators and Representatives, as well as the State Republican organization. Mr. Houghton is a millionaire glass manufacturer, of Corning, N. Y., and is serving his second term in Congress. He is fifty-eight years old and received part of his education in Germany.

## LYCOMING 18 BELOW ZERO

**Whole County Shivers in Coldest Day of Winter Season**

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—With temperatures ranging from 10 to 18 below zero in various sections of Lycoming County, today marked the coldest of the winter season. The 10 below mark was reached in this city. Oval claimed the distinction of being the coldest spot in the county, reporting 18 below. Coran Station came next with 17, Liberty and Ralston 16, Oriole and Marsh Hill 14, and Bodines and Saladasburg 13 below.

Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—(By A. P.)—The State capital shivered today in the coldest weather of the winter. An official minimum temperature of 6 degrees above zero being recorded.