COCCHI INDICTED; MAY BE ARRESTED IN ITALY

New York Jury Finds Quickly True Bill Against Alleged Murderer of Ruth Cruger

N. Y. POLICE UNDER PROBE

Commissioner Woods Criticizes His Own Department for Inefficient Handling of Case



MRS. GRACE HUMISTON

The Grand Jury this afternoon returned an indictment charging Alfredo Cocchi with the murder of Ruth Cruger, eighteen-year-old high school girl, who disappeared three menths ago and whose body was found buried beneath Coochi's bicycle repair shop

bere Saturday.

The indictment was signed by Judge Wadhams in General Sessions Court and at once forwarded to Governor Whitman at Albany in order to ask his arrest at Bologan, Italy.

Nearline a sensational probe of the Po-

Hee Department's attitude toward inves

tigation of the case was started by the District Attorney.

Police Commissioner Wood flatly condemned his own department for its inef-ficient handling of the case and turned the police end of it over to the District At-torney with the suggestion that the Police

Department be included in the general probe of the Cruger murder mystery. Wood will drive the police to a vigorous hunt for the "white slave ring," which Mrs. Grace Humiston declares is re-sponsible for at least twenty-two missing New York girls she knows of.

This statement, promise of a shake-up in the police department equal to that follow ing Police Lieutenant Becker's conviction of the murder of Herman Rosenthal and the District Attorney's statement that he ha sufficient evidence upon which to try Alfredo Cocchi were swift developments in the case

"There are little, harmless-looking shops scattered all around some of the high schools and public schools," said Mrs. Humiston. "Loungers of the most depraved type infest these places and watch the girls going to and from school. When a girl enters one of the shops she is in-

There are other cellars in New York holding secrets just as hideous as the one Coochi hurried away to Italy from, but if I told names and locations before my evi-dence is complete the criminals I want would get away.

"New York does not yet realize how sys tematized is the danger for the girls who live in it. The public readily says, when A girl disappears, it was as much her fault as the man's. I know better.

"When a girl is insulted in one of these places she usually broods over the horror of it. Never would she tell her parents, for she feels she is partly to blame. Little little her seducer batters down moral stamina, and soon another girl is

"With the right sort of assistance I could show you a case equal in horror to that of Ruth Cruger's every month in the

Discussing the case of the Cruger girl, Mrs. Humiston expressed the belief that she was attacked by more than one man. The autopsy revealed what she termed "a 'ripper' crime of the worst kind." Exam-

ining physicians agreed with her.
"Probably Ruth, on her visits to the shop
or while passing it, attracted many men." said Mrs. Humiston. "I think there had been speculation and plans about her."

CONVENTION RESENTS BOARDWALK CIRCULAR

Alleged Ban on Jews and Negroes Stirs Brith Sholem. Originated a Year Ago

ATLANTIC CITY, June 18, ATLANTIC CITY, June 18,
A scurrilous circular, revived after a
lapse of a year, setting forth that certain
classes of visitors (negroes and Jews) would
not be permitted on the Boardwalk after
a certain date, nearly a year old, except to
push rolling chairs, caused a sensation this
morning in the annual convention of the
Grand Lodge, Independent Order B'rith Shoon the Steel Pier, The circulars were nd tacked to poles throughout the city

"If this exemplifies the spirit of Atlantic City toward our people, I for one am pre-pared to vote never to meet in Atlantic City again." exclaimed Grand Master Louis S. Rubinsohn, of Philadelphia. Many dele-

Rubinsohn, of Philadelphia. Many delegates, waving copies of the offensive circular, demanded the appointment of a committee to see Mayor Bacharach and other city officials and demand an explanation. "That is not necessary," exclaimed Joseph L. Kun, Deputy Attorney General for Pennsylvania and counselor to the Grand Lodge. "I understand that this circular management of the control of the Committee of the Commit Lodge. "I understand that this circular ngured as campaign material in an exceedingly bitter fight agains the re-election of Congressman Bacharach last fall. It does not express the opirit of Atlantic City that the congress of the congres against our people or any other people. The city authorities have been trying for more than a year to find the originators of the circular and this revival of the offense

he circular and this revival of the offense way be the means of bringing the search to a successful conclusion."

The semestion subsided and the subject read damigeed. The convention is voting for filters this morning. There is no opposition to the re-viection of Louis Rubinsohn, grand master; Maurice Levy, grand secre-lars, and ignate Rosenbaum, grand treas-

SOLDIERS ASK FOR ONE FLAG AND GET TWO

Appeal Published in Evening Ledger Brings Quick Response to Company K, First Infantry

The appeal which appeared in the EVENING LEPORE last week for a flag to be sent to the boys of Company K, First Pennsylvania Infantry Pequea, Pa., met with instant response on the part of two patriotic men of Philadelphia, as is shown by a letter received from Acting Corporal G. F. Slean, of Company K, which says in

"Just a few lines in behalf of the boys to thank the Evening Lebour for your kindness and the patriotic gift in the form of a United States flag. We received two, one from ex-Select Councilman Alexander Abrahams, of Philadelphia, and one from J. Temple Hopple, Assistant City Solicitor, of Philadelphia. We gave one of the flags to the first platoon of our company at Safe Harbor and kept the other.

"We raised the flag on Flag Day morning at our camp and will continue to do so each morning at reveille. There is nothing else that could have been appreciated more by us or implied us more than to have old Glory presented to us. We had quite a flag-raising, and if the picture of the same turns out satisfactory we will send you one. We thank you for what you have done in the past and wish you the best of

U. S. Urges Russia to Fight to Finish

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and the same devetion to liberty and justice and loyalty to constituted authority. The and loyalty to constituted authority. The commission is not chosen from one political group, but from the various groups into which the American electorate is divided. United, they represent the republic. However much they may differ on public questions, they are one in support of democracy and in hostility to the enemies of democracy throughout the world. throughout the world.

"The commission is prepared, if the Russian Government desires, to confer upon the best ways and means to bring about effective co-operation between the two Governments in the prosecution of the war against the Gorman autocracy, which is today the gravest menace to all democratic governments. It is the view of this Government that it has become the soiemn duty of those who love democracy and individual liberty to render harmless this autocratic Government, whose ambition, ag-gression and intrigue have been disclosed in the present struggle. Whatever the cost n life and treasure, the supreme object nould be and can be attained only by the nited strength of the democracies of the world, and only then can come that permanent and universal peace which is the nope of all people.

To the common cause of humanity which Russia has so courageously and un-flinchingly supported for nearly three years the United States is pledged. To co-operate and aid Russia in the accomplishment of the task, which as a great democracy is more truly hera today than ever before, is the desire of the United States. a stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder against autocracy will unite the American and Russian peoples in a friendship for the ages.

With this spirit the high commissioner of the United States will present themselves in the confident hope that the Russian Goverument and people will realize how sin-cerely the United States hopes for their welfare and desires to share with them in their future endeavors to bring victory to the cause of democracy and human liberty."

RUSSIANS NOW STRONG FOR IMMEDIATE DRIVE

PETROGRAD, June 18. The Congress of Workmen and Soldiers with delegates from all over Russia, ap-peared certain today to sweep away the national power heretofore assumed by purely local Council of Workmen's and Sol-

liers' Deputies in Petrograd. Most important in this connection is the fact that at least two of the leading parties composing this all-Russian Congress are violently opposed to discontinuance of the war and want Russia to fight at once,

The Social-Democratic delegates to the new organization balloted secretly Saturday night, 75 to 55, for an offensive by Russia At the same time the Socialis Revolutionaries voted 325 to 25 for war. The remaining delegates to the Congress are virtually without any particular party affiliation, but are the so-called "wilds."

They are a unit for war.

In an official debate of members today, at which more than 500 were present, the universal sentiment in several speeches was that Russia should crush Germany and fight to a finish. One speaker was cheered when he declared that Germany should be forced to subscribe to the "no-annexation

A separate peace with Germany was not even mentioned. In private conversation with the delegates I was unable to find a single one who would even speak the words 'separate peace."

The new congress is representative of the whole of Russia. The Petrograd Council has only eight votes out of the 19,000 represented at the meeting. For this reason it seems almost certain

in the view of observers here, that the Petrograd Council, which arrogated to itself almost national authority, will lose all its influence.

The congress, it was stated today, will represent 25,000,000 Russian citizens. It may appoint a special board to assist the provisional Government.

Nicholas Tcheidze, president of the Petro grad Council of Workmen's and Soldier Deputies, has been elected unanimous president of the national congress. Tcheid: the leader of the Socialists in the Duma Minister of War Kerensky discarded the

leasant phrases of oratorical persuasion to-ay for iron-handed disciplinary measures force Russia's troops to fight. He issued orders depriving all deserters from the army of the right to vote and from participation in the distribution of Russian lands.

He overruled a subsidiary branch of a al council of Workmen's and Soldiers Deputies in granting permission to nine companies of soliders to leave the front. He refused to leave a whole division f Ukrainian troops who wanted to journey

ick home and attend a conference to urge utonomy for Ukrainia,

He sponsored a Government order issued oday making all separate peacs sgitators in the army liable to ten years' imprison-"I hope I never hear of such an incident

again," was Kerensky's short dismissal of a request from a committee of soldiers, approved by the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council of the city of Buigulma for leave for nine companies of soldiers. Moreover, he ordered immediate arrest of the soldiers'

KERENSKY GAINING STRENGTH That Kerensky is gaining strength in his efforts to make Russia fight is evidenced by several incidents of the last few days.

The private soldier Steppano, made fa-mous throughout Russia because Kerensky called him a "coward" and dismissed him from the army because of his pacifiet views. today requested permission from the Min-ister to re-enlist, go to the front and die for Russia. He explaines his former views were "because he didn't understand Rus-

Women of Moscow and Odessa have formed a "legion of death" and applied formally for permission to go to the front and die for Hussia if need be.

Evidencing an increasing antagonism toward Germany one Russian newspaper to-day "played up" the recent London air raid as "proof of German inhumanity."

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL HONOR MEN



Class day at the Northeast High School brought out the honor men of the 1917 class. From left to right, they are Arthur Milton Binns, first honor man; Arthur Earl Drew, second honor man, and Andrew S. Whitaker, third honor man.

U. S. Lets 34 New Shipping Contracts

ing on a "reasonable price" for steel plates and shapes.

and shapes.

The price determined upon—expected within a few days—will, if approved by the President, he the one protected by the Shipng Board in steel-ship construction. If prices are not agreed to by the steel companies agreeable to President Wilson, the Government has the authority now to

commandeer all steel products and if neces-sary the plants turning them out. Reports of threatened high prices in steel Reports of threatened high prices in steel for the Government grew out of tentative agreement reached between General Goethals and steel concerns for certain contracts for ships. These contracts provided that the Government pay approximately \$85 a ton for steel plates while the navy is paying only about \$60 a ton.

GOETHALS EXPLAINS

Goethals explained the situation, however

"The agreement to pay four and one-half nts a pound for steel plates and three and ne-half cents for steel shapes was one previously reached by a Los Angeles firm with a steel company at Birmingham, Ala. The figures were taken merely as a working basis for other construction plans, but o other contracts have been let on that banin.

"The question of steel prices has been left entirely to the raw materials commit tee of the advisory council of the Council of National Defense. They will determine what is a fair price. I will not assume that responsibility. Their prices will be the ones used by us in our contracts.

"If the tentative arrangement to furnish steel at four and one-half cents for plates and three and one-half cents for shapes is found by the committee to be too high, the figure will be reduced in the contract. If it is found too low, we will pay the differ-Regarding the charge that the prices

quoted are more than those paid by the navy for steel. General Goethals said that he navy is obtaining steel now at figures contracted for in 1916—approximately \$25 a ton less than those now quoted. MAY ALLOW 10 PER CENT PROFIT

Cost and a 10 per cent profit probably will have to be the final basis of settlement of the controversy.

The latest evidences of friction between Major General Goethals and the Federal Shipping Board growing out of the refusal of Chairman William Denman, of the board, to sign contracts for construction on a basis a ton have emphasized to official here the necessity of legislation which will give the President complete power to com-mandeer steel and to fix the price that will be paid for it. It is understood today that the President is making a careful investiga-tion of the entire question and that he will take steps at once to end the friction and restore harmony between General Goethals

The position of Chairman Denman is that the steel corporation and its auxiliaries are gouging the Government. He flatly de-clared today that under no circumstances will be consent to the payment of high prices for the product of the big mills. Con-tracts already let have been on a basis of approximately \$56 a ton after having been sent back for revision by Mr. Denman when

first submitted at a much higher rate.

President Wilson considered the situation sufficiently serious to forget for the moment the food fight to call Chairman William Denman to the White House for personal conference. General Goethals tried to get a hearing from the President today also, but previous engagements took up the President took up the Pre previous engagements took up the Presi-

dent's schedule completely.

Goethals, it was declared by a high offi-cial today, is dissatisfied with his position as general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation under Chairman Denman.

LOCAL EXPERT RAPS STAND OF DENMAN

The action of William Denman, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, in threatening to hold up the contracts for new steel ships was characterized as "nar-row-minded and unpatriotic" by the president of a large manufacturing concern is

ers of steel in the country, and it is now paying \$234 per ton for the same material offered to the Shipping Board at \$95 per ton.

According to this authority, even though
the Government were to take over the
large steel plants it would be impossible
to produce these plates at less than \$94
per ton. He further said:

"Dengman has evidently spoken without

Denman has evidently spoken without a knowledge of the present condition of the steel market. Such ungrounded objections as his tend to injure big business, and therefore the country at large."

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN DISCHARGED MUST ENROLL

Those Out of Service Since Registration Day Must Register if of Age

HARRISBURG, June 18 .- Adjutant General Stewart announced today that he had received instructions from the registration board that all men discharged from the National Guard since registration day who were of registration age June 5, must be registered. General Stewart at the same time made public orders detailing a num-ber of officers and men of the medical department of the guard to attend a training camp of the Federal medical corps at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., for three months'

raining. Lieutenant James B. Wheeler has been Lieutenant James B. Wheter has been ordered to proceed with the enlistment in Harrisburg of a second company of the motor supply train for the Pennsylvania division. Following this he will form two units of the train in Philadelphia and two others in Pittaburgh. Each unit will have a quota of sixty-nine men under the command of a first lieutenant. The whole train will have a capacity for \$50,000 pounds of baggage.

NORTHEAST HIGH BOYS CELEBRATE CLASS DAY

Silver Loving Cups Awarded

Honor Men at Farewell "Good Time"

The graduating class of the Northeast High School for Boys held its class day exercises in the auditorium of the William Penn High School at Fifteenth and Mount Vernon streets this afternoon. One hun-dred and twenty-five students, who will re-ceive their diplomas Friday, took part in the farewell "good time." the farewell "good time.

Silver loving cups of different sizes were awarded to Arthur M. Binns, first honor man; Arthur E. Drew, second honor man; Andrew Whitaker, third honor man and class president, and Frederick Potts, fourth honor man. George Renegeter, class censor, presented the cups.

Until the year the spoon, bowl, cane and pipe were awarded. The giving of cups is in innovation. The class day officers were John W. Dol

The class day omcers were John W. Dol-lard and Philip Relser, presenters: Ray-mond Bittle, class poet; Paul Fleming, prophet, and William Kauffman, historian, The class day committee included Fred C. Bauer, Jr., chairman; Frederick R. Potts, William S. Kauffman, George E. Neuber and Henry Bossert, Jr.

Speed! Is Slogan for U.S. Food Bill

to make the country safe against the dangers it is meant to guard against.

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WOODROW WILSON.

"Congress must choose," Lever declared in opening the momentous debate, "between President Wilson and the German Kaiser as to which shall control the food situa-

At the same time Senator Simmo journeyed to the White House to personally assure the President that the Senate would sidetrack the war revenue measure to give sidetrack the war revenue measure to give the food bill right of way. Speed is the thing, Simmons agreed.

JULY 1 TO BE FOOD DAY

Coincidentally with these steps, Herbert Hoover today named Sunday, July 1, as food conservation day, when he urged that apers, magazines, mini organizations, motion picture theatres, bill oard owners, etc., join in a nation-wide ampaign to "awaken the American house wife to her opportunity and duty.

In the campaign, by which Hoover hopes o save \$2,000,000,000 annually through elimination of waste in the kitchen alone all summer schools will be utilized. Through summer schools alone Hoover expects to educate 250,000 housewives in the art of saving.

Specially directed campaigns are to be made in hotels, railroad dining cars, cafes and all manner of public eating places. Hoover pointed out today that "If only two cents is saved on every meal, an annual saving of another \$2,000,000,000,—equal to the Liberty Loan—will have been saved to this nation and her allies."

STATE COUNCILS TO AID

As much as possible of the work will be turned over to the State defense councils properating with the national council. Co-perating in this work, the women's commit-te of the National Defense Council today

telegraphed each of its forty-eight State divisions, "Get behind Hoover." The Agricultural Department also "got behind" today when Carl Vrooman arranged an itinerary to visit the great farming States of the Middle and Far West next month to launch a marketing campaign for the crops that will then be harvest." Better prices to the farmer and fairer prices to the housewife will be Vrooman's slogan. Middlemen—regardless —who do not show the 'proper spirit' will be relentlessly crushed, Vrooman declared.

VOTE BY END OF WEEK Chairman Lever, in calling up his bill, nnounced that night sessions would be in

rder to expedite the bill to a vote by the nd of the week. The present plan is to seems each afternoon at 5:30 o'clock until o'clock, when the evening sessions wi Pleading for the enactment of the meas-

ure, he denounced vigorously "the heartless, unpatriotic intermediaries who rob and gouge the farmers." "A loose-jointed, unor-ganized democracy," he said, "hasn't a ghost of a chance in a contest with such an autocncy as Germany's organization. "Organization is the only weapon with

which organization can be overcome. An organization, as the term is used here, means not only whipping into shape the man and money power of the nation, but every resource of the nation which may be used in the content. The people are not going to be satisfied with silly excuses bout delegation of autocratic powers."

Mr. Lever read a letter from a Philadel woman. "There are no cheap cuts of in Philadelphia today," it said. "A shin of beef is twenty-two cents a po-"Do you know what a shin of beef is?" he asked. "It doesn't have enough meat on it to feed a chicken. Think of it! twenty-

two cents a pound for a soup bone. Good men and women are close to desperation. Twenty-two cents a pound soup bones makes dangerous men and women out or ordinarily peaceful citizens." "That some kind of food and fuel con-ol is necessary to their most efficient

mobilization is imperative. "We intend to drive from established agencies of distribution the market manipulator and gambier, the man who buys as cheaply as he can and sells as dearly as he may the Shylock of commenced."

he may—the Shylock of commerce.
"We must."
Lever declared the United States must help feed 130,000,000 persons in additi "No honest business man," he "It is the crook that shall suffer." he

said, "and it is the crook, the unpatriot! the selfish and greedy that we are after."

Joint commencement and class day exercises of the McCail School. Sixth and Spruce streets, will be held tonight in the auditorium of the South Philadelphia High School. Broad and Jackson streets, Diplomas will be awarded to 100 boys and girls by Miss Margaret T. Maguire, supervising principal of the school. Former Judge Dimner Beeber will make the graduating address. A feature of the exercises will be the presentation of the class gift, a large silk flag, to the school. The valedictory, which was written by \$1,500,000 Is Goal for Day of Red Cross

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nto nineteen teams and to prevent over lapping each team has been given a list of names from a selected list of 6000 men and women.

Until Friday night each team must limit its activities to the work assigned it by the organization, but on Saturday, Sunday and Monday the team members may enter a free-for-all race and solicit subscriptions wherever they please.

Under this plan the first five days will be devoted to the "big fellows" or the men and women who are expected to make big contributions. The leaders of the can-vassing teams who will garner the big subscriptions are John Wassers. subscriptions are John Wanamaker, Ellis A. Gimbel, William A. Law, president of the First National Bank; Joseph B. McCall, president of the Philadelphia Electric Company; Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Lecemonitye Works; Thomas S. Gates, president of the Philadelphia Trust Company; J. H. Mason, president of the Company; J. H. Mason, president of the Commercial Trust Company; John S. New-bold, T. De Witt Cuyler; Richard E. Nor-ton, of Drexel & Co.; Paul Thompson, fifth vice president of the United Gas Improvement Company; Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; Philip C. Staples, of the Poor Richard Club and publicity manager of the Bell Telephone Company; Irvin F. Paschall, of the Poor Richard Club and advertising manager of the Farm Journal.

President Wilson today sent a telegram President Wilson today sent a telegram to Mayor Smith asking him to urge upon philadelphians the urgency of the need for the big relief fund to be raised this week for Red Cross work. The telegram follows: "The American people by their overwhelming subscriptions to the Liberty Loan have given a new indorsement to the high principles for which America entered. During the present week, which I have designated as Red Cross week, they will have a unique privilege of manifesting America's unselfishness, as well as the real spirit of

unselfishness, as well as the real spirit of sacrifice which animates our people. "May I urge that your city, in doing its part in the raising of this \$100,000,000 war relief fund, measure the generosity of its gifts by the urgency of the need?"

P. R. R. Laborers Vaccinated

Physicians of the Bureau of Health today are vaccinating laborers living in a Penn-sylvania Railroad camp at Butler and Sepviva streets. A case of smallpox was dis-covered. The victim is Andrew Cole, twenty-six years old, a negro, who came here several weeks ago from Wilmington, N. C.

Second Class in Navigation to Open

The second class in navigation will begin orrow evening at the United States at Home. Lieutenant Morrison, comander of the K-5, who is a recognized expert of the American navy, has volunteered to assist Lieutenant Commander P. R. Payne in instructing the class.

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in War Temporarily Averted PARIS. June 18.

With the spirit of revolution seething in Spain, a movement has been started there to establish a republic, according to advices from Madrid today. These stated that the monarchist reform party, headed by Senor Alvarez, has openly declared in favor of a republican form of government.

While present indications are that the Spanish crisis has been averted for the time being, the situation is still acute. No sooner had Premier Gato given in to the demands of the army officers, giving them permission to form committees of defense, than trouble came from another direction. Deputies representing the Republicans, Socialists, Radicais and Reformists held a meeting and decided upon a coalition. At the same time it was stated that an antimonarchist manifesto would be issued.

A serious labor situation exists. In many sections of Spain industries are tied up by strikes. In addition to this, food is very scarce and prices are exceedingly high. TO UTILIZE MANY PLANTS PARIS, June 18.

WASHINGTON, June 11.

30,000 PLANES FOR U.S.

AIR FLEET, IS PROGRAM

Secretary Baker Pushes Plan to

Blind Germany's Eyes

An American air navy of 20,000 machine s the Government's airplane program for the first year of the war. It was officiall learned today How to produce this number of airer

when the eight small American airs factories were unable to fill half the Go ernment's orders last year has been work out by the aircraft production board of Council of National Defense, and is ; told by the United Press for the first fin The United States will make three m classes of war airplanes: Training play bombing machines and observation

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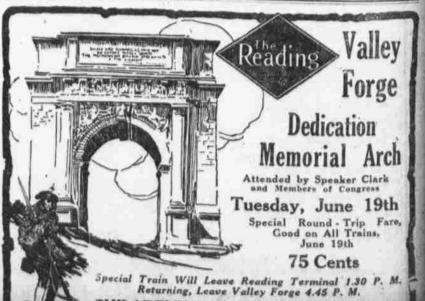
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