## MYSTERIOUS WORK FAMILY INSISTS OLD IN JERSEY PINES **NEAR LAKEHURST**

Big Tract of Land to Be Made Best Proving Grounds in Country

UNCLE SAM INTERESTED

In the very heart of the scrub pine for ests of New Jersey the Eddystone Arministic Corporation has taken over a vast tract of land, and, under the direction of officers of the United States army released from active dury, is cleaving and leveling a four-mile path through this desolate section. Eventually it will be the most extensive and complete ammunition proving grounds in this country.

That the tract was chosen with the view of keeping all activities there strictly secret is evident from the location of the proving grounds. The searest town in this sparsely sattled section is Lakehurst, for sparsely settled section is Lukeburst, four miles distant, and having only about 700 Inhabitants. It is on the line of the Central Hallroad of New Jersey.

The only road leading to the proving grounds winds through the scrub gine forest and at one point pusses through extensive cranberry boxs which are virtually impassable except by way of the road. The judicious placing of watchmen at this point will enable the corporation. ation to prevent stransers from coming within two miles of the spot where the big guns will harl shell and shrappel toward the splinter proof observation huts where ammunition experts are to note the effect of the gun like

Although no guards are retained by the corporation at present to keep strangers from the grounds, the read through the forest is studded with sinns warning against trespassing, and others prohibiting employes from bringing liquor on the promises. Those who are recognized by employes as having no business at the proving grounds are stopped, shown the trespass signs and the direction in which Lakeburst lies.

TRESPASSING FORBIDDEN

"No trespassing that means you!" is the pointed remark on such occasions. More than 200 men are busy chopping down the thousands of pines which still obstruct the tract A strip four miles long and a quarter of a mile wide has already been cleared. It will be enlarged until the cleared space is a mile wide and four miles long and then the work of dynamiting the tree stumps from the tract will be begun. A bill of considerof dynamiting the tree sumps from the tract will be begun. A hill of considerable size near the centre of the tract will be leveled in order that the guns to be placed at the eastern end of the proving grounds will have an unobstructed sweep toward the westward.

At infrequent intervals the woods liming the great clearing are studded with wooden shacks to house men and materials. All day long two-sacrae teams ply back and forth over the woodland road to the railread to bring cenert, lumber and

railroad to bring coment, lumner and other materials needed at the proving

The gun platform at the eastern end of the grounds is nearing completion. It will be surmounted by a number of field plees, which will be fired over a 700-yard range, a 10,500-yard range and a 15,500-yard range. The effect of the fire from these guns will be watched from four observation hits at various points on the grounds. They will be constructed of logs and earth.

TO ERECT MANY BUILDINGS.

Other buildings will be two testing lab-ratories, an administration office and an office for inspectors, buildings to house laborers and other employes of the cor-poration and an iron and concrete cham-ber in which suropnel will be fired for testing purposes.

testing purposes.

Officials in charge of the work near Lakehurst assert that no ammunition will be manufactured at the proving grounds, but that the munitions turned out by the corperation at the Eddystone plant will be trainsported to Lakehurst by rail and to the proving grounds by automobile trucks. Corroboration of this statement is seen in the fact that already a powerful ammunition truck similar to those being sent to Europe is in storage in a garage at Lakehurst. It is said there will be three more trucks sent to Lakehurst to do this work as soon as the road leading to the proving grounds is improved.

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The Federal Government has interested Itself in the activity of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation to the extent of releasing Captain Walter M. Wilhelm releasing Captain Walter M. Withelm from active duty so that he could assume the vice presidency of the corporation. The work at the proving grounds is under the supervision of Captain C. K. Rockwell, a Beutemant and a pergeant, all of them similarly "on leave," that they may promote the success of the venture.

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nected with the proving grounds, and in-quisitive persons are referred to Cap-tain Rockwell as the only person author-ized to give out information. The unly method by which inhabitants of Lake-hurst have neen able to visit the prov-ing grounds is on the pretext of wishing to see "Tuve" Curtis, the foreman who emplays wood cutters and other laborers.

### COPS AS SANTA CLAUSES

Kensington and Frankford Poor to Get Christmas Presents

In many sections of the city, partieu larly in the congested part of Kensington and Frankford occupied by the deserving poor, policemen will become Santa Clauses on Saturday morning or Friday night. And, incidentally, poor Johnny Hobo, if he happens to imbite too much Christmas "joy" in the form of Hot Scotch, need not expect a free ride to a warm station house.

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All the wagons in that part of Philadelphia will be busy assisting the policement to help make the boys and girls and papes and mammas happy by distributing the loads of pretty and useful gifts that benevolent Philadelphians are providing for them.

It is even whispered that patrol wagons will be decorated with cotion and evergreens so that they may have somewhat the appearance of the proverbial reindeer sledge.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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# MAN WAS MURDERED

Autopsy Will Be Performed on Body of Victim, Who, Jury Said, Ended Life

An autopsy will be performed late today on the body of James J. Corcoran, found last Thursday in a drift of snow in Cobb's Creek Park, with his throat cut, to determine whether the man committed suiclife or was murdered. A Coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict of death by suicide, but Miss Anna E. Corcoran, the dead man's daughter, called on Cogoner Knight today and demanded that an autopsy be performed. Miss Coreoran asserts that members of the family were not notified that the inquest was to have been held.

Miss Corcoran believes firmly her futher, who was 49 rears old, was mur-dered. She reached his home, 5,439 Addi-son street, but night, from the West. She told Coroner Knight that a reporter, who body was found, assured her that there were footprints in the ground, pointing to murder. The family also asserts that the man's law and three rits were fractured, strengthening the theory of murder,

A knife was found beside the body, but Miss Corcoran said today that this was not her father's knife. She declared that a knife owned by her father had been stolen a few days prior to the finding of

"I want to be convinced that it was suicide," Miss Corcoran said to Coroner Knight, Dr. William S. Wadsworth, Cor-oner's physicing, will perform the au-topsy at the Corcoran home.

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The police, as well as the Coroner's jury which acted on the case yesterday, are firmly convinced that Corcoran killed himself. They explain that, admitting that the knife found beside the leady had never been seen before by members of the family, and that he had lost his own knife, it would have been easy for him to purchase another one. The police record says that the man was ill two years and that he had acted childishly at times.

Dr. Anthony Estotico, of the West and that he had acted childishly at times. Dr. Anthony Estolico, of the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, who pronaunced the man dead, said that it was his belief that the jaw was only bruised and not fractured. He said, however, that he did not make an examination of the body. He expressed his opinion to the effect that if the jaw and three ribs were really fractured it was impossible that these injuries could have been inflicted by the man falling to the ground after cutting his own threat, but fround after cutting his own throat, but that the injuries must have been caused y some one else. Mrs. Emily Corcoran, wife of the dead

man, said that there was no doubt in her mind that her husband was muc-

#### Attempts Suicide in Jail

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 21.—Mike Thilling 40 years old, a Contesville Hun-garian, serving a term of six months in the Chester County prison here, at-fempted suicide hast night by plunging 30 feet from the third, or upper, corridor in the institution. His fall was broken when his body struck the edge of the second corridor, but when he struck the concrete at the bottom both arms were broken and he sustained serious injuries about the bead. He will recover about the head. He will recover.

Spain Rearming Troops

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 21.—Great signifi-cance is attached by English military officers to recent activities among the Spanish forces. An order issued today authorizes 69,000 Spanish carabineers to surrender their Mauser rifles and substitute Remingtons of the latest design Large numbers of Spanish recruits are constantly training.

## PURPOSE OF WOMEN'S DIVISION FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS



Evening Ledger for a brief statement outlining the purpose of the Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness, Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel, founder of the movement, today issued the following statement:

In response to a request from the

"Patriotic women can play their part in aiding a nation in time of war as well as men. The Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness calls for nothing more than a willingness to sacrifice. when the need arises, those comforts and luxuries that ample means afford, to the greater end that the Commonwealth shall be preserved.

"Individually, women of the United States have always played their part nobly in time of war and trouble. With organization, they can accomplish so much more.

"The division hopes to so concentrate the work of women that it will be a tangible asset to the defenders MRS. GEORGE W. CHILDS DREXEL. of the United States.

"This, in a nutshell, is our aim. To accomplish it we need volunteers, and we are calling on the women of Pennsylvania to band themselves together under the standard of preparedness.

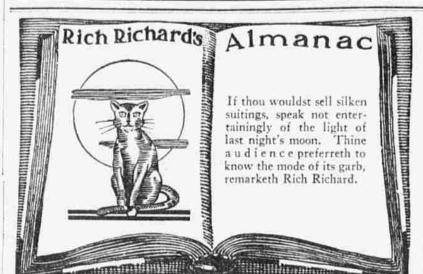
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Eye Glass Cases	4.25	to	16.50
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#### COAL PRICES STATIONARY

Ohio Competition Will Prevent Rise in Local Figures

Though the shortage in soft coal for general consumption is real enough, exorbitant prices will not prevail in Philadelphia for the fuel, according to a statement made today by Frank Wigton, member of the Bituminous Coal Association of Central Pennsylvania and former president of the organization. The com-petition of the Ohlo bituminous coal fields | Wigton.

will keep down local perces, in the opinion of Mr. Wiston.

"The trouble is," he added, "that nearly all the coal operators in this State have sold their entire supply under contract and will not be able to supply the independent demand that has sprung up. The railroad congestion has tied up coal so that Philadelphia will have a chance to tore her supply till the embargoes are lifted. The price of the coal has doubled in the last several months, but I do not think it will increase any more," said Mr.

"Curbstone" Vestry Decision Reserved Judges McMichael and Perguson as olding under advisement, following the argument of exceptions by opposing counsel, action on the recent decision of Judge Ferguson in recognizing the issality of the "curostone" vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church, and ordering the Rev. George Chalmers Richmond to the Rev. George Chaimers Richmond is turn over to them keys, property and books of the church. Edgar N. Black, attorney for the rector, who was recently suspended for one year at an ecclesia-tical trial, argued against the admission of certain evidence at the civil trial.





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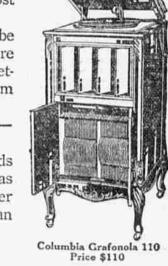
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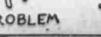
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