

LOS IN BIG BLAZE

Three Firemen Injured in \$50,000 Fire at Wetherill Plant

WHOLE BLOCK MENACED

A great quantity of battleship gray paint for the United States navy was destroyed in a \$50,000 fire at the paint and varnish factory of George D. Wetherill & Co., Inc., 114 North Front street, a little before 1 o'clock this morning.

This material and thousands of gallons of other paint, alcohol, varnish and valuable dye which cannot now be replaced was destroyed by one of the most stubborn fires encountered in months.

There was great danger of heavier loss, as all the buildings in the block were criss-crossed full of inflammable material. The firemen fought off the flames from adjoining buildings with a "curtain" of water. Four alarms had to be turned in after the local alarm, and it was not until 3:30 that the firemen were certain they had the blaze under control.

VARNISH ROOM LOST

All of the varnish building was destroyed and the fire spread to the main buildings. The building used for painting the hulls of the main structure, was destroyed. It was here that the battleship gray paint, was stored. Part of the main building was also destroyed. Parts of others were and much alcohol, dye and other stock was destroyed.

THREE FIREMEN HURT

Considering the determined fight the firemen made against the blaze and the fearless manner in which they faced scorching chemicals which mocked the appearance of the fearful "flammenwerfer" of the Germans, it is considered miraculous that many firemen were not hurt. Only one was seriously injured.

Two others were slightly hurt, but were soon back at their posts after medical attention.

Albert Cooper, of Engine Company No. 8, stood his ground on the roof of a bridge between two of the buildings until the flames simply forced him to drop to the ground, a sheer twenty feet. He was picked up and taken to the Roosevelt Hospital. His injuries are thought to have been slight bruises and sprains.

NICHOLAS BAIER AND HOGAN QUINN, OF PIPE LINE NO. 1, WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED AND TREATED AT THE ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL.

Both were soon back with their companies.

THREE EXPLOSIONS

Three explosions in rapid succession heralded the beginning of the fire, and they routed the entire neighborhood. People swarmed out of the little houses in famous old Apperly street and night watchmen scouted their respective buildings hurriedly. Then the glare of the flames showed. It is thought the explosions started from spontaneous combustion in varnish room, but some witnesses suspected a plot.

The gutters ran with valuable coloring for red paint and other paints. Here and there were valuable mixtures of many colors, showing the loss of loss. The estimate of \$50,000 seemed low, however, it was admitted by nearly every one.

Considerable damage was done to the buildings occupied by Bernard G. Weil & Co., rag dealers, at 112 North Front street, and by Messrs. & Green, dyestuffs, at 119 North Front street.

One great burst of flame leaped over the roofs of 114 and 118 North Front street, and set fire to the building occupied by William F. Allen & Co., 120 North Front street.

At various points in the neighborhood, the building occupied by George H. Vickers, dealer in novelty wares, 112 Arch street, the rear of which extends to a blind alley beside the Wetherill plant, and the building of the Radiant Company, dyestuffs, at 111 Arch street, and several other structures.

FRUIT CROP IS ABUNDANT IN EVERY PART OF COUNTRY

Survey Shows Production This Summer Will Be Large—Peaches Only Variety Short

WASHINGTON, May 29.—An abundant production of fruit in virtually every section of the country was predicted by the National Chamber of Commerce today after an extended survey of prospects.

The condition of apples is especially good, and if the present crop gets through the next six weeks successfully one of the largest yields on record is expected.

Peaches, which suffered severely from winter killing, is the only crop not expected to return a large yield.

Crocker Land Explorers Safe, Cable Asserts

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Alfred Peary said he saw in the distance while on one of his dashes to the North in 1906, probably will be decided by complete reports of the now rescued explorers.

On his return Peary described seeing what he thought was land from a point in the icy fastnesses of the North. In July, 1912, the American Museum of Natural History organized an expedition under MacMillan to search for and explore this unknown land. Two years later MacMillan reported that no trace of the supposed land could be found. MacMillan thought he saw the vanished continent for two days, but he attributed Peary's report and his first impressions as being due to a mirage.

In the original party was MacMillan, Professor Maurice Tanqueray, of the Kansas State Agriculture College; Knudsen Flizhig Green, Harrison J. Hunt, W. Elmer Eckblaw, Jonathan C. Small and Jerome Lee Allen. Professor Hovey joined the explorers later.

The Diana was wrecked on the coast of Labrador on July 17, 1915. Transferring to the Erik, the trip was continued until that vessel became frozen in. The chest was sent from New York as a relief ship in December, 1915, and picked up the party. The chest later became jammed in the Arctic ice.

Professor Tanqueray left the party on a sledge and after a trip via Copenhagen, reached New York, June 20, 1916. Edna Green also left the party and returned to civilization. The fate of the remainder of the expedition has been in doubt since that time.

TO PAY INTEREST ON BONDS

CARLISLE, Pa., May 29.—Announcement was made today by Dr. Guy Carleton Lee, president of the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce and head of the National Society of Brokers' Education, which has branches in all parts of the country, that he had offered to each of his 160 field agents the privilege of purchasing Liberty Bonds to the amount of \$1000 and to take an initial payment of \$5 as a bond, the remainder to be paid at the rate of \$5 per month for each \$100, he himself carrying the interest on the investment during the time.

WOMEN! KISSING BEE FOR RECRUITS

War Is War, But Osculation Adds to Terrors and Romance

ROSY BUSSSES THAT TOOK

"Gee whiz! War is war and I'm willing to fight, but—"

It was Recruit No. 3 coming up for air after the fourth decoration. The First Regiment Army kissing bee was on in full swing, and it didn't help to calm the feelings of Recruit No. 3 to know that some 3000 men had stopped in front of the City Hall Plaza to stop, look and listen to the osculations. Steady now, boys, about the listening part, but honest to goodness, you could hear it from the tip of his straw hat, which was knocked twenty-three degrees off to admit the first puffs of lips to the left hand corner of his face that carried a ruddy replica of an osculation that took.

If things had gone as planned there would have been twenty marks on No. 3 and the other recruits who went to the front for a kiss instead of just the four. The idea was to have twenty girls from the Hyde Shop at Keith's come down to City Hall plaza and kiss by means of indifference a boon to recruiting. Only four girls braved the storm.

And they didn't have a very easy time! Just think of it: they were all dressed up in their finest "bestest" and all those young men wouldn't go to war. The inducements were announced by Sergeant Sprout at the beginning of the party. There was absolutely no exciting of the recruits.

THIRTY GIRLS AS RECRUITERS

The girls went down into the thick of things and personally asked the boys to go to war.

The osculations were various. Toto Ottino, who has never failed to get what he wants over the telephone, came back from her tour with the following report:

"They're all married or they're not right."

"They've got some eyes or they'll have to go home and see their mother first."

And after all the trouble and the black velvet tans and the sports shoes, just nine of the 30 needed to bring the First Regiment Army up to full war strength answered the call.

"Oh, well, we don't care," was the chorus as the girls got in machines to go back to the make-up rooms in Keith's. We had a perfectly grand time, in the opinion of the girls.

"She! That's a secret what happened at the armory at Broad and Callowhill streets before the machine-gun flappers started on their parade down Broad street with their cargoes of prospective kisses."

Sergeant Sprout really felt it his duty to get those girls into the party. The sergeant is quite a joker, and he taught the girls just as carefully and even as gently as he could. Not a girl did he leave out. He tried them on the straight ahead, on the fatherly brow kind and he showed them how to pick a picker.

And so—Myrtle and Gladys, Beatrice and Toto and some of the others are in the army, but the just think those fellows who stood out in the City Hall plaza are just too—too mean for anything, and they're never, never going to kiss again until they're asked, meet men.

Fourteen military and naval unit headquarters in Philadelphia today launched a final drive to enlist all available men in the city before June 5, Registration Day.

All the units need men. The call for men will be all the more urgent owing to the fact that sixty-one members of the Second and Sixth Regiments have been sent to Port Niagara not later than next Thursday.

Every known expedient to speed recruiting will be resorted to, it was said, by the Quartermasters' Corp. engineering divisions, besides the getting of men for the regular army, navy and marine corps.

The War Department has sanctioned plans for the final drive. At the suggestion for the department a conference of all army recruiting officers in the city was held to discuss plans for the campaign.

It is the belief of the department that volunteer enlistments will drop considerably after registrations have been made.

Two hundred recruits from shops of the New York Central Railroad yards, in New York state, will arrive here today, to enlist in the Ninth Regiment, Reserve Engineers, at its Hite Building headquarters.

The roster to date carries 705. With the coming of the New York Central railroaders the regiment will be near its quota of 1028.

One of the new recruits is Edward Russell Anschutz, of Fort Washington, Pa., a son of Thomas Palook Anschutz, portrait painter and former head of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, who died in 1912. Young Anschutz, who is twenty-three years old, was graduated last year from the University of Pennsylvania.

ENLISTMENTS TODAY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

UNITED STATES NAVY
John T. O'Brien, 29, 3024 Chestnut st.
Joseph E. Fiega, Jr., 22, 2210 Chestnut st.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Stanley Henrich, 18, Nantuxet, Pa.
George Phillip Kotalik, 20, Ashley, Pa.
Martin L. Ford, 22, 1228 N. 4th st.
John H. Brown, 22, 4219 S. 5th st.
John W. Green, 26, 3129 D. 5th st.
Thomas P. McLaughlin, 25, 251 N. 10th st.
Joseph Cook, 22, 1122 Chestnut st.
David G. Loudon, 25, 1121 S. 23 st., Camden.

UNITED STATES ARMY
William H. Carter, 20, 2023 Diamond st.
John W. Laitze, 22, Chester, Pa.
James Mandy, 27, 1923 Wharton st.
Harry P. Linn, 22, 3122 Woodstock st.
John H. O'Brien, 22, 4219 S. 5th st.
Thomas E. Hertz, 26, 3129 D. 5th st.
John P. McLaughlin, 25, 251 N. 10th st.
Joseph Cook, 22, 1122 Chestnut st.
David G. Loudon, 25, 1121 S. 23 st., Camden.
John W. Kelly, 24, Pottam, N. J.
Arthur L. Ward, 21, Wilmington, Del.
Vincenzo Fargoli, 21, 1519 S. Hancock st.
Charles E. Ferris, 20, S. Orange, N. J.
Wesley B. Hardin, 19, Chester, Pa.
Charles M. White, 20, 2220 4th st., Philadelphia.
George McLean, Jr., 25, 6150 Chestnut st.
Patrick C. Donnelly, 37, 2940 Rowan st.
Carl E. Winson, 19, 2451 N. Lancaster st.
Lewis Rosenthal, 19, 2352 Pennsylvania st.
Lloyd C. Hays, 19, 2311 Pottam, N. J.
Harry Snyder, 30, 1036 Jackson st., Camden, N. J.

QUARTERMASTER ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS
Ralph Duran, 26, Ardmore, Pa.
Archibald R. Keller, 27, 2101 Hunting Park Ave.
Walter E. Winslow, 22, Atlantic City, N. J.
Stephen J. Sines, 22, 132 N. 8th st.
Ambrose E. Partin, 21, Washington, D. C.
Miller M. Campbell, 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.
William P. Mulvihill, 24, 287 W. Seymour st., Williamstown, N. Y.
Howard Nise, 27, Abington, Pa.
Alfred Wainwright, 20, 2807 Third st., Philadelphia.
Raymond Hamilton, 22, Rosemont, Pa.
Edmond H. Smith, 22, 132 N. 8th st.
Warren W. Weber, 20, 140 N. 18th st.
Homar V. Frestlin, 22, Norristown, Pa.
William B. McCreath, 21, 1811 N. Marine st.
Edward W. Gilbert, 22, 2002 Merry st.
Rudolf H. Carson, 22, 2011 Penn st.
Eagar Morris, 23, 538 S. 48th st.

ENGINEER RESERVE CORPS
Edward B. Anschutz, 23, Fort Washington, Pa.
David W. Baker, 36, Harrisburg, Pa.
Theodore J. Byper, 18, Langville, Pa.
Miller M. Campbell, 19, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Washington T. Cassis, 24, New York city, N. Y.
John P. Dunlevy, 28, 3430 W. Huntingdon st.
Robert H. Fink, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
George F. Puffer, 22, Olean, N. Y.
Leroy Fink, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ernest A. Swanson, 20, N. 31st st., Pa.
George M. Francisco, 22, Clarion, Pa.
William B. Francisco, 20, Clarion, Pa.
Thomas J. Holden, 24, 2024 N. Hope st., Olean, N. Y.
William E. Laska, 25, 2025 N. 22d st., Olean, N. Y.
Charles W. Salsbery, 22, Hazleton, N. Y.
Lorham M. Smith, 22, Washington, Pa.
Walter E. Smith, 25, Wilmington, Pa.
Charles F. Spearman, 21, Olean, N. Y.
Theodore M. Williams, 22, Olean, N. Y.
Joseph W. White, 22, Olean, N. Y.
Jacob W. White, 22, Olean, N. Y.

KISSES REWARD NATIONAL GUARD ROOKIES



Twenty-four young women, enlisted in the "big drive" for recruits, today mustered on City Hall Plaza, where they bestowed kisses upon recently enlisted members of the First Regiment. The new guardsmen paraded from the armory, at Broad and Callowhill streets, to City Hall headed by the California Boys' Band, which is shown in the foreground.

BACHMAN GETS NERVOUS AWAITING \$12,000 BAIL

Once Debonair King of High Finance, Now Alleged Swindler, Presents Ruffled Aspect

Claudian B. Bachman, alleged ringleader of the \$2,000,000 International Trust and Electric Company swindle, who was arrested several days ago and is being held at the Canadian border at Roseton, N. Y., was brought to this city today by Postal inspectors Conroy and Murray.

Bachman bore little resemblance to the debonaire king of high finance who disappeared from this city more than six months ago after a nervous collapse and, strangely, his hair needed combed and his face shined for a razor. His trousers bagged disconsolately at the knees, and his coat was full of wrinkles, as if he had used it as a pillow while he was being detained in a cell in Plattsburgh, N. Y. He wore a necktie which was frayed at the ends and his shirt was far from immaculate.

Few would have recognized him for the well-known "bachelor" who, several months ago reclined luxuriously in soft-cushioned limousines and smoked cigars at the Philadelphia's best hotels.

Bachman's attorney, J. Washington Logan, hinted that the city trying to get bail for his client. Mr. Logan was certain that some of Bachman's former cronies would advance the equivalent of \$12,000 to get Bachman out of Wallingford, and would advance the equivalent of \$12,000, with all the usual, neat men.

At the hours passed and the bail was not forthcoming, Bachman became more and more uneasy in his seat in the office of the commissioner. Deputy Marshal McCaffrey remained on guard near him, and several times Major Francis William Smith, a postal inspector, gruffed Bachman as to his former operations in Philadelphia.

Bachman became very reticent when approached by newspapermen, but he did say this:

"I had an idea they were looking for me, and I was coming back to Philadelphia anyway to answer to any charges that might be brought against me. If they had only notified me that they were looking for me I would have come back sooner."

After a chase of more than six months, postal inspectors under Chief Corrye, at the Federal Building, discovered that Bachman was living as a farmer and insurance solicitor in a small Canadian town. War conditions, which have brought close co-operation between this Government and Canadian authorities, enabled the authorities here to obtain Bachman's deportation from Canada as an undesirable. Postal inspectors arrested him as he stepped over the border.

SHIP CAPTAIN DIES IN CABIN

Master of Munitions Vessel Victim of Heart Disease

Captain Andrew H. Jenkins, forty-two years old, of Cobbingham, Berwick County, England, was found dead in his cabin today on board the British steamship Eastern Prince, moored at Point House wharf, Greenwisch Piers.

Jenkins was in command of the ship, which is loading munitions and other supplies for the Allies. His body was found by a servant who notified the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station. A physician was summoned, who said death was caused by heart disease. The body was removed to the morgue.

WORK ON 2,500,000 U. S. RIFLES STARTED

Eddystone Plant Begins New Order for Enfields—To Employ 14,000 Men

First work on a new United States Government order for nearly 2,500,000 Enfield army rifles was started today in the Remington Arms Company factory at Eddystone.

To turn out the huge order, workmen will be added to the force until the plant employs 14,000 persons, it was said by C. H. Schlaacks, general manager of the company. This maximum number of employees was reached when the Remington was at the peak of its efforts to rush through the millions of similar rifles for the British Government.

With preliminary processes under way, the American Government work will be in full swing within two months. The entire order must be filled within one year. Similar contracts are being filled at the Remington U. S. M. factories at Ilion, N. Y., and Bridgeport, Conn., and at the Winchester plant, New Haven, Conn.

The Eddystone factory is now completing its British order and within recent weeks it has diminished its force of workmen correspondingly.

Enfield rifles such as the American war experts have decided upon are slightly different from the Enfields made for Great Britain, being made to conform to the different kind of cartridge used.

EIGHT SENT TO "CORRECTION"

Twenty men who would not work were brought up from the County Prison today following their sentence ten days ago and eight of them were sent to the House of Correction for thirty days more. They were taken in a round-up by the police of the Eddystone and Winter streets station.

Inquiry made while the men were in the

county prison disclosed that the eight had served an aggregate of forty years in prison. Magistrate Tracy chose the eight for the trip to the House of Correction. The others were discharged with the warning to get work and take themselves away from the Tenderloin.

Reading Guardsmen for Fort Niagara

READING, May 29.—Two Reading members of the National Guard were ordered to report to the Fort Niagara officers' training camp not later than May 31.

City News in Brief

A MEDICAL CAR equipped with facilities for the examination of railway employees, telegraph operators and for first aid instructions has been built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and within a few days will be put in service.

A RESTY NAIL WOUND in his foot, which developed into tetanus, caused the death of Edward Crooks, eleven years old, 624 Lyons avenue. He was being treated at the Philadelphia Hospital.

MISS LETITIA MCKIM, head of the Emergency Aid Motor Messenger Service, has resigned to return to France, where she spent eight months in a hospital. She will sail in two weeks. The motor messenger service has developed remarkable efficiency through Miss McKim's management.

DREXEL RIDDELE Bible Classes have pledged themselves to do their utmost to wipe out the drink evil through a national prohibition law. Prizes were made at the annual meeting of officers and teachers in Holy Trinity parish house last night.

MAJOR WILLIAM KELLY, JR., military instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, will be guest at a testimonial dinner Friday evening at the University Club of members of the faculty who are taking the military course. All members of the faculty have been invited.

ELECTRIC IRON on a window sill started a fire on the third floor of the National Apartments, 4504 Chestnut street. Barney Castel, a fireman of Company No. 3, suffered a fracture of the leg by a fall from a window while fighting the fire. He is in the University Hospital.

KAISER WILHELM'S picture hanging over his bed angered Harold Martilly so that he immediately quit his job at the farm where he had been sent by the Philadelphia School Mobilization Committee. He is a junior at the West Philadelphia High School.

A GEORGE WASHINGTON portrait by Gilbert Stuart brought \$2400 at the auction sale of the Thomas B. Harrod collection. The number of the family who are taking the military course. All members of the faculty have been invited.

DISCIPLES OF Christ First Church, Marlboro and Berks streets, have been sold by the Provident Life and Trust Company, representing the trustees to S. S. Slominsky, representing a negro congregation.

THE PAGEANT of American Plays that was given by the school children of Philadelphia on Belmont Plateau, Fairmount Park, Saturday is to be repeated on Saturday night, June 2, at the Metropolitan Opera House. This performance is to be given for the benefit of the Jefferson Hos-

THE ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY

who was drowned in the Schuylkill River at the foot of Midvale avenue Saturday afternoon was today identified as Martin Wiesberger, 2320 North Germantown street. Identification was made by the boy's father, Frank E. Wiesberger.

INJURIES RECEIVED when he fell down the stairs at his home Sunday resulted in the death today of James Conlon, thirty-two years old, 2423 West Norris street, in St. Agnes's Hospital.

DIRECTOR WEBSTER, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, today appointed Horace E. Bonaill, 2529 Aspen street, a fireman at a salary of \$900 a year.

JAPONICA GARDENS
Each night over 300 feet are dancing over 300 feet in the air. Cool, restful, beautiful—and a soft May moon for company!

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boles Gift Shop, 904 Chestnut St. Modern Electric Shop, 4717 North Broad St.
L. C. Blundin & Co., 28 S. 16th St.

Carelessness Is the Thing That Costs

Economy does not mean parsimony and stinginess. Sensible economy means the cutting out of careless waste.

Sometimes that careless waste appears in the burning of electric lamps in the presence of daylight.

Often it is seen in the reckless use, as scratch pads, of expensive office stationery.

Sometimes it shows itself in the negligent counting of goods shipped.

Many, many times it is in evidence in the use of measured service telephones when the Keystone unlimited telephone is available.

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