funds; that appropriations are not met and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia must borrow money for the schools, though the State owes them millions?

Officials who presume to know say that it is because tax collections are very slow; that business depression is the cause of it, and that after the first of the year the situation will brighten.

Perhaps so, but the State's going to be millions short at the end of the next fiscal year. Mark that!

Already disquieting signs are evident. In 1917 the excess of receipts over disbursements, in the general fund, was $2,102,474. In 1918 it was $1,802,529.

In 1919 the change began. The expenditures exceeded the receipts by $461,880. In 1920 the receipts fell $2,244,100 short of meeting the expenditures.

In the six months of the present fiscal year the receipts in the general fund have failed to meet the expenditures by $5,650,650.

No wonder there are alarm and apprehension as to what the close of the fiscal year, which comes on November 30, will show.

The fact is the Legislature ran wild on appropriations. It set out to give away $139,000,000. Governor Sproul cut $24,000,000 from this, approximately. This left $115,000,000 that must be paid.

Pennsylvania for the ensuing two years could be run at a financial cost of $80,000,000 or $85,000,000. But it would be a disgrace to its people.

In the matter of its schools alone something had to be done; had to be started, rather. It will take five years even now to redeem Pennsylvania from the humiliating position of twenty-first among the States in education.

Let the antiquated methods of past years prevail for the next four years and Pennsylvania would almost rank with the Southern States of the Black Belt in education.

That isn't a figure of speech. It's a fact. Pennsylvania was dropping lower and lower, in the scale of States, and something had to be done. The Finnegan program is one that is building for the future. You can't revolutionize a school system for 10,000,000 people over night—or in one year, either. It takes time.

There have been losses in taxation that the people must make up. Millions in liquor licenses, for instance, and all the time expenses are growing larger.

High cost of living hits the State's expense account as well as the family's.

But still there's going to be a big shortage that the next Legislature will have to make up.

The new tax on gasoline will net about $2,500,000. Some officials fix it as high as $4,000,000.

There aren't going to be any lawsuits on that tax, either.

Coal barons are fighting the coal tax. It will be carried to the court of last resort.

The public will have to pay this coal tax in the end. In that case the barons' court action can be taken as a dignified bluff. The barons couldn't well take any other course.

If the Supreme Court sustains the legality of the coal tax it will bring in perhaps $10,000,000 or $11,000,000.

The amount collectible from increased tax on collateral inheritances from 5 to 10 per cent is a guess. Its size depends on how many wealthy people die.

Stringency in State funds will continue indefinitely.

A lot of back taxes were collected in the last four years that swelled the Treasury receipts. They cannot be counted on now. The fines licenses have gone glimmering. Of the gasoline tax, no matter how large a sum it brings, one-half of it goes back to the counties. And there you are!

Effects of World War

The effects of the World War are reflected in this present tax and Treasury issue. Deficiencies were inevitable. Higher wages had to be paid in State institutions, to school teachers and to State employes. These had to go on. They couldn't close down.

Just the same, the last Legislature cut loose in a riot of expenditure. Now the people have to make good. They've got to pay the piper in the end.

It is practically impossible to find out how many unpaid bills are stacked up in the State Treasurer's office awaiting the arrival of enough money to pay them.

I called at the Treasury. The disbursing officer, I presume it was, received me.

"Can you tell me the amount of unpaid bills now in the Treasury?" I asked.

"No, I cannot. We only make up the amount every month," was the reply.

"Can you give me the amount of last month, then?"

"No, I think not," hesitatingly. "I don't know that it has been made up. Anyhow I don't know that I would have the authority to do that."

"Is General Snyder about?"

"No. He is in the city, though, I believe."

A young woman employe volunteered the information that he had left on the 12:55 train for Pottsville.

BIDDLE BIBLE CLASS PLANS

C. E. Webb Will Speak Tomorrow at Church Rally

C. E. Webb, managing director of the Drexel Biddle Bible Class movement of American railroads, will direct a rally tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the First United Presbyterian Church, Forty-second street and Chestnut avenue.

The speakers will include the Rev. Dr. H. R. McBride, pastor of the M. E. Church of Claymont, Del.; Maj. J. DeWitt Jobbins, director of field extension; the Rev. Dr. W. O. Rice, rector of the Church of the Mediator; the Rev. Dr. J. Franklin Brown, pastor of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. Clifford E. Hoag, pastor of the Lutheran Memorial Church; J. A. Walker, teacher of the men's Bible class, and Mrs. Lillie Mulvaney, teacher of the ladies' Bible class.

As a special object is an intensive house-to-house campaign for new church members in West Philadelphia and to link up Bible classes for a Bible class union, the ministers of all West Philadelphia churches have been asked to attend and invite their congregations.

CHAS. BERTRAND TO SPEAK

Foch's Companion Will Lecture on France at Emergency Aid

The general relations of France to the world today will figure in an address which will be made tonight by Charles Bertrand, a representative of Paris in the French Chamber of Deputies, who will speak in the Emergency Aid auditorium, 221 South Eighteenth street, at 8:30 o'clock.

M. Bertrand in addition to his Government duties is president of the Inter-allied Federation of the Veterans of the World War. He came to this country in company with Marshal Foch to attend the convention of the American Legion. He was the recipient of a gold medal from the Legion, as was Marshal Foch, General Diaz, Lord Beatty and General Jacques.

Arrested for Striking Motorman

Leonard Newbold of Haddon Heights, N. J., was arrested by police of the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station last night for striking Lewis Brown, a P. R. T. motorman. The police say Newbold hit Brown when the latter did not open quickly enough the doors of the trolley at Nineteenth street and Fairmount avenue.

PT. BREEZE AVENUE CHAOS AROUSES IRE

Residents and Business Men Hotly Complain of Torn-Up Condition of Street

APPARENTLY NO EXCUSE

Residents and business men along Point Breeze avenue, between Tasker street and Snyder avenue are complaining because of the chaotic condition of the street, which is torn up from end to end.

They declare that they are losing money heavily, because both the street and the sidewalks are impassable, and are put to endless inconvenience, with no prospect of relief.

Business men say they are losing so heavily through the condition which has been permitted to continue for more than two weeks that unless something is done immediately they will be bankrupt.

The street was torn up, without apparent rhyme or reason, the night of November 8 by a gang of workmen from the Bureau of Highways. It was torn up and left up, lying all over the place. The car tracks were removed, and the belgian blocks with which the street was paved piled everywhere, including on the sidewalks.

William Lindle, who has an oyster house at 1615 Point Breeze avenue, says he is threatened with bankruptcy because his receipts have fallen off at the rate of $100 a week. He can neither remove the old oyster shells from his place nor get a fresh supply of oysters.

Michael Bernstein, a furniture dealer at 1608 Point Breeze avenue, says that his business is at a standstill because he cannot move furniture either in or out, because the only outlet at McClellan street is blocked with sand, automobiles cannot get in or out of the garage of Matthew Dougherty, at 1823 Point Breeze avenue, and C. J. Hester, manager of the Point Breeze Theatre at 1628 Point Breeze avenue, says that the nightly attendance there has been cut in half.

Yesterday some of the tradesmen, supported by the Southwest Business Men's Association, appeared before the Council Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities and demanded to be told why an inoffensive street had suddenly been uprooted, and if anything could be done about it.

The committee was somewhat at a loss to provide an answer, since no official of the Highway Bureau attended the hearing. Repeated attempts were made to get these officials, but were finally abandoned.

THINK FUGITIVE SHOT

Detectives Shoot at Auto Thief Suspect—Nab Two Others

Police arrested two youths suspected of being automobile thieves and fired a dozen shots at a third as he dashed away in the vicinity of Arch and Thirteenth streets last night. Because of a blood trail on the pavement police believe they hit their target.

Two hours after Adolph Lorch, 4516 North Broad street, reported his automobile stolen, Detective Harry Clark at City Hall received word that three youths at Twelfth and Arch streets were trying to sell a machine. Four detectives went there, found a car answering the description of the stolen automobile, and arrested two of its occupants, the other dashing away toward Thirteenth street, turning north to Vine and then west to Broad.

The two arrested gave their names as Thomas Hughes, sixteen years old, Stiles street near Fifteenth, and William J. Fortsch, twenty-four years old, Thompson street near Fifteenth.

PROHIBITION HEADS CONFER

Enforcement of Law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey Discussed

Washington, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Plans for strengthening prohibition enforcement in New Jersey and Pennsylvania were discussed today at a conference of Commissioner Haynes with Rene Mitler, newly designated chief of the New York enforcement forces; S. F. Rutter, federal director for Pennsylvania, and John Emmerson, head of the Western Pennsylvania field force.

Efforts are being made, it was said, to speed up the prohibition enforcement machinery in those states to a point where smooth-running organizations would sweep Pennsylvania and New Jersey clean of illegal liquor.

PIGEON "ADOPTS" MAN

Bird Now Regular Caller at Store Around Mealtime

A gray pigeon with a band inscribed "A. J. 517 F 21" fell exhausted Thursday at the week in front of the automobile store of William P. Simington, Broad and York streets.

Mr. Simington fed the bird and recovered. It remained to the store the following day and was here all night, but flew Saturday morning.

The pigeon came back a third of a week again today and was astonished to see the same pigeon fly into his store. It appears pigeon-like enough.

Would Honor Roosevelt in Name of Phila.'s Fair

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL EXPOSITION is suggested by Mrs. F. Seagle, 5840 Warrington avenue, West Philadelphia.

FAIR OF HONOR AND SUCCESS is suggested by Harry Haines, 4137 Herbert street, as a name for the Sesqui-Centennial celebration to be in 1926.

PHILADELPHIA'S WORLD'S ACHIEVEMENTS FAIR is suggested by T. F. J., of 2604 Harry street.

FAIR OF NATIONS is suggested by F. P. Meigs, Apt. A-4, Thirty-fifth street and Powelton avenue.

VICTORY EXPOSITION is suggested by Pinny Gleck, Arch Street Theatre.

HEART OF AMERICAN EXPOSITION is suggested by H. Z. Watts, 2235 North Franklin street.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRESSIVE EXPOSITION is suggested by William Eiseman, 2639 North Eighth street.

WORLD'S PEACE EXPOSITION is suggested by J. Y. Cowles, 26 South Delaware avenue.

UNIVERSAL PEACE EXPOSITION is suggested by F. J. W., 1821 Alden street, West Philadelphia.

Names as suggestions for the fair are coming in to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER daily. Have you sent yours?

HONEST! THIS IS A PHILADELPHIA STREET

Above is a view of Point Breeze avenue looking north from Morris street. Below is a woman pedestrian attempting to cross at Tasker street

$2,000,000 LOSS BY FIRE IN AUGUSTA BUSINESS SECTION

Firemen From Neighboring Town Cover 23 Miles in 25 Minutes

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Nearly half of one block and the entire eastern side of another, both in the heart of Augusta's business section, were destroyed by fire of unknown origin today, with a total loss of about $2,000,000.

The fire started about 2 A. M. in a five-story building, and was not brought under control until daylight, after fire departments from Savannah, Atlanta, Macon, Columbia, Charleston, Aiken and Waynesboro had been summoned. The Aiken fire department was the only one to arrive in time to aid the Augusta fire-fighters, the other departments reaching here after the fire had been brought under control or were intercepted en route.

Chief Aldrich and the men of the Aiken department made the twenty-three-mile run to this city in twenty-five minutes and joined the Augusta force at a time when it appeared that a large portion of the business section was doomed.

The Augusta Chronicle offices and plant were a complete loss, as were two drugstores and other places of business.

SEND NEW WELFARE APPEAL TO 150,000

Workers Utilize Telephone Directories in Listing Prospects

Welfare workers have compiled a list of 150,000 prospects from the telephone directories, to each of whom has been sent a personal appeal for a $10 subscription in the drive for $4,000,000.

The plan is to democratize giving so every one beside those able to subscribe large sums may have a hand in providing support for Philadelphia charities. Eliminating duplicate residence and business listings as well as the names of metropolitan Philadelphia residents already indexed in the federation's files of 40,000 "card prospects," the large mailing list was quickly prepared by checking the 270,000 or more telephone users as classified in the Bell telephone directory.

Inclosed in each of the 150,000 letters is a federation pamphlet headed "God's people." "100,000 Philadelphians during the year need help of some kind or other. Will you aid in raising the $4,000,000 needed by giving at least $10?"

HONOR MRS. STEVENSON

Memorials to Be Erected in Two French Villages

Two French villages have been selected as sites for two memorials to be erected to the memory of the late Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson. The memorials are planned by the French War Relief Committee of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania and will be placed in the French villages of Villegniers-Aumont and Ugny-le-Gay.

Funds for the erection of the memorials is held by the French Committee, which raised $1,500,000 during the war under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stevenson.

Resolutions of sympathy, reflecting the beauty of Mrs. Stevenson's life, were also adopted at the meeting of the committee yesterday. The resolutions were written by Miss Frances Brinley Wharton, secretary of the French Committee.

Deaths of a Day

William T. Peirson

William T. Peirson, 6305 Overbrook avenue, died at his home at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He was sixty-eight years old. Peirson was the only surviving member of the firm of C. C. Peirson's Sons, 426 North Third street, jobbers in hides, which was established about 1850. He is survived by a brother, Walter Peirson, and a sister, Miss Elmira Peirson. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Grace G. McNulty

There was a requiem mass this morning in St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church for Mrs. Grace G. McNulty, who died Tuesday, at her home, 2326 South Fifteenth street. She was eighty-five years old. Her husband, James J. McNulty, died several years ago.

Three sons, John, Charles and William N., two daughters, Mrs. T. J. McBeatme and Mrs. P. A. Farley, eighteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive her. The interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Leon A. Clinton

The funeral of Leon A. Clinton, president of E. Clinton & Co., Inc., hosiery manufacturers, who died Tuesday at his apartments in the Rittenhouse Hotel, took place yesterday afternoon at 1820 Chestnut street. Interment was in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Prof. Tracy Peck

Bristol, Conn., Nov. 26.—A cablegram from Rome, Italy, received by Miles Lewis Peck yesterday announced the death of Prof. Tracy Peck, eighty-three years old, emeritus professor of the Latin language and literature at Yale University. Prof. Peck had lived in Rome many years. He was well known to Yale men of many classes prior to 1908.

Frank D. Currier

Canaan, N. H., Nov. 26. — Frank D. Currier, former Congressman and author of the present Federal Copyright Law, died at his home yesterday.

TATE LEFT $25,808

File Inventory of Estate of Former Captain of Detectives

The estate of James Tate, Jr., former captain of detectives, who died several weeks ago, was valued at $25,808.95, as disclosed today by an inventory filed with Register of Wills Sheehan.

Wills probated today:

Mabel C. Bauer, 1825 North Bouvier street, $5100; Mary Poley, 2511 North Fourth street, $13,300; John Little, 2922 E. street, $8150; Thomas E. Drew, Philadelphia General Hospital, $3000; Frank C. Peck, 32 Benezet street, $10,000.

Inventories were filed for the estates of Amelia Bower, $138,816.24; George H. Lehmuth, $116,964.92; Mary J. C. Whitaker, $15,426.04; Clara Bower, $13,794.60; Mary J. T. James, $5614.52; Rachel B. Wattson, $4463; Margaret C. Ryan, $17,278.08; Martha M. Greene, $43,631.72; William Dailey, $6137.86.

Letters of administration were granted for the estate of Margaret Bradley, 242 South Twenty-first street, $19,800.

TO GIVE TARKINGTON PLAY

Gesu Dramatic Association Will Present 'Clarence' Nov. 28 and 29

The Gesu Dramatic Association will present Booth Tarkington's four-act comedy, "Clarence," on the evenings of November 28 and 29 in the auditorium of St. Joseph's College, Seventeenth and Stiles streets.

Under the direction of Joseph T. Jones, the members of the Dramatic Association, who already have produced many successful plays, have been rehearsing for several weeks perfecting their rendition of the comedy. They expect this to be the most successful performance they have yet given.

In the cast are the Misses Catherine M. Rappenglueck, May I. Lanning, Mary M. Rudolph, Margaret M. Madden and Mary A. Sloan and Messrs. John J. Harrington, Edward V. Larkin, Harold C. O'Conner, J. Martin Sweeney and Matthew Cunningham.

The officers of the association are Mr. Harrington, president; Anne Brown, vice president; Miss Rudolph, secretary; Bernard F. Keenan, treasurer, and Miss Madden, historian.

After-Dinner Tricks

No. 18—Rapid Addition to Make 100

The performer offers to race any one counting to 100, the conditions being that first one will name a number not over ten; then the other will add a similar number, etc., thus: 3, 11, 17, 7, 28, and so on. The one who manages to name 100 wins the race. The performer wins every time.

The secret lies in certain "key" numbers. They are 1, 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, 67, 78, 89. After several numbers have been given the performer strikes for one of those numbers, and from then on he cannot be beaten. Thus the man who starts the race can always win—if he knows the secret—for he has merely to begin by naming 1.

A variation is for the performer to make his opponent win. The "key" numbers for this are 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, 99.

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PLANETS MEET TOMORROW

Mars and Jupiter Will Present Brilliant Sight for Early Risers

The heralded conjunction of Mars and Jupiter, which will take place about 6 o'clock tonight, may be seen in these regions by those who are sufficiently energetic to rise at 4 A. M. tomorrow morning to view it.

At that time the two planets will be visible hanging low above the eastern horizon, so close together as to seem a twin star. According to Dr. Walter E. Mates, of Swarthmore, they will be separated only by ten minutes of arc, a distance which corresponds to one-third the visible diameter of the moon. Both will be well within the field of any ordinary telescope.

Although exceeded in brilliancy by Venus, the two planets thus met in their celestial courses will present a very beautiful sight, for they are among the brightest luminaries in the heavens. Mars, the more northerly of the pair, will be recognized by its reddish tinge, while Jupiter will sparkle with a pure white light.

FILIPINOS AND WOOD AGREE

General's Relations With Insular Senate Amicable, Quezon Cables

Manila, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Relations between Governor General Leonard A. Wood and the Philippine Senate are entirely amicable, Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Senate, today informed President Barcelon of the Porto Rican Senate, in a cablegram replying to an inquiry. Mr. Barcelon's inquiry was apparently prompted by alleged differences between Governor Wood and the Senate over Governor Wood's appointments and by the misunderstandings between Governor Reilly, of Porto Rico, and members of the Porto Rican Legislature.

A dispatch from Manila November 9 reported that the Senate had decided to withhold confirmation of a number of Governor Wood's appointments, Senators complaining that they had not been consulted in the selections. However, confirmation of all the appointments was reported November 15.

GIRL "PALMIST" AIDS FUNDS

Reveals Secrets of Future at College Bazaar

One feature of the All-College Bazaar given last night in the New Century Drawing Rooms was a "palmist" who promised to reveal any question shrouded in the future.

The bazaar, held to help endowment funds amounting to $15,000,000, was conducted by Simmons, Radcliffe-Vassar and Goucher Colleges.

It was not difficult to pick the busy careers that the "palmist" read between the lines of the active collegian.

"All the students whose palms I have seen," said pretty Miss Mildred Woodworth, herself an educator by profession, "have been palms of activity and accomplishment.

"There is no lack of vision or imagination in the college girls of today. In fact, they turn their imagination to the practical," she added.

MAY INVITE RUSSIA INTO WORLD UNION

Harding's Plan for Association of Nations Includes Bid to Moscow

ACTION ON CHINA TODAY

By the Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 26.—With the Arms Conference proceeding in a spirit of friendliness, increasing importance is attached to its outcome as a result of the hopes of President Harding that the conclave might lay the foundation for a continuing series of conferences leading to closer international accord.

The President's plan was offered only as a personal suggestion to some of the foreign delegates, who have generally approved it. It was an outstanding topic of discussion in Conference circles today.

The delegations convened this morning for another committee session to take formal action on their virtual decision yesterday for gradual abolishment of extra-territorial rights in China.

Submission of the result of the present negotiations for approval, not only to the participating nations but to those not represented here, including Germany and Russia, was indicated as a possible first step toward world-wide indorsement of the conference plan. It is hoped that the smaller governments might join with the Powers in future discussions affecting the world situation generally.

Put forward by no means as a definite proposal at this stage, the plan as offered by the President was understood to have embraced no details, nor was there any indication that any covenant or constitution would be proposed as its basis. This would accord generally with its possible fulfilment, eventually, of President Harding's "association of nations" idea.

The President's informal proposal comes at a time of growing indication that further negotiations will be necessary to consummate the task begun here, a case in point already reached being the virtual decision of the Conference yesterday to send an international committee of jurists to investigate China's judicial system.

Upon the report of this committee the governments concerned would base their judgment of the efficiency of the Chinese courts and determine their course in withdrawing the foreign tribunals within China, the gradual abolishment of which was agreed upon in principle yesterday.

Framing of a formal resolution declaring this purpose of the Conference was left to a sub-committee headed by Senator Lodge, which was prepared to report to the Conference today.

The Far Eastern Committee of the whole also was expected to conclude today its discussion of the question of abolishing foreign postoffices in China, no decision having been reached on that yesterday.

BRITISH INSIST UPON CURBING SUBMARINES

Washington, Nov 26.—(By A. P.)—So much progress has been made by the naval experts examining details of the American reduction plan that some of the Arms Conference delegates expect another plenary session may be held in the near future to permit Japan and Great Britain to submit their counter-proposals in concrete form. Chairman Hughes, after a conference with President Harding today, said another plenary session will be held as soon as business is gotten ready for it.

The American and British naval experts were said to virtually to have completed their examination of the technical points involved in Secretary Hughes' proposal. The Japanese experts, however, were still considering the figures and facts involved.

The British were said to feel that highly satisfactory progress had been made, but their spokesmen would not indicate the trend of the expert examinations, beyond stating that it was certain the submarine question would be one of the chief points involved in any agreement reached by the Conference.

There is strong belief in Great Britain, it was said, that the Conference will not be an unqualified success unless some action is taken to curb the size and nature of future "underseas navies" similar to the steps proposed as to surface fleets.

The statement that British experts were ready to present their findings to the Conference follows the assertion that the American group has found nothing in the figures presented by the Japanese to warrant the departure from the American schedule of tonnage in fixing the present or proposed proportionate strength of the three navies.

LAST OF RUM CARGO STORED

2500 Barrels of Whisky Brought Back by France in Warehouse

The last of the 2500 barrels of whisky landed at Girard Point from the steamship Pipestone County, from Bordeaux, were placed in the bonded warehouse at Eddington, Bucks County, this morning.

The trucks were escorted to the warehouse by Customs guards and Pennsylvania Railroad detectives. Rye whisky was found to be unpopular in France and a large part of American liquors, shipped before prohibition, still is undisposed of in France.

Suspect Says He Has $1,000,000

Although he gave his age as only forty-seven, Anton Levinsky, 435 George street, told Magistrate Price this morning he had accumulated $1,000,000 by working for a steel company on a salary of $175 a week. Levinsky claimed he had his million in a city trust company, of which he said he ought to be president. He was arrested when seen acting suspiciously in front of a bank yesterday. He was held in $500 bail for a further hearing tomorrow pending a further investigation of his case.

SEIZE RUM ON NAVY BOAT

U. S. Mine Sweeper Under Heavy Guard After Discovery

Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—The naval mine sweeper Redwing with a complement of sixty men was under naval guard at the Hampton Roads submarine base today following discovery and removal last night of a large quantity of liquor.

An inquiry has been ordered by Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, commandant of this naval district.

The liquors removed from the mine sweeper were reported to include Canadian whisky, fine brandies and Cuban rum.

SEEK OLD 'FAGIN' IN SHOPLIFTING

Three Runaway Girls, Now in Prison, Say Aged Man Was Their Tutor

SOLD LOOT TO HIM

An old "Fagin," chief of a robber band that preyed on stores in Philadelphia and elsewhere, hovers in th background of an unusual case implicating three runaway girls.

Rose Gebhard, twenty-four years old; her sister Alice, nineteen, and Pauline Schwartzwaller, eighteen, are in Moyamensing Prison awaiting trial for shoplifting on a big scale.

The young women say they sold their loot to an old man named Sam, who spends much of his time in a saloon near Tenth and Cherry streets. They told detectives the mysterious Sam was the real chief of the band, and that he laid out plans of robbery down to the smallest detail.

The Gebhard sisters are daughters of Daniel Gebhard, a fish dealer, of 2322 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City. They ran away from home some months ago. Although the father refused to furnish the $3000 bail required for the temporary release of his daughters, he is trying to run down the man said to be their tutor in crime. The third girl's home is in Lawndale.

In spite of their youth these three have been operating for months in Philadelphia, the police say, and inflicting losses upon clothing stores that ran into thousands of dollars apiece. They were caught at last in the act of stealing articles of clothing from a store at Ninth and Market streets, it is charged.

At a hearing in the Morals Court yesterday, Judge Gorman held the girls in $3000 bail apiece for a further hearing next Thursday. This is an unprecedented bail for this offense, and was imposed with the object of insuring the safekeeping of the three while search is made for "Sam," the apparent ringleader of the gang, who made his escape. The prisoners were taken to Moyamensing Prison from the Morals Court for temporary confinement.

SUE ILLINOIS EX-OFFICIALS

Five Former State Treasurers Defendants in Action for Accounting

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Suits for accounting against five former State Treasurers, alleging shortages of approximately $2,500,000, were started today by Attorney General Edward J. Brundage.

The suits are directed against all State Treasurers who held office between 1909 and 1921. State Auditor Andrew Russell, who was treasurer twice during the period, is defendant in two suits. Others involved are Governor Len Small, Lieutenant Governor Fred E. Sterling, William Ryan, Jr., and Edward E. Mitchell.

Bondsmen of all the former treasurers were made defendants. Disclosures made through the investigation of the State Treasury which resulted in indictment of Governor Small, Lieutenant Governor Sterling, and Vernon Curtis, banking associate of Governor Small, last July, furnished the evidence on which the civil suits were based, the Attorney General's office announced.

NEW CHURCH YEAR STARTS

First Sunday in Advent to Be Marked by Episcopalians

Tomorrow in all Episcopal churches marks the beginning of a new church year. It is the first Sunday in Advent, and special services in keeping with that season will be held in all churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and in all other Dioceses of the Episcopal Church throughout the world.

One of the outstanding events in connection with tomorrow's services will be the corporate Communion in all parishes for men and boys. Under the direction of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew special efforts have been made to make the annual corporate Communion a special feature of the Church's observance of the beginning of the Advent season.

Bank Messenger Robbed of $20,000

Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Four men held up an automobile from the First National Bank of Boston here today and stole payroll funds said to amount to $20,000. They escaped in an automobile with a New York registration number. One of the men was thought to have been wounded by a shot fired by the bank messenger.

RENEWAL OF WAR IN IRELAND OPPOSED

London Press Unanimous in Declaring Further Conflict Is Unthinkable

SITUATION NEARING CRISIS

By the Associated Press

London, Nov. 26.—A chorus of vehement protest against renewal of warfare in Ireland in the event the present peace negotiations collapse is raised by the morning newspapers, following the meeting yesterday of Prime Minister Lloyd George and Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier. In this conference the British Cabinet chief informed Sir James that Sinn Fein Ireland had refused to swear allegiance to the crown in return for an Ulster agreement to enter an All-Ireland Parliament. The gravity of the situation resulting from this refusal calls forth the references to a possible recurrence of hostilities.

"The Government cannot engage in civil war with the Irish nation, if the people of Great Britain are determined that there shall be no war," declares the Daily News, adding: "That is the dominant factor of the situation."

The Daily Herald, the labor organ, says: "A new war would outrage the morals of the whole world and would never receive the sanction of the British people. The trades union and labor movement must resist to the utmost further reference to the arbitrament of force."

The men of all parties are urged by the Daily Express to rally to the defense of an Irish settlement. It asserts that nothing but public opinion can accomplish this result.

The Westminster Gazette says it believes the British people are "quite determined not to fight anybody in Ireland in the interests of anybody else in Ireland."

Further developments are awaited with the keenest anxiety, the newspapers generally finding little comfort in the outlook beyond the fact that negotiations are still proceeding.

The not definite development in the situation, it is believed, will not come before next Tuesday, when Sir James will report to his Parliament. On the same date the official correspondence that has passed between the various delegations may be officially published here. Although Sir James declined to make a statement after yesterday's conference, he intimated as he left for Belfast that his report would tend to relieve the tension existing in Ulster.

Tunbridge Wells, England, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Lord Chancellor Birkenhead, speaking at a mass-meeting here today, said he could not confidently predict that the Irish question would be satisfactorily solved.

BRITISH REPLY TO FRANCE

Note Reiterates Objections to Separate Pact With Turks

London, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Answering the French note on the treaty recently negotiated by France with the Turkish Nationalist Government at Angora, to which Great Britain has taken exception in some particulars, a British note was handed last night to the French Ambassador here. The British expressions of desire for a further explanation of the terms and purpose of the treaty were reiterated.

The British position is that the French, aside from dealing a severe blow to solidarity by negotiating the Angora treaty, have caused the Turks to assume a highly uncompromising attitude which is likely to make extremely difficult any mediation with the Greeks on moderate terms.

Official circles indicated they did not expect the latest note to result in any material progress toward a settlement in the Near East or the restoration of full harmony in the policies of England and France with regard to that area.

DEMAND 'BLUEBEARD'S' LIFE

Landru Branded as Assassin In Attorneys' Summing Up

Versailles, Nov. 26.—(By A. P.)—Two attorneys representing the heirs of two of the eleven alleged victims of Henri Landru, on trial here for the murder of ten women and a boy, today repeatedly demanded the "Bluebeard's" conviction in summing up the case before the jury.

The epithet "assassin" was hurled at the prisoner more often during their summary than at any time throughout the three weeks of his trial.

"There sits the greatest and shrewdest criminal of all time," declared one of the attorneys in his address. "Citizens, do your duty.

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