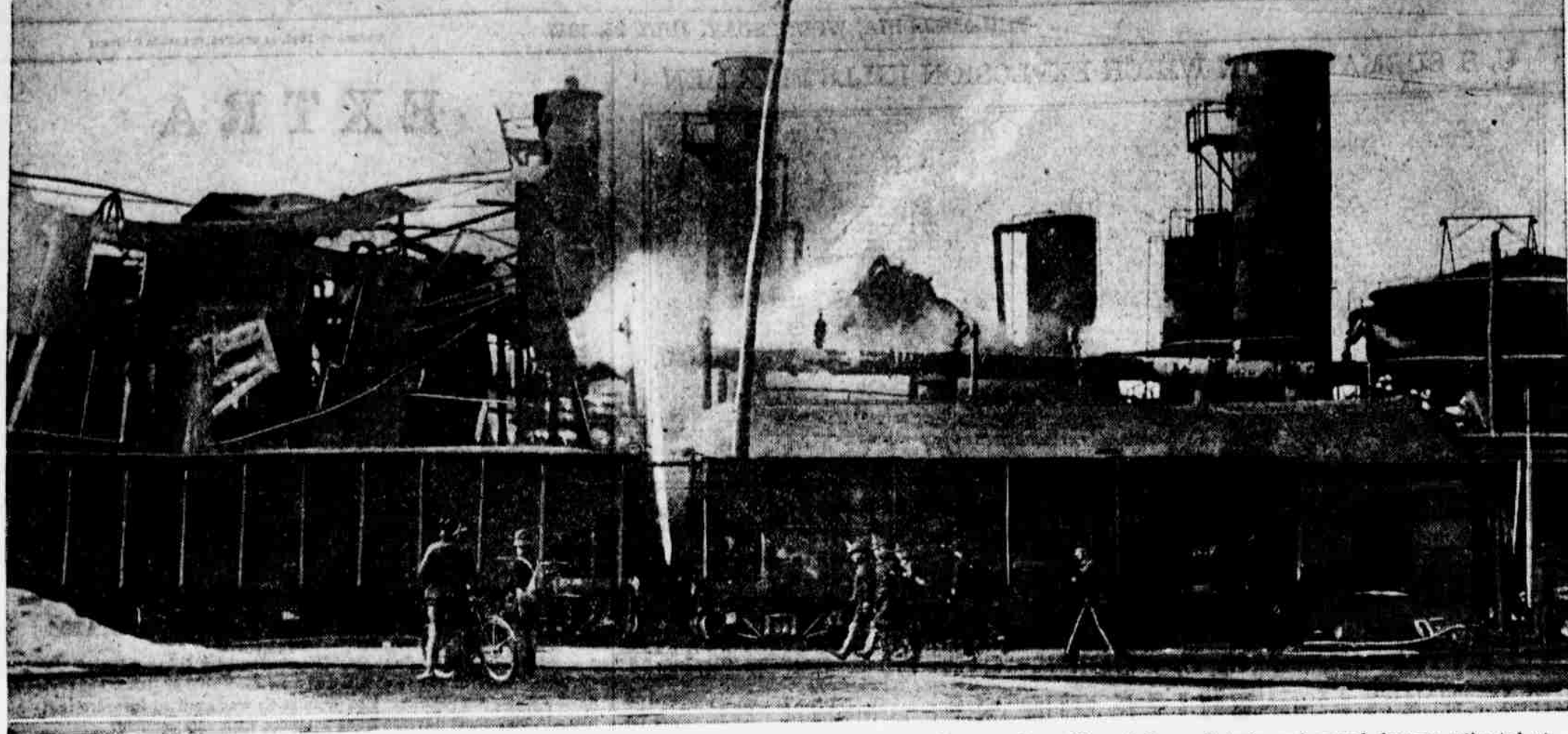


Rate Cut Won't Affect Prices : Draft Quotas Here Called Unfair : Baldwin Locomotives for U. S. Troops : Other City News

SCENE OF TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AND FIRE AT POINT BREEZE OIL REFINERY



The blow-up early today of one of the giant stills at the Atlantic Refining Company's plant started a blaze that spread to ten other stills and three oil tanks and caused damage estimated at \$600,000. The detonation of the explosion was heard for miles and in three States.

**AS CITY DRAFT QUOTAS EXCESSIVE**  
**Congressman Costello Protests Against System of Pro-Rating Conscripts**  
**HARRISBURG**  
**Method Balked Philadelphia, Denying Districts Credit for Volunteers**

That the State military authorities must make a complete revision of Philadelphia draft quotas in order to insure the city a square deal in connection with the conscription law, was the outstanding feature in a statement made today by Congressman Peter E. Costello.

Despite the fact that Colonel Frank P. Brannan of Harrisburg has denied the demand of Congressman Costello for a revision of quotas in Kennington, Frankford and Tacony, the Congressman made it plain that he has not given up.

"Philadelphia is the most loyal city in the country and is willing to make any sacrifice, but must not be expected to do more than its share," said Congressman Costello, "the system under which the exemption districts of the city have been given their quotas is unfair and not in harmony with the system that has been applied to other cities in Pennsylvania.

**CRITICIZES METHODS**  
"When the War Department issued orders to the various States to raise certain numbers of men for the national service units in Harrisburg, following these instructions, divided the State into exemption districts. Each district according to Government estimates contained 30,000 people.

"Now the War Department specified that each district was to be given credit for all men who had entered the national service. Instead of treating Philadelphia by districts the city was treated as a unit in the matter of credit. It was held that the city instead of drafting 32,500 men should be given credit for 8200 who were in the service of their country.

"In all fairness each district should have been treated separately, and if this had been done many districts in the city would have had their quota cut in two and in several instances wiped out entirely.

"Instead the credits were distributed on a pro rata basis. This means that districts which have sent two and three hundred men into the army and navy are given no more credit than districts where recruiting has been at a low ebb.

"In the Thirty-fifth District, which comprises the Forty-fifth and Forty-sixth wards, the quota has been fixed at 261. I am quite certain that if this district had been treated fairly in the matter of credits our quota would be virtually fixed today.

**HARRISBURG'S DEFENSE**  
"At Harrisburg it was explained that determining credits by districts in Philadelphia would involve too much time. Details of the Harrisburg plan have been made separate Lancaster City from Lancaster County and give it credit for every man already enlisted. The same is true of Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre. In several districts which are not much larger than any of the Philadelphia districts were treated separately and today are announcing to the world that, owing to the patriotism of the districts, it is not necessary to draft men for the army.

"What is true of those cities would be true of many districts in Philadelphia if it had been decided to treat the districts as separate units. The military authorities will appreciate the justice of my demands and take steps to revise the district quotas."

**PROFITTEERING IN FOOD CONDEMNED BY PEPPER**

Public Safety Committee Chairman Talks of High Prices Prevailing  
**HEINZ STUDYING PROBLEM**  
**Passage and Enforcement of U. S. Control Act Is Urged to Aid Situation**

George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Committee of Public Safety of Pennsylvania, declared in an interview today that in spite of the largely increased food supplies and the lower prices now prevailing to the farmers, the cost of bread, potatoes and other grain and orchard produce is extremely high.

There are only two causes to deduct from this situation, continued Mr. Pepper. "Either our present system of retail distribution is grossly extravagant and inefficient, or else prices are being manipulated and upheld by artificial means."

Mr. Pepper said that in Pennsylvania this matter is being studied by Howard Heinz, director of the Department of Food Supply, who is in close touch with the Pennsylvania State authorities. Mr. Pepper would make no statement regarding Heinz's findings.

"He knows the situation far better than I do," he said.

Reforms and changes in methods of shortening the route between the producer and consumer and improvements in methods by retailers and middlemen are talked of, but Mr. Pepper feels that it is very evident, notwithstanding the largely increased production from farm and garden, that we are in for another fall and winter of exorbitantly high prices of foodstuffs, unless the food control act, now before Congress, is promptly passed and made operative.

"The production of foodstuffs has largely increased and there is beginning to be a marked decrease in food wastes," concluded Mr. Pepper. "Now we have a right to look for a fall in prices."

**MANY RUSH TO ENLIST TO AVOID DRAFT ORDER**

Army Recruiting Office Besieged by Long Line of Applicants. British Prepare for Drive

The rush of applicants for enlistment in the regular army literally swamped the local recruiting office at 1223 Arch street. When the doors opened at 8 o'clock this morning a line of anxious young men stood in line ready to sign up for immediate service.

The recruiting officers were inclined to be disappointed on Saturday when the number of enlistments did not reach their expectations. This fact was due, they believe, to a misunderstanding among drafted men as to their eligibility for enlistment following the drawing of the capsules on Friday.

Statements from the War Department, however, published in the newspapers the following day allayed these doubts and a flood of applicants has besieged the recruiting office since then.

Colonel Ellis made an appeal today for 200 men to fill up vacancies in various branches of the Sixth Regiment of the Pennsylvania Infantry, which he commands. The machine gun company needs sixteen of that number and the band is seeking trombones, cornets, alto horn players and trumpeters.

The regiment is quartered at present in the armory at 4111 to 4115 Mantua avenue, but expects to go into camp on Pexel Hill in a few days.

Today's enlistments follow:

**FIRST PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY**  
Matthew Barrow, 18, 2521 Mantua st.  
Charles J. Wilson, 23, E. Westmoreland st.  
George A. Naulls, 18, 2508 Spring st.  
James W. Ruppel, 19, 2322 Arch st.  
Frank J. Waters, 21, 24 N. Hix st.  
Leon R. Butler, 19, 2328 Hix st.  
John H. DeWitt, 19, 2443 N. 9th st.  
John J. Dovern, 20, 1313 Winter st.  
Francis Guzman, 22, 2308 Spruce st.  
Gardiner Lower, 21, 3848 Belmont st.  
Amelio J. Rodriguez, 19, 4113 Hix st.

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**  
Harold Jackson, 20, Passaic, N. J.

**CANADIAN**  
Archib W. Cairns, 20, 2419 South st.  
Arthur G. Barrer, 27, 4th st. and Taber road, Olney.

**BRITISH**  
Ernest Tolley, 45, 4725 Lansdowne ave.  
Alfred Anderson, 20, 3207 Locust st.  
Walter Hubbard, 24, 50 Wilbur st.

**THIRD PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY**  
Sethell Hill, 19, 824 Wharton st.  
Tom Marino, 19, 1930 N. Jessup st.  
Nathan J. Bishop, 23, 2229 Locust st.  
William J. Marker, 23, 2229 N. Colorado st.  
Joseph W. Simeola, 21, 2152 Arch st.  
Nicholas J. Williams, 21, 222 Federal st.  
Charles Trock, 21, 1943 Locust st.  
Joseph P. Hertz, 23, 1410 Locust st., Pa.  
Samuel H. Adams, 26, 151 N. 20th st.  
John J. Tolan, 21, 2512 Hix st.  
James Ellis, 18, 1341 N. Howard st.  
Howard L. Hicks, 20, 1725 Jackson st.  
Thomas L. Hicks, 20, 1725 Jackson st.

**UNITED STATES ARMY**  
Jesse W. Sweeney, 24, 5147 Wyalusing ave.  
Robert J. Kunkin, 23, 2347 Locust st., Camden, N. J.  
Philip Bralovich, 21, 2720 Richmond st.  
Nathan Berthel, 19, 226 N. Franklin st.  
James E. Farley, 24, 2968 Lippincott st.  
Robert J. Smith, 21, 2819 Hix st.  
Ouel Edward Anderson, 24, 605 N. 11th st.  
Charles W. Gross, 22, Belmont road, Montgomery County.  
Howard W. Hunter, 22, Belmont road, Montgomery County.

**WEST VIRGINIA INFANTRY**  
Francis A. Cole, 23, West Point, Pa.  
Richard McKeon, 19, 427 Locust st.  
Robert McMillan, 19, 2748 Frankford ave.  
Frank W. Brannon, 20, Lewisburg, Pa.  
Joseph O. Crowley, 25, Gibbonstown, N. J.  
Herbert Jones, 21, Wilson, Pa.  
Martin Collins, 21, 232 N. 21st st., Darby, Pa.  
Robert W. Sims, 21, 232 N. 21st st., Darby, Pa.  
Robert J. Davis, 21, 232 N. 21st st., Darby, Pa.  
Arthur S. Lichten, 26, 3514 N. Boyer st.  
Morris L. Ehrlich, 22, 131 8th st.  
George Shiner, 29, 2514 Stanton st., Falls of Schuylkill.

**NEW YORK INFANTRY**  
Charles J. Collins, 30, 3716 Wallace st.  
Harry S. Baldwin, 20, 2980 E. Clarence st.  
David A. Quinn, 21, 312 N. 2nd st.  
Miguel Alvarez, 21, 1325 N. 4th st.  
Michael Ardino, 19, 1822 S. Mole st.  
Joseph A. Arnold, 21, 1516 Locust st.  
Minor Fairbanks, 22, 138 Wilbur st.  
Thomas W. McGee, 21, 2315 Locust st.  
Morris Jones, 18, 2111 Vine st.  
George Wheeler, 18, 2020 E. Dear st.  
George Wetzel, 19, 4945 Homestead st., West-nomia.

**CHARLES COUNTY INFANTRY**  
Charles J. Collins, 31, 3163 Belgrade st.  
Ernest Charles Langford, 25, Coatesville, Pa.  
George W. Brown, 21, 2179 Locust st.  
Robert J. Miller, 27, 1421 Wanamaker st.  
Frank J. Robinson, 21, Lewisburg, Pa.  
Theodore J. Jones, 21, 1312 N. 4th st.  
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**SCENE OF EXPLOSION**

The shaded portion of the map shows the property of the Atlantic Refining Company, at Point Breeze, where today's big blow-up and fire occurred. Adjacent to this property is the plant of the United Gas Improvement Company that for a time seemed doomed by the fire following the explosion.

**BALDWIN LOCOMOTIVES FOR TROOPS IN FRANCE**

U. S. Gives Philadelphia Concern Half of Rush Order for 300 to Move Army

An order for 300 locomotives to be used for the acceleration of American troop movements in France has been placed by the United States Government with the Baldwin Locomotive Works of this city and the American Locomotive Company. The order has been divided equally between the two companies.

Alba Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, said today:

"We have already begun work on our share of the contract, and will give this business of construction of 150 locomotives for the movement of American troops in France the preference over all other work on hand. It is a rush order, and we shall have the locomotives completed some time in the autumn. The locomotives will be of the eighty-ton consolidation standard gauge type."

**MYSTERY PHONE CALLS TELL OF MAN'S INJURY**

Alleged Victim Off on Fishing Trip, but Informant Insists He Is in Hospital

A mysterious telephone call to Mrs. Martin Bretherton, of 322 East Mead street, Chestnut Hill, has kept her in suspense about her husband's safety since early last night.

Bretherton started for the Delaware Water Gap for a fishing trip yesterday. He was making the trip by trolley. Early last night some one called Mrs. Bretherton on the telephone and informed her that her husband had been run over. The informant hung up the phone. The same procedure was reported later in the evening.

Mrs. Bretherton's son, who recently enlisted in the navy, came home and began tracing the calls. The person who made them could not be located. The son has since called various hospitals between Philadelphia and the Water Gap but can get no word about his father.

Today no further news has been received. Mr. Bretherton carried an identification card giving his name and address. He is prominent in Chestnut Hill.

The Bretherton family started an investigation of their own today. George Bretherton, of Haddon Heights, a son of Martin Bretherton, left at an early hour today and will traverse the same route that his father was to have taken or did take on his journey to the Delaware Water Gap.

According to John Bretherton absolutely no news or trace of his father has been heard so far. There has been no repetition of the mysterious phone calls since the second call at 9 o'clock last night.

**RAILROADS ORDERED TO CUT RATES ON MILK**

Interstate Commerce Commission Reduces Short-Haul Freight Charges

After an exhaustive inquiry lasting nearly a year the Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered the railroads to reduce the freight rate on milk in a radius of 200 miles of Philadelphia, New York, Jersey City, Atlantic City, Hoboken and several other Atlantic coast points and to increase proportionately the rate in the zone over 200 miles.

Philadelphia milk dealers said this change in rates would have no effect on the price of milk to the consumer here. They said fully half, if not more than half, of the milk used in Philadelphia comes from the zone beyond the 200-mile limit. This would mean that the price of milk here would be counterbalanced by the higher freight rates to get milk from beyond the 200-mile zone.

Philip Lindback, president of Abbott's Dairy, Philadelphia, said the condition of the milk business was growing worse rapidly. He said no one in the milk business here was making a profit, even at the present price. To support this statement, he pointed out that milk cans now sold for nearly \$9 per more than a year ago; nearly \$9 per more than a year ago; nearly \$9 per more than a year ago; nearly \$9 per more than a year ago; nearly \$9 per more than a year ago.

**U-BOAT TO TAKE PART IN ECONOMIC WAR**

Germany Plans to Use Merchant Submarines in Commercial Struggle When Peace Is Signed

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Germany is preparing to wage commercial war with merchant submarines after the declaration of peace. The Deutsche Zeitung of July 21, the State Department learned today, discloses that shipping after the war has already been the subject of discussion in the Reichstag.

The merchant marine is discussed at length as a factor in the post-bellum program. In view of a proposed indemnity of 1,500,000,000 marks to shipping men for losses and damages, it is reported that the German Government may have to take over control of shipping after the war, at least from the declaration of peace until normal conditions have been restored.

**JUDGING WAR GARDENS**

School Children's Efforts Are Being Looked Over by Examiners

West Philadelphia war gardens belonging to the great army of little school folks who sprang to the colors with the hoe under-wood judgments today.

This is the second day of examination time throughout the whole city for the vacant lot and schoolyard gardens under the supervision of the Department of School Gardens of the Board of Education. "Forty per cent" is high water mark at this time of the year. It is the first score toward the 100 that must be gained in order to win a silver cup for the best gardens that go to the best gardens at the end of the season.

The examination was carried on today by Miss Caro Miller, head of the department; Morris Soboloff, assistant director, and a committee of four other judges. A motor messenger machine carried the party from garden to garden.

**NEWS AND CANDY STANDS REMOVED FROM PARKWAY**

Raid on Dealers Results in Hasty Changing of Quarters

A raid on candy booths and newsstands along the Parkway, which were ordered to move several weeks ago to make way for construction work, took place today under the supervision of John S. Dove, Jr., Superintendent of Real Estate.

When an automobile patrol carrying Mr. Dove, a police sergeant, and policemen drove up to the newsstand of William Lerner, on the southeast corner of Fifteenth and Arch streets, he showed a permit signed by William J. McNichol, son of James P. McNichol, in charge of the construction work on the Parkway. When Lerner was told that the permit was no good; he moved to 197 North Fifteenth street.

William Rudley, who had a newsstand on the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Arch streets, got wind of the raid and moved his business establishment to Sixteenth and Culbertson streets.

The Parkway is now clear of all candy and newsstands as a result of the raid, although no arrests were made.

**M'NICHOL PAID \$112,978 FOR LOGAN SQUARE HOME**

Trust Company Takes Over Mandamus on City for Parkway Improvement

Senator James P. McNichol today received \$112,978 from the city for his residence at 222 and 224 West Logan square in condemnation proceedings for an extension of Logan square.

A mandamus was issued by the Court to the city to pay the amount fixed by the viewing jury. As the city was unable to pay the principal at once, a rate of interest was fixed at 6 per cent, but a trust company took over the mandamus and paid Senator McNichol the entire amount due him.

**Wilson Thanks Father for Offer of Six Sons**

WASHINGTON, July 25. Offer for army service by six sons of J. H. McShane, of Omaha, Neb., today drew from President Wilson a warm reply of appreciation. He wrote to McShane:

"May I not turn away from the duties of the day for a moment to express my admiration of your six sons in enlisting in the service of the country? They are making, and through them you are making, a very noble contribution to the fine story of patriotism and loyalty which has always run through the pages of American history.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
WOODROW WILSON

**DANIELS' CLEAN-UP APPEAL NOT HEEDED BY POLICE**

The Philadelphia vigilance committee and the morals committee of the State safety committee say they have not as yet witnessed any great activity on the part of the Philadelphia police toward cleaning up the South Philadelphia district.

This statement, coupled with the statement from Washington that Secretary Daniels is sending a letter to Mayor Smith informing him that if the Philadelphia officials do not clean conditions up in this city situation in South Philadelphia, seems to indicate that some drastic action must be taken.

**TO DEMONSTRATE CANNING**

Public Exhibit of Food Conservation at John Hayes School Tonight

Hundreds of housewives who live in the vicinity of the John Hayes School on Wharton street between Ninth and Seventh are expected to attend the canning demonstration to be held in the school building tonight.

The demonstration is under the direction of the Food Supply Department of the School Mobilization Committee and is the first of a series to be held in the public schools in a campaign to promote food conservation.

Tonight the demonstration will be given by Mrs. Ruth Minster Trenary, of the Domestic Science Department of the Board of Education. Tomorrow the night canning demonstration will be given in the Brown School, and on Monday night in the St. Ignace School. The evening canning demonstration will be given at the John Hayes School on Wednesday night.

**SLAIN POLICEMAN'S FUNERAL**

Funeral services of Frederick Weingard, the policeman of the Frankford avenue and Ruess street station who was shot and killed last Saturday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in his home, 2149 Hill street. Dewey Yant, a negro, is accused of the crime.

Friends will view the body this evening between 8 and 9 o'clock at his home. A detail of Weingard's former comrades from the Fifty-fifth district and a detachment from the Police Memorial Fund will be present at the interment, which will take place at Magnolia Cemetery.

**FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD BURNED TO DEATH**

Four-year-old Mildred King, of 3630 Rosehill street, died today in the Episcopal Hospital from burns received at her home while playing with matches yesterday. The child struck a match and her clothing became ignited. Her mother smothered the flames and had the child taken to the hospital.

**TRANSIT POLICY DECIDED TODAY**

Agreement Believed Reached at Council of Mayor and Advisers

**HIGH PRICES OBSTACLE**

Completion of Frankford 'L' Said to Be Regarded as Imperative

The policy of the city in regard to the construction of the various lines of the high-speed system during the present period of high prices was discussed and probably agreed upon at a conference today between Mayor Smith and Transit Director Twining. Following the conference, the Mayor discussed transit with William Draper Lewis, the legal adviser on transit of the administration.

The Mayor is determined to push the Frankford 'L' to an early completion and to have it operated as soon as possible. Likewise he is anxious to have the work begun on the subway delivery loop and upon that part of the Broad street subway between South and Stiles streets. But whether any other parts of the high-speed system should be placed under contract now in consideration of the scarcity of labor and the high prices of all materials is a question of grave doubt.

Several months ago the Mayor announced that he favored deferring practically all the construction work until prices dropped or conditions changed. Before committing the city definitely to such a policy, however, the Mayor today will discuss the entire question with his official advisers.

**TO AWARD CONTRACTS**

Director Twining will award the contracts for the entire subway delivery loop and for three sections of the Broad street subway between South and Stiles streets as soon as the certificates of convenience apply from Philadelphia Transit Board. The award of the contracts. The total of the contracts will amount to about \$15,000,000.

Whether or not the contractors will agree to do the work at the prices named in the bids submitted six months ago is very doubtful. President Leuchter, of the Keystone State Construction Company, Senator McNichol's firm, which holds four of the six contracts, explained that the real question will have to be settled by the sub-contractors from Philadelphia. These are steel, cement and other materials.

If the contracts were re-advertised now and new bids were received, he said, it is likely that these bids would range between \$20,000,000 and \$23,000,000. The Keystone Company, however, is anxious, according to Mr. Leuchter, to proceed with the work if it is any way possible.

**THE MAYOR'S VIEW**

When asked if he thought the contractors could be held to their original proposals in spite of the time elapsed since the bids were received, Mayor Smith said:

"I believe so, and I shall press the obligation upon them if necessary. It is a grave matter to allow the city to expend its money at this time on transit contracts, and that responsibility falls upon me. But I am an optimist on Philadelphia. This city is growing fast; shipyards and other industries are being established and the city must see that there are adequate transit facilities.

"I think we should proceed carefully, but still go ahead, first with the central line, which is the longest and are most difficult to build. I have directed Mr. Twining to advise with time ago talked this over with A. Merritt Taylor, whom I know well enough to confer with freely, and such was then his advice. He is an optimist upon Philadelphia."

**LEWIS AND TWINING TO CONFER**

William Draper Lewis, related by the Mayor as the legal adviser of the city, will confer with Director Twining today over the new lease which is being prepared by the Transit Department. Mr. Lewis returned from Maine, where he is spending the summer. The Mayor will be in the office of the Director some time this afternoon to talk over the progress made on the new lease draft.

**TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Traveller T. Pruitt, 1659 N. Warlock st., and Adena Palmer, 3206 Germantown ave., and George E. Palmer, 2287 Locust st., and Lydia B. Phillips, 1104 Ridge ave.  
Harry E. Hays, 1509 Locust st., and Ellen J. Pilgrage, 2025 Locust st.  
William Zwick, Jr., 316 N. 38th st., and Ann Lewis, 1211 N. Warlock st.  
Newton H. Brown, 4504 Chester ave., and Joseph G. Cook, 1318 Locust st.  
Joseph Zaleski, 5340 1st st., and Martha Etistina, 1212 N. 2nd st.  
Burt S. Gunn, League Island, and Pearl F. Silms, 2212 E. Gordon st.  
Charles E. Foster, 1309 Locust st., and Elizabeth H. Wood, 4639 Cedar road.  
James C. Hays, 2612 N. 11th st., and Anne S. Donnelly, 2607 N. Warlock st.  
William M. Mitchell, League Island, and Etta M. Mitchell, 1212 N. 2nd st.  
Malcolm Cameron, Wilmington, Del., and Margaret E. Cameron, 1804 N. 5th st.  
Harry M. Payne, 2126 E. 8th st., and Mary A. Clark, 565 S. 10th st.  
Harold H. Hays, 1915 S. 16th st., and Florence M. Kohler, 8714 M st.  
John A. Aronoff, 1838 N. 10th st., and Marie C. Aronoff, 301 N. Lawrence st.  
Charles Numeroff, 232 Federal st., and Annie Mathews, 1151 S. 8th st.  
Emanuel Vintore, 1211 Oden st., and Phyllis Lewis, 1211 Oden st.  
Frank Bawa, 1147 Tilton st., and Antonina Brachetti, 1927 N. 10th st.  
Harry A. Franklin, 1927 N. 10th st., and Rose Carl E. Scherer, 253 Napa st., and Ethel Walker, 853 Belmont ave.  
William R. Bower, 440 E. Hittenshouse st., and Robert R. Bower, 440 E. Hittenshouse st.  
Schmitt, 4509 Edgemont st.  
Hans J. Jankovic, Indiana County, Pa., and Rosie Banks, No. 6th st.  
Morris Topolnick, 1923 N. Moyamensing ave., and Rachel Cohen, 623 S. 4th st.

**SUGAR REFINERS LOAD CARS WITH DOUBLE UNIT**

Co-operation With Philadelphia Committee on Car Service of Value

One hundred cars a week approximately are being saved by the sugar refiners of this city by loading each car with twice the usual weight of sugar, both from the large and small firms. Since then, he said, it was his understanding testimony has been taken from dealers and producers elsewhere.

The committee was organized July 2 and held conferences with the sugar refiners and early last week. It was pointed out that dispatched weekly from Philadelphia to many distant points could be very greatly reduced by making "one car do the work of two."

**To mow Cover Lawn**  
Strawbridge & Clothier