

DELAWARE FORT

Engineers to Bore for Gun Foundations 80 Miles Above Bay

FOUNDATIONS ON LAND TAKEN

WILMINGTON, Del., March 6.—It was learned authoritatively today that the Government intends powerfully to fortify the mouth of the Delaware to protect the Philadelphia and Delaware river plants of the du Ponts here and at Carney's Point, N. J.

Big guns with a range of more than thirty miles are to be mounted at Cedar Beach, 80 miles from the mouth of the bay and will sweep the mouth of the bay from Cape May Point to Rehoboth.

It is believed the site will be made permanent should a solid foundation be found for the marshland thereabouts. To ascertain the nature of the foundation boring machinery will be used. A cartload of such machinery, consigned to the Government, is sidetracked on the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad at Milford. This will be hauled to the bay shore as soon as the condition of the storm-damaged country road permits.

Milford has been agitated for a week. There it heard rumors of extensive land being taken at Cedar Beach. The machinery arrived, and it became public knowledge that the machinery had been consigned to the Federal Government.

Land values at Cedar Beach and in Milford Neck, nearby, have suddenly risen. Milford real estate dealers say W. W. Watson, a Dover attorney, is acting for the Government in land negotiations. It is reported he has obtained an option on the Shockey's 40-acre farm at Cedar Beach, promising to pay \$5,000 on July 1, when the deed is to be transferred.

It is reported that Harrington is also negotiating for Mark H. Shockey's 100-acre farm, separated from David Shockey's by Cedar Creek, and for fifty acres of land in Milford Neck.

But the largest deal, according to rumors, contemplates the acquisition of Frank Givens' 3,000-acre farm formerly known as the Governor Polk tract.

Some persons think the proposed fortress will be a duplicate of Fort Du Pont or Fort Mott.

With forts Du Pont and Mott re-enforced by the fortification of the Delaware Breakwater and fortifications at Cedar Beach, the Delaware Bay would prove a strong barrier to a hostile fleet. It is said no fortifications will be put on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware Bay below Fort Mott. Cedar Beach is fifty-eight miles south of Fort Du Pont and Mott and thirty miles north of the Delaware waterway.

CAMDEN CHURCHMAN FOR 27 YEARS IS DEAD

David Whitaker Pneumonia Victim as Daughter Lies Seriously Ill in Hospital

David Whitaker, 703 Cooper street, Camden, a former milk dealer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Camden and a member of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, of Camden, for twenty-seven years, died at his home today of pneumonia, with which he was stricken last Wednesday. He is survived by three daughters and two sons.

One of his daughters, Mrs. Byron Woodard, seriously ill in the Philadelphia Hospital, has not yet recovered from her ailment. Another daughter, Elsie, who was at school in Chicago, won a race with death when she heard of her father's illness. She arrived in Camden last night.

A son, Chester D. Whitaker, is somewhere in California, but could not be found. Mr. Whitaker was sixty-four years old. He will be buried today at 2 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at his home.

TRIES TO STOP FIGHT; STABBED

Peacemaker Discovers Lungs Are Punctured Hours After Fight

A peacemaker, stabbed in the side, did not realize that he had been hurt until today, ten hours after the stabbing, when he was too weak to get out of bed. The wounded man, Edward Reilly, twenty-five years old, 129 Weaver street, was taken to the Germantown Hospital, where it was said one of his lungs had been punctured. Hugh Burton, 272 Montross street, accused of the stabbing, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Pennock, of the Germantown station, for a further hearing. Reilly was released with a check on a fricas in Vernon Park last night, after he and a friend, Theodore Murphy, 129 Weaver street, had been accosted by Burton in a saloon near the park. Murphy and Burton went to the park to "fight it out," while Reilly interferred. Murphy was arrested with Burton and was released on his own recognizance.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS INDICTED

For alleged conspiracy in connection with a scheme to circulate \$120,000 worth of counterfeit \$20 and \$10 Federal Reserve Bank notes, Alvin M. Hornberger and Calvin R. Holmes, both of Reading, were indicted today by the Federal Grand Jury in this city. They were arrested last January. Hornberger was previously indicted for a similar offense by the Middle District Grand Jury at Scranton.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

SMITH.—March 5. MARY P. SMITH, daughter of the late Clifford W. Smith, general and int. private. Buried at Mt. Pleasant, 10 a. m., interment private.

SMITH.—March 5. ELIZABETH, wife of Harry W. Hartman and daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Smith, both of Camden, friends invited to funeral, Sat. 8:30 a. m., St. Augustine Church, 19th St., Mt. Pleasant, N. J.

MULLINOT.—March 5. IRENE, wife of Joseph W. Melroy, relatives and friends invited to funeral, Sat. 10 a. m., at the Oliver H. Mumford home, 1820 Chestnut St., interment private. Friends may view remains Thurs. evening, 7 p. m., at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Lantieri, 1280 S. Broad St., and on Monday, March 12, at the late Peter Lane, 1280 S. Broad St., relatives and friends invited to funeral, Sat. 8:30 a. m., at the Oliver H. Mumford home, 1820 Chestnut St., interment private.

HAROLD ERNEST, youngest son of Leopold and Hannah Sender, relatives and friends invited to funeral, Sat. 8:30 a. m., at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Lantieri, 1280 S. Broad St., interment private.

LOST AND FOUND
SPECTACLES.—Lost, gold spectacles in case, W. Frankford and Columbia; reward, \$1.00. Broad St.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE
HEADFURU, experienced, colored, age 24, good mechanic, best references. 1607 Thompson St.

HELP WANTED—MALE
Experienced on structural steel; steady, long hours; Apply Belmont Iron Works, Edgemoor, Philadelphia, Chester St.

ROOMS FOR RENT
1408—Large attractive furnished room with kitchen, bath, etc. Phone 2720.

LOCAL SHIPBUILDERS CONFER WITH DANIELS

Cramps and New York Co. Agents Discuss Speeding Up on Contracts

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Determined to round up every portion of the construction group charged with building a bigger navy for the United States, Secretary of Navy Daniels today called into conference representatives of the New York Shipbuilding Company, Cramps and the Newport News and Fore River Companies.

Mr. Daniels urged upon them the absolute need for further haste and efficiency for Government work under way in their yards and presented a plan for shortening time for completion.

Later he planned to see representatives of the electric and lake boat submarine construction and afterwards of the big steel and ordnance corporations. The secretary also plans a survey of navy yards as to their capacity for construction and intends to locate nothing undone that will hurry the navy to a maximum production.

Cramps' Ship and Engine Building Company is now engaged in building two top-hat destroyers for the Government. They are the Conner and the Stockton. The boats are about half finished. An official of the company said today.

SAMMY AND EDDIE SET GUARD ABOUT N. Y. SUBWAY

Member of Junior Police Tipped Off by Chum Not to Ride on Tuesday

NEW YORK, March 6.—Sixteen-year-old Sammy Margolis, with an ambition to become a great detective, set several hundred thousand New Yorkers on edge today, brought scores of extra police and detectives rushing out to guard the subway and get a lot of stuff in print about a big plot to blow up the underground railway.

It was Sammy's fourteen-year-old chum, Eddie Hirsch, who really started the thing. Eddie confided to Sammy that a "tall man with a red mustache" whispered to him while he was riding home on the subway yesterday.

"Don't ride home in the subway Tuesday," Sammy is a member of the Junior police. He ran home to tell his father and his father tipped the police. As a precaution the police kept extra men on duty at the subway stations all day.

COP'S WARNING SAVES SIX PERSONS IN FIRE

Roused From Sleep by Passing Policeman, Occupants Fled Way From House to Street

In a midnight fire at 1604 East Passyunk avenue six persons narrowly escaped suffocation by smoke. They were roused from their sleep by a passing policeman and made their way down the choking stairways in their night clothes. The damage was slight, not exceeding \$150, according to the firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Miller and Miller's father, Hyman Miller, were sleeping on the third floor. Miller had much difficulty in arousing his father, who is sixty-eight years old, and in assisting him to the ground floor.

On the second floor Mrs. Fannie Newbar, seventy years old, was helped from her room by her granddaughter, Dorothy Newbar, twenty-one years old, and by Miss Jennie Freedman, nineteen years old, a cousin of Mrs. Miller. Miller assisted after he had seen his father safely to the street.

TO TEST ATLANTIC CITY LAW

ATLANTIC CITY, March 6.—Recorder Gaskill, with the help of the city solicitor, is preparing for an investigation into the ruling of the court which denied him the right of permitting prisoners under a city law to waive trial by jury.

HIGHEST COURT UPHOLDS 3 COMPENSATION ACTS

New York, Iowa and Washington Laws Declared Valid—Opinions Not Unanimous

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The workmen's compensation laws of New York, Iowa and Washington were held constitutional by the Supreme Court today.

All the opinions were by Justice Pitney, and there was no dissent except in the case involving the Washington law, where Justices Holmes, Day, Brandeis and Clarke concurred with Justice Pitney in sustaining the law, and the Chief Justice and Justice McKenna, Vandenberg and McReynolds dissented, but without expressing the grounds of their dissent.

The Iowa statute is an elective workmen's compensation law, having the same general features that are found in the laws of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and Texas. It establishes in all employments (except household servants and farm laborers) a system of compensation according to a prescribed schedule for all employees, excepting injuries in connection with their employment (injuries producing disability, and in case of death resulting from such injuries a contribution toward support of dependents), the compensation in either case to be paid by the employer in lieu of other liability.

The New York law is a compulsory workmen's compensation act, obligatory in hazardous employments and requires every employer to provide compensation according to a prescribed schedule for the disability or death of his employee resulting from accidental injury sustained in the course of the employment without regard to fault as to the cause of the injury. Injuries in connection with the willful intention of the injured employee or results from his intoxication while on duty. The amount of compensation payable under the act is not according to the measure of damages applied in negligence suits, but is based solely on a loss of wages and the character and duration of the disability, while in case of the injury and death there is no limitation on the amount of the award. The act is based on the average wages of the deceased employee.

The Washington workmen's compensation act, like the New York law, provides for a limited compensation to injured employees, or the widow and dependent children, but, unlike the New York law, it does this solely through a State fund, maintained by compulsory contributions from employers in those industries, all rights of action by employees and their dependents against employers being abolished. As affecting employers the Washington law differs from that of New York in the periodical contributions to the State fund are required to be made by every employer, whether his own employees have sustained injuries or not.

SWANN DEMANDS THAW

Renews Efforts to Have Pittsburgher Extradited to New York

New York authorities are making new efforts to have Harry K. Thaw taken into the jurisdiction of that State. Owen J. Roberts, of this city, has been retained by District Attorney Swann, of New York, to make the plan to have Thaw declared insane in Pennsylvania.

District Attorney Swann said that Roberts would make every effort to have Governor Brumbaugh honor Governor Whitman's request that Thaw be surrendered to New York to stand trial on the boy kidnapping charge.

WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

Blazing oil burned Mary Feery, a servant in the home of Mrs. S. M. Fifth, Wayne avenue and Allen lane, Chestnut Hill, so severely that she died early today, a few hours after the accident.

The maid was lighting an oil lamp at midnight, when, it is believed, it toppled over, spilling the oil over her and setting her dress on fire. She was badly burned by the time aid was attracted by her screams. She was hurried to the Chestnut Hill Hospital, where she died. Miss Feery was thirty-two years old.



SENATOR THOMAS C. MARTIN Selected by the caucus of Democratic Senators as leader of the Senate.

GIVES CHANCE TO GIRL CONQUERED BY DRINK

Washington State Man, Reading of Desire to Reform, Provides Work in Home

Rose Lewis, known to every Magistrate in Philadelphia, and committed to the House of Correction more than forty times in the last twenty-one years for drinking, is to have another chance.

Her chance, like that of thousands of other Americans, comes out of the West. And it comes in the form of a letter—out of the office of the great Western States, which banished old Bartycorn from its territory at the last election.

Charles F. Jones, of Washougal, Wash., read about Rose, and he wrote to Magistrate John S. Deltz, who had committed Rose to the House of Correction the last week in January. He offered her the chance to reform in the Promised Land—the land where no alcoholic liquors flow.

He made the offer as a result of the story which appeared in the EVENING LEDGER January 29, which told of Rose's desire to do housework in a home where there are no temptations and to stop drinking.

Lockjaw Kills Boy Struck by Auto

Lockjaw resulting from injuries received when run down by an automobile proved fatal to ten-year-old Joseph Roth, of 2327 Hickinson street, who died in St. Agnes' Hospital. The boy was run down while playing near his home on Washington's Birthday. When picked up the boy was found to be suffering from many bruises, but it was thought he would recover. Three days ago lockjaw developed.

Named to Pilgrage Commission

TRENTON, N. J., March 6.—Governor Edge today sent to the Senate for confirmation the name of Douglas Hailey, of Manriestown, Cumberland County, to succeed John W. Borden, deceased, and for full term on the State Pilgrage Commission.

DEMOCRATIC SENATORS MAKE MARTIN LEADER

Virginian Selected in Caucus to Take the Place of Kern

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Democratic Senators in caucus today selected Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, as majority leader of the Senate, succeeding Senator Kern, of Indiana, whose term expired with the Sixty-fourth Congress.

One of the most striking incidents in the career of Senator Martin is that he never ran for public office until he made his successful campaign for the Senate in 1892. His service as a Senator has been continuous since his election that year.

Never having held public office or been a candidate at the polls, his action in entering the senatorial campaign was considered a surprise. His opponent was General Fitzhugh Lee, famed as a soldier in the Confederacy and as a Governor of the Old Dominion, who in his day was accounted one of the most popular of Virginia's many heroes. But Martin won out and has represented Virginia in the upper branch of Congress without interruption ever since. Governor Stuart, of Virginia, who had previously cherished an ambition to succeed Martin, has announced that he will not oppose the new leader in the campaign next year. Martin's long-time domination of Virginia politics seems, therefore, destined to continue in undiminished power.

Senator Martin's distinctive work in the Senate has been as chairman of the great Appropriations Committee. When the Democrats obtained control of the Senate, Senator B. H. Tillman, of South Carolina, was next in line for the Appropriations chairmanship. But the claims of Martin's supporters for the place prevailed, and Tillman was shunted to the chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs.

Martin is rated as a conservative rather than a progressive Democrat. He will be seventy years old next summer. He left the Virginia Military Institute as a youth to bear arms in the cause of the confederacy.

Auto Crash Fatal to Woman

Injuries received in an automobile accident on February 27 caused the death of Miss Adelaide Stradick, sixty-two years, of Sten and Gowen avenues, in the Roosevelt Hospital today. The accident occurred at Fifth and Buttonwood streets.

BUSH YOUR TEETH WITH ALBODON AND THEY'LL BE CLEAN

Dental CREAM is Best Pastes are doughy, gritty, putty-like, and quick to harden. Albodon is a CREAM. It will not "cake" or harden. It is free from grit and coloring matter, and safely antiseptic. A very fine article for children. Albodon contains the highest percentage of cleansing and polishing properties, so it is certain to clean your teeth best. Every dentist knows the formula. Enter dealer sells it. Trial tube free on request to ALBODON CO., 154 W. 18th St., N.Y.

Strawbridge & Clothier SALE OF MEN'S SAMPLE SHOES AND OXFORDS THESE "sample sales" have always been of extraordinary interest—but the steadily advancing prices of Shoes, due to the ever-increasing scarcity of leather, gives this Sale an importance far above any previous similar event. The Shoes included in this Sale represent the most painstaking efforts of the finest shoe-factory organizations in America today. They are made of the best selected stock, in the new styles for spring and summer, 1917.

NORTH'S PIANO SALE Big Bargains in Slightly Used Uprights This is positively the greatest sale of fully guaranteed, slightly used, rebuilt pianos in Philadelphia, affording great opportunities to obtain a thoroughly good piano of standard make at savings of from \$100 to \$300. Below are just a few illustrations. We have many more bargains. If the piano you prefer is not in this list, call and let us know. We undoubtedly have it. Easy, confidential terms.

DEFENSE COUNCIL HEAD THANKS CITY FOR HELP Walter S. Gifford Tells Commerce Chamber's Special Body of Organization Plan The past Philadelphia will be asked to take in case of war was told by Walter S. Gifford, director of the Council of National Defense, of Washington, who spoke at the luncheon of the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Adelphi today.

MICHELL'S SEEDS Planting time will soon be here. Our big garden book describes all the new and standard varieties. MICHELL'S EVERGREEN LAWN SEED can be sown about March 15th; will make a strong, dark green turf in about 4 to 6 weeks.

DREKA FINE STATIONERS Invitations FOR Easter Wedding CORRECTLY AND PROMPTLY ENGRAVED 1121 CHESTNUT STREET

SEND IN YOUR NAME Help Demonstrate That the President Will Have The United Support of the American People in taking prompt and effective action to UPHOLD AMERICAN RIGHTS and DEFEND THE NATIONAL HONOR

The President of the United States is being seriously embarrassed by the failure of the great body of American citizens to speak their mind. He has pledged himself to omit no act necessary for the protection of American ships and of American citizens upon the high seas. A noisy minority are making it extremely difficult for the President to fulfill his pledge. Such being the case, it is high time for loyal American citizens to express themselves in no uncertain terms. It is not enough merely to urge that action be taken by the Government in line with the President's pledge. We should urge that such action be taken as will be effective because it is the expression of a sound military and naval policy. We have been told that the choice of such a policy is a question for the people. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the people to make known their choice.