

SAYS POLICEMEN INTERFERE WITH FIREMEN'S WORK

Colonel Demming Gives Out Details of the Complaint Made By the Union

TROUBLE AT THE SHEARER BLAZE

Declared "Copper" Refused to Let Fire Company's Foreman Go Into Building—Patrolman Made Fire- man Yield Place on Engine

That patrolmen many times during the last year have unwarrantedly interfered with the work of the volunteer firemen while on duty at fires and on at least one occasion a bluecoat brushed a fire ladder from a speeding engine and took the fireman's place on the apparatus in the rush to a fire, are among the charges made by the Harrisburg Firemen's Union in the protest it has prepared to file with Mayor Royal and Fire Chief John C. Kindler. Colonel H. C. Demming, president of the union, to-day gave out the details of the charges which a committee of the union has been delegated to lay before the Mayor and the Fire Chief.

Mayor Royal has not yet been officially informed of the union's action, but nevertheless said to-day that he has inquired into the report that some of his patrolmen had assumed authority at fires which the firemen construed to be interference. The Mayor stated that he felt confident that the difference said to be existing between the patrolmen and firemen can be adjusted at once and without difficulty.

Colonel Demming takes the stand that the alleged police interference actually endangers property when there is a fire, and says that the firemen and police authority ends during the fighting of a blaze.

Clash at Shearer Fire

Many of the representative firemen who constitute the Firemen's Union have complained to their colleagues regarding the so-called police interference. The latest instance, one of the members said, was at a recent fire in the Shearer building on Market street. In that case, Colonel Demming said, the assistant foreman of one company complained that "copper" had brushed him aside and refused to permit him to enter the burning building, saying: "There are enough men up there now. They don't need you."

"This whole matter resolves itself into a question of whether the firemen or the police are the more competent to fight fires," said a prominent smoke-eater, and whether a patrolman, standing on the outside of a burning building, is capable of determining what number of firemen is required successfully to combat a blaze."

When Mayor Royal was asked about the controversy he said that the committee from the Firemen's Union had not yet called on him. He said, however, he has inquired fully into the Shearer fire complaint and is satisfied that the firemen, who denied the assistant foreman's admission to the building, was justified in his action because "more men than were needed already were at the seat of the fire."

The Mayor's Attitude

The Mayor went on to say that he does not look for much difficulty in adjusting the difference between the firemen and the patrolmen, and he will give the firemen's complaint full consideration. He added, however:

"If the city of Harrisburg wants the firemen to have full control of fires and does not desire police protection we—meaning the police force—will gladly stay away. Then it will be up to the firemen to stretch the ropes and handle the curious spectators."

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION MAY BE RECONSIDERED

House May Be Compelled by Friends of the Governor to Vote Again on Measure Designed to Prevent Ac- tion on the Brumbaugh Bills

Friends of the Brumbaugh administration on Capitol Hill to-day said that if the object of the passage by the House yesterday of the resolution to adjourn sine die on May 6 is for the purpose of defeating the Governor's personal legislation as embodied in the local option, workmen's compensation, child labor and other bills, it will fail of its object. They are confident that, with the exception of the local option bill, enough legislators in both houses are committed to the Governor's legislation to carry it through to the executive desk, and they are confident, too, that the local option plan will be put through.

Regarding local option Governor Brumbaugh told visitors to-day that the fight has just commenced, and that he is confident he will win. As to adjournment the Governor had nothing to add to his expression of yesterday that he would be satisfied with any day for final adjournment provided the legisla-

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MRS. J. D. ROCKEFELLER DIES IN HER 76TH YEAR

Wife of Standard Oil Magnate Succumbs After Long Illness at Her Country Home at Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, This Morning

By Associated Press.
New York, March 12.—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller died at 10.20 o'clock this morning at the Rockefeller country home at Pocantico Hills, just outside of Tarrytown, where she had been ill for some time.

While Mrs. Rockefeller had been an invalid for many months, it is understood her death came rather unexpectedly. Her husband, John D. Rockefeller, and her son were at Ormond, Fla., and were advised early to-day that Mrs. Rockefeller had taken a critical turn for the worse.

Mr. Rockefeller and his son immediately engaged a special train, which is due here to-morrow. Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentice, Mrs. Rockefeller's daughter, was the only immediate relative present when she died.

The surviving children are Alta, wife of E. Parmelee Prentice; Edith, who married Harold Fowler McCormick, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Cleveland, O., March 12.—Although no word had been received here this afternoon with reference to the probable funeral arrangements for Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, who died at her home at Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, N. Y., this forenoon, Mrs. W. C. Rudd, of Cleveland, sister of John D. Rockefeller, expressed belief that burial will be made in Lake View cemetery, where the Rockefellers have a family plot.

Chicago, March 12.—Neither Mrs. Harold P. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, nor her husband are in Chicago. Mrs. McCormick is in Switzerland recuperating from an illness and her husband left Chicago Wednesday to join her. It is not known here whether Mr. McCormick had sailed or if he had even reached in time to delay his trip because of the death of his mother-in-law.

Laura Celestia Spelman Rockefeller was born in Wadsworth, Ohio, of well-to-do New England parents, on September 9, 1839. She was her husband's junior by two months. As a child she lived in Wadsworth, in Burlington, Ia., in Akron, O., where her father, Harvey B. Spelman, achieved a competence in the drygoods business and later in Cleveland. In the grammar school at Cleveland she met John Rockefeller when they were 15 years old.

Rockefeller was a country boy. She was the daughter of one of Cleveland's leading citizens. His home was a little farm house; hers, one of Cleveland's

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15 MORE SPANS OF C. V. R. R. BRIDGE ARE MOVED TO-DAY

Half-mile Stretch Had Been Pushed 6 feet Up Stream by 4 O'clock in Afternoon, With 2½ More Feet to Go

The second half of the Cumberland Valley railroad bridge across the Susquehanna river from Mulberry street—half a mile of steel structure on fifteen piers reaching from this side of the island to the Cumberland county shore—was being moved eight feet, six inches north on the piers to-day and put in line with the half of the bridge on this side of the island which was moved Tuesday, February 23. The work was being done without interrupting trains.

The bridge was shored up 9 inches on rollers and a jack placed on top of each pier so that the structure could be moved north by the operation of all the jacks at one time. At 11 o'clock this morning everything was in readiness and the work to start moving the bridge was given. Three men manned the jack on top of each pier and the entire half of the bridge was moved as one unit.

The curve in the bridge at this side of the island was gradually straightened out as the Cumberland side was moved. After each movement of the bridge a track gang adjusted the curve and as not to interrupt the passage of trains.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company had the contract for the work and J. B. Fraim was in charge for that company. T. B. Kennedy, an engineer for the railroad company, watched the progress of the work.

This was an even greater engineering feat than the movement of the first part of the bridge because the section moved to-day covered fifteen piers, while the first half covered but two piers. The section moved to-day included that resting on the two piers on the island.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon the bridge had been moved 6 feet and it was calculated the whole distance of 8 feet, 6 inches would be negotiated by 6 o'clock.

The old bridge is being "pushed up stream" to make room on the piers for the construction of the southern half of the new concrete bridge which is to be built across the river. The concrete structure, to carry two tracks, will ultimately replace the present single-track steel structure.

THAW'S TRIAL ABOUT OVER

Defense Rests and Attorneys on Both Sides Expect Quick Verdict

New York, March 12.—The defense in the trial of Harry K. Thaw for conspiracy in escaping from the Matteawan Asylum rested this morning after calling several character witnesses for Roger Thompson.

The prosecution summed up this afternoon. The case, it was said, would go to the jury immediately after Justice Page, presiding, had delivered his charge. Attorneys for both sides said they expected a quick verdict.

ALL PERRY COUNTY TO BECOME "DRY"

Disagreement of Judges Means the Closing of All the Bars After April 1

14 APPLICATIONS ARE HELD UP

Technical Error in Petitions Will Pre- vent the Sale of Liquor There, at Least Until the State Superior Court Can Take a Hand

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
New Bloomfield, Pa., March 12.—Perry county will be "dry" and without a single licensed hotel or saloon after April 1, next, and for one year thereafter, unless an appellate court decides otherwise. Applications for two hotel licenses were peremptorily denied to-day; one application for a bottle's license was withdrawn, and the remaining fourteen applications for licensing of hotels were not granted and, therefore, held up, due to the fact that President Judge W. N. Seibert and Associate Judge S. W. Bernhisel were hopelessly divided.

All of this was made known by the judges this morning and, while a number of the license applicants have expressed an intention to appeal their cases to the Superior Court, a decision by that tribunal, should it result in allowing some of the licenses, cannot be forthcoming by April 1, when the present license year expires.

The fourteen applications which were refused not granted—simply not allowed—all were held up because of a technical error in the applicants' petitions. The President Judge, who is "learned in the law," held that the applicants' failure to make affidavit to the fact that they are not directly or indirectly "interested in the manu-

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KEYS' FUNERAL TO-MORROW

Private Services for Man Who Shot Woman and Then Killed Himself

The funeral of Stephen W. Keys, the chauffeur, who committed suicide by shooting himself Wednesday morning after shooting and trying to kill Mrs. Nora Hossie, at Wyeth and Basin streets, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his brother, Martin L. Keys, 31 South Court street. The services will be private and will be in charge of the Rev. Dr. Ellis N. Kremer, pastor of Salem Reformed church. Interment will be made in the Euclid cemetery.

The condition of Mrs. Hossie, who received a bullet wound in the jaw, is reported to be rapidly improving.

For Prohibition in Alaska

Juneau, Alaska, March 12.—A bill providing for prohibition throughout the territory of Alaska was introduced in the lower house of the territorial Legislature yesterday. The bill was referred to a committee.

SAW AUTO WAS SPEEDING BEFORE THE FATAL CRASH

Witnesses, However, Do Not Undertake to State at What Rate It Was Go- ing—Hargest Is Bound Over From Grand Jury

The testimony of ten witnesses in the case of John J. Hargest, Jr., who is charged with involuntary manslaughter as the result of the death of Miss Grace Mangans in an auto crash at Front and Walnut streets, January 1, was heard in the office of Alderman Edward J. Hilton this morning at 10 o'clock. Hargest was released under \$2,000 bail, after the hearing, and the alderman ordered the case to be presented before the Grand Jury, March 19, at 9.30 o'clock.

More than half the witnesses said they saw the auto prior to its striking the trolley car and testified that it was being run at a high rate of speed. None of them, however, undertook to state the speed in miles per hour.

The first witness, William Stouffer, who was motorman of the trolley car that figured in the crash, stated that he brought his car to a halt within a few feet after being struck by the auto. He also said he remarked to Hargest that he was running the machine rather fast. Stouffer said Hargest denied it.

Passengers in the trolley who testified were: Mrs. Annie Gamber, William L. Gamber, Ira B. Bixler and George Lampas. C. A. Lefever, the conductor, also took the stand. Passengers said they received quite a jolt when the trolley and auto came together. Some of them said their hats were knocked from their heads. Several witnesses said the trolley car was running very slowly, probably no more than six miles an hour.

Another witness was Dr. Fred Coover, who attended Miss Mangans after she was taken to the Harrisburg hospital along with John H. Early, Miss Claire Swails and Edward Cooper.

Throughout the hearing Hargest, who was represented by Arthur H. Hull, as counsel, said nothing. The case was represented by District Attorney Michael E. Stroup.

WOMAN FIGHTS BURGLAR WHO INVADERS HER HOME

Then Causes Arrest of Man Who Tells Police of the Attack—Prisoner In- sists He Knows Nothing of Lively Struggle in Which Blood Flows

George Filer, 25 years old, a huckster, was given a hearing this afternoon by Mayor Royal on the charge of felonious entry and assault. It was a case in which Filer himself ran to the police and told them that a man was being beaten up and then had the experience of being pointed out as the aggressor and being placed under arrest. He denies he is the burglar.

The charge was made by Mrs. Emma Newcomer, 1425 Derry street. Her story of the police was that at 3.30 o'clock Thursday morning she was awakened by a noise and looked out from her bedroom, which is on the first floor of the Derry street home. She looked into an adjoining room and saw "a little man," she said. She thought it was a railroad call boy after one of the railroads in the house.

When she spoke to the intruder, Mrs. Newcomer alleged, he came into her room and this frightened Mrs. Newcomer, who arose and started to fight him. They engaged in a lively tussle and Mrs. Newcomer was struck in the face, receiving bruises and lacerations. Blood started flowing from her wounds and as the fight progressed the pair went from one room to the other, while blood marks dotted the floor.

The man escaped and ran away. Later Filer came upon Patrolmen Cummings and Lyne, whom he told that a man was beaten up in the Derry street house. He led the bluecoats to the place and Mrs. Newcomer then charged Filer with the assault. He was promptly arrested and sent to headquarters, where he insisted he knew nothing of the occurrence except that a man was "beaten up." The police described him on the blotter as "drunk."

The Mayor held Filer under \$1,500 bail for court.

MADDOO UNDER THE KNIFE

Secretary Undergoes Successful Opera- tion For Appendicitis

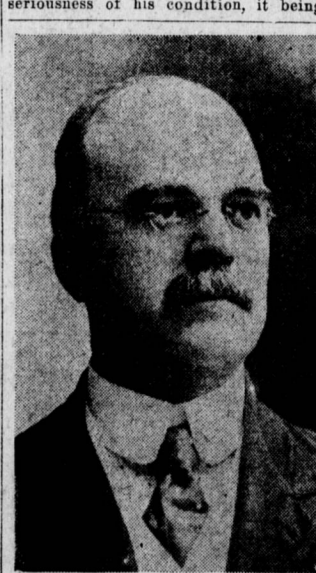
Washington, March 12.—Secretary McAdoo was operated upon for appendicitis to-day at a hospital here. The physicians issued a bulletin, saying the operation had been successful in every way and that their patient was in a very favorable condition.

Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's youngest daughter, accompanied her husband to the hospital and waited in the ante-room until the operation was over.

PROF. STEELE'S BODY TO BE BROUGHT HOME TO-NIGHT

Principal of Central High School Died Suddenly Yesterday in Lakewood —Wife Arrived Too Late to See Him Alive

Professor William Sherman Steele, principal of the Central High school since 1905, died at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a sanatorium in Lakewood, N. J., from a complication of diseases. None but the members of his immediate family was aware of the seriousness of his condition, it being



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Who Died Yesterday

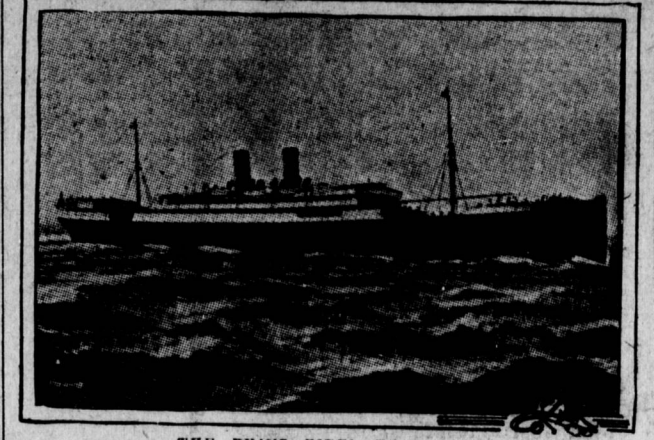
generally believed here that he would resume his duties at the school after the Easter holidays. Mrs. Steele went to Lakewood yesterday in response to an urgent telegram, but her arrival was a few hours after his death.

The body will arrive here this evening at 6.55 o'clock and until that time no definite announcement regarding the funeral will be made. The services will likely be held on Monday afternoon, however. The Central High school will be closed on the day of the funeral.

A special meeting of the School Directors will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock to take action on the death of Professor Steele. The students of the local Wharton Extension School of Finance and Accounts, of the University of Pennsylvania, of which Professor Steele was an instructor in commercial law, last night passed reso-

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GERMAN CRUISER WHICH SUNK FRYE



Here is shown the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the German auxiliary cruiser which sunk the William P. Frye, an American merchant vessel, in the South Atlantic on January 28. This news became known after the German cruiser had entered the harbor at Newport News for repairs. The Prinz Eitel Friedrich started on her career as a war ship from Tsingtao. She formerly was a regular steamship of the North German Lloyd line. She reached Tsingtao soon after the outbreak of hostilities, and the German marine authorities at that port equipped her with naval guns and turned her into an auxiliary cruiser.

U. S. CITIZEN WAS SLAIN IN MEXICO

Former Chicago Man Killed When Zapata Forces Entered the Capital Yesterday

AMERICAN FLAG NOT RESPECTED

Stars and Stripes Were Flying Over Victim's Home When Murder Was Committed, It Is Alleged, Out of a Spirit of Revenge

By Associated Press.
Washington, March 12.—John B. McManus, originally of Chicago, a prominent American in Mexico City, was killed yesterday when Zapata forces entered the city. An American flag was flying over his house and the doors had been sealed by the Brazilian consul according to advices to the State Department to-day from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City.

General Salazar, the post commander, promised the Brazilian Minister he would punish those responsible for the murder, which is said to have been one of revenge because it was charged — McManus killed three Zapatistas when they were in the city previously.

Secretary Bryan took the dispatches of the killing of McManus to the cabinet meeting and they were laid before President Wilson. Mr. Bryan said further reports on the punishment of those responsible were being awaited.

Accounts of Murder Vary
General Salazar also told the Brazilian Minister, the State Department advices said, that he would see to making arrangements for transportation of food supplies into the country.

The accounts as to the killing of McManus varied. Some persons said

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WALTER AGREES TO REPAIR STREETS, ENDING DISPUTE

Contractor Informs Highway Depart- ment He Will Get on the Job March 15—Declares He May Subsequently Sue the City

Although he continues to maintain that his contract with the City has expired, Charles E. Walter, in a letter received by Highway Commissioner William H. Lynch last evening, announced that he will be ready to go ahead with the city street repair work on Monday, March 15. He also said he will be prepared to do any extra work the City Highway Department may desire, but he added that he will do that only with the understanding that he be guaranteed the same pay as that at which "all extra work has been done by me hitherto."

This announcement by Walter practically closes the controversy, which arose a fortnight or more ago when Commissioner Lynch directed Walter to start work and the contractor refused on the ground that his contract automatically was dissolved with the close of work last fall.

Walter said to-day he will go ahead with the work and make demand for the \$3,750 which yet is due him on the last year of his contract. The contractor still is of the opinion, he said, that any work he does for the City this year is extra and aside from that called for in his five-year contract, and he may decide, he said, to sue the City for the cost of the work Lynch has ordered him to do.

This morning Commissioner Lynch went out of the city on a business trip but it is understood he forwarded a reply to Walter in which he told the contractor to go on with the work according to the instructions in the original notice.

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GERMAN CRUISER MAY BE INTERNED

Prinz Eitel Friedrich Will Probably Re- main at Newport News to End of War

VESSEL IN VERY BAD CONDITION

Interest Now Centers in Outcome of Federal Investigation of Sinking of U. S. Ship William P. Frye By German Sea Raider

Washington, March 12.—Confidential reports to officials here on the condition of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, in dry dock at Newport News, Va., seem to make it certain that the German raider will be forced to intern there.

Assistant Secretary Peters, of the Treasury Department told President Wilson to-day he expected the German commander would not venture to sea again. Mr. Peters told the President that his reports from Newport News show the Prinz Eitel is in very bad condition and utterly unfit to put to sea.

Sinking of the Frye

After his conference with the President Mr. Peters talked with Captain Kiehne, of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk by the Prinz Eitel, over the telephone and directed him to get sworn statements from as many of the crew of the Frye as possible. The President directed Mr. Peters to make a very thorough investigation of all the facts in the case.

Captain Kiehne is expected in Washington to-morrow and as soon as he arrives he will be interviewed by Mr. Peters and Counselor Lansing of the State Department and a sworn statement taken of all the incidents in connection with the sinking of the Frye.

Expect Germany to Pay Losses

After Mr. Peters conference with the President, it became known that administration officials take the view that the German government cannot refuse to make full reparation for the loss of the hull and the cargo of the Frye. Out of the sum expected to be paid by the German government, the American government will be reimbursed of the amount of the policy on the hull written by the war risk insurance bureau.

Three Weeks to Repair Prinz Eitel
Newport News, Va., March 12.—Captain Thierichsen of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich has estimated in his communication to the Washington government, that it will require about three weeks to repair his ship. The estimate was made after ship yard officials here had made a preliminary examination.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German drive at Przrasnyez, in Northern Poland, has carried the advancing army within 2 1/2 miles of the city, the Berlin war office announced to-day. Russian reports of recent victories are denied, and various German successes are recounted. It is said that in two battles 7,200 Russians were captured.

The German statement admits the capture by the British of Neuve Chapelle, as announced in London yesterday, but says that attempts to gain further ground were defeated.

Advices from Constantinople by way of Berlin are to the effect that the bombardment of the Dardanelles is being hindered by storms and fog, and that the attacking fleet has accomplished nothing more. A British landing party, given variously at 1,000 to 2,000 men, was driven back, according to these reports, one of which asserts that all of the British were killed or captured.

A semi-official statement from Petro-

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BRITISH AND INDIANS ARE ADVANCING

Making Sweeping Strides In Direction of Strong German Po- sition at La Bassee

STROKE AIMED TO AID RUSSIANS

Keeping Kaiser's Forces Engaged On Western Front to Prevent Rein- forcing Von Hindenburg's Armies Between Vistula and Niemen Rivers

London, March 12, 12.22 P. M.—The sweeping advance of British and Indian troops around Neuve Chapelle in the direction of the strong German position at La Bassee is regarded by some English newspapers to-day as the commencement of active operations on the left wing of the allied front in the western theatre of the war and as likely to be followed by another important offensive thrust preliminary to a general advance in the spring.

It is believed, moreover, that the Germans will promptly seek to retaliate. If they do this it will compel them to keep their western forces intact if not to reinforce them to meet the fresh forces which Great Britain is putting into the field. This is just what the allies profess to desire. Their stroke is timed to aid the Russians, for if the allies had not kept the Germans busy along the western front, it is believed the German commanders would again have shifted forces to the eastern line to strengthen Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, whose armies are now fighting hard to regain the ascendancy between the Vistula and the Niemen rivers.

These battles in Northern Poland are not thought in London to have reached the maximum intensity and that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, with heavy reinforcements is said to be attempting another flanking movement against Przrasnyez with the idea of resuming his original plan of advancing along the Niemen should the operations against Przrasnyez be successful. The battle line which is the crux of these operations extends for a distance of eighty miles between the river Orzye and the river Vistula.

RUSSIA ORDERS 40,000 TONS OF STEEL RAILS FROM AMERICA

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 12.—The Russian government has ordered 40,000 tons of steel rails of light weight from American rail mills, a portion of which has been placed with the Carnegie Steel Company and the Cambria Steel Company, it became known here last night. The order is one of the largest "light" rail orders placed in several years.

The Russian and French governments have also placed additional orders for barbed wire with companies in the Pittsburgh district. The last order calls for approximately 15,000 tons and is valued at more than \$500,000.

DUPONTS TO INCREASE PLANT TO COPE WITH WAR ORDERS

New York, March 12.—President Pierre S. Dupont, of the E. I. Dupont De Nemours Powder Company, announced last night that sufficient orders have been received from the belligerent powers to warrant the company in making large extensions to its plants. "Our expenditures in construction may reach a total of \$5,000,000 or more," he said. "This is an extraordinary amount to apply toward the manufacture of military powders."

Mr. Dupont said that land already has been purchased on the James river in Virginia for a new factory for the manufacture of dynamite and gunpowder.

TIN PLATE PRICE ADVANCED

Independent Manufacturers at Pittsburgh Make Announcement

Pittsburgh, March 12.—Independent tin plate manufacturers in the Pittsburgh district yesterday announced an advance in price in tin plate equal to \$3 a ton.

The announcement followed that recently made by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company of the same increase in price which brings the market up to \$3.50 per base box. Tin plate mills in this district, it is estimated, are operating at fully ninety per cent. of capacity.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, March 12.—Southern Railway pfd. fell five points to 45 in the final dealings on passing of the dividend. Representative stocks were at lowest levels of the day. The closing was heavy. Recent manipulation in specialties, chiefly motor shares, culminated to-day in general declines, leaders yielding a point or more.