SHIPPING BOARD IN FOR CRITICISM

Congressman Edmonds Says Legislature Will Force Quicker Action

CORROBORATES BOWLES

Declares Mercantile Men Are Trying to Throttle American Marine

Criticism of the shipping board for not having any defined plan for the American merchant marine was made today by Congressman George W. Edmonds.

He predicted that unless some quick action was taken by Chairman Hurley and his associates, the House Committee on Merchant Marine would take the matter in hand and map out a program.

Congressman Edmonds came to this city to confer with Director Webster, of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and to ask the city to co-operate in his plan to operate big American lines on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, that would carry cargo from virtually every port in this country to South America. The plan includes Philadelphia.

He hopes to gain the promise of the city that in event the measure he introduced in Congress last week is passed, a municipal pier be provided for the lines at low rental.

Says Merchant Marine is Threatened

Regarding the charges made by Rear Admiral Bowles that foreign interests working through New York mediums are trying to throttle the American merchant marine, Congressman Edmonds said that the statement was true in great measure.

"Shipping men in this county are merely agents of foreign corporations," he said. "Their money is tied up in the foreign lines because there was no American marine. Furthermore, their positions are dependent on these foreign companies.

"They do not warm up to the American merchant marine plan, or lend great encouragement for that reason. The steamship men are perfectly willing that the government go ahead and promote the merchant marine, but they will not give up present associations until assured of the success of the project."

Declare Glowing Promises Aren't Kept

Congressman Edmonds criticized the trips of Chairman Hurley, the expenses involved in such trips and the promises made, but, he asserted, never materializing.

"Looking back over the last year and a half I find that Mr. Hurley has given us a lot of glowing promises. He went to Europe to survey the shipping in other countries and promised us a complete report and a definite program, but we have not heard as much as one word from him.

"Whenever one or two congressmen go to the shipping board for some information, we are passed along from one person to another. They are great on 'passing the buck.' "

RITTER TO ORGANIZE PRICE-SETTING BOARD

Redfield Resents Suggestion That Rates for Products Will Be Fixed

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 17.—The first step toward setting up the price conference commission approved by President Wilson to suggest prices which the government will pay for principal commodities during the post-war readjustment period was taken today by Secretary Redfield with the appointment of W. M. Ritter, formerly head of the hardwood lumber section of the war industries board, to supervise organization executive work.

Six members will make up the commission, one of whom will be named by the railroad administration, and the complete personnel will be announced this week.

Secretary Redfield criticized today published comments on the plan, and declared specifically that neither price-fixing nor price maintenance was contemplated by the government or the industrial leaders who devised the arrangement for suggesting commodity prices at a level on which the consumer is expected to buy.

"Prices must come down," the secretary said, "and it is only a question of whether or not the slow economic process of allowing factories to close and workmen to stay idle until consumption resumes again is to be followed. That plan is socially dangerous. What is proposed by the conference board is immediate action to suggest the proper price level, a level at which the government can be satisfied to make its own purchases. No compulsion is involved, and nobody will be compelled to abide by the decision. It will merely be published as a fairly determined guide which buyers and sellers can safely follow."

U. S. WANTS FIREMEN

Shipping Board Needs 1500 Husky Youths for Marine

The United States shipping board wants 1500 husky young Americans at once to learn the business of firing boilers on the new ships of the merchant marine. Chairman Edward N. Hurley of the board, announces that he will have places for 1500 a month in this rating until further notice. The men accepted will be placed on training ships at $30 a month training pay for thirty days, and will then be sent on deep water voyages at $75 a month. Uniform and board are furnished. Voyages will be varied to allow the recruits to see as much of the world as possible, and the possibilities of promotion are emphasized.

GET SOLDIERS' EFFECTS

Bureau Distributes Deceased Fighters' Possessions to Relatives

Washington, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Establishment at Hoboken, N. J., of an effects bureau to receive from overseas the personal effects of deceased officers and men and distribute them to the proper relatives, was announced today by the War Department.

Inquiries regarding the personal effects of deceased soldiers should be addressed to the "Effects Bureau, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J."

Mint Here Making War Medals

Ten thousand Mexican service medals for the men who served at Vera Cruz are being manufactured at the Philadelphia Mint. The medals are bronze discs made with an enameled target or other device in the middle. The mint also makes all the medals awarded by the Government for military and naval service, as well as many for other governmental uses.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DR. CONWELL

Students at Temple University Pay Tribute to Its President

THIS IS 'FOUNDER'S DAY'

Archbishop Dougherty, Agnes Repplier and Others Will Get Honorary Degrees

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, president of Temple University, had a birthday party today in the college forum of the university, Broad and Berks streets.

The party was a joint celebration of the founding of the "poor man's university" and of the founder's birthday, for Doctor Conwell was seventy-six yesterday.

The party was in the nature of a realistic demonstration of Temple's service to the people—for old and young were there—old and young who are acquiring education in the school, from the kindergarten and the first grade up.

The party was more especially for the younger students. Tonight all will participate in the founders day exercises in the Academy of Music, during which honorary degrees will be conferred upon Archbishop Dougherty, Agnes Repplier, noted Philadelphia writer; A. Edward Newton, manufacturer, and others.

Doctor Krusen Speaks

The birthday party opened with an address by Doctor Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities and vice president of Temple University. Children of the kindergarten and the first grade then proved their love for their president with a birthday song for him.

After Francis Gibson had presented the gift of the elementary school, Miss Helen Petzold sang for the kindergarten department, and students of the normal physical education department executed a difficult and effective ballet. Miss Mirian Stauffer, of the kindergarten department, gave a reading, followed by a song by Helen P. Maize, of the preparatory school, with Lillian Brackman, preparatory school, at the piano.

A gift of the faculty and the university was then presented by Doctor Krusen and Catherine Fuller, of the business department, gave a violin solo. After the gift presentation for the preparatory school, by Harry Eisenberg and Percy deRoche, the party closed with a song.

This evening at the Founder's Day exercises Robert L. Kelly, Chicago, former secretary of the American Council of Education and at present secretary of the Association of American Colleges, will speak on "The Forward Look of American Education." Doctor Conwell and Doctor Krusen will also deliver addresses.

Conferring of Degrees

The presentation of honorary degrees will hold an important place on the evening's program. The degree of doctor of laws will be conferred on Archbishop Dougherty, who will be presented by Michael J. Ryan. In case, as is highly probable, Archbishop Dougherty's duties elsewhere prevent his attendance, Monsignor Henry T. Drumgoole, rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, will take the degree for Archbishop Dougherty.

Degrees of Lit.D. will be presented to Miss Repplier, who will be presented by Dr. L. H. Carnell, Dean of Temple, and to Mr. Newton, who will be presented by Judge John M. Patterson, of Common Pleas Court.

Mr. Newton is president of the Cutter Electrical and Manufacturing Company, Nineteenth and Hamilton streets. He is well known as an essayist and litterateur and has one of the finest collections of books in this vicinity at his home at Haverford.

The degree of doctor of divinity will be given to two Philadelphians and one Canadian. The Rev. Groves W. Drew, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Broad and Ritner streets, and the Rev. Milton H. Nichols, of the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, will receive degrees, and the Rev. John Morrison, of Sarnia, Canada, an expert on housing problems, will be honored with one.

'TRUSTY' KILLED IN 'MOYA'

Negro Stabbed to Death by Fellow Prisoner

An argument over distribution of food to prisoners in Moyamensing prison between two negro "trusties" resulted in the death of one of them from wounds inflicted by the other with a broken knife.

The dead man is George Bethel, twenty-two, of 1609 Waverly street, who was serving a two-year sentence for larceny. Harry Carter, twenty-seven, who was serving a year's sentence for unlawful possession of drugs, inflicted the wounds, according to the police.

The men had almost completed their sentences and were to have been released shortly for good behavior. They got into an argument on Saturday outside of the cells, according to the police, and Carter obtained a broken knife and stabbed Bethel several times. Bethel was treated by the prison physician and sent to the Philadelphia Hospital yesterday, where he died. Detectives Belshaw and Brennan placed Clarke under arrest.

FRENCH ACES COMING HERE

Will Bring Machines to Show Wonderful Progress in Aviation

Paris, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—On March 8 a French aviation mission will leave for the United States with the object of demonstrating the degree of efficiency French airplanes have attained. The mission will take with it five of the fastest machines that have been turned out, of various makes. One of the planes is fitted with a closed cabin for the use of the Americans who have been invited to accompany the mission, which will have five of the noted French aces as pilots for the machines.

The itinerary of the mission covers New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New Orleans, with a return to New York, the various stages being covered by air. The mission will take with it a collection of paintings and photographs illustrating air episodes of the war. These pictures will be put on exhibition.

SKIP-STOP HEARING TODAY

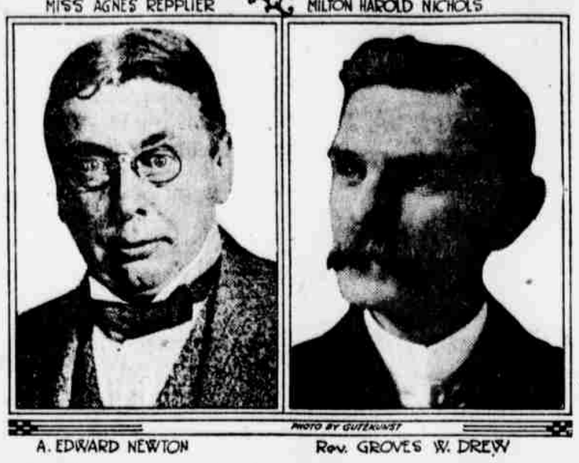
Complaints Received Since Last Meeting to Be Presented Then

Another conference on skip-stops will be held this afternoon in the office of the Rapid Transit Company, when the committee from the United Business Men's Association will present and discuss requests filed since the last meeting. All the complaints must be filed by the end of the week, so that a final meeting can be held on February 24, when all the skip-stop complaints will be disposed of. Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, has presented petitions from employes of two manufacturing plants asking stops on Jefferson street at Fifth and Sixth streets.

Requests have been filed to have the stop restored at Ridge avenue and Twenty-fourth street, and several stops are requested on Oxford street. The Chester Avenue Citizens' Association wants a stop restored at Forty-third street.

TO RECEIVE TEMPLE UNIVERSITY HONORS

ARCHBISHOP DOUGHERTY — MISS AGNES REPPLIER — MILTON HAROLD NICHOLS



A. EDWARD NEWTON — Rev. GROVES W. DREW

Temple University's Founder's Day exercises will be held in the Academy of Music this evening. The presentation of honorary degrees will have an important place on the evening's program

SENATE HEARING ON DRY AMENDMENT

Law and Order Committee to Confer on Ratification Tomorrow

Harrisburg, Feb. 17.—Hearings on legislative measures will begin in the Pennsylvania General Assembly this week, two being scheduled. On the Senate side the Law and Order Committee will give a hearing on Tuesday afternoon on the resolution to ratify the prohibition amendment, which passed the House early in the month by a vote of 110 to 93. It is the plan to have the Senate dispose of the measure by February 25. On the House side the Judiciary Special Committee will give a hearing Tuesday on the McCurdy bill to reduce the fees for licenses for the sale of oleomargarine. Representatives of the farming interests will oppose changes. A bill also is pending to abolish all licenses for the sale of oleomargarine.

Efforts have been under way to fix a date for hearings on protests against any legislation to permit concerts or entertainments of an educational nature on Sunday and also against the proposed repeal of sections of the "blue laws" of 1794.

Results of Speaker Spangler's notice to chairmen of committees of the House to get to work on the bills in their hands are apparent on the calendar for the House when it meets tomorrow evening, there being forty-nine bills scheduled, most of them on second reading. This is the first time in years that the House has had such a large calendar in the middle of February. There are two bills on third reading, one being to increase pay of jurors and witnesses and the other to advance salaries of court criers and tipstaves.

The Senate, which will also meet tomorrow night at 9 o'clock, has nineteen bills, including the big highway department measures, the Allegheny County two additional judges' bill and the Daix firearms bill.

Sessions will be held by the House on three days. Tuesday night the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce will tender a reception to the Legislature and the state officials.

Governor Sproul plans a series of conferences to complete drafts of legislation recommended in his inaugural address

Sheehan Winner of $350,000 Fees

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31, 1917, goes on to explain that the case hinged on a question of the constitutionality of the act of July 31, 1913. By this act the salary of Register of Wills in every county containing a population of 1,500,000 and upward is fixed at $10,000 a year and that they shall pay all fees or commissions of any kind earned by them for services performed either for the county or for the state or otherwise into the county treasury. Mr. Sheehan contended that this act was in violation of the Constitution.

The opinion then explains that the dispute over fees arose shortly after Mr. Sheehan took office and that it was mutually arranged between him and the County Treasurer that until proceedings to test the constitutionality of the act of 1913 had been instituted and determined the sum paid to Mr. Sheehan should be the amount fixed by that act and the fees collected by him deposited in a separate account and kept intact, with the agreement and understanding that should the dispute be decided against the constitutionality of the act he should be entitled to the fees and such compensation as had been theretofore provided.

JUSTICE AT SON'S HEARING

Alex. Simpson, Jr., of Supreme Court, Appears in Police Court

Justice Alexander Simpson, Jr., of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, was among others who attended a hearing in the court of Magistrate Harris today when a son of the Justice, Lieutenant Alexander Simpson, was summoned for an automobile accident.

While going north on Sixty-third street yesterday a car, driven by Lieutenant Simpson, struck Miss Helen Buchanan, of the Avondale Apartments. The young woman received slight cuts and bruises. The lieutenant took her to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital in his car and then surrendered to the police. He was held for a further hearing on his recognizance.

PASTOR SUES TRUSTEES

The Rev. E. H. Finger Charges Defamation of Character

Suit for defamation of character and assault will be brought against trustees of the Wissinoming Baptist Church by the Rev. Elmer H. Finger, pastor, as soon as the result of their legal action to gain control of the church is settled.

"Let the heathen rave" was the sum of his advice to the members of his congregation who gathered at the service yesterday morning. Then he told them of his intention of entering suit against the trustees ousted about a year ago and who are now holding services in a nearby motion-picture house.

The differences between the pastor and his flock on one side and members of the board of trustees on the other originated about a year ago following the sale of a revival tent by the pastor.

SEEK JUVENILE ELOPERS HERE

Bridgeton Pair, Matrimonially Bent, Traced to This City

Has anyone seen an eloping couple around here today?

Rose Truneo and Peter Elbert, each eighteen years old, of Bridgeton, N. J., left home today for the avowed purpose of getting married.

They boarded a train for Camden before the parents of the girl discovered their intentions, and a flyer was sent to the Camden police from Bridgeton. Motorcycle Policeman Jeff Kay hurried to the terminal, but the train bearing the couple had arrived a few minutes before him.

Camden then "passed the buck" on to Philadelphia, and cruel (?) policemen are already searching the highways and byways in an effort to apprehend the couple.

VETERAN IS HIT FIRST TIME JUST AS WAR COMES TO END

J. A. Bremble, of This City, Who Passed Unscathed Through Many Battles, Wounded 15 Minutes Before Signing of Armistice—Another Philadelphian, on Way to Hospital, Saw Him Fall

J. A. Bremble, 2111 Ontario street, fought with the Liberty Division from the time it made the assault on Montfaucon until fifteen minutes before the armistice was signed. He sustained a shrapnel wound that put him out of action and was on his way to a field hospital when the Allies staged their great victory demonstration on the western front.

Bremble, with more than 100 veterans from this State, has just landed at New York. The Huntington, Matsonia and Louisville brought thousands of fighting men from France and the Pennsylvanians represented the Twenty-eighth (Iron Division) and the Seventy-ninth (Liberty Division).

The story of Bremble's battle experiences was but one of scores related by the Keystone men. Bremble was attached to the 314th Infantry and engaged in every fight in which the Liberty Division figured. Fifteen minutes before firing ceased on November 11 he was hit. Private Hibberd G. Gunmbert, 109 Spruce street, was gassed on the last day of the war, and while being carried to a dressing station saw his comrade Bremble fall.

That the Iron Division has virtually lost its identity was made plain by Lieutenant Merle E. Coover, of Carlisle. He was attached to the First Battalion of the 112th Infantry and was one of the first men in that unit to cross the Vesle River when the Pennsylvania Guardsmen crossed the stream "Few men in our division escaped injury," said the young officer. "The division has virtually lost its identity and is today made up of men representing every state in the Union."

The Louisville brought the colored artillerymen of Philadelphia. They made up the 351st Field Artillery of the Ninety-second Division. The units of the regiment to arrive were the field, staff and supply companies, medical detachment and batteries A, B, C and D.

Among the Philadelphians to arrive on the Matsonia were:

Michael J. Raimone, 5231 Hazel avenue, 110th Infantry; Hugh McCormack, 2060 East Somerset street, 315th Infantry; David Friedman, 869 North Sixth street, 304th Ammunition Train; Samuel Lipshutz, 838 Ritner street, 109th Infantry; Harry Hershman, 2018 North Marvine street, Fifty-seventh Engineers; Thomas McDermott, 3720 Haverford avenue, Division Headquarters of Seventy-ninth Division; Sergeant Harry A. Motz, 3122 West Gordon street; Joseph Roman, 8012 Roanoke street, Chestnut Hill; David Freedman, 304th Infantry, 184 West Tioga street; William J. English, 329th Infantry, 2730 Sears street; Jacob Lagar, 120th Infantry, 2609 South Beulah street; George Whiting, 109th Infantry, 3915 Aspen street; Frederick L. Rex, 314th Infantry, 2842 Girard avenue; Samuel D. Strain, 315th Infantry, 939 East Tioga street.

How the German artillery made a lucky hit and destroyed an ammunition train on September 6 in the Argonne Forest was told by Sergeant George T. Pyott, 316 North Tenth street, Camden, N. J. He arrived on the Huntingdon.

"I was standing about 100 yards from an ammunition train when the enemy artillery opened up with high-explosive shells. I knew trouble was coming and fell on my stomach. Sure enough, a shell hit the train squarely and the seventy-five men on it were killed as the cars were blown into fragments. The shock rendered me unconscious for seven days, after which I regained consciousness for two hours and then went off again for four days. My heart and lungs are still in bad condition."

MAN AND FAMILY LEAP FROM FIRE TO MATTRESSES

Trapped by Flames, He Throws Out Bedding for Use as Safety Net

Mattresses used as fire nets aided in the rescue of three persons from a spectacular fire at 2805-07 East Cambria street this morning.

The building is a three-story frame structure, with the first floor occupied as a store, and the flames had gained great headway before Thomas Pleasure, 2809 Cambria street, was alarmed by smoke in his house and aroused the neighborhood.

Walter Zablowski, his wife and five-year-old son, Walter, asleep in the burning building, were awakened by the shouts from the street. Flames cut off their escape by way of the stairways, so Zablowski threw a mattress to his friends below, and had his wife and child jump into the mattress held by people in the street. Then he followed.

The building in which the fire began was badly damaged by the flames, as was the adjoining structure, an unoccupied frame dwelling. Sparks flying from the burning buildings fell for blocks around, and kept the residents busy at work extinguishing them. The neighborhood is made up largely of frame dwellings, and fear was held that the flames might spread and cause a general conflagration.

FIGHT ON TOBACCO NEXT

Prohibition Supporters to Begin New Crusade, Says Minister

Proponents of prohibition will direct their attention against tobacco and lax Sunday laws, now that national prohibition is assured, according to the Rev. Clarences True Wilson, a member of the board of temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Doctor Wilson, who spoke at the weekly meeting of Methodist ministers in Wesley Hall, Seventeenth and Arch streets, today, also declared that Theodore Roosevelt, had he lived, would have thrown his support against tobacco.

While he admitted that tobacco had aided in keeping up the morale of soldiers in France, Doctor Wilson said that men could not continue the use of tobacco and be efficient.

"I had a long talk with our late President Roosevelt," he said, "and he told me that he was going to ally himself with us against tobacco and said that one of his sons would aid us."

Speaking of the war, Doctor Wilson said that if he were a young man he would go to Germany as a missionary.

INFLUENZA KILLS THREE IN FAMILY WITHIN 24 HOURS

Newtown Square Mother, Son and Daughter Die Within a Short Time

The family of John J. Redfern, near Newtown Square, has been afflicted by three deaths within twenty-four hours. Pneumonia, following influenza attacks, was the cause of the deaths.

Mrs. Henrietta Redfern, wife of Mr. Redfern, died Saturday, after a week's illness.

Frank Redfern, a son, aged twenty-two, who had been suffering several weeks from a cold which developed into pneumonia, also died Saturday, at his parents' home.

Mrs. Alice Faber, a daughter, who had attended her mother while she was ill, contracted the same disease and on Saturday night was removed to the Media Hospital, where she died last night.

The funerals of Mrs. Redfern and her son will be held tomorrow.

Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Faber have not been completed.

Frank Redfern served with the Third Regiment, N. G. P., on the Mexican border. He accompanied the regiment to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., but before the command was sent overseas he was discharged for physical disability and returned to his home.

TROOPS HOME FROM WAR

Rotterdam, Dante Alighieri and Sixaola Arrive at New York

New York, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—The steamship Rotterdam arrived here from Brest today with 2736 troops, including thirteen French enlisted men.

Among the units were the Field and Staff Headquarters Company, Medical Detachment, and Companies G, I, K, L and M of the 367th Infantry (negro), National Army of the Ninety-second Division; Headquarters Staff of the Ninety-second Division; a detachment of Company D of the 162d Infantry, of the Forty-first division (National Guard units of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming), and casuals.

The steamship Dante Alighieri arrived with 1585 troops, including the Sixty-first Regiment Coast Artillery Corps (complete); three officers and thirty-eight men of the U. S. S. Scorpion, who were at Constantinople during the war, and a number of civilians, including Y. M. C. A. workers. This vessel sailed from Marseilles January 20.

The Sixaola brought forty-seven casual officers and men, nineteen of whom were sick or wounded. The vessel left Bordeaux February 5.

The troops on the Rotterdam came home in command of Brigadier General James B. Irwin.

Civilian passengers included United States Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma.

CHINESE ROUTS BANDITS WITH STEAMING STARCH

May Hung Long, Laundryman, Uses Novel Weapon When Two Highwaymen Enter Washery and Demand His Hoard at the Points of Revolvers

The average bandit may regard himself as a stiff proposition—but a bowl of hot starch is stiffer.

This was proved by May Hang Long, a laundryman, of 6238 Germantown avenue.

Two youths with checkered caps and coat collars turned up like regular "movie" highwaymen, entered the laundry of Long today while he was sprinkling a shirt. Each of the visitors drew a revolver. Then they pulled down the window curtains and poked the weapons under the laundryman's nose.

"Give us your money and do it quick," said one of the bad bandits.

"Me no lunderstan Linglish," murmured the Chinese.

His eyes rolled in circles. He decided that the callers were at least unfriendly. Long then backed toward a shelf and reached up. The bandits smiled. They were sure he was reaching for a box of money. But he wasn't.

Instead of clasping the money-box, Long clutched a bowl of hot starch and let it drive like a hand grenade toward both robbers.

The steaming liquid didn't take any definite direction. Most of it lodged in the faces of the bandits, who yelled with pain. They decided not to linger longer at Long's and groped for the door.

A few feet away was an automobile, and the chauffeur pal who waited guided them to it.

"Beat it quick," said one of the bad bandits. They dodged as they were whisked away, as if they feared another starch bomb might come along and add to their misery.

The police are looking for the two bandits, who were burned. Both are said to be hot under the collar.

10 PER CENT INCREASE TO PACKERS' WORKERS

Award, Retroactive to November, Will Cost Five Firms $13,000,000

By the Associated Press

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Packing house employes received a 10 per cent increase in wages today by the decision of Judge Alschuler, arbitrator of the employes' demands.

The advance is retroactive to November 10. In addition the award grants a two and one-half cents an hour increase to all workers less than twenty-one years old whose earnings are less than forty-two and one-half cents an hour.

Time and a half is given for overtime, with double time in certain instances. Overtime begins after eight hours, and there is compensation also for men who are required to be at work before five o'clock in the morning. The overtime scale becomes effective March 2. The award applies to the Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Morris & Co., Wilson & Co. and the Cudahy Packing Company, throughout the country.

The increases are based on the advance in the cost of living. The award deals also with a number of minor complaints.

Counsel for the packers estimated that the award would cost the packers $13,000,000 a year. About 85,000 employes will receive the retroactive advance.

Judge Alschuler said that, although there was a slight decline in some items of the cost of living, rents have gone up.

New York, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—The executive council of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor today cabled to Samuel Gompers in France asking him to request European labor leaders to oppose contracts sought in France and Belgium by the Building Trades Employers' Association, of this city.

This action follows the calling of a general strike, effective today, of all basic building trades workers employed by the Builders' Association. Some labor leaders estimated that 100,000 men in several score cities would be affected, although they admitted it might be several days before they could call "all the men off the jobs."

Frank Feeney, of Philadelphia, international president of the Elevator Constructors' Union, said that 3000 of that trade alone would quit work, seven hundred and fifty of these in New York.

Washington, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Conciliators in the New York Building Trades strike—Henry J. Skeffington, of Boston, and Walter D. Davidge, of Washington—conferred today with Secretary Wilson at the Department of Labor. They said they came merely to make a report and would return to New York to continue their efforts to settle the strike.

Puget Sound Shipworkers Return Wednesday

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—Steel and wooden shipyards in Seattle and Tacoma will reopen their gates Wednesday morning, re-employing men who apply and paying the scale of wages that prevailed before the strike of more than 20,000 metal trades workers in the two cities January 21. Approximately fifty contract shops, also closed by the strike, officially announced they would resume work at the same time.

The employers' statement denied an attempt would be made to run the yards on the "open shop" basis.

Mayor Plans Rushing of Municipal Work

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for construction work at other points on the city's waterfront.

Plans for much of this work already have been completed, and the field work figures and estimates are available upon which to base specifications for new proposals.

When asked as to the character of work to be first put under contract, the Mayor said:

"I mean to let contracts for the things most imperatively needed and for the work that can possibly be completed during the coming summer and fall. One project very near to me is the Children's Hospital buildings needed by Director Krusen, of Health and Charities, will receive my attention. I mean to confine my program to useful projects and not to those that might come under some other head.

"Transit, bridges, highways, sewers, etc., will be among the work first started, and I believe that some of the contracts can be gotten underway this spring. Proposals will be asked for some classes of work before April 1 and I mean to see that contracts are let wherever the figures submitted are satisfactory. The time for delay, in my mind, is over and we can accmplish much by working steadily through the year."

One project in which the Mayor is particularly interested, but for which no funds are available, is the extension of the water system. Speaking of this plan, he said:

"Water now must be given first consideration. We will have to safeguard the city's supply and see that it is at all times adequate. I mean to see that this matter is taken care of this year. There must be no further delay in assuring to this growing city the safe supply of water necessary to its needs. Until the money is provided, however, no actual work can be started."

During the week Mayor Smith will confer with his department heads with a view to the advertising of proposals for work to be placed under contract in April and during the summer months.

These contracts will include additional work on the Frankford Elevated, the further construction of the city's sewage disposal plant, the improvement and repairs to highways and construction work planned in connection with the department of Health and Charities.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING

Negro in Critical Condition After Quarrel in Rooming House

During a quarrel in a room at 1334 Rodman street early this morning, Moses Lewis, twenty-one years old, was shot below the left ear and is in a critical condition in the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Police say Hilda Gordon, twenty-three years old, admits shooting Lewis. Both are negroes.

A lodger in the Rodman street house, hearing the shot said to have been fired by the woman, discharged a revolver from an upper window. This shot attracted Rosenthal and Evertt, patrolmen of the Twelfth and Pine streets station, detailed to the neighborhood in plain clothes.

When the patrolmen forced their way into the house they say they found Hilda Gordon on a stairway with a revolver in her hand. Lewis was unconscious in a room nearby.

BRYAN THINKS LEAGUE BIG STEP TO PEACE

Great Commoner Speaks Here in Favor of Dry Amendment

William Jennings Bryan, former Secretary of State, believes the league of nations plan to be admirable and a long step toward permanent peace.

He was in the city yesterday to make three addresses for ratification of the constitutional amendment for prohibition, and in an interview spoke in glowing terms of the league of nations.

"The draft of the league of nations is a wonderful step in advance," Mr. Bryan declared. "Too much praise cannot be given to it and the men who stood by it. As a whole it is admirable. But as in its present form it is not presented as a perfected instrument. I take it for granted the different points will be discussed until it ultimately becomes an instrument so perfect in tone that its effect will provoke and promote harmony in the entire world.

"In principle and general plan the league of nations, even now in its imperfected state, stands out prominently as one of the world's greatest achievements.

"There are, however, some changes I personally would like to see made.

"I would not care to suggest these in an interview, as, in my opinion, it is not proper to discuss objections to anything so stupendous without entering into a detailed discussion of the entire matter. There is no time for that. But what is more to the point and much more important than any objections to any paragraph in the draft of the league is that its main purpose and general plan should receive the full indorsement of any one imbued with the principles of real democracy."

SINN FEIN SUPPORT ASKED

1500 at Meeting in Kensington Hear Praise of Irish

Fifteen hundred persons crowded the People's Theatre, Kensington avenue and Cumberland street, last night at a meeting under the auspices of the Friends of Irish Freedom, to urge the acceptance by the Irishmen of this country of the new Sein Finn republic. Michael Donohoe, for many years interested in Irish movements, presided.

The first speaker was Dr. Patrick McCartan, who came to this country as the envoy of the Irish republic. He called upon his countrymen here, and their descendants, to stand solidly behind this new republic.

Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell also spoke.

The Rev. James Grattan Mythen, of Baltimore, an Episcopal clergyman and a chaplain in the navy, recited the heroic deeds of the Irishmen in that branch of the service.

SEEK "BLACK HAND" AUTHOR

Letter to Dr. William L. Griffith Demands $5000 Under Threats

Police are guarding the home of Dr. William L. Griffith, a dentist, of 2009 North Twelfth street, as a result of a "Black Hand" threat, received several days ago, demanding that $5000 be placed in a sewer on North Second street under threat of blowing up his house.

Doctor Griffith was given until last night to produce the money, and although the police hovered around the spot where it was to have been placed the alleged writer did not appear.

The letter, which was made up of individual words clipped from the newspapers and pasted on a sheet of note paper was turned over to the police shortly after it was received.

The Griffith letter is the second "Black Hand" communication to be received by Philadelphians during the last week. Last Tuesday United States postal inspectors arrested Joseph Kermen, a florist, on charges of threatening to blow up the home of Frank P. Myers, a wealthy rose-grower of Wyndmoor.

OPORTO REBELS SURRENDER

Republic's Authority Restored, Portuguese Monarchists Arrested

Lisbon, Feb. 17.—(By A. P.)—An official statement issued by the government announces the re-establishment of the authority of the republic in Oporto, which had been the center of the monarchist movement.

The leaders of the monarchist government have been arrested, and their troops have either surrendered or been dispersed.

A London dispatch dated February 14 said that advices had been received by the Portuguese legation there that Oporto had been captured and the monarchist leader, Pavia Coucerio, arrested. The monarchist movement broke out in northern Portugal on January 14 and the fighting was confined mostly to the region of northern Portugal about Oporto.

Juvenile Culprits Freed

Norristown, Pa., Feb. 17.—Five boys, members of prominent Lansdale families, were before Juvenile Court today charged with breaking into the summer home of Anna Berger, of Philadelphia, about a mile out of Lansdale. The court sent the boys home to give them another chance.

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FIREMEN WHO DIED LAST YEAR HONORED

Impressive Memorial Service Held for Forty-seven of City Department

Forty-seven men of the city's fire department, who died in service last year, were honored at the ninth annual memorial and patriotic exercises held by the Bureau of Fire in Scottish Rite Hall yesterday. About 2000 members of the fire department and their relatives and friends attended.

Joseph S. MacLaughlin, Director of Supplies, delivered the memorial address. The Rev. John G. Wilson, a brother of Director Wilson, made the invocation and delivered an address at the close of the exercises.

The "roll of honor" was read by William H. Murphy, chief of the Bureau of Fire. Music was furnished by the organist and choir of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity.

The roll of honor was composed of the following:

The list of firemen lost during the year is:

Harry Wirth, lieutenant, Engine Company No. 41, killed January 24, 1918.
James Stewart, captain, Truck Company No. 6, killed January 24, 1918.
James Pollock, hoseman, Chemical Company No. 1, killed January 24, 1918.
Samuel Roller, hoseman, Chemical Company No. 1, killed January 24, 1918.
Harry Myers, hoseman, Engine Company No. 32, died February 15, 1918.
John Doyle, ladderman, Truck No. 9, died March 7, 1918.
Charles McGee, lieutenant, Engine Company No. 44, killed March 11, 1918.
Jeremiah O'Connor, ladderman, Truck Company No. 14, died April 8, 1918.
Conrad Schafer, hoseman, Engine Company No. 46, died April 13, 1918.
James King, hoseman, Engine Company No. 24, died May 24, 1918.
William Robertson, engineer, Engine Company No. 11, died July 26, 1918.
John Anderson, hoseman, Engine Company No. 54, killed August 8, 1918.
Henry Spiker, hoseman, Engine Company No. 58, died September 20, 1918.
Harry McGinnis, engineer, Engine Company No. 11, died September 25, 1918.
Thomas Quinn, ladderman, Truck Company No. 9, died September 29, 1918.
Louis Kessler, hoseman, Engine Company No. 3, died September 29, 1918.
Washington Ferguson, driver, Engine Company No. 35, died September 29, 1918.
Joseph McKay, ladderman, Truck Company No. 2, died September 30, 1918.
Francis Ward, hoseman, Engine Company No. 23, died October 2, 1918.
James Moran, hoseman, Engine Company No. 48, died October 2, 1918.
Andrew Anderson, engineer, Engine Company No. 48, died October 3, 1918.
George Dick, hoseman, Engine Company No. 46, died October 5, 1918.
William Wiley, lieutenant, Engine Company No. 49, died October 7, 1918.
Frank Devlin, hoseman, W. T. No. 2, died October 8, 1918.
John Ashton, hoseman, Engine Company No. 36, died October 8, 1918.
James Cox, hoseman, Engine Company No. 49, died in U. S. S., October 9, 1918.
Edward McNamee, hoseman, Engine Company No. 57, died October 11, 1918.
Charles Dunford, hoseman, Engine Company No. 27, died October 11, 1918.
George Paul, fireman, Engine Company No. 36, died October 13, 1918.
William McCann, hoseman, Chemical Company No. 4, died October 13, 1918.
Michael McHenry, hoseman, Chemical Company No. 4, died October 13, 1918.
George Neavil, hoseman, Engine Company No. 27, died October 14, 1918.
William Koppe, hoseman, Engine Company No. 36, died October 15, 1918.
Harry Fuhrman, hoseman, Engine Company No. 38, died October 16, 1918.
John Gilloway, hoseman, P. L. No. 8, died October 21, 1918.
Harry Gentzsch, driver, Engine Company No. 18, died October 29, 1918.
Samuel Diamond, hoseman, Engine Company No. 40, died in U. S. S., October 29, 1918.
Joseph Ayers, hoseman, Engine Company No. 40, died November 12, 1918.
William McCall, hoseman, Engine Company No. 48, died November 26, 1918.
John Lamon, driver, Engine Company No. 25, died November 29, 1918.
Frank Solly, tillerman, Aux. Truck D, died December 1, 1918.
James McAleer, hoseman, Engine Company No. 47, died December 25, 1918.
Walter Shultze, hoseman, Engine Company No. 14, died December 31, 1918.
John Boss, hoseman, Pipe Line No. 2, killed in action overseas, September 28, 1918.
John Castor, ladderman, Aux. Truck D, killed in action overseas, September 28, 1918.
Edward Archer, hoseman, Engine Company No. 2, killed in action overseas, November 5, 1918.
Lawrence Haas, hoseman, Engine Co. No. 8, killed in action overseas.

DETECTIVE'S BROTHER RAIDED

While Vice Squad Man Seeks Bootleggers, Others Arrest Relative

While Charles Foulke, a negro of the vice squad, was rounding up "bootleggers" in the vicinity of Tenth and South streets Saturday night, the home of his brother, Henry Foulke, North Alder street, was raided by four members of the vice squad, as a gambling joint, according to testimony before Magistrate Mecleary in the Central Police Station today.

"I told Foulke to tell his brother to cut it out," said Detective Charles Lee at the hearing, when Henry Foulke was arraigned with eight others. The men admitted they were shooting crap and playing cards and were fined $5 and costs each.

A few minutes before this Charles Foulke appeared against Henry Taylor, eighty years old, said to be the oldest "bootlegger" in the city, who was caught by Foulke a few days before. In the act, is alleged, of passing a pint of whisky to a sailor at Tenth and South streets. Taylor was fined $10 and costs.

DEATHS

RICE.—In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 15, JOHN W., husband of Gwin Rice, aged