5 DEAD, 8 INJURED, TOLL OF MISHAPS **CAUSED BY STORM**

Fatal Auto and Trolley Accidents Result From Slippery Streets and Rails and Blinding Rain.

Accidents due to the storm exacted toll in this city since yesterday of five dead and eight injured, three of whom may die. Slippery streets caused two automobile accidents. A man was run down by a trolley car when he alipped upon the tracks, and two persons died from exposure before help could reach them. Another man walked on a live wire that had been blown down by the wind.

The dead were: JOSEPH LANCASTER, a salesman for Cicment E. Allen, killed in automobile accident.
MEHAEL TRUNGILE, 23 years old, 4033
Wayne avenus, electrocuted by fallen wire.
PRESTON HAKER, 32 years old, 2121 North
Bambrey street, crushed between two freight TOWNSEND, 5 years old, of Narberth, MAMES GALLAGHER, of Cobb's Creek, over-

The injured are:

#HLLIAM OGLE, 41 years old, of Gladwyne,
Fa., Struck on railroad.

HENGY MILLEUR, 60 years old, 4000 North
Pairhill street, struck by trolley. Condition JOHN TRACEY, slightly injured in automo-

JOHN TRACEY, Sightly Injured in automobils accident.
CHARLES WILSON, 27 years old, 2400 North
Mole street, in automobile accident.
MISS IRENE McLOUGHLIN, 2331 Morris
street, fell on eidewalk.
LUKE REICHMANN, 1988 Christian street,
struck by skidding cab.
ANTHON! REICHMANN, 7 years old, same
address, struck by skidding cab.
CHAUFFEUR, whose name could not be
learned, in auto collision.

KILLED IN COLLISION. Lancaster was killed this morning when a truck of Clement E. Allen, Inc., a Media pork butcher, in which he was riding and another machine crashed head-on on Baltimore pike near Swarthmore. The accident occurred before daylight and the drivers of the machines were so blinded by the driving rain they could so blinded by the driving rain they could not see their danger until too late to avoid the collision.

The Allen truck was driven by John The Allen truck was driven by John Tracey, and when the two cars came together his machine turned turtle, pinning Lancaster beneath it. Tracey was hurled from his seat, but escaped serious injury by landing in a mud bank. The other machine is owned by H. D. Reese, of Philadelphia. of Philadelphia.

Residents nearby, hearing the crash, hastily dressed and helped extricate Lancaster's body from beneath the wreck-

silppery streets caused a truck driven by Charles Wilson, 27 years old, 200 North Mole street, to skid into a telegraph pole at York road and Olney avenue, hurling Wilson from his seat. He was actiously whom from his seat. He was acriously injured and is now at the Jewish Hospital Wilson, who is a chauffeur for the Cudahy Packing Company, was attempting to turn from York road into Olney avenue. When the machine crashed into the pole it turned turtle. Wilson struck bis head against the cubic willow. his head against the curbing. He was cared for by residents until the police took him to the hospital. There, it is said, he suffered from a fractured skull and internal internal curves. and internal injuries.

TAXICAB INJURES TWO.

Bellevue-Stratford taxicab skidded A Believic-Stratford taxicab skidded over the pavement at 15th and Filbert streets, striking Luke Heichmann and his little son, Anthony. They were walking near the curb. Both were taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where it was said Relchmann was in a serious condition. He suffered internal injuries and severe lacerations. His son, while less injured, is also said to be in a serious condition.

With his head lowered to escape the

The car was southbound and the rain had so obscured the windows that the motorman falled to see the aged man until it was too late to stop. When the car strucks Miller he was hurled 10 feet and was picked up by passengers on the

Miss McLoughlin suffered a fractured ankle when she fell on a slippery pave-ment near the Jewish Hospital. She was assisted to the hospital by pedestrians and, after receiving treatment, was sent to her home in a cab.
Trungile was killed by coming in con-

tact with a fallen live wire. His body was found lying in the middle of the street at Midvale avenue and York road. The man was employed by the Welsbach Street Lighting Company to extinguish the street lights. He left his home yesterday morning to attend to his duties. The live wire was dangling over ids body, and it is believed the man walked into it Gallagher, who was 75 years old, was

Gallagher, who was 72 years old, was overcome by the fury of yesterday's storm while making his way home through Penfield, in Haverford township. He fell exhausted and died on the lonely road before any one passed. The body was found early yesterday morning and lay in the road all day before it was finally moved.

moved.

Burns suffered by hot coals falling from a stove-caused the death of little John Townsend. His mother had left him alone in the kitchen while she went to make some purchases. The only other person in the house was his aged grandmother, who is deaf, and did not hear the lad's cries. Frantic with pain as his clothes ignited, John ran into the street, where the wind fanned the flames. He was taken to the Byn Mawr Hospital. was taken to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, where he died. Becker was crushed to death between

two freight cars of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at the "cut-off" at American and Willow streets. He was coupling the cars when he slipped upon an ice-covered rall and was caught be-tween the bumpers of the two cars, Becker was burried to the Hahnsmann and arguments. Hospital in the patrol wagon of the 3d



A Joke on King Peter to German carrogaist police for

street and Fairmount avenue station, where he was pronounced dead.

In an attempt to board a train after it had started from the Manayunk station of the Reading Railway William Ogie was thrown beneath the wheels of one of the rear cars and his left foot was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated at the ankle. He was treated at St. Timothy's Hespital.

Mrs. Bernardino Gamboni, of 745 South 8th street, dropped her four months' old child from a second story window of her home into the arms of her husband when fire swept the house. A few minutes after she saw her baby safe, she was rescued by two pedestrians who dashed through the smoke-filled house and led her to safety. The fire was confined to the kitchen of the home and did little damage.

NEW AND POWERFUL MACHINE IN CITY **POLITICS PLANNED**

Republican Leaders Consider Project to Authorize Commissioners to Revise Ward Division Lines.

A plan to make the City Commissioners the most powerful political machine in municipal affairs is being discussed by Republican leaders, who are considering making it a part of the Philadelphia legislative program in the next Legislature. The leaders want to increase the salaries of the three Commissioners from \$5000 to \$8000 a year, and to give them the power of revising the ward division lines throughout the city.

The Board of Revision of Taxes at present has the power to shift the ward ines, subject to many regulations. The control of the changes of the ward lines would be brought closer to the circle of political activity, politicians pointed out today, if placed in the hands of the City

The Penrose-McNichol lieutenants are favoring the scheme. If it is carried out, it will give to the City Commissioners a club to hold over the heads of every ward leader in the city. Under the plan as discussed, the City Commissioner could change division boundaries at will and could embarrass any ward leader by shifting the precincts of his ward overnight. It would also enable leaders in the large wards to strengthen their leadership by combining divisions in many instances, thus cutting down the number of committeemen from the independent sections of the ward. The fact that the City Commissioners have charge of elections generally is made the basis of the Republican Organization lieutenants' argument for the change.

The argument for the increase in the salaries of the City Commissioner is be salaries of the City Commissioners is be

salaries of the City Commissioners is being based on the additional work that
has been imposed on them by the new
Department of Scalers of Weights and
Measures, catablished by the last Legislature. Republican leaders have also
pointed out that the City Commissioners
are now publicant than the Commissioners are now paid less than the Coroner or the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, which positions have been considered of less political importance than the City

The division assessors today began their December assessment of voters. They are making an effort to get as many names as possible on the lists, as this assessment will be the basis of any changes in the number of Councilmen from the various wards. Under the Seprain and wind, Henry Miller, 60 years old, 4056 North Fairhill street, walked in front of a trolley car at 6th street and Lycoming avenue and was run over. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain and internal injuries. of the smaller wards will have their representation cut down. The 1st, 20th and 26th Wards, unless the September assessment is increased, will each lose one Common Councilman. The September assessment also showed that the number of Councilmen would probably be in-creased in the 29th, 40th and 46th Wards.

Republican State Chairman Crow will Republican State Chairman Crow with Confer with Philadelphia leaders this week egarding the debts incurred by the Republican City Committee and the Repubdcan State Committee during the last cam-paign. The State committee owes about \$22,000, while the city committee owes

CONTEST OF F. W. SMITH WILL TO BEGIN IN COURT DEC. 28

Bequests to Samuel Briggs and John F. Reardon Are Attacked.

The hearing of the contest over bequests made by the late Francis Way Smith to Samuel M. W. Briggs and John F. Reardon will begin in the Orphans' Court on December 28. The date for hearing was fixed by President Judge Dallett today.

The contest is made by Ross Reynolds Smith, of Northeast, Md., a relative of the testator, who avers that the bequests to Mr. Briggs and Reardon were quests to Mr. Briggs and Reardon were procured by undue influence, coercion and fraud. Mr. Briggs is the manager of the Colonnade Hotel, where Mr. Smith lived when in this city, and Mr. Reardon, the petitioner, says, called himself the decedent's adviser.

It is charged that Mr. Briggs and Mr. Reardon exerted undue influence over Mr. Smith in the making of his will. Bequests to relatives and charities are not contested.

not contested. A large array of lawyers will be present at the hearing to represent the various interests in the catate, and it was indicated that at least a week would be consumed in the hearing of testimony

PETITION FILED FOR OFFICE The petition of Theodore G. Edward, of Jenkintown, for appointment as Township Commissioner, to succeed the late Charles O. Keuger, of Arbington, has been forwarded to the Montgomery County Judges. It is expected the appointment will be made early this week. Mr. Edward's petition has been signed by many citizens of the township, irre-spective of party affiliations, and no op-posing petition has been filed.



THE ARCHES AT INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ON A STORMY DAY



The city's entire population reached its places of business today only after struggles with the high winds and driving rain, in which umbrellas turned wrong side outward and wet feet were common features. The storm continued with uninterrupted violence all the morning hours.

MUTILATED BODY ON UNUSED TRACKS: MURDER SUSPECTED

Ex-Foreman of Powder Works Had Pockets Rifled of Money.

Detectives are investigating the death of Deputy Sheriff James Wilmott, former ly of Philadelphia, whose mutilated body was found on the tracks of the Green wood Lake Branch of the Erie Railroad me mile east of Haskell, N. J., yester

Milmott's head was crushed and the legs almost severed below the knees, making it appear that he had been struck by a train. County Physician Robert R. Armstrong and Prosecutor Michael Dunn, of Passaic County, instituted the inquiry, as the body was found on a switch not used for more than a year and Wilmott's pockets were rifled of a large sum of

noney.

Lending color to the theory that Wil-Lending color to the theory that Wil-mott was murdered and his body placed on the tracks, it is known he had ene-mies among strikers formerly employed by the Du Pont Powder Company. He was foreman of a night shift and re-cently discharged a number of men. Wilmott, who was 6 feet 5 inches tall, was known as "Big Jim" Wilmott. He was 62 years old.

ALEXANDER H. BROOKE FOR POLICE MAGISTRATE

Well-known Newspaper Reporter Will Seek Nomination

Alexander Hamilton Brooke, for more han 32 years a newspaper reporter in this city, is being urged by many civic organizations to become a candidate for which convenes today and will get the Police Magistrate on the Republican ticket next fall.

Mr. Brooke, whose newspaper career has been spent mostly in the police courts of Philadelphia, today stated he would make a fight for the nomination. He in-tends to deliver a series of speeches this winter at dinners and other functions on

"The Duties of a Magistrate."
For more than 16 years Mr. Brooke has made his home in the 9th Division of the 22d Ward. He is a Republican and one of the best-known men in Philadelphia.

"FULL TIME" AT BALDWIN'S

Joy at Eddystone Plant When 2000

Men Start on New Hours. Two thousand men loyously punched the time clocks at the Eddystone plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works this morning, happy in the knowledge that they would have full-time employment for a month and that it was not going to be such a hard winter after all. After a long period of part-time work, the men have been employed for their regular hours on an order for 30 pocomo-tives for the Russian Government. It was rumored the plant would work day and night until the order was completed, but the management decided to put all hands to work full time, instead of double time. In this way the order will be com-pleted in a month.

GRAND JURY SWORN IN The Grand Jury for the December term of Quarter Sessions Court was aworn in today before Judge Davis, and Charles F. Bartlett, of 2018 Spring Garden street, was appointed foreman.



Schmidt & Son Appropriate Wedding and Holiday Gifts 16th and Walnut Sts., Phila. Bar Marker, Mr. New York Stly

Maunella, Mass.

CROOKED CHICAGO POLICE SEEKING **IMMUNITY BATHS**

Confessions Include Revelations That Involve 30 Detectives in Conspiracies Covering Crime of Every Sort.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 .- Thirty police detecives, with Captain John J. Halpin, who was formerly Chief of the Detective Bureau, were named today in a new confession to State's Attorney Hoyne as the beneficiaries in a newly discovered "pay-off joint" for pickpockets, wire tappers and confidence men in a downtown office building. It was said that the shooting of Barney Bertsch, in Ranstreet recently, which led to Bertsch's confession and the indictment of Halpin and two alds, was due directly to Bertsch's attempting to open a rival clearing house for confidence men. A half dozen death threats were mailed to members of the December Grand Jury

new confessions. Members of the police force were said to be falling over each other in their cagerness to make a clean breast of the graft system to the prosecutor in the hope of immunity. The State's Attorney said he had time to hear only a limited number of confessions and would not grant immunity to high officials. Clarence Class, a confidence man, made

the confession naming the 30 additional detectives. He said that all regularly protected wire tappers, bookmakers and onfidence men who worked out of the eadquarters downtown carried special lentification cards and were never coked when any place was raided. The ards, he said, gave the holders right to btain money from citizens in any manner except by murder. Class named Ed fitee and Tom Kefmin, a saloonkeeper at 21 North Dearborn street, as the chief "fixers." About 60 swindlers, he said. had identification cards.

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PRODUCTS AT FOOD SHOW

Manufacturers Also Have Exhibits in

The "outside exhibitors" who are being Exposition today offer attractive displays. There are 27 of these guests of the Terminal Market and they have rented over 100 stalls during the exposition.

One display which attracted much atention was that of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, which is showing a case of sugar distinctive because it is from the first cargo to come through the Panama Canal to this port.

The scope of the business being done at the exposition is well illustrated by orders taken by the Campbell Soup Company. On Saturday, orders for 18 cans of tomato soup for delivery in Pasadena, Cal.; a dozen cans to Los Angeles, Cal.; and a dozen each to Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, were placed. Other interesting exhibits displayed by the "outsiders" are those of the U.S. Slicing Company. the Oakdale Paties.

One feature of the market exposition other vegetables to fruits and meats.

MAN HURLED HIGH BY TRAIN Milk Wagon Demolished, But Driver Escapes Death.

Harry Kugler, 20 years old, of Sewell, N. J., was hurled high into the air by an inbound West Jersey and Seashore electric train at Woodbury Heights, N. J., today and escaped death. The milk wagon he was driving was demolished. The rain and mist prevented him from seeing the approaching train.

OUTSIDE DEALERS DISPLAY

Terminal Market Expositions.

featured in the Terminal Market Food

The company also has an exhibition of bottles which show the different stages in sugar manufacture from the raw sugar as it comes from Cuba and the Philippines, through the refining process to the finished product of gran-ulated, pulverized, lump and brown sugur.

the "outsiders" are those of the U.S. Slicing Company, the Oakdale Baking Company, Abbott's Dairies, J. S. Ivins' Son, Moneyweight Scale Company, the H. C. Wilbur Company, the Finley Acker Company, the H. H. Ottens Manufacturing Company, Swift & Co., the National Cash Register Company, S. R. Kennedy Company, the Purity Food Company, the Silver Suds Company, the Toledo Scale Company and that of the Freihofer Baking Company ing Company.

today is the sale of venison at 70 cents to a pound by H. A. Weinert, who displays everything from onions, tomatoes and

Association. Congressmen from these four States will be urged to ask the Interstate Commerce Commission to hold special sittings to probe the alleged illegal agreement between the Pennsylvania, the Philadel-

Ohio Railroad Companies. Congressman William J. Browning, of he 1st District of New Jersey, has already drafted such a petition to the commission. It will not be filed, however, until the Congressmen from other States have been asked to co-operate. William Carey Marshall, counsel for the South Jersey Commuters' Association, will take the matter up today with Ed-ward B. Martin, chairman of the Joint Transportation and Suburban Committee of the United Business Men's Associa-

Fifteen more shopping days remain before Christ-

Already the shops have put their

best holiday goods on display.
Christmas greens from Maine and
Vermont, and holly and mistletoe
from Virginia are filling the market

stalls.

The pungent aroma of fruit and spice cakes is freighting the atmosphere with its tempting odor, an appetizing reminder of the nearness of the holiday.

All the Christmas supplies are

Do your Christmas shopping NOW and thereby make yourself and everybody else happy.

CONGRESSMEN TO

Ask Representatives From

Four States to Petition In-

terstate Commerce Com-

mission to Order Probe.

Steps to enlist the co-operation of Con-

gressmen from Pennsylvania, New Jer-

officers of the South Jersey Commuters

phia and Reading and the Baltimore and

JOIN IN PROTEST

COMMUTERS URGE

at hand.

mas, exclusive of today.

MAY CHARGE CONSPIRACY.

Should the effort to have the Congressmen join in the protest fail, lawyars for the Commuters' Association, as a last resort, will apply to the United States District Court and possibly to the New Jersey Chancery Court for a restraining order on the ground that the railroads have entered into an illegal conspiracy which will injure property values. The New Jersey Chancery Court has great powers and 19 years ago, by a similar order, it dissolved the coal lease of the Rending-Jersey Central-Lehigh Valley Raliroad on the ground that it was against public policy. Edwin M. Abbott, one of the attorneys

for the United Business Men, who will appear before the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission here on Thursday, is gathering data to elaborate on the Service Commission here on the is gathering data to elaborate on the three principle arguments against the increase—discrimination against Philadelphia, the failure of the railroad to comply with the law in posting schedules of the proposed changes and the alleged lilegal agreement between the railroads, illegal agreement between the railroads, increased by the proposed changes and the alleged liles that is going to make some little girls and boys so happy on Christmas morning that there is no measuring it in mere words. Little Elsie MacEwan, of Merion, Pa., sent five surprise boxes, surprise indeed to the

has been a victim of discrimination in railroads.

The Mayors of practically every town in New Jersey south of Trenton and representatives from the various Boards of Trade and similar bodies will meet in the Camden City Hall tomorrow afternoon to complete plans for their campaign against the increase. Congressman Browning will submit at that time the reso-iution which he intends filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission asking an investigation of the supposed agreement between the railroad companies.



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HOUSE OPEN TO TAKE GIFTS FOR 'KIDDIES'

SANTA CLAUS STORE-

Crowd of Admiring Youngsters at 608 Chestnut Street Will Direct You Where to Leave Toys.

The Santa Claus store house is open; and ready for business, with Santa's own private secretary in charge, to meet personally little boys and girls who will bring generous offerings to help make this a universal children's Christmas, so that no kiddle, no matter how poor or how forlorn, will be without at least one gift. If you don't happen to know where old. Kriss' earthly storehouse is, just walk down the 600 block on Chestnut street until you come to a little group of youngsters standing outside of a beautiful Christimasy window, decorated with blocks and dolls and rocking horses and bicycles and all the toys that make a child's eyes grow as big as saucers and his little throat lumpy through ecstacy and desire.

It isn't necessary to know the store house is in the front room of the Washington Building, 608 Chestnut street; the little kids gazing in wonderment before the window are a surer indication.

sey, Delaware and Maryland in the fight Itain and sleet beat against the window against the proposed increase in railroad pane this morning as the Santa Claus lady passenger fares have been taken by the opened the door of the store house and made ready for the day's business. Prosaic grown-up folks hurried past the window, cager to reach the protecting warmth of their business offices, but three little children stood oblivious to the rain and gazed and gazed and gazed.

A diminutive messenger boy literally tore himself away, but the other two watchers, a boy with his little snub nome pressed flat against the glass, and a tiny tot of a girl, with her umbrella trailing forgotten on the pavement, stayed on and no amount of molature could serve to

no amount of moisture could serve to dampen their enthusiasm.

The Store House will be the receiving station for gifts which every child in Philadelphia who is certain of a merry Christmas is asked to bring, so that un-fortunate kiddles to whom Christmas is just plain 25th of December and Santa Clause a mysterious person known only by heresay will taste some of the holiday joys.

1200 KIDDIES PART WITH TREAS-URES,

Twelve hundred children, the juventle nembers of the Public Lappan Santa Claus Club, have been hoarding together the lost month or more little gifts to bring the Store House, and this morning such a heterogeneous collection descended upon the place that the Santa Claus Lady was tempted to laugh out loud at the funniness of them, if it hadn't been she was all choky from thinking of the sacri-fices made by some of the youngsters in sending their offerings.

Ragged doll babies, bearing all the ear

marks of affectionate wear and tear; toy pistols, dolly dishes, doggies and sheep, things which wrench the heart of a child to part with, are among the first treasures which will pour into Santa's Store. House until Christmas morning, when the Public and Evening Lenger automobiles

Evidence has been obtained from New Merion, Pa., sent five surprise boxes, York, St. Louis, Chicago, Boston and other cities to show that Philadelphia unsuspecting kiddles who receive them. has been a victim of discrimination in the commutation increase planned by the railroads.

Store House in a great shiny automobile this morning and had the chauffeur leave a huge donation of dominoes, dishes, boxes of gorgeously colored beads, a play ironing board, a horse and cart and a dollie.

"For some poor little child's Christmas." was all she said, and the motor whiried

her away.

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