New York Italian Confesses When Quizzed at Bologna, Police Learn

SECRET SERVICE IN HUNT

ROME, June 23. The confession of Alfredo Cocchi that he had murdered Ruth Cruger in New York early in February was formally reported to American Ambassador Page from Bologna today.

In view of the request of the United States Government for extradition, Page was preparing official papers to such an end for submission to the Italian Ministry of Justice.

NEW YORK, June 23.

Alfredo Cocchi, proprietor of the motorcycle shop where the body of seventeen-yearold Ruth Cruger was found, has conferred that he attacked and killed the girl, the police were informed in a dispatch from ologna, Italy. Cocchi is under arrest at

The full text of Cocchi's confession is ofpected before night. The news from logna came as a distinct surprise. The solice had been informed in earlier disatches that Cocchi had protested his inence and had retained a lawyer to fight extradition. Since he has confessed it is believed the Italian Government will place no obstacles in the way of his return to New York to face trial.

n to New York to the track when he had in Bologna. He first said he left w York because of trouble with his wife. New York because of troubs with Path and denied any connection with Path Cruger's disappearance. The news that the missing girl's body had been dug up that the missing girl's body had been dug up to the startled in, the cellar of his shop plainly startled him, and he appeared greatly depressed, the early dispatches said. The importance which the Gavernment

The importance which the Gavernment attaches to the disclosures was evidence; by the fact that William J. Flynn, chief of the United States Secret Service, has taken charge of the investigation here. Chief Flynn is delving into the story of white stave traffic told by Miss Consucio La Rue, the girl who was mysteriously attacked by two men after she had made insertant resolutions in the Cruger nyaticy. portant revelations in the Cruger myster; Though the Federal authorities are main taining absolute secrecy, it is reported that Miss La Rue was investigating the international white shave traffic as the secre mational white-slave traffic as the secret agent of a South American Government when she was attacked in her apartment. It is known that she has received large sums of money, and that Jose A. Del Campo, a Latin-American consul, has been making inquiries about her condition. Del Campo refused to give any information about Miss La Rue, except to say that mes from one of the best families in

Police Magistrate Koenig early today is-Police Magistrate Koenig early folicy is-sued a warrant for the arrest of a man al-leged to belong to a gang that kidnapped young girls and sold them to resorts in South America. This man and his asso-ciates are held responsible for the attempt on Miss La Rue's life.

The man is wanted on an abduction harge. A sixteen-year-old girl, who disappeared, was last seen in his company. Federal authorities have information that the girl was sold into a house in Buenos

Spurred on by bitter criticisms of their handling of the Cruger case, the police are making stremuous efforts to connect Coochi-with this international band of white slavers and to arrest the gang leaders. Two more girls who were subjected to insults by Cocchi were found last night. Cocchi and his associates systematically plotted the ruln of young schoolgirls, the police are now convinced, planning to ship them to Latin-American countries after they had been disgraced.

Henry D. Cruger, father of the murdered girl, will be the principal witness when Commissioner of Accounts Wallstein re-sumes the inquiry into police activities in the Cruger case Monday. Croger, it is will make sensational charges

against the police.

The inquiry thus far has developed that the police arrived at an early conclusion that Ruth Cruger had gone away with a man and virtually abandoned work on the man and virtually abandonist decision.

DOCTOR CONDON LOCKED IN MERCER COUNTY JAIL

Alleged Murderer of James Piper Brought to Trenton, N. J., From Tennessee

TRENTON, June 22.—Recause the Mid-diesex County jall at New Brunswick is undergoing reconstruction and is considered inadequate, Dr. W. J. Condon, of New Brunswick, the alleged murderer of James Piper, was brought to this city today and was lodged in the Mercer County mil here. A requisition for Condon was issued a few days ago by Governor Edge on the Gover-

Condon arrived here shortly after 12 Condon arrived here shortly after 12 o'clock and was taken in an automobile to the jail, where he was locked in a cell without preliminary hearing. He was accompanied from Chattansousa, Tenn, where he was arrested, by Middlesex County Detective Richard Peltiar, who went after him armed with Governor Edge's requisition, and by Detective Harry Lawson, of Chatta-

Condon appeared to be calm and took his thearceration in the jail without any out-ward sign of perturbance.

BERLIN PLANNED U-BOAT BASE ON MEXICO'S COAST

Scheme to Attack American Shipping From This Side Frustrated by Carranza Officials

NEW YORK, June 23 .- That Germany planned to establish a submarine base on the east coast of Mexico for U-boat opera-tions against the United States was jearned

e was blocked, however, by the

The scheme was blocked, however, by the vigilance of Mexican officials, who were determined that Mexico's strict adherence to neutrality should not be violated. From a reliable source it was learned that Eckhardt, the German Minister to Mexico, planned to purchase a ranch from sexicans in the Mexican State of Tamalaupis, on the coast of the Guif of Mexico. The Germans, it was said, wanted a place man Matamoros or Brownsville, where they could establish, when necessary, a submacould establish, when necessary, a subma-rine base. Opportune intervention by Car-ranza officials, who had gotten wind of the plan, folled the Germans' scheme.

Dynamite Cost Higher at Mines HAZLETON, Pa., June 21.—Anthracite impanies and stripping contractors re-read notice of another advance in of dynamite, making the fourth ince the war began. More explosives are ong used in the mines just now than at or time in the history of the industry, leng to the demand for fuel.

Acres of Spinach Going to Waste ESTOWN, N. J., June 21.—Hun-ages of spinach are going to the farms in this section on ac-le had of market and pickers have been seked to buy antice Flour Sold at \$200 a Barrel in Greece

ATHENS, June 23. TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS for a L barrel of flour! That price, paid wealthy Greek, shows how the food shortage is in The Allies are taking steps to remedy it.

MEMORIAL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Building at 57th Street and Washington Avenue, the Gift of Craig N. Ligget

The new church erected for the Ninth Presbyterian Church at Fifty-seventh street and Washington avenue by Craig N. Ligget n memory of his son, John D. Taggart ligget, will be dedicated tomorrow morning.

The ceremony will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Axford Higgons, paster of the church, and the dedicatory sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. George N. Luncock, now of Wooster, O., who was formerry pastor of the Chicago church with

The Ninth Church was located at Sixeenth and Sansom street for nearly threequarters of a century, and for nearly a puarter of a century before that held servces at other downtown locations. The new buildings of Gothic design, built of granite and trimmed with limestone. The interior finished in hardwood throughout, the building completes the group that will be in use by the Ninth Church.

Mr. Ligger has been on the of the unday school superintendent for more than offersive di Haur e di Caderna thirty yours a member of a family broad-nent in the church history. He place of business, Robert Ligget & Co., steel and on, is Thirteenth street, just above Arch, which locality was the first building used

CONSCIENCE FIXES PRICE, POTATO DEALER ASSERTS

Will Rate Go Up? Well, Nobody Seems to Know About That

Commission merchants of this city, asked today about the reported further increase in the price of potatoes next week, declared it was impossible to predict any rise or fall the market and that they were governed merely by the supply and demand.

Various causes were given by the com-nission men for the latest advance in price Some blamed it on the dry weather of last July. Others said the railroads were short of cars, that the available supply was being used to feed the army and navy or that the increased acreage planted this year resulted in a great demand for potatoes as seed. Al agreed that the present crop was good

\$10.50 a barrel for the best, and as low as \$4 a barrel for seconds, for which the con-sumer pays twenty-five cents a quarter peck. Virtually all the potatoes in the markets

"How do you know what price to ask for your stuff?" was asked of one wholesaler.
"Our consciences tell us," he said. "We
get whatever we can." he added without a pause. "Sometimes we make fifty cents, sometimes \$1 on a barrel. Not long ago we made \$1800 on three carloads."

The branch of the United States Depart-

ment of Agriculture in this city reported delay in rail shipments to Philadephia. Sixty carloads a day is the normal con-

DELAY CALLING GUARD INTO FEDERAL SERVICE

Original Plans Would Work Injustice to Many Officers, It Is Believed

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Drafting of the National Guard into the Federal armies for war service may be delayed until Au-tust 5, because it has been found that gust 5, because it has seen found that under the present plans for drafting the Guard in three increments. July 18, July 25 and August 5, the relative rank of its officers would be established on an unfair basis. The national defense act provides

basis. The national defense act provides that National Guard officers shall take rank as of the date of draft.

The additional time gained by postponing the draft until August 5 would be valuable to the department in making ready the divisional camp sites at which the State forces will be mobilized and also would permit the assembling of additional equipment the assembling of additional equipment.

ment for the troops.

The desires of various parts of the country as to the time when the Guard shall have been assembled have been conflicting. The department has received nu-merous requests, on the one hand, for early drafting of forces from some States, memhers of Congress stating that the troops were ready and eager for the call, while from other sections, notably agricultural regions, requests for delay have come, as the loss of the number of men involved turing harvest period might create a labor

Drops Dead After Playing Golf

Henry Paschall Dixon, who was in the heater and range business of 1313 Arch street for more than thirty years, dropped dead from apoptexy as he was returning to the Springhaven County Club house after a game of golf on Thursday. Mr. Dixon was seventy-one years old. He was a member of the Union League, Philadelphia Country Club, Rose Tree Hunt, Wilmington Coun-try Club and Springhaven Country Club. ead from apoplexy as he was returning to

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LA RUSSIA SI MUOVE VERSO L'OFFENSIVA

La Germania Ha Gia' Trasferito Divisioni dalla Fronte Occidentale a Quella Orientale

ATTACCHERA' IN GALIZIA?

ROMA, 28 Giugno. Il Ministero della Guerra annuncia che nell'offensiva di martedi scorso contro le posizioni austriache dell'Ortigara, nel settore di Asiago, gli italiani catturarono quattro cannoni,13 mitragliatrici, un migliaio di fucili ed una grande quantita' di materiale da guerra di ogni genere. Altro materiale ed armi catturate rimangono ancora da contare.

Vi sono oggi indicazioni che le forze russe stanno per riprendere se non proprio una offensiva contro gli imperi centrali, at-meno l'atteggiamento ostile che deve pure valere a qualche cosa, ad alleggerire le forze tedemohe ed austriache sulle fronti di

A Vienna e' state ammunerate che negli which Mr. Ligget's son was connected, and
the evening sermon will be preached by the
Rev. Dr. David S. Kennet's, editor of the
Presbyterian.

The Ninth Church was located at Sixsettore di Lutzia, e Costantinopoli parla di attività da parte dei russi nel settore di Erzingan, nel Caucaso. Se i russi stanno per premere di nuovo sulle loro fronti di battaglia, la stagione estiva attuale dara' ancora nuove offensive e nuove vittorie da parte degli alleati dell'Intera.

Ora da Londra viene la notizia che parecchie divisioni telesche che farone totte dalla fronte russa dono la rivoluzione e per division testes to the foront title melling being of the open-trues type. The dalla fronte russa does le livelingtone e seating capacity is 800. In the basement are two large rooms for classes in Bible francese sone state ciminolate alla fronte study, accommodating about 700. The new orientale Nou e impossibile se i russi st mustreraumo miti attivi che non in questi-

Certa le ancora impossibile dire, in quale: misura la riorganizzazione dell'esercito; russo e stata compluta dono la rivolizzana, na sembra de motro si e gla fatto, e sembra de le truppo della Galizia e della nate, non solo, ma abbiano una stima illimitata dei generale Brusiloff che l'anno orso diede loro la vittoria e che ora e nandante in capo di tutte le forze ruose. Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato leri sera dal Ministero della Guerra circa le operazioni del 20

settore della valle Costeana-Ampezzo noi facemmo esplodere uma notenta mina che era stata seavata con enorme difficata-sotto lo sperone dei Lagazuoi Piccalo. L'osplosione fece saltare la posizione o distrusse is guarnigione austriaca. Subite dopo l'esplosione le nostre truppe

appoggiate dall'artiglieria, con quistarono con un brillante attacco la sommita della Quota 2668, sui Laga zuoi Piccolo, e vi si stabilirono salda-Sul rimanente della fronte el sono avute

golfanto le sollte azioni di artiglieria. Un telegramma da Amsterdam dice che agreed that the present crop was good.

The wholesale piece of polatoes is now \$10.50 a barrel for the best, and as low as \$1 a barrel for exceeds, for which the consumer pays twenty-five cents a quarter peck. Virtually all the potatoes in the markets of this city are shipped from the South. Shipments from New Jersey will start in a few weeks. che recentemente si ribello' nei Reichsrath e rifluto' di votare per I crediti militari.

\$3,000,000 CAMP FOR CITY TROOPS

New York Concern Gets Contract for Cantonment at Annapolis Junction

SPEEDING UP DUCK MILLS

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 23-Construction of the cantonment at Ann apolis Junction Md. where all of the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh men wno are drafted into the military service of the United States will be trained, in to begin withit the next few days. The War Department today announced the award of the contract for building the cantonment to Smith Hauser, and M. P. Dane, of New York thereby turning down local contractors who

had attempted to get the work The construction of more than 1100 huldings, the laying of miles of sewer and the building of roads in the cantonment will ost more than \$2,000,000. The contractor cost more than \$2,000.000. The contractor will receive 7 per cent profit on the cost of inhor and unaterials, making a profit of \$210,000 on a \$3,000.000 contract I is estimated that the net profit will be only half that, the other \$105,000 going for verhead expenses. Between 1000 and 5000 men will be employed in constructing the

Most of the barracks will be two stories high housing 200 soldiers each. There will be thirty-three men to a room in these buildings. Unlike the one-story tunnelshaped barracks constructed at the officers training camps, the kitchen and mess hall will be attached to the sleeping quarters At the officers training camps the com-

Another change is that the soldiers are not to sleep on double-deck heds, me man sleeping above the other, the Surgeon General's office maintaing that such a housing

tions directed toward speeding up the equipping of cantonments for a million men has been completed by the Committee on Supplies, of the Council of National De-

million yards of duck for tents, motortruck coverings, leggings, haversacks and other equipment were needed at once by the Government. The duck mills of the entire country were unable to produce more than twenty million yards before the first of next January. The remaining thirty million yards needed the Committee of Supplies undertook to get by encouraging manuindertook to get by encouraging manufacturers who were making carplets and other kinds of cotton textiles to turn their plants to making duck. Hundreds of some were changed and builders' stocks were altered as extensively that many mills without facilities for making yarns encountered a serious shortuge of them. It therefore became precessary to obtain the therefore became necessary to obtain the operation of the makers of yarn.

in order to avoid sharp rises to prices nd the disarrangement of existing Government prices for duck, which would occur if the Government went into the market for the sixteen million pounds of hard cotton carn heeded, the Committee on Supplies asked the yarn makers to mobilize their forces to help the mills. A yarn committee has been organized at a meeting of representatives of twenty major spinning manufacturers and dealers. This committee, composed of Andrew S. Webb, of Philadelphia, chairman; W. B. Moore, of Yorkville, S. C., and J. A. Mandeville, of Carrollton, Ga., with offices in New York city, will be charged with the entire respon-sibility of adjusting the yarn supply to the needs of the mills.

AMERICAN COMMERCE MAKES NEW RECORDS

Exports and Imports for May Total Huge Sums, Despite U-Boat Activity

WASHINGTON, June 23. More new records for American comnerce were hung up during May and for the twelve months ending with May, it was announced at the Department of Commerce this afternoon. Exports for the month were valued at \$551,000,000 nearly \$21,000,000 more than in April. For the year ending in May the total was \$6,185,000,000. he largest in the history of the country. the largest in the history of the country. Imports during May totaled \$281,000,000, making if the greatest single month in this respect on record, in spite of submarine activity. For the year ending in May, imports totaled \$2.600,000,000. Seventy-one per cent of imports entered free of duty in May and 69.1 for the year. duty in May and 69.3 for the year.
Gold imports in May were \$52,000,000 and exports \$58,000,000 mostly drawn by Japan, Spain and Mexico. Net imports for the year were \$774,000,000.

ALLEGED GAS-SAVING DEVICE FOUND DELUSIVE

Its Inventor Arraigned on Charge of False Pretense and Impersonating Federal Officer

and handshakes were passed about among the ship's company aboard the power launch Absalom D. in the belief that the Absalom D was running on eight-cent kerosene instead of twenty-six-cent gas. This would have been due to the new gas. This would have been due to the new carburetor installed by Harold E. Montague, if it had only been true, but in reality, so tis said, there was a steady flow of gasoline running into the carburetor. That was the scoret part of Montague's invention, it was testified before I nited States Commissioner Long today, when Montague was arraigned on a charge of obtaining money under false preference and impersonating a Federal officer.

The Federal officer Montague was accused of impersonating is "submining inspector."

impersonating is "submarine inspector It said so on the large budge he showed the launch's owner at the time he first men-tioned his new foel-saving invention. The badge here the words "Submarine Inspector No I. Chief of Construction, Hydro Sub-narine Corporation.

Montague, it was testified, sont the alleged carburetor to Rodney Morison, assistant secretary, treasurer and general man-ager of the West Jersey Sand and Gave Company, for use on board Mr. Morison's hoat. On the trial trip everything went smoothly until it was found that an incon-spicuous pipe, admitted gasoline into the earburetor and that the engine was using about the main quantity. Montague, who lived at 2012 Arch street, was held unde \$500 ball. Montague, who

No Wage Increase for Schoolteachers NORTH WALES, Pa., June 23 .- North Wales schoolteachers will not be granted the 20 per cent increase in salary asked for in personal letters sent to each school director last week. The school board claims it cannot grant the request with the funds available. Last year's salaries amounted to about \$7000. Several of the teachers have signed contracts for the coming term, while others are still undecided what action to take in the matter.

W. C. T. U.'s "Safety-First" Poster The Philadelphia W. C. T. U. has placed The Philadelphia W. C. T. U. has placed an order with the Biliposting Company of Philadelphia for fifty large posters, with inscriptions such as "Safety First Means No Alcohol. Even Moderate Drinking Means Slower Thinking." The placards are on exhibition at 1703 Arch street, in charge of Miss Gertrude Pennington, who superintends their distribution.

WOMEN PLEDGE WAR ON VICE IN CAMPS

Association of College Alumnae Plans Campaign of Suppression

One hundred thousand women all over the ountry have pledged themselves to take letive measures to suppress vice in the irmy and navy training camps. The Asociation of College Alumnae is respesociation of college Alimnae is responsible for the movement, according to Mrn. William I. Hull, of Swarthmore. She was also of the originators of the plan and has called upon every women's organization in the city to further its success.

"The conditions in Mexico last summer interesting and Mrs. Hull."

"The conditions in Mexico last summer were intolerable," said Mrs. Hull, "and the situation in England is appalling. It for mains for the good women of the land to see that nothing of the sort occurs here. We are going to appeal to Washington, assing the men in authority to take steps to establish a safety zone around the camps and to establish moral sanitation.

"We have adopted resolutions, and we have asked every women's organization to adopt their also and send them to President Wilson, the Secretary of War, the medical section of the Council for National Defense, R. B. Fosdick, chairman of the Commission of Traning Camp Activities: the Women's Advisory Committee Council of National Defense, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chairman, and Coursease of each State. and Governors of each State:

"It is unthinkable that dissolute should extet in the neighborhood of the camps, or that inpur should be sold in the

"Unions laws are made and enforced our boys will be exposed to the worst sort of temptations. There is no time to be lost We want these measures passed before any

camps are established. The Philadelphia branch of the Woman's Suffrage party expects to adopt the lution at its meeting on Monday.

GREECE HARD HIT BY U-BOATS

Submarines Sink One-Fifteenth of Nation's Tonnage in Three Months

WASHINGTON, June 22—German sub-narines are taking a heavy toll of Greek hipping. An official report to the State Desariment today stated that nearly one-fif centh of the entire Greek tonnage has been ent to the bottom in the last three months Since April 12 ships representing a tonage of 31,542 have been torpedeed and ink by German and Austrian U-he ships are valued at \$4,592,000 atest blow was the sinking of the Nestoe of 4060 tons, loaded with grain,

Seventeen Taken in Crap Game Raid Seventeen men were arrested in a shed in the rear of the residence of William Wil-ong, Fifty-eighth and Market streets, lant night for shooting crap

U. S. MAY SEIZE OIL, DANIELS DECLARES

Tells Senators Supplies May Be Commandeered in Crisis

FUEL SHORTAGE FEARED

WASHINGTON, June 22. Reclaring it a "question of a very snort ime before the Government must commandeer all oil and coal in the country," Secretary Daniels today told the Senate Public Lands Committee that the oil situaion in the country is serious. While Daniels was testifying at the Capt-

ol. President Wilson called personally en the Pederal Trade Commission, presumanty to discuss the proposition made by Daniels and Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, that the commission fix fuel and steel prices. Daniels told the Senators that if the ommandeering was not done negotiations

must be entered into at once by the Gove ernment to require the opening up of off and coat fields. He said the fuel supply must be regulated and the Government onpowered to fix prices on both oil and coal

The navy oil reserves must be saved, he said, for the future which we cannot

With 200 oil burning ships now being hurtedly built, frantals admitted he doesn't trow what the available oil supply of the sountry is. He suggested a Government turvey of all oil fields to determine where survey of all on helds to determine where freeh supplies might originate. He said the Covernment was going to get as much of its oil as possible from outside the United States "in order to conserve our

would be absolutely vital that the oil in thi would be absolutely vital that the oil in this country be materially increased, because the demand would be increasingly greater," he declared. "In other words, oil is the basis of conducting this war. Everything depends on it."

If Mexico were cut off as a source of supply, he declared, the drain on this country would be tremendous, and the need of the tlovernment assuming control of oil supplies and enforcing its conservation would be immediate.

would be immediate.

Daniels protested vigorously against open-ing up the present naval oil reserve in California until pending litigation has been ressed to termination. He declared some is opened he urged that the opening be under direction of the Government or some agency and "not by men with fraudulent

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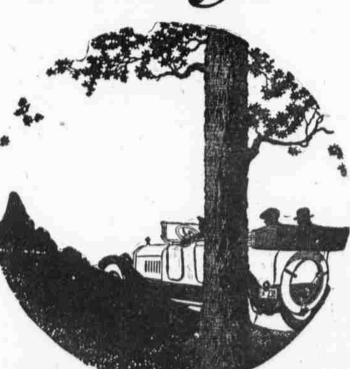
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