PRICE TWO CENTS

POINT BREEZE WORKS SWEPT BY FRESH FIRE

Explosion Starts Second Blaze - Five Alarms Sounded

SECOND EXPLOSION DUE TO OLD EMBERS

No One Killed Among 250 Employes-Firemen Suffer Injuries

LOSS SET AT \$200,000

Explosions and Conflagrations Due to Accident, Belief of Officials

Shortly before 2 o'clock an explosion of a big oil "still" directly in the rear of the administration building started another big fire and within five minutes had gained such headway that five alarms were sounded.

All of the city's available fire apparatus was rushed to the scene. Three ren were injured in the ex-

plosion, one of them seriously. He is Joseph Farrell, a painter, living at 1435 Ritner street.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by flames from nearby tanks. These were spread to the stills by the fire fighters, who were still pouring water on the burning tanks and endeavoring to keep those that escaped last night's blaze cool.

Fifteen minutes after the explosion, employes in the office building were ordered to remove all the company's books and papers, for the flames were threatening the entire plant.

Although last night's fire at the oil works was one of the worst in the history of the plant, the fresh fire is likely to exceed it in the amount of damage wrought.

The still or what is called an agitator is located at the rear of the office building. It escaped the big blaze last night, but the fire fighters, realizing that it was still in danger owing to the terrific heat, were kept busy with the work of beeping the still cool.

Two hosemen who were left to guard the still were playing a stream of curred.

Instantly a tongue of flame leaped into the air. Realizing that they were powerless to cope with the fresh fire. the firemen sounded an alarm and five minutes later sounded a second.

Murphy, who had just returned to headquarters from last night's fire, jumped into his auto and sped for the oil. A glance at the mass of flames convinced him that the fire was getting beyond control and he immediately summoned all the available apparatus in

The fire at the plant of the Atlantic Re fining Company is still raging, although firemen have it well under control. It is estimated that it will not be out entirely until late this afternoon or

The fire started shortly before midnight, after one of the most terrific explosions ever known in Philadelphia. It rocked the entire city, the flames shot 1000 feet into the air, and the report was heard for many

No one was killed. Although 250 employes were working about the plant at the time, all have been accounted for. Nearly fifty firemen and workmen were cut, burnt, bruised or overcome in fighting the terrific blaze. The condition of none serious, however.

Officials of the company place the loss at \$200,000, though firemen say it will aggre-gate far more.

The fire was said to be purely addental. Despite the fact that the company has contracts for the Government to furnish petro-leum and oil for battleships and destroyers, and the explosion itself, it was said offi-cially there is no evidence that the fire was the result of a plot.

W. M. Irish, general manager of the com-pany, said that leaking gas in one of the stills probably caused the first blaze.

Work at the plant will be seriously crip-ed, but not suspended as the result of the fire, Mr. Irish said.

While firemen were still fighting fire in

several of the stills the work of rebuilding the damaged parts of the plant virtually was started. Lumber and other stills in Parts already have been hauled to the plant.

Mr. Irish said that many thousands of gallons of oil were saved owing to the draining process which drew out the petroleum after the fire was well under way. "I cannot give high enough praise to the firemen for their wonderful work." Mr. Irish said. "Wonderful is the only way to describe it. Their work certainly

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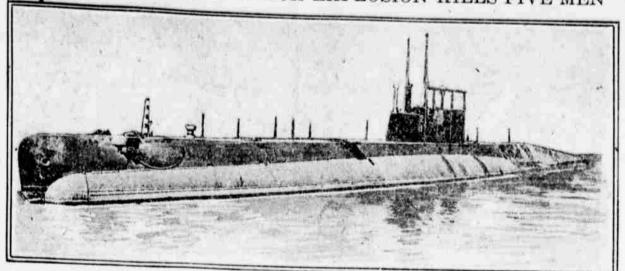
THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Gener elly cloudy, with probably thundershow ers late this afternoon or tonight; Thurs day fair; not quite so oppressive tonight; gentle winds, mostly northeast.

tun rises ... 4:52 a.m. | Moon sets ... 10:08 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET

U. S. SUBMARINE IN WHICH EXPLOSION KILLS FIVE MEN



The United States undersea craft A-7 aboard which, it is reported, a serious explosion occurred at Cavite, Philippine Islands. Among the men killed was Junior Grade Lieutenant Arnold Marcus. Several members of the crew were burned about their waists and arms.

French Retake All Ground A-7, at Cavite, Philippine Lost in Chemin-des-

BRITISH SCORE IN RAIDS

Dames Battle

By HENRY WOOD

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE In one short stroke French forces early

today completely wiped out all Germany had gained by the six days' prodigal sacrifices in blood and steel and powder along the Chemin des Dames.

The defense of this highway parallels in

heroic brilliance the throwing back of the German waves at Verdun. Since Thursday norning the Crown Prince's attacks had been continuous and brious. His troops suffered enormous casualties as the price of foot-by-foot gains. Then these same French troops, who had endured the bombardment and attack, suddenly leaped forward and wept the Germans out of their costly gains

The reason for the German attacks and the massacres of German troops apparently lies in the belief of the German staff that serious Austrian peace tendencies must be overcome, the Teutonic population must be cheered up by action on land in view of the submarine failure, and enthusiasm raised for fresh war loans by some stroke of the army. In addition the observatories on Chemin des Dames are dominant in this theatre of war, and so long as the French hold them the German lines are menaced,

Once again French troops flung back pow erful German assaults last night against the Californie plateau—the sixth successive night in which the Germans have vainly tried to batter through the Chemin de-Dames line.

BRITISH GUNS PAVING WAY FOR ANOTHER BIG STROKE AT GERMANS

LONDON, July 25. The opening of the great British offensive heralded for days by intense artillery ac-tions from the River Scarpe to the Chan-

nel coast, is believed at hand. The official announcement of Berlin that the duel of giant guns has reached an intensity never before paralleled since the war began indicates that the British are making their last preparations for the which is believed to have been has tened to save the Russians from complete

Military critics here predict that Halg's

he war. Raids and heavy bombardments were re-Raids and heavy comparements were re-ported from the Belgian front in the official report issued by the War Office at noon. An exceptionally big raid was made by the British in the Ypres sector and, in addi-tion to the Germans killed and wounded,

114 prisoners were captured.
In the sectors of Lombaertzyde (west Flanders) and Monchy-le-Preux (Arras front) the artillery dueling is intense. The German guns, it is stated, are more active

H. P. FLETCHER, ENVOY TO MEXICO, MARRIES

Pennsylvania-Born Diplomat Having Disposed of Shipping Takes Bride He Won în China

NEW YORK, July 25. Henry P. Fletcher, of Chambersburg, Pa., American Ambassador to Mexico, and Miss Beatrice Bend, prominent socially in New York, were married at the home of Willard Straight at Westbury, L. I., this afternoon Only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was the culmination of a romance that began eight years ago in China, when Fletcher was secretary at the American legation in Pekin. Miss Bend was touring with her mother when she met the young American din'omat. Mr. Fletcher is forty-three year old. He

was born at Green Castle, Pa. He began his diplomatic career as secretary to the American Legation in Cuba in 1902. The

his diplomatic to the control of the

Car Jumps Track on Dauphin Street A Dauphin street trolley car going east on Dauphin street jumped the track today at Nineteenth and Dauphin streets. The forward trucks skidded off the tracks and crashed into an awning pole of a dry goods store at the southwest corner of Nineteenth

TEUTONS WIPED BLAST ABOARD RUSSIAN ARMY OUT IN ATTACKS U. S. SUBMARINE ON FRENCH LINE KILLS 5, HURTS 3

Islands, Loses Almost Whole Crew

GASOLINE FUMES BLAMED

WASHINGTON, July 25.

Five American sallors were killed and three injured in an explosion which wrecked the interior of the submarine A-7 at the Cavite, Philippine Islands, naval station at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. News of the accident was received by the Navy Depart-ment this afternoon by cable.

The men killed were: Lieutenant (junior grade) Arnold Marcus Machinist's mate (first class) H. H. Lang. Gunner's Mate (second class) O. Hope-

Chief Electrician J. M. Curry. Machinist's Mate (first class) H. H. Lang. The wounded were: Chief Electrician S. Schailin. Fireman (second class) A. M. Jacobs. Machinist's Mate (second class) I. P.

A statement issued by Secretary Daniel

aid:
"The cause of the explosion, from prelim inary exomination, appeared to be due to a collection of gasoline fumes in a p-cket within the boat. The cause of the ignition of these fumes has not as yet been deter-mined."

Lieutenant Marcus, killed, was in com-land of the vessel.

The disaster to the A-7 is one of the few disasters to the American submarine fleet in recent years. The F-4 sank off Honoluin about two years ago with the crew im-prisoned and suffocated by chlorine gas. Another recent disaster was that of the E-1 at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, which resulted from difficulties with a storage battery un-

The A-7 was one of the oldest-type sub- terview published here today. marines. She was built in 1902 and had a displacement of 120 tons, with a maximum speed of nine knots and ordinarily carried crew of nine men

BUENOS AIRES GREETS UNITED STATES SQUADRON

American Jackies and Officers Get Rousing Welcome on Visit to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, July 25. - A cordia and rousing welcome is being given to the sailors from the United States squadron now in Argentine waters. All of the news-papers reflect the friendliness of the peode's welcome in their comment.

"Welcome to our shores are the Amer-ican navigators, bringing the greetings of their gerat nation, and we respond with our traditional gentleness," said La Prensa, one of the leading newspapers in South America. A concert was held for the Americans at the Jockey Club today, having been arranged under the patronage of a number of women. On Sunday there will be an athletic carnival. The streets and theatres

PRESIDENT TO CRACK

DEFENSE COUNCIL NUT

Row Will Select "Indus-

trial War Board"

There is to be one more big reorganiza

tion and then Uncle Sam will settle down

to completing his first year's war program

nounce the long expected change in the

present National Defense Council organiza-

Assured of a definite end to wrangling in

the shipping board with the sweeping

changes made yesterday, the President now

will "take the slack" in the Defense Coun

An "industrial war board" of six mem-

bers, directly responsible to six Cabinet

members, will be announced probably this

The war board probably will include

Bernard Baruch, in charge of raw ma

terials; Julius Rosenwald, in charge of fin-ished material; Frank A. Scott, munitions

and three other men whose names have not yet been ascertained.

These men will have executive charge of all the industrial work and under them

will work committees on labor, medical sup-

priority in shipment during the war, will also be directly responsible to the "war board."

plies, etc. A separate "priority board" determine what products shall be given

week

President Wilson today is ready to an

WASHINGTON, July 25.

STRIKING HARD **NEAR DVINSK**

Lokal Anzeiger Admits Powerful Slav Offensive Growing in North

ROUT CONTINUES IN SOUTH

BERLIN, July 25. With Kaiser William watching them, German troops beat back a Russian attack on ground rising from the Sereth River plain between Tarnopol and Tremboula, today's official statement recounted. "Tried German divisions" stood the brunt of the assault. East of this sector, on the eastern bank of the Sereth, German troops occupied the heights.

LONDON, July 25. A diplomatic breach between Finland and Russia is believed imminent, according to a Petrograd dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company today. The Finnish Parliament has already passed to a third reading the bill for independence of the province. Recent reports, however, ted postponement of such a dras-

PETROGRAD, July 25. "Yes, I believe in a final victory for Russia, otherwise I would not be worthy of living," were the words credited to General Brussiloff in an in-

"I think autumn will see an end of th war." Brussiloff was quoted as asserting nany knows that, thanks to America, ill be crushed. "Last autumn 1 was expressly asked

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Hosiery Worker Is Sent to Hospital

From Kensington Factory Frederick Heudack, of 2233 North street, employed by the Thomas W. Hostery Company, at Jasper and York streets, while working at his machine just before noon today, was overcome by the heat and taken in an ambulance to the Episcopal Hospital, at Front and Lehigh

He was treated and sent home

production may not be curtailed.

Coal Companies Seek Exemptions MAHANOY CITY, Pa., July 25 .- The Philadelphia and Reading, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Susquehanna and individual coa companies are making lists of their drafted employes, for whom they will ask general exemption from war service so that coal

STABBED TO DEATH ON PORCH BY NEGROES

Young White Man Said to Have Resented Insult to

CHESTER, Pa., July 25.
William McKinney, white, twenty-or
years old, was stabbed four times today t a party of negroes when talking on the front porch of his home with his sister Mattle McKinney, and died within ter

Captain of Police Guy Sill arrested four negroes, and they are being held without bail pending investigation. Arthur Thomas eighteen years old, one of the men under arrest, is accused of the murder and was been identified by eyewitnesses.

The murder is the boldbst of the many crimes that has taken place here within the last year and was committed in the heart of the city. The police say the trouble of the city. started when the party of negroes passed young McKinney's home and Thomas made insulting remarks about the white girl standing on the porch.

MME. BERNHARDT FLEES FROM BURNING HOTEL

Theatrical and Society Folk Escape to Beach in Society Dress

LONG BEACH, L. L. July 25. - Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and several other prominent theatrical and society folk fled for their lives today when the fashionable Hotel Nassau, on the Boardwalk, caught

The advisory commission, to which all the various subcommittees have heretofore reported, will be retained, but not longer in its former capacity. Several hundred guests in scanty dress rushed down fire-escapes to the beach. The fire started in the kitchen. Volunteer fire departments from Lynnbrook and Rockville Centre confined the blaze to the first floor. Several women suffered bruises in the partial streamble. Even as in the case of his shipping board shake-up, the President is making the Defense Council change to stop lost motion and disagreements and to hasten consumptation of war plant already begin.

EXTRA

RACING RESULTS

First Empire City race, 3-year-elds and up, selling, about 6 furlongs-Basil, 105, Shuttinger, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Master Mc-Grath, 104, Garner, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Mother Machice, 99. list rett, 20 to 1, S to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1.99 2-5. Bar of Phoenix, Broom Sweep, Shoddy, Plumose, Polly J., Portlight, Mae Murray, Sir Bieleret, Stellarina, James P. Cummings, Hidden Star and Rockport

CANADA TO GET \$100,000,000 CREDIT IN UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- Permission was today granted the Canadian Government to obtain a short time credit of \$100,000,000 in the American market. The permission was granted in order that Canada may meet adverse trade balances with this country,

HEAT KILLS TWO CAMDEN CHILDREN

Darie Swain, colored, eight months old, of 2033 South Tenth . street, Camden, and Elizabeth Claus, two years old, of 2723 Taylor stillet. Camden, died today from the heat.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR TRIES HARD TO SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS

ZURICH, July 25.- Emperor Charles has arrived in Vienna from the eastern front and has plunged into the complicated political situation in an effort to work out a settlement at the earliest possible hour. Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, is at eastern headquarters in Galicia with Emperor William, according to a telegram from Vienna today. However, he is expected to return to the capital soon. A temporary truce has been patched up between the Czech-Polish element and the loyalist members of Parliament, but it is impossible to tell how long it will last

THREE ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONISTS GET YEAR; WILL APPEAL

CEEVELAND, O., July 25 .- A year in the workhouse at Canton, the maximum penalty provided, was the sentence imposed on three prominent Socialists convicted of hindering the draft by Judge Westenhaver in Federal Court today. The men are C. E. Ruthenburg, Alfred Wagenknecht and Charles Baker, A writ of error was allowed by the court and bond was fixed at \$5000 in each case, pending appeal to the Supreme Court.

TEMPORARY SERBIAN CAPITAL AT SALONIKA

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- Greece has agreed to Serbia's request for establishment of a temporary Serbian capital at Salonica, it was officially announced today. The Allies have abundoned their blockade against Greece. This is the last step in full co-operation between Greece and the Allies. It frees a considerable British

65.874.378 POUNDS OF BUTTER IN COLD STORAGE

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- Reports from 266 cold storages on July 15 show that their rooms contain 65,874,878 pounds of creamery butter, while on July 1 212 storages reported 48,498,442 pounds,

AMERICAN AVIATORS TO BE EXAMINED IN PARIS

WASHINGTON, July 25.-American aviators in France eligible for promotion to the rank of military aviators were today given notice that an examining board would meet in Paris within a month. Secretary of War Baker appointed Lieutenant Colonel William Mitchell and Captains Millard F. Harmon, Jr., and Davenport Johnson as the examining board. Colonel Mitchell was empowered to convene the board when American aviators presented themselves.

U. S. CAPTIVES ORDERED TO REPORT TO BERNE

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- Adjutant General McCain, of the War Department. today issued instructions to all members of the United States army now abroad to communicate with the American prisoners' central committee, recently formed at Berne, Switzerland, "in case of capture by German forces." The notice was addressed to all officers and men attached to General Pershing's expeditionary force and to members of the military establishment assigned as attaches in Europe

CONGRESS PLANS TO ORDER DRAFT OF ALIENS

WASHINGTON, July 25.-Congress is going to order the drafting of all aliens of military age except subjects of the Central Powers, unless the State Department, which has taken a hand in the question, can furnish convincing argument to the contrary. Polls have disclosed an overwhelming sentiment in favor of making foreigners living in the United States and escaping military service in their native lands share the draft burden.

ONE-FOURTH OF DRAFTED CHICAGOANS ALIENS

CHICAGO, July 25.-Exemption boards today discovered that one-fourth of the men drafted in Chicago are exempt as allen citizens. Out of a total of 314,116 registered men, 75,552 are exempt as aliens. In District Forty-nine 2108 of the 2923 registered men are allens, making it necessary to draw the quota of 377 soldiers from 815 registered Americans. John O. Vezer, who left Canada to avoid service as a soldier, killed himself when he found he had been drawn in the early numbers.

CANADIAN DRAFT TO PASS OVER FRENCH OPPOSITION

OTTAWA, Ont., July 25 .- Conscription in Canada is up to the Senate today, having gone through Commons 101 to 44. It will become a law within a few days. A heavy French vote was cast against it. Twenty-two Liberals swung to support of the bill. As finally drafted, the law is effective immediately upon receiving royal assent. Sir Wilfred Laurier, former Premier, opposed the measure vigorously. He warned dire results would follow its enforcement. -

NEW DRILLING PROGRAM FOR SAMMEES

PERMANENT CAMP OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY IN FRANCE, July 25.—Staff officers made one more change in the Sammees' school for battle today. The day was rearranged so that in the morning the American soldiers will drill by themselves in tactics already acquired and in the afternoons will join with French polius in learning new stunts in trench fighting. An extensive telephone system connecting all the samp was completed today. Headquarters entertained at luncheon an army officer formerly connected in an impor tant capacity with the Paname Canal building.

DRAWS BILL TO DEPORT ALIEN SLACKERS

WASHINGTON, July 25 .- A bill to return aliens of draft age to their home countries is being drawn by Chairman Webb, of the House Judiciary Committee. He says he talked to Administration officials and hoped to have Administration sup-

VAST SHIPYARD ASSURED HERE AS ROW ENDS

Settlement of Dispute by President's Action Means Much to City

GOETHALS PLANS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT

Beginning of Work Only Awaits Confirmation of Appointments

CONTRACTS ARE READY

Transportation Lines Are Pushing Work of Preparation for New Plant

Building of the gigantic 300-acre shipyard-without a peer in the world-the Delaware River, involving immedia construction of 200 or more 7500-ton at vessels to break the German submarine peril, and the employment of 15,000 per-sons at a cost of hundreds of millions, is to be taken up at once by the new ernment Shipping Board and pushed all possible speed.

The ousting of Chairman Denman and the acceptance of the resignation of Cap-tain White by President Wilson yesterday was welcome news to Philadelphia today, for the second of the company of the compan for it removed all further obstacles to the consummation of the plans of General Goethals for the Philadelphia yard, which were authoritatively and exxclusively an-nounced in detail in the Evening LEDONS

It is known that, with the confirmation by the Senate of the new members of the Shipping Board, the plans of General Goethals will be carried out, and that Stone & Webster, the engineers to charge of the construction of the plant, will be notified to proceed without delay.

The New York Shipbuilding Company branch of the American International orporation, in conjunction with the Naional City Company, which is an operat ahead under the contracts which have b held up for the last five weeks in the office of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in Washington The Pennsylvania Railroad has bushing forward its new line to reach

site of the plant on Hog Island and a How Creek, the Reading Rallway har unleading materials and the Philadelph Electric Company has been hurrying hange of personnal in the Shipping les in the fact that the cost of the ere the points that caused the cilable dispute between Chairman Denr and General Goethala and forced the Pr ident to make a change in order that work of building the shippard might

ahead at once.

Mr. Denman, who opposed the Government expending any money, also wanted to know at what figure steel would be sold throughout the entire period of construction. General Goethals was unable to

DOWNTOWN BOY MISSING: POLICE FEAR KIDNAPPERS

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Vacant Cellars and Stores Being Searched for Lad Gone Three Weeks

Downtown police are today searching as vacant cellars and stores in an effort to solve the mystery surrounding the diagnosis of themselves are a Vacansa I will, twelve years old, of \$15 Gerritt street The authorities fear that the lad may have met the fate of two other downtown boys who recently were found gagged and barely alive in cellars near their homes.

alive in cellars near their homes

Early this year an epidemic of kidnappings broke out in the southern section
of the city. The first boy to disappear was
five-year-old Nathan Plott. Three days
later the boy was found bound hand and
foot in the cellar of a vacant house at
Fifth and Carpenter streets. Six days later,
six-year-old Alex Apple disappeared from his home in South Fifth street. He, too, found in a cellar near his home

Kilbane, Maxwell and Jaffe to Report Big Bout Tonight Tonight's great fistic battle at

Shibe Park between Johnny Kilbane the featherweight champion, and

Benny Leonard

the lightweight king, will be fully covered in tomorrow's Evening LEDGER by an array of fight experts. Kilbane

will describe the battle as it ap-pears to one of the participants, and his story will be supplemented with pen pictures of the fight by Robert W. Maxwell

Sports Editor, and Louis H. Jaffe

fight expert and critic of the Every ING LEDGER Sports Department. Evening Ledger Camera Man also will be at the ringside and

just before the battle. General admission tickets, as and \$2, will be put on sale throten windows at Shibe Park at 7 p the same time the doors open. It thousand tickets will be procur. The show will start at \$15 and the principal boxers will the ring at 9:30.

It will take a severe rain pone the show, in the sales and the show.

a flash of the two great cham