FIREARMS BILL LOST IN HOUSE

Measure Requiring Permit to Buy Revolvers, Etc., Defeated 104 to 76

RURAL MEMBERS DID IT

License Fee of $1 and Leaving of Homes Unprotected Among Objections

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Country members of the House defeated decisively the Neary bill to require purchasers of and persons having in their possession small firearms to obtain a permit from the sheriff of the county in which they reside.

The rural members took violent exception to the clause in the bill which requires an annual license fee of one dollar. A similar fate is predicted for the Daix Senate bill which would require a permit from the police authorities.

Philadelphia's present crimes were given as ample reasons why the bill should be passed when the measure was called up for final action by Representative Daniel J. Neary, last night. Representative Baldridge, of Allegheny, opened the attack on the bill.

Mr. Baldridge declared the bill was "put in under the guise of depriving crooks and criminals from having weapons, but would make every decent citizen who failed to get a license a criminal." Baldridge spoke feelingly of the people who would have to part with heirlooms in the way of old weapons.

Residents Demanded Law

Representative Wells, of Philadelphia, said the bill was drafted after a conference with the district attorney and other prominent citizens of that city, and declared the residents of Philadelphia had demanded the enaction of such legislation "to protect them from the reign of terror sweeping over the city."

"Citizens of Philadelphia," Wells exclaimed, "are being held up nightly on the highways and byways, and beaten and robbed. The police are working overtime to halt these outrages, but they are unable to cope with the situation because of the lack of sufficient men."

Representative Showalter, of Union, opposed the bill because conditions did not exist in the rural districts similar to those in Philadelphia.

Representative Sowers, the only Philadelphian to speak against the bill said it was "a vicious measure," because it did not permit a citizen to have a revolver in his home. If that clause were eliminated he said, he would vote for the bill.

Representative Bennett, Philadelphia, said the bill was designed especially to prevent "irresponsible boys from buying a revolver at a pawnshop and unintentionally slaying a playmate."

"We owe it to society," Bennett declared, "to put teeth into the law to clean up this wholesale possession of firearms by irresponsible people. A gun gives no protection from a hold-up man when he already has you covered."

Mr. Bennett dwelt particularly on the number of youths slain accidentally by revolvers in the hands of companions. He declared that "a law like this would have prevented the recent shooting of five citizens in one day in Philadelphia by a demented man."

Objects to Amendment

Representative Walker, Philadelphia, made a stirring plea for the passage of the bill. Before the vote was put, Mr. Sowers asked unanimous consent to amend the bill, but Mr. Neary objected.

Representative Showalter, of Union, interrogated Mr. Bennett and asked why a citizen who took out a license was required to go and have it renewed at the end of the year.

"Because if he were found to be unfit to have a gun in his possession in that time, the license would be revoked," was the reply of Mr. Bennett. The vote on the bill was 76 for and 104 against.

After the vote Lieutenant Benjamin R. Golder, who represents a Philadelphia district, took the floor on "personal privilege," and defended the name of Philadelphia. Lieutenant Golder said he resented the sneers cast at the city by members who sat near him. Both the Vare and Penrose delegations from Philadelphia voted almost solidly for the passage of the bill.

Following the action on the Neary bill, rural members defeated a bill designed for their own protection. The measure introduced by Mr. Davis, of Cambria, would have required all counties in the state to employ one or more county detectives.

NEW TRANSIT BILL IN SENATE MONDAY

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Senator Augustus F. Daix, Jr., of Philadelphia, announced that another effort would be made at this session of the Legislature to empower the Public Service Commission with authority to compel existing street railway companies to make connections with new lines in order that cars may be through-routed over both systems.

Senator Daix said he would introduce a bill to this effect Monday night, at the instance of the United Business Men's Association of Philadelphia.

The measure will be drawn along the same lines as the so-called Salus bill, which was defeated in the House after one of the bitterest fights ever waged here. The McNichol forces lined up the country members against the Salus measure, and, despite every effort of the Smith administration, backed by the full power of the Vares, the bill failed of passage.

The Salus bill was designed to give the Public Service Commission power to compel the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company or any other company to connect its lines with any the city might build in the corporate limits. The Daix bill will provide just such connections. The fact that such a bill is about to be introduced is taken to mean that the city wants to be prepared to force the transit company to connect up its lines with city-built lines should the municipality fail to negotiate a favorable lease with the company and decide to enter the transportation business itself.

MEASURES INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE TODAY

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Chairman Hollingsworth, of the House agricultural committee, today introduced a bill to fix the minimum of butter fats in milk sold in the state at 3 per cent, and of milk solids at 11½ per cent, with a provision for standardising by adding skim milk or removing cream under regulations of the Dairy and Food Commissioner. A clause permits filing of affidavits that nothing has been added to or taken from the milk. He also introduced a bill authorizing formation of an association of township supervisors.

Mr. Brendle, Berks, introduced a bill fixing a dollar bounty, payable under regulations of the game commission, for each of ten varieties of hawks and four of owls.

Mr. Sprowls, Washington, read in place a bill to fix at $1875 a year salary of Assistant District Attorney in counties with less than 150,000 population.

A new fee bill for aldermen and justices, making numerous increases, was presented by D. D. Miller, Clearfield.

An amendment to the school code by Mr. Bechtold, Dauphin, would allow $500 to county school superintendents and assistants for traveling expenses, payable in ten monthly installments, beginning September 1. They now pay their own expenses.

Mr. Davis, Cambria, presented a bill authorizing district attorneys to appoint county detectives at from $1200 to $2500 in counties having between 150,000 and 250,000 population.

Another bill for physical training in schools under direction of a bureau of physical education in the Department of Public Instruction was presented by Mr. Fox, Philadelphia. A State Supervisor is to be named at $4000 and will draw up the courses.

Mr. Runkle, Monroe, introduced a bill to allow carp, suckers and eels to be taken with dip nets and burr hooks.

Half a million dollars' worth of unclaimed bank deposits can be secured for the state under terms of an amendment to the escheat law passed in the House today, according to Mr. Palmer, Schuylkill. The measure is one of three drawn up by the Auditor General to clarify the escheat laws which are now in litigation. Mr. Palmer made an extended address on the bill, in which he said it was essential for laws to be passed if the state was to obtain unclaimed money.

The bill for discharge of sureties in criminal cases where an indictment is not found in six months was negatively reported by the House Judiciary Special Committee.

SENATOR DAIX PRESENTS BILL HITTING SCALPERS

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Senator Augustus F. Daix presented a new and drastic theatre ticket-scalping bill in the Senate.

The bill prohibits the management from selling or giving away tickets unless the price of such ticket shall be printed on the ticket, or to permit sales except at the box office.

It is also made unlawful for any one except the owner or management to sell theatre tickets.

BILL GIVES PENSIONS TO STATE EMPLOYES

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Bills introduced in the Senate today included the following:

By Mr. Beales, Adams, providing that any state employe who shall have served in office thirty-five years and shall have reached the age of sixty-five, may retire on half pay.

Mr. McConnell, Northumberland, authorizing the insurance commissioner to determine reasonable insurance rates of rate-making bureaus.

Mr. Gray, Philadelphia, repealing the proviso of the act of May 16, 1889, requiring reports to be made to the court of receipt by cemetery companies of gifts or bequests so as to receive the approval of the court as to the investment of such bequests.

HOUSE WILL CONDUCT WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Speaker Spangler announces that Wednesday sessions of the House will be held regularly in the future. The announcement followed his conference last night with the chairmen of the House committees.

To insure a quorum the roll will be called when the session opens on Wednesday afternoon. An attempt to hold a session last Wednesday failed because a majority of the members left for home at the close of the morning session.

CRIME PENALTY BILL UP

House Gets Measure Providing Twenty Years for Bandits

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—The Lafferty bill, dealing with bandits and strong-arm men, has been introduced in the House.

Instead of providing a death penalty, as announced last week, it sets forth a minimum penalty of "a fine not exceeding $5000, and imprisonment by solitary confinement at labor for a term of not less than twenty years," for those found guilty of the offense.

The bill is aimed at gunmen and robbers responsible for recent crimes in Philadelphia. Although a minimum of twenty years' imprisonment is named as punishment for the felony, it is understood that it lies in the discretion of the court to fix a term of any number of years above the score mark.

ASSESSORS WANT RAISE

Delegation of City Real Estate Men in Harrisburg for Purpose

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—A delegation of real estate assessors from Philadelphia is urging the passage of the bill to raise the salaries of real estate assessors from $2000 to $4000.

The bill is on the House third reading calendar this morning and is expected to pass that body.

Real Estate Assessors John J. Carley, Edward Pohl and John Ford are here working in behalf of the bill.

U. S. S. SEVERANZE IN AFTER STORMY TRIP

Cargo Carrier Returns Unused War Material Manufactured Here

"The heaviest storms in years," is how officers of the United States cargo-carrier Severanze, which docked here today, described the weather that accompanied them from St. Nazaire, France, all the way to this country.

They were not three days out when the storm struck them. It drove them out of their course so far that they ran short of coal and were obliged to put in at the Bermudas to take on fuel, instead of taking eighteen days to make the voyage it took thirty-one days.

The Severanze got into the United States service August, 1918, and has plied between New York and St. Nazaire ever since, carrying locomotives. This is its first visit to Philadelphia. It is returning unused war machinery made here. On its first voyage to St. Nazaire as well as on the last trip before this the Severanze was attacked by submarines, both times in the Bay of Biscay.

During the last attack four torpedoes were fired. Destroyers came up just in time to save the vessel from becoming a prey to the Germans. The Severanze was unarmed and could make no resistance.

Captain Julian Bloch is commander of the vessel. It carries eleven officers and a crew of seventy-seven men. It is probable that this is its last voyage in government service, and that it will go back to its owners, the Union Sulphur Company.

Serbia Gets New $15,000,000 Credit

Washington, Feb. 25.—A new credit of $15,000,000 for Serbia authorized today by the Treasury raised Serbia's loans from the United States to $27,000,000 and loans of all the allies from the United States to $8,674,657,000.

Bomb Kills Belgian Children

Brussels, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—Four children are dead and twelve injured at Opwijk, ten miles northwest of here, as a result of the explosion of a German hand grenade with which they were playing.

PRESIDENT ON WAY TO MECHANICS' HALL

Photo by Evening Public Ledger Staff Photographer.

The presidential party after a short stop at the Copley Plaza Hotel for luncheon proceeded to Mechanics' Hall, where the President made his address. The hotel is at the right of the view; in the center background is Trinity Church

CHURCH PROPAGANDA TO CURB BOLSHEVISM

Presbyterian Moderator Tells Laymen Christianity Will Rescue Nation

"Cleanse the plague spots in our cities, the centers of poverty, disease and vice," was the message brought by the Rev. Dr. J. Frank Smith, of Dallas, Tex., moderator of the General Assembly, to 600 Presbyterian laymen, their wives and friends, at the thirtieth annual dinner of the Presbyterian Social Union last evening in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford.

"It was from one of these plague spots in an American city that Trotzky went out to become the murderer of Russia. We must blot out the plague spots for the safety of the nation.

"We must stop foreign propaganda. We must stop hatred of the flag. With all the power of the Federal Government, the city, school and Church we must stop it. At the same time we must put morals at the base of the individual life. We must get ethics into the corporate life of the nation. We must Americanize and Christianize this nation. We have 200,000 churches and 42,000,000 church members to do the job. Germany started a propaganda that came near choking the world. Let us start a Christian propaganda that will rescue the nation from the perils now threatening it. The Presbyterian Church with its 500,000 men and its millions—nay, billions—of wealth, must do its part."

Edward J. Cattell delivered a Philadelphia-boosting address, in which he said he had no fear of the future of the American nation.

Commander Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army, was introduced by S. Earle Hoover, the toastmaster, as "our commander," and told why the Salvation Army won the praise of governments and soldiers at the front.

Private Killed by Military Police

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—(By A. P.) Private Fred Kinkaln, of Elizabeth, N. J., was shot and instantly killed last night at Camp Jackson by a member of the military police. Military authorities are investigating the shooting circumstances.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Myman M. Bleisher, 491 York ave., and Gertrude Rosenberg, 2509 N. Marvine st.
Robert Kolbe, 2509 N. Marvine st., and Theresa Rotz, 765 N. 2d st.
William A. Rolfes, 2001 E. Huntingdon st., and Helen Orth, 2437 Indian st.
David Rosenfeld, 2000 Washington ave., and Flora M. Smith, 1914 Arch st.
Harry McCabe, 8214 Tinicum ave., and Margaret M. Corbett, 814 Wyoming ave.
Harry Carey, 1417 N. 6th st., and Rose M. Annanson, 1940 N. Hancock st.
Herbert L. Shoults, 6415 12th st., and Ella Peterson, 582 N. Franklin st.
Lester Bernard Dwyer, 2202 Cambria st., and Mary E. Wells, 2603 Washington ave.
Ray Alesbire, 1635 Dodman st., and Elsie Hankins, 1618 Mountain st.
John B. Teston, Jr., U. S. N., League Island, and Anna P. Sacree, 2347 N. Woodstock st.
Sebastian Wuck, 3300 Richmond st., and Anna Latta, 2417 E. Westmoreland st.
James F. Huston, 1279 S. 23d st., and Marie C. Rutter, 6926 Keystone st.
Abbonessa Pinkston, 220 S. James st., and Clar C. Gruber, 2217 N. Hancock st.
Cornelius C. O'Brien, 6815 Greenway ave., and Margaret B. Connolly, 6906 Fair hill ave.
John L. Schwartz, 4520 N. Marvine st., and Hilda Bilsch, 1234 Jasper st.
James Weatherby, 635 N. 19th st., and Annie Gilmartin, 635 N. 19th st.
Arthur P. Van Glahn, 1116 Wallace st., and Shirley Noble, 1116 Wallace st.
Harry Clarke, 3150 G st., and Ida V. Lukens, 3248 Kensington ave.
James O'Donnell, 434 S. 20th st., and Minnie McBride, 837 S. 46th st.
Ronald Campbell, Asbury Park, N. J., and Ethel Kerns, 1432 Diamond st.
Louis Romano, 737 S. Randolph st., and Dilisola Gallarello, 636 Catharine st.
John F. Robinson, Yonkers, N. Y., and Mary E. Hamilton, Yonkers, N. Y.
Charles F. Fielding, 6109 Vine st., and Genevieve C. Seal, 842 N. Robinson st.
Francis J. McKinney, Tacony, and Mary E. Rowe, 7043 N. Dover st.
William H. Rapp, 711 N. 35th st., and Matilda H. Bauer, 2531 N. 26th st.
Carl R. Schultz, 224 E. Phillipsburg st., and Pearle A. Neff, 6610 Germantown ave.
William F. Wells, 1434 Lombard st., and Jennie Tillette, 1230 Rodman st.
Louis Sepin, 1512 S. 15th st., and Ida Brooks, 781 Jackson st.
James M. Winters, 2941 Alder st., and Kathryn Phelan, 1724 Wolf st.
James E. Brady, 808 Spring Garden st., and Helen Smith, 808 Spring Garden st.
Walter J. Faust, 1234 St. Bernard st., and Anna Rush, 2048 E. Arizona st.
Edward Quinn, 289 W. Haines st., and Margaret McShane, 6120 Musgrave st.
Wiley W. Grimes, Chester, Pa., and Dorothy Hesse, Chester, Pa.
William W. Butler, Atlantic City, N. J., and Clara L. McAllister, Atlantic City, N. J.
George L. Cooper, 1404 Dauphin st., and Julia N. Knight, Pen Hills, Md.

BLUE LAW FOES WILL USE MUSIC TO WIN PUBLIC

Philadelphia Orchestra to Play at Hearings on Bill Legalizing Sunday Concerts

An innovation in the way of public hearings is promised when the Burke bill to permit Sunday lectures, orchestral concerts and "movies" of an educational character is given an airing in different sections of the state.

As an incentive to arouse interest in behalf of the bill, the Philadelphia Orchestra will make the circuit of public hearings and give classical concerts. It will be the first time that musical concerts have been given to aid in arousing public sentiment for the passage of a bill.

Hearings on the bill will be held as follows:

Philadelphia, March 10; Pittsburgh, March 17; and Harrisburg, March 19.

At the hearing in Philadelphia, Representative Burke, sponsor of the bill; Alexander Van Rensselaer, Lieutenant Commander Payne, of the United States Navy; General Waller, of the marine corps, and others are expected to urge passage of the bill.

Cocktail Mixers Turn to Sundaes

Continued from Page One

lector's office and was required to figure out how much he owed Uncle Sam.

Blanks containing places where he could tell just how much tobacco he had on hand were to be filled out before nightfall. And the "floor tax" on cigars (that is the official name for the new tax) was in some cases 50 per cent more than the old tax.

Cigars were divided into five classes. On class A the tax increased from $3 to $4 per thousand. Class B (the old five-cent kind) had a brand-new $2 tax and the prices continued up to the plutocratic class E, which advanced from $10 tax per thousand to $15. Cigarettes jumped $1 and $2 a thousand in taxes. Only the humble "all tobacco cigarette" stayed anywhere near earth. Its tax was increased from $1 to $1.50 per thousand, which looks as though somebody in Congress was trying to boost the all-tobacco cigarette.

A stout dealer on Walnut street was found on a step ladder high in air frantically reaching for a case of cigars. He was talking to the world at large and he didn't care who heard him.

"I'm a patriot," he puffed. "I bought Liberty Bonds and all that. But I don't see why they make me climb around and pretty nearly break my neck to find out how much more money I've got to pay them."

There are no tobacco exemptions. Every cigar and cigarette on the counters today will be included in the tax.

Vain Pleas for Exemption

Tax Collector Ephraim Lederer said that for failure to make proper returns dealers in any of the new commodities included in this new luxuries tax were required to pay a fine of 200 per cent of their tax with a possible "monetary penalty" as well.

Over in the tobacco division of the Federal Building's tax-collecting offices there were hundreds of wild pleas for exemptions made today. D. D. Anderson, in charge of the bureau, stood most of the time with a telephone to his ear telling people how sorry he was that no part of their stock could be omitted from the tax.

Eleven-Cent Sundae in Sight

R. F. H. Haight, manager of a big downtown lunchroom and soda water fountain, foresaw the introduction of the odd-priced sundae.

"When this new tax comes to us," he said, "we will simply follow the example of theatres and add a penny to each ten cents of purchase." He sighed. "That means a lot of bookkeeping for us," he added.

Furriers, sporting goods dealers and manufacturers of musical instruments and motorcycles were among those who were figuring out from their stock on hand just what they owe the federal government for the coming fiscal year.

BILL ADDS TO CITY'S BORROWING POWER

Connelly Has Measure Raising Limit From 7 to 10 Per Cent for General Purposes

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—City Solicitor John P. Connelly is here with a bill which provides in effect an increase of Philadelphia's borrowing capacity from 7 to 10 per cent for general purposes. The measure repeals the act of 1913, which gave the city an extra borrowing capacity of 3 per cent for transit and port improvement. The bill in reality is an enabling act designed to carry into effect the provisions of the constitutional amendment which was ratified by the electors in November last.

This amendment, proposed and backed by the Vares, provided that the extra 3 per cent could be applied to general improvements. It was vigorously opposed by advocates of improved transit facilities and independents on the ground that it merely opened a wider field for the operations of the contractor bosses and diverted funds earmarked for transit and port development to all sorts of development schemes with a promise of added profits to the contractors.

The bill really enables the city to borrow more money than ever before because it proposes that bonds floated for revenue-producing improvements shall not be charged against the borrowing capacity.

In other words, as Mr. Connelly explained today, the bonds for such improvements as transit, for instance, which produce revenue, will not be included in the city's debt when an estimate is made of the borrowing capacity.

PAID-FOR MAIL SLOW, BUT FREE POST SPEEDED

Letter Dropped in Box Broad and Chestnut Delivered Block Away 13 Days Later

Mail posted in the central section of the city should reach Germantown in something like two years and a half.

That is, if the precedent recently established by a letter mailed at Broad and Chestnut streets and received at Thirteenth and Chestnut streets thirteen days later is used in making a comparison.

This precedent, of course, does not apply to speeches and other literature franked through the mails by members of Congress and other officials of the national government. These free messages are being delivered in Philadelphia one day after being posted in Washington.

Using the thirteen-day letter as a comparison again, it was found by Horace P. Camden, who received the letter that mail posted in the central part of the city should reach Homesburg in three years. Bustleton in four and New York some time in the next century.

BURY FIRE CAPTAIN TODAY

Widow and Daughter of John C. Fitzgerald Seriously Ill

Funeral services for John C. Fitzgerald, a retired fire captain, who died on Saturday after a three-days illness from pneumonia, were held at 3 o'clock today from his late home, 2055 Emerald street.

J. C. FITZGERALD

Because his widow is seriously ill with paralysis and his daughter is critically ill with pneumonia, the services, which will be conducted by an Episcopalian minister, were strictly private. Interment also was private in Bellevue Cemetery.

Fitzgerald, who was made a pensioner several years ago, formerly was captain of Truck Company No. 10. He served as a member of the fire bureau for more than twenty years. Prior to this, he followed the sea, having twice circled the globe by water. He was widely known in Port Richmond.

LURED BY WOMAN TO PRISON TERM

Supposed Fiancee Betrays Young Express Messenger to Police

SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS

Street Hold-Ups Continue, While Taxicab Bandits Rob Saloon

Frederick C. Robb today received a sentence of three years in the County Prison, after he had pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with stealing more than $5000 from the American Railway Express Company, by whom he was formerly employed. Judge McCormick, substituting in Quarter Sessions Court No. 1, imposed the sentence.

Robb was messenger on a Pennsylvania Railroad Company train, employed by the express company. In the company's car in the train, on the day the money was stolen there was about $75,000. While the train was running from Broad Street Station to the West Philadelphia station Robb pocketed $5050 of the money and when he arrived at the latter station he left the train and disappeared.

About two weeks later he was located in New York. A young woman on whom he was lavishing the money was responsible for his arrest. It was said that the young woman told the New York police of Robb's presence in that city and when the defendant came to call on his supposed fiancee he was arrested.

Before Judge McCormick today, in response to a question put by Assistant District Attorney Gordon, Robb declared that when he was arrested he had most of the money left, although he could not say how much. He accused two New York detectives of stealing the money from him when he was arrested. An investigation will be made of his charges.

Held as Pickpocket

"I am going to make examples of these cases from now on," said Magistrate Mecleary, in Central Station today, as he held Jacob L. Green, of North Eighth street under $1000 bail for court. It was alleged that Green picked the pocket of Mrs. Julia E. Loeb, 2231 North Broad street, in a Market street store yesterday, obtaining three dollars. He then instructed all of the witnesses in the case to report to the Grand Jury immediately, so that a true bill may be found against Green and his case expedited. Green was arrested by department store detectives.

Nathan Myers, of North Eleventh street, was held in $600 bail for court, accused of having attempted to pick the pockets of a man on a trolley car at Fifteenth and Spring Garden streets. Detective Ryan testified Myers had his hand in the man's back pocket.

Hold Up Saloon

Two unmasked bandits held up the saloon of Patrick Dillon, Fifth and Walnut streets, shortly before midnight and robbed the proprietor and four customers of about $200.

Dillon was preparing to close when the men drove up in a taxicab and entered the place. One of them covered the proprietor and the customers with a revolver and ordered them into a side room. There the victims were relieved of their cash and jewelry, after which the cash register was rifled. The bandits obtained $130 from Dillon, $26 from one of the customers and varying amounts from the others.

The thieves then threw Dillon's keys at him and backed from the door, leaped into the machine and drove away. The policeman who covers the beat was at Fifth and South streets at the time of the hold-up.

More Business Men Protest

Another neighborhood organization has entered its protest against insufficient police protection. Members of the Cedar Avenue Improvement Association at a meeting in Arcade Hall, 5039 Baltimore avenue last night, declared that the taking of policemen off their beats to attend rehearsals of the Police Band left many districts uncovered, as no other policemen were assigned to take their places. A request for remedial action was sent to the head of the Police Department.

Three highwaymen held up and robbed H. E. Lundquist, an inspector employed at Hog Island, on a Sharon-New Castle trolley car yesterday. While the conductor was talking to the motorman on the front of the car the men walked up to Lundquist, and while one pointed a gun at his stomach another forced him to turn over his cash, amounting to $5. The men then forced him to alight from the car.

Thieves Busy in Manayunk

Five robberies were reported from the Manayunk district, two within half a block of each other. A window in the rear of the home of Thomas Pors, 308 Leverington avenue, was forced between midnight Sunday and 8 a. m. Monday and a watch valued at $15 and $3 were taken. The same method was followed in gaining entrance to the residence of Edgar Padgett, 325 Leverington street, where $44 in cash and two children's lockets, valued at $7, were stolen.

The third was that of the candy stand belonging to Mrs. Julia Lavis, 3725 Main street. The stand, which is on a lot adjoining Mrs. Lavis's home, was robbed of several cartons of cigarettes valued at $25.

NEW TAX BOARD TO BE NAMED

Federal Advisory Body Will Hear Appeals—Five Slated

Washington, Feb. 25.—(By A. P.)—An advisory tax board of six members will be appointed soon by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper to hear appeals of taxpayers from revenue officials concerning the fairness of assessments and questions growing out of the auditing of returns. Indications from last year's experience are that thousands of cases will be submitted.

It was learned today that the following men probably would be asked to serve: T. S. Adams, treasury tax expert, as chairman; J. E. Sterrett, New York, an accountant; F. St. Field, one-time Assistant Attorney General of Massachusetts; S. W. Cramer, North Carolina cotton manufacturer, and Luther F. Speer, once Deputy Revenue Commissioner. The sixth member has not been chosen.

Five new deputy revenue commissioners also are to be appointed and the divisions of the bureau reorganized.

To assist Congress in preparing future revenue legislation the Vice President and the Speaker of the House are expected to appoint two legislative drafting experts.

LADY WANTS HER BEER

Parades Chestnut Street Wearing "No-Work" Button

"No-Beer-No-Work" buttons appeared in Philadelphia this afternoon, when a young woman opponent of national prohibition strolled down Chestnut street with one of the anti-dry emblems conspicuously displayed on her coat.

A nation-wide appeal to the American public to join in the "no-beer-no-work" strike will be issued through the labor unions according to a statement today by Ernest Bohm, corresponding secretary of the Central Federated Union, of New York.

LABORATORIES SECURED IN WAR ON SKIN DISEASE

Court Charters Research Association for Cure and Prevention of Psoriasis

On the recommendation of George McCurdy Judge Staake has chartered the Dermatological Research Laboratories, which were formed in October, 1912, for the prime purpose of discovering the cause of psoriasis, a rebellious skin affliction, and, if possible, to determine a curative treatment and prevent recurrences.

The association of doctors was aided financially in its research work by the late P. A. B. Widener, and after his death by the Widener estate.

The membership of the society includes Dr. Jay Frank Schamberg, 1922 Spruce street; Dr. John A. Kolmer, 927 South St. Bernard street; Dr. Daniel Riesman, 1715 Spruce street; Dr. Albert D. Ferguson, 50 East Johnson street, and Herbert L. Clark, of Radnor, a banker.

TAFT QUESTIONS LEAGUE BARRIERS

Demands Critics Show Him Where U. S. Constitution Precludes Covenant

ASKS FOR ALTERNATIVE

Ex-President Tells Middle West That Alliance Would Fail Without America

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25.—William H. Taft, former President, speaking here today at the opening session of the Mid-Continent Congress for a League of Nations, challenged Senators Poindexter, Borah and Reed to put their fingers on the clauses of the constitution which forbid the United States to assume the obligations of the covenant of a league of nations.

"Let him who objects to that suggest another remedy (to prevent war) or hold his peace," he said. "The fundamental weakness of the attitude of Senators Poindexter, Reed and Borah is that they confine their arguments to pointing out the dangers of this covenant to the United States, which I think are comparatively slight, while they utterly fail to tender any construction suggestions to the conference for a method by which peace can be maintained and the just results of the war an be secured.

"They are merely destructive critics and are not in search of a solution of the difficulty.

"If the United States does not enter the league of nations, the refusal will leave a mere offensive and defensive alliance of countries and competitive armaments, followed inevitably by another war, as much more horrible in its destructiveness of armies and peoples and civilization as this one was more horrible than any previous wars."

Mr. Taft declared the question now before the American people was not whether a formal treaty shall be ratified by the Senate, but whether the draft report of a proposed covenant and league of the nations represented at Paris shall meet their approval.

PORT BENEFITS BY HARBOR BILL PASSED TODAY

Congress Votes $1,000,000 Each for Delaware and Schuylkill. Canal Purchase Approved

Congress today finally passed the rivers and harbors appropriation bill making liberal appropriations for improvement of the Delaware River and other waters in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Both the Senate and House today agreed to the conference report, and it now goes to the President for signature.

Although the bill appropriates only $1,000,000 this year for the Delaware River below Allegheny avenue, there is an unexpended balance of about $4,000,000 making a total of $5,000,000 available for improvement of the channel during the year beginning July 1, 1919.

For improving the Delaware River at Camden, $71,080 is appropriated. The bill makes $1,000,000 available for continuing the improvement of the Schuylkill River. Sixty-five thousand dollars goes for maintenance of Wilmington harbor.

One of the most important provisions in the bill, and one of vital interest to all Pennsylvania, and especially Philadelphia, is the appropriation of $3,000,000 for purchase and improvement of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. Of this $2,514,289.70 is to be paid for the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal and the remainder to begin the dredging of the canal to a depth of twelve feet.

The adoption of this provision is of immense gratification to Congressman J. Hampton Moore and represents the successful culmination of his efforts to have the government purchase this canal as a link in the proposed Atlantic inland waterway from Boston to Norfolk.

City Employe's Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for John E. Manley, one of the oldest employes of the Bureau of City Property, who died on Sunday from pneumonia after a brief illness, will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock from his residence, 1616 South Twelfth street. Manley, who was sixty-three years of age, had been employed for more than forty years in the Bureau of City Property. He was a member of the P. O. S. of A. and other organizations. Interment will be in Fernwood Cemetery.

HARRY W. SMITH
DIAMONDS BOUGHT
717 SANSOM ST.

NEARLY two billion gallons of beer were consumed last year—quite a large vacancy to be supplied by soft drinks in the near future.

HERBERT M. MORRIS
Advertising Agency
Every Phase of Sales Promotion
400 Chestnut Street Philadelphia

Galvanized Boat Pumps
L. D. Berger Co., 59 N. 3d St.
Main 1899. Market 859

BOSTON TRIBUTE TO WILSON BEST

Mrs. T. J. Spellacy, of Presidential Party, Says It Excelled Europe's

STOPS IN PHILADELPHIA

Visitor Asserts Nation's Head Is Confident of Establishing Lasting Peace

In all the tributes paid to President Wilson abroad, none was so sincerely appreciated as the greeting accorded him when he arrived in Boston yesterday, according to Mrs. Thomas J. Spellacy, the only member of the presidential party to remain in Philadelphia.

As the train stopped in West Philadelphia early this morning Mrs. Spellacy was greeted by her sister, Mrs. W. T. Brubaker, and Mr. Brubaker, and taken by them to the Windsor Hotel. There Mrs. Spellacy will await the return of her husband, who went on to Washington with the presidential party and who expects to return Thursday. He is counsel for the Navy Department and he and Mrs. Spellacy went on the George Washington as the guests of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt.

"In Europe the American and Allied soldiers almost worshiped President Wilson," declared Mrs. Spellacy. "I have never seen a man receive such tributes with such sincere dignity and poise. But nothing could have surpassed the welcome accorded his return and he seemed more moved by it than by any demonstration abroad.

Confident of Lasting Peace

"Throughout the trip he remained the same, entertaining, well poised, optimistic man. His unruffled demeanor was most impressing. He seems absolutely convinced that this country will make a lasting peace for the world despite all obstacles."

Clad in simple black velvet hat, long cloak and black furs, Mrs. Spellacy sat in the hotel today telling of her trip.

"It was a wonderful experience," Mrs. Spellacy said. "I'm just sorry I couldn't keep a diary. I think the most impressive thing of the entire trip was the long line of baby trees that have been set out along the road that leads from Paris to Chateau-Thierry. These new trees, supplanting the centuries old forest kings, are typical of the rapidity with which reconstruction work is being carried on.

"The desolation of the battlefields is, of course, appalling. But we did not see a great deal of personal suffering. Chateau-Thierry and the Argonne Woods were the great sights.

"You know along this road from Paris the great old trees had been cut and piled in readiness so after the Allied army had passed along the trees could be thrown in the road to impede the progress of the German army should it attempt to follow. When we first went to France we saw these huge logs lining the road. Before we left the logs were gone and the slips of new trees stood in their places. Freshly tilled fields and here and there new houses or fresh paint also denote the reconstruction work.

Comfort on Ocean

"The trip to and from Europe was most wonderful," Mrs. Spellacy said. "The George Washington is so completely fitted for comfort. Friday evening we dined with President and Mrs. Wilson. It was a dinner in honor of Ambassador Francis, of Russia, and his son and daughter, who returned on the George Washington. It was a happy, merry party and one I shall never forget."

President Wilson had hoped, Mrs. Spellacy said, to stop in Philadelphia long enough to see his new grandson, Woodrow Wilson Sayre, but train delays and strenuous calls on the President's time prevented this.

Powerful Democratic Leader

For more than a decade Mr. Spellacy has been one of the most powerful Democratic leaders in Connecticut. He has served in the state Senate and at the last election was Democratic candidate for Governor. He has been a consistent supporter and admirer of President Wilson and it was due to him that one of the most remarkable political upsets of the 1918 presidential election occurred in Connecticut.

John T. King, Republican leader, had concentrated his forces on the Democratic city of Bridgeport where a big population threatened to put it in the Democratic column. The city of Hartford, Governor Holcomb's place of residence, was regarded as so solidly Republican that a fight with the Democrats was not even anticipated.

Mr. Spellacy organized the Democrats and radical Republicans of Hartford in a campaign of unparalleled vigor. And because of him this stronghold of Republicans went Democratic by 4000, offsetting King's victory in Bridgeport.

USED AUTOMOBILES

OVERLAND touring, 5-passenger, model 85, 4-P, 1918; has run 1100 miles; fully equipped and guaranteed in first-class mechanical condition; the first $950 buys this car. Apply Overland Agency, Airlight Garage, 11 and Tioga sts.

DEATHS

BETHEL.—Feb. 25, ELIZABETH BETHEL (nee Landauer), wife of Grant Bethel. Relatives and friends, also members of Kensington M. E. Church invited to funeral services, Sat., 2:30 p. m., at 1218 W. Airdrie st. Int. private, North City Hall Cem. Friends may call Fri., 8 to 10 p. m.

CHAFFEE.—Feb. 23, WILLIAM H. CHAFFEE, in South Manchester, Conn., aged 73. Funeral services Tues., 8 p. m. Int. at Somers, Conn., Wed. morn.

COMODYS.—Feb. 23, ANNA LORRAINE HELD, widow of Walter Douglas Comodys. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, Thurs., 3 p. m. Int. private. Omit flowers. Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis papers please copy.

GOOD PAINTING

Sixty-eight years of Good Painting; finished on time; stands the test of time.

Get our estimate.

JAMES S. Wilson & Son, Inc.
44 N. 7th BOTH PHONES