RECEIVED

COX WILL DISCOVER

CHARGES REVERSED

Volunteer Statements Were

Heard From Assistants

to Attorney General

campaign contribution of \$5000

from the Dayton (Ohio) Metal

Products company today sent the

senate campaign investigating

On demand of Democratic mem-

ers of the committee immediate

the Ohio state campaign, it was

inquiry was ordered, although

agreed was outside the commit-

tee's jurisdiction. Officials of the

Metal Products company and the

City National bank of Dayton

were called to appear tomorrow

with any papers relating to the

Draws Check for Cox.

iner for a house aircraft investi-

gation committee, however, Geo.

Mr. Cox's campaign fund."

Seek Realm of Facts.

purview of this committee's bus-

iness." Senator Reed said, "but I

am going to insist that this mat-

ter be investigated, and that we

The committee ranged over

wide field of inquiry today. It

rom assistants to Attorney Gen-

Francisco during the Democratic

convention that they had traveled

on official business which they

It failed to find any similar ac-

San Francisco at government ex-

the industrial group organization

plan of soliciting campaign funds

employed by New York custody

workers for the Republican na-

Who Is Back of Papers?

soldier · publication "Stars and

connection between the paper and

that the "American Legion Week-

ly" was controlled by the Repub-

lican national committee. It lis-

Edge, New Jersey, was in some

tened to a charge that Senator

way connected with a campaign

then to an admission that the

charge had no basis but specula-

wood of the financing of the Re-

publican national weekly and of

the "bulk" circulation methods of

Documents Are Stolen.

tigation of the national Republi-

can finances, were stolen from the

hell-or to go to this committee.'

Senator Reed said the papers

money' not to do it.

Lockwood added.

In addition the committee heard

It heard in detail from Lock-

It explored the financing of the

justified the expense ac-

get out of the realm of deduction

"It does not come within the

No direct charge was made.

transaction involved.

James M. Cox."

immediately

into that of fact."

tional committee.

tion and rumor.

Stripes."

off on a wholly new phase.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

MERCHANT MARINE IS ASSAILED

Harding Would Inaugurate school for girls, yesterday received a letter from New York a Policy That Would Unfurl the Flag Again on Every Water Highway

GOVERNMENT THRIFT IS ONE H. C. L. REMEDY

Senator Is Cheered by West Virginians as He Gave Reform Pledges

MARION, O., Sept. 24 .- The administration's merchant marine policy was assailed by Senator Harding today in a front porch speech in which he declared that this and other issues of the campaign were too big to be "ob-scured by any sort of vaudville performance on the part of any-

Charging that the shipping board had been a "continual fiasco," he said that with efficient management the nation's marine resources should have permitted the establishment of shipping lines to all parts of the world as soon as the war was over. One of his first acts as chief executive. he said, would be to inaugurate a policy that would "unfurl the flag again on every sea."

Declares For Economy He also reiterated his charges of extravagance and blundering by the Democrats and declared his ose to establish an economical and efficient business administration. Touching on the high cost of living, he said that while no cure-all had been found, governmental and individual thrift and a protective tariff would go a long way to lower prices.

gathering of west Virginians, who cheered the candidate's thrusts at Democratic rule and his pledges of reform. The delegation came werland in a motor party which included more than 300 automoiles. The address to Senator Harding was delivered by Judge I. W. Vandervort of Parkersburg, W. Va., who promised a Republi-Can victory in West Virginia.

Traveling Men Come

norrow the senator will speak to a delegation of several thousand members of the Harding and Coolidge traveling men's league who will be brought here by more than 30 special trains. It was revealed at Harding headquarters tonight that although the candidate is to make numerous out-of-town speeches after this week, tomorrow's meeting will not mark the end of the front porch program. A delegation of women from many parts of the country is to be addressed here on October 1 on social welfare subjects and on October 18 the nominee will speak to a gath ering of first voters.

No Verdict in Howard Action for Damages

After deliberating nearly six hours, the jury sitting in the action of S. H. Howard against the Marion Hotel company and the Southern Pacific company was unable to reach a verdict and was put to bed at midnight by the bailiff of the court.

Had a verdict been reached it would have been sealed because of the absence of Judge Kelly who left the city last night and will return early today.

The case is an action for about the accidental death of Theodore Howard, son of the plaintiff, in a collision at State and Twelfth streets several months ago.

Miners Want Federal Soldiers Removed

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 2.4-A general strike involving 126,000 organized workers West Virginia will be called federal troops are to be used as a strike breaking agency instead of for the protection of the constitutional rights of citizens state and nation," said C. Keeney, president of district No 17. United Mine Workers of America, in a statement tonight.

Mr. Keeney added that "before this drastic action is taken, however, the associations of coal miners in northern and southern West Virginia will be requested to use their influence to have federal soldiers removed from the state in order that tranquility may pre-

Pittock Will Contest Reaches Supreme Court

action of F. W. Leadbetter et al. The state of F. W. Leadbetter et al. Charge Morden, executors of the will of the late Henry L. Pittock of Portland.

The same train and the same mail clerks were held up last May been referred to in the Chinnor Cox said, was given today by the ediotr of one Albuquefue announcement of the transportation of the late Henry L. Pittock of Portland.

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"And they stole the automobile was found in the Chinnor Cox said, was given today by Horace Walton, of St. Joseph, and the charge cox said the papers had been referred to in the Chinnor Cox said, was given today by Ho

MRS. PATTERSON RECEIVES CHARRED MISSIVE IN MAIL

Accident is Recalled in Which Aviator on Transcontinental Plane Lost His Life

Mrs. Clara Patterson, superintendent of the state industrial school for girls, yesterday rewhich had been in a mail bug carired by a transcontinental mail service airplane which was wrecked near Luckie, Ohio, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of August 14 last.

The aviator was killed when the ship crashed to the earth and the plane destroyed by fire. The letter received by Mrs. Patterson is charred, and the name of the sender cannot be read and only a part of the contents of the let-

Attached to the letter was a note from the postmaster of Toedo, Ohio, explaining that the letter was salvaged from the

Mrs. Patterson will advertise in New York newspapers to ascertain if possible the name and address of the writer.

G. A. R. IS ENDED

William A. Ketcham Elected Commander-in-Chief Unapposed

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 24. A visit to Fort Benjamin Har- ing here tonight. rison following the installation of new officers at a brief business session today concluded the official program of the fifty-fourth annual encampment of the G. A.

William A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis, was elected commander-in-chief without opposition. Other officers named are George commander-in-chief; J. E. Gandy, Spokane, junior vice commander- to New Mexico to plan the al in-chief; Rev. W. A. Boswell, Witchita, Kan., chaplain-in-chief: cratic campaign. Dr. C. W. Burrill, Kansas City,

The encampment did not select the city for the 1921 meeting, because no formal invitations were received. The new national council of administration will select the location.

Only one contest developed That was for surthe election. Dr. Burrill geon general. ceived 367 votes to 200 for Dr. M. W. Wood, of Boise, Ida. was conducted stallation Charles G. Burton, of Portland.

A resolution proposing a federtion of the G. A. R. with the Spanish War veterans and postponed American legion, was indefinitely. It was opposed on the ground that the G. A. R. would lose its identity in such a ederation.

A resolution receiving favorable action proposes that the G. A. R. retain its identity until the last nember is dead.

The Sons of Veterans elected deutenant Governor P. A. Burrows of Nebraska, as their commander-in-chief.

Motorcycle Club Has Membership Campaign

A live campaign is being conducted in the city by motorcycle riders to obtain memberships in the Motorcycle club. A contest among the members

is lending zeal to the campaign, as they have been divided into two teams, each trying to outdo the others in the gain in memberships. The losing side is pledged to furnish entertainment lery asked about the Lodge and a "big feed" at the conclusion of the contest, which will be \$10,000 damages resulting from the first week in October. Fred Alkire and Homer Best are captains of the teams.

The club made an effort to arrange for a motorcycle race at the state fair, but was unable to do so strated by the fact that he is opbecause of objection to the motorcycle being run on the race track. However, it is the intention of the club to hold motorcycle races later, provided the track can then be obtained, and it, is expected that a large delegation from the Portland clubs, as well as clubs from other cities, will be in at-

Riley Taken in Portland, Wagner Is Still at Large

Earl Riley, who with Frank Wagner escaped under gunfire penitentiary Thursday was capcording to information reaching with Germany. here and was expected to be returned last night to the grate prison in custody of a Portland offi-

It developed yesterday morning that Riley and Wagner had been hiding since their escape in the attic of one of the buildings at the state industrial school for d the suprame court. An tic, so the two had enough to est, was filed yesterday in the and some time Thursday night nor Cox said was given today by sched the supreme court. An tic, so the two had enough to est, publican newspapers of

IN AIRPLANE CRASH SCOUTS ARE **POISONING** THE PRESS

Governor Cox Charges Hays and Republican Editors as Plotters in Silencing News of His Issues

CORRUPTION FUND IS HARPED ON AS USUAL

Says Name of Woodrew Wilson Will be Chanted by All Peoples

DENVER, Sept. 24.-Attacks upon Chairman Hays of the Re-publican national committee, and Republican newspapers charged with "a conspiracy of silence" the Democratic cause featured today's Colorado paign of Governor Cox.

The new line of assault of Democratic presidential candidate, who charged that Mr. Hars, acting for the Republican national committee, and Republican newspaper editors, were consering to suppress news and divert issues of the Cox campaign, was made in three speeches at Trialdad, Pueblo, and at a large meet-Charges Newspapers,

"Poisoning" was the term lip plied by Governor Cox to his charges regarding the Republican newspapers and he likened Chairman Hays to the "scouting guedil-las, who in days of old, poisored wells for the destruction of ede mies." Mr. Hays, he declared. A. Rosley, Boston, senior vice sent an advance agent to confe with Colorado editors, as well as

> The league of nations issue, publicans were trying to "spletrack" in the newspapers. gressiveism, labor and reclasiation were other major topics of his address. He also flayed business" for alleged aid to The Republican cause and the use, the charged, of its "corruption fund" to the newspaper erfort he m-puted to Chairman Hays. Attacks upon the "senatorial oligarchy" and Senator Harding as its are actionary candidate, were repeat

The name of President Wilson evoked a demonstration here Ito said were made upon the president by Republican leaders. address was interrupted while hundreds rose and cheered, finally gave three cheers for

"The name of Woodrow on will be chanted by children of all nations of the earth when the names of Henry Cabot Logge torial oligarchy have been burded in the oblivion of time," the gov-

ernor said. Governor Cox re-stated his position and plans regarding the it was not one for "official Angerica." and that the senate ! voted a resolution of sympathy with Ireland.

"The senate voted the resellu roll call," the governor decladed When Governor Cox discusted the Hitchcock reservations which he said "covered every objection to the league, a man in the

ervations. "There was a vast difference between the Lodge and Hitchclick reservations," the candidate tre-"That Senator Lodge posed his for the purpose of billing the league is now denibn-

posed to the league in any forth Has a Lively Time. ernor a lively time. cited many alleged different boen on international questions a man in the gallery shouted that he personally favored a separate project. peace with Germany. Governor Cox said that it would be sertion of the allies," and said to Pacific Cargo Rates "You ought to be ashamed of

yourself.' Cries of "no, no." were maked

"Have you noticed that vance "scouts" of Chairman

SEND BOMB WARNING THEN ROB UTAH BANK

RECEIVE LETTER WRITTEN IN UNSTEADY HAND

Police Rush to Vermont Building Jury Bring Verdict After Eight While Sugar House Bank

SALT LAKE CITY, Sapt. 24 .-Belief that the warning, threatening to destroy the Vermont building here, in which is located the offices of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company and the Beneficial Life Insurance company, received by Chief of Police Joseph Burbidge, was a plot to draw police attention from Sugar House while the Sugar House bank there was robbed, was expressed tonight by

The latter to Chief Burbidge. caused police reserves to be sent act quickly. She said she stepped to that section of the city. The letter, written in an unsteady hand, was signed "Red." made mention of the Wall street explosion in New York last week and threatened death to those who interfered with the destruction of the building. The police stationed at the Vermont building, which is directly opposite the Mormon temple grounds will be kept on duty, Chief Burbidge stated.

The sugar bank robbers obtained between \$6000 and \$7000 when they looted that institution.

TREATIES MUST **BE HELD FAST**

President Refuses to Act in Destruction of Our Trade Treaties

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. President Wilson has declined to rected by congress in the mer-'such a course would be wholly has shown for its international ed until Tuesday. engagements." leged undermining of the Defio-

president's decision was made to nation-wide gamblers to "po merchant marine act as approved by the president on the closing the last congress session days to give notice to foreign nations of the intentions of the United States to terminate any sections of existing commercia treaties which restrict the right of the American government to impose discriminatory charges on shipping in foreign bottoms.

Four Fatal Accidents Reported to Commission

Four fatal accidents out of were reported to the state indusrial accident commission for the week ending September 23.

The fatal cases were James W. Akin, Brookings, logger: James E Ball Linnton, logger: Powers, fireman; Critchlaw, Baker, laborer.

Of the total number of to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, 29 were from firms and corporations that have not elected to come under the act and 20 were from public atility corporations not subject to the act.

Home Builders Plan to Liquidate, Is Announced

At a meeting of the directors of the Salem Home Builders' association last night it became known that the organization purposes to liquidate with an assessment of one-half per cent for each stock-

An all stockholders meeting was called for last night at the Commercial club, but as there was ed meeting was set for October 9.

The Home Builders' association was, organized with a capital of \$50,000 and purposed aiding it the building of homes in the comproper co-coperation has made it almost necessary to abandon the

Are Greatly Reduced

of "put him out," while a gan Pacific coast ports to the River series, as Benton had said. Hahn rose in the gallery and said that Platte district. Uruguay, have also swore he knew nothing of from the brick vard of the state as the allies had made peach it been reduced to \$40 per thousand any attempts to bribe players to would not be dishonorable for feet, according to information retured yesterday in Portland, ac- this nation now to make place ceived today by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce from the United Germans in New York were to vices from the shipping board Custody of a Portland offi-Wagner has not yet been he favors a separate peace with have recently closed contracts for the New Orleans limited, north-to sell out certain material." and Germany?" asked the governor, shipments from the gulf to the bound, Illinois Central train, to- asked for "a certain amount of cutting off further interruptions River Platte district at less than night before the train reached while the crowd roared approval. \$45, and that the rate on soft Chicago, by two masked men, who Proof of his charges that ad- wood from New York is \$35, escaped. Postoffice officials said Bays which, it was stated, is to be in they coould not determine the had inspired questionnaires in Re- creased to \$40. The new rate of amount stolen until a check had

MRS. BJORKLUND IS ACQUITTED BY JURY GOVERNOR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1920

DENIES HAVING SHOT HER HUSBAND IN A QUARREL

Minutes of Deliberation of Not Guilty

Mrs. Frankie Hart Bjorklund was acquitted by a jury after eight minutes deliberation here today after a trial on a charge of having slain her husband, August Bjorklund, in their apartments on May 21 last. She denied on the stand today that she fired the shot which

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 24.-

killed her husband or that she knew how he was killed. She said she had written him a note saying she was to end her life, that stating the Vermont building he opened the envelope in her would be blown up or burned presence and that she decided to in front of a dresser, aimed the revolver against her breast and fired

Persons who heard the shot took Bjorklund's life which rushed in to find him lying on the floor, a revolver near and his wife nearby in hysterics. Mrs. Bjorklund admitted they had quarreled and that she had intended to kill herself, but denied having shot her husband.

WORLD SERIES GAMES FIXED

Gambling Pollutes Baseball and Will Ruin Great National Game

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.-The Cook county grand jury investigating alleged "fixing" of games in last year's world series and charges of gambling by major league players take steps toward termination of has found such convincing evicertain commercial treaties as di- dence of crooked work that it will not disband when its term chant marine act, holding that expires September 30, but will continue its investigation in a rreconcilable with the historical special capacity it was announced respect which the United States today after the jury had adjourn-

The jury has received evidence Formal announcement of the which indicates an attempt by baseball and ruin the great national game in the same way boxing was killed and horse racing crucified, Henry H. Brigham, foreman, said in a statement.

Comparatively few players are implicated, however, said Mr. Brigham, only a few "weak charactered men being preyed upor by the professional gamblers." A statement also was made by

President Charles A. Comiskey, of the Chicago Americans, saying he had not had the full support of President B. B. Johnson, of the American league, in his attempts to run down charges of crooked work by some players on his team. After seeing this statement, President August Herrman total of 540 industrial casualties of the Cincinnati club, Chicago's opponents in the world series, said "he knew positively President Johnson made an eager in-

vestigation. Jacob (Rube) Benton, New York National pitcher, in his testimony today, reiterated previous statements that a Pittsburgh gambling syndicate had raised \$100,000 which was paid to Chicago American players to "throw games in the world series

the players whose world series checks were held up last year were Eddie Cicotte, Claude Williams, "Happy" Felsch, "Buck" Weaver, Charles Risberg, Joe Jackson, Chick Gandil and Fred McMullin. Gandil no longer is in testimony said he understood Cicotte, Williams, Felsch and Gandil had been approached by gamblers, mentioning a man named Hahn in Cincinnati, and that he "felt sure Cicotte could tell the

District Attorney Clyne took hand in the inquiry today by starting an investigation to find tee. out whether baseball pool tickets were being sent through the mails in violation of the lottery Replying to the charges made

New York by "Rube" Benton. National league pitcher, Philip against the Stars and Stripes, and lic tonight, denied he had given Benton the names of White Sox players in connection with alleged 'fixing' of the world series. declared he would present his tes-He declared specifically that he at the expense of employers but

had not mentioned Eddie Cicotte, without knowledge of the recipiand Claude Williams. White Sox ents of the employers' share in pitchers, and Chick Gandil, first the matter; and it went deeply baseman, and "Hap" Felsch, out, into the financing and activities with louder applause, and dries rates on lumber shipments from of crookedness during the world "throw" the world series.

MAIL POUCHS RIFLED.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24. - Regis-

SHOW EXTREME CARE EXCESS OF RAILROADS ASKED TO

BUCHTEL REMINDS MERCIER OF FAIR WEEK

Flagman at Crossing and Slower AID FUNDS Rate of Travel Through City Requested of S. P.

Requesting that extraordinary precautions he taken by the Southern Pacific company in operat-ing trains through Salem next Geo. B. Lockwood Volunweek, beginning Monday next. teers Big Fund Informa-Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the tion Which Sends Compublic service commission today addressed a letter to A. T. Mermittee Off on New Phase cier, superintendent of the company at Portlara.

The letter requests, because of the congestion of vehicle traffic on the Salem streets every state fair week, that a flagman be placed at the intersection of the railroad and the highway at the fair grounds.

Also it is asked that the speed of trains through Salem be regulated as to minimize the possibility of accidents.

This also is asked relative to trains on the Falls City branch of the company traveling on Union street and crossing Capitol street. the main artery of traffic leading to the state fair grounds from the WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 .- "An Salem husiness and residentia mplied charge that Governor Cox received in 1918 a concealed

SUNDAY SCHOOL **WORKERS MEET**

Faculty is Selected for Community School of Religious Education

An enthusiastic meeting of Sunday school workers and educators of Salem was held in the public library last night, in the interest of the Community School of Reli-Citing as his authority an examgious Education, Dr. W. T. Milliken formally introduced the Rev. B. Lockwood, editor of the Na- Norman Johnson, late of the extional Republican, volunteered the ecptive force of the Pennsylvania statement as a "lead" which the State Sunday School association, committee might follow that a who addressed the gathering, takcertain check drawn by the Metal ing as his subject the nation-wide Products company June 29, 1918, program of religious education. was to "pay a personal note of Sixty delegates from the differ-

ent schools throughout the city "The effort was to make it ap- were present at the meeting. At pear that this was an obligation the close of the address a business with the City National bank of cided to continue the school as ef-Dayton some time before," Lock- fected last year. Howaver, this "But it appears to year it will be conducted on a larger scale. There will me, from all the circumstances, much that it must have been a contri- be two semesters of 12 weeks bution from this corporation to each, and the classes will meet at 7:30 and 8:15 for periods of 45 Lockwood named E. L. Talbot, minutes, after which they will aspresident of the Metal Products semble for general instruction. company, and of the bank, as The expenses of the students will the witness who should be called be met by the individual schools and a message to Talbot was sent which they represent. The school will meet each Monday night in the public library and the first session will be held October 4.

Following is the faculty which has been engaged for the year: Prof. J. T. Matthews, Mrs. C. A. Park, Dr. Milliken, Dr. W. C. Kantner, Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney and Mrs. Lillie L. Farmer. Miss Ferne Wells is registrar.

heard of volunteered statements Sheriff's Convention Re-elects Gilliam eral Palmer, who were in San

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 24.— T. M. Hurlbert, sheriff of Multcounts submitted and approved, Gilliam county, were re-elected

pense reported for the convention for sheriffs, legislation to obtain It heard something of better pay and methods for betcussion before the convention to-

County clerks, scheduled for a convention, were unable to meet because of lack of a quorum.

Ready Any Time for Probe developing a possible

Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, returned yesterday from Jacksonville where he has been adjusting the affairs of the Bank of Jacksonville which recently failed, and immediately upon returning notified the of fice of Governor Olcott that he would gladly open his office to any investigation the state banking board may desire to make relative to the Jacksonville fail-

The board let it be known yes terday that Mr. Bennett's department would be required to make a report in detail relative to activity of his department to protect depositors prior to the fail-

Further than this Mr. Bennett would make no statement.

Minnesota Legislators Study Workmen's Act

nesota, a special committee of the Minnesota legislature was here yesterday "I sent word to him that he The members of the commitwas a blackmailer and to go to

tee are W. I. Norton of Minne-

John I. Levin of St. Paul. They cial statistics.

\$20,000 IS CITY NEED

People to Vote in November on Special Tax Levy to Increase Budget Over Constitutional Allowance

COUNCIL IS CALLED FOR MONDAY NIGHT

Surplus From Other Years and Sale of Machinery Saves Big Deficit

The people of Salem, at the city election in November, will' be called upon to vote on a special tax levy measure to increase the city budget for 1921 in the sum of \$20,000 in excess of the 6 per cent tax limitation provision of

the state constitution. This was ascertained at a cor ference of the ways and means committee of the city council last night, together with B. W. Macy. city attorney; C. O. Rice, city treasurer, and Earl Race, city recorder. The members of the ways and means committee are Joseph Baumgartner, chairman; Edward Schunke and George E. Halvorsen.

Rapid Action Necessary.

It was decided to call a special neeting of the city council at 7:30 o'clock next Monday night for the purpose of rushing through an ordinance to put the measure on the ballot. Hastened action is necessary because of the proximity of the election. Increases in salaries voted to the police, fire and street depart-

ments, and the increased cost of

labor and materials necessary in city government has been operat. ing on a surplus from pro years and available at the beginning of this year. A policy of retrenchment during the war period resulted in a surplus the first of the present year amount-ing to about \$11,000. The sale of a paving plant added \$4000 to this amount. Had it not been for these two amounts it is said the city could not have gone through the present year without

facing a deficit of about \$15,000. The amount of money outside of interest on bonds and payment on bonded indebtedness that was raised for this year was \$95,971. A 6 per cent increase over this amount, allowed by the constitutional limitation, would be an in crease of \$5767, making \$101,-738 that can be raised without going to the people for a special

All Items Studied. At the meeting last night the

ways and means committee and and determined to a nicety jus tively of the Oregon sheriff's in what amount of money will be convention here today. Portland necessary for municipal operations the coming year. This, it was shown, will be \$121,800, or approximately \$20,000 in excess of what is available without a special vote.

The 6 per cent tax limitation amendment of the constitution provides that the total tax levy in any year cannot exceed the levy of the previous year unless voted by the people.

the Democratic national committee. It heard the charge made **BE INFORMED**

Buchtel Requests Railroads Report Reckless Drivers to Secretary Because of a law passed at the

1920 special session of the legislature empowering the secretary of state to revoke an automobile driver's license, if recommended by the proper officers, Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the public service commission, has sent a letter to rallway officials of the state recommending that the names of reckless drivers with whom the train crews come in contact be reported to the secretary of state as well as to the service commission and the national safety council.

The commission takes the poition that this would immediately give the secretary of state immediate opportunity to take any drastic action against such drivers held necessary. Drivers racing trains, or

empting to cross grade crossings ahead of trains are a constant worry to engineers and frequentfcials have followed the custom of ascertaining the names of the were accompanied by Samuel A. drivers or the numbers of their Harper, an attorney of Chicago. | cars and notifying the service Aside from oral information commissoin, the general manager they procured copies of the origi- of the National Safety council and nal act, amendments and finan- also sending a letter to the careless driver himself.