TUBES HERE TODAY FIRE; TWO WOUNDED

Hears Arguments of Business Men

OTHER CITY NEWS BRIEFS ANXIOUS TO "GO OVER TOP"

The Congressional Commission which is considering the question of retaining or dispensing with the pneumatic mail tube service in Philadelphia and other cities is hearing arguments of the Philadelphia Joint Committee on the Retention of the Joint Committee on the Retention of the Poeumatic Mail Tube Service for this city this afternoon in the rooms of the Board of Trade in the Bourse Building. Upon the showing made by the committee will largely depend the final decision as to the fate of the tubes—whather the Government will continue to use them and whether it will buy them. George E. Bartol, presi-dent of the Bourse: Emil F. Albrech, secretary of the Bourse; J. Allert Thompson, of the Pirst National Bank, as the representative of the Clearing House Association, and others are among the speakers

Going to Buffalo Convention

change in the Philadelphia Bourse left has night for Buffalo, where they will represent the exchange at the annual type days con-vention of the National Grale Louiers' Asseciation. The local delegation to the convention, which begins today, consists of A. B. Clemmer, secretary of the exchange; t Morris, James L. King, J. B. Pultz

Funeral of George W. Boyd

Men who are prominent in railroad and musiness circles will attend the funeral to-morrow of George W. Boyd, massenger traffic ager of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who died at his home, Cape May, on Saturday Services will be conducted at noon at the Church of the Advent by the Rev. Paul S. The interment will be in

Teach Treatment of Shell Shock An intensive course in the treatment of shell-shattered perver is being given the

members of the United States Medical Re-mere by Dr. Charles K. Mills and Dr. T. H. Weisenburg, at the Philadelphia and University Hospitals.

Receiver to Operate Plant

For the third time within four months an effort has been made to sell the plant of the Camden Iron Works at a public sale. After a failure to receive bids, Attorney Joseph H. Gaskill, counsel for the receiver. nnounced that the plant, which has a large umber of contracts, would be operated by the receiver.

Three Autos in Mix-Up

Three automobiles engaged in football tarties on Thirteenth street near Market early today. They came together in a grand rush. One tackled the other, while the third went through the store window of A. Reis, at 8 North Thirteenth. No one was injured. One of the trio was coming south and two were rushing north, the police say, when the smash-up occurred. Two of the cars belonged to Harry Risley. of 1318 Brown street, and Ellis Marks # 2112 South Philip street.

Operation on Fractured Spine

An apparently successful operation for a fractured spine and dislocated vertebrae has been performed in St. Agnes's Hospital by Dr. G. L. Collins, a naval surgeon, on Charles Thompson, thirty-three years old, of 2133 South Seventeenth street.

Grave Diggers May Strike Again The grave diggers of Holy Cross Ceme tery, who returned to work after a strike, issued an ultimatum demanding higher wages and shorter hours under threat of another "walkout" on Thursday.

GASTON MEANS ENTERS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

Motion for Change of Venue Berlin's Disavowal of Luxburg's Made and Granted as Matter of Law

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 24.

Gaston Bullock Means shortly after opening of his preliminary hearing here this morning on the charge of murdering Mrs. Maud A. King entered a plea of not

Means' first move in his fight against the murder charge was a motion for a change of venue to another Justice. Palmer was compelled by law to grant the motion.
"The action is ordered removed to Justice C. A. Pitts," said Justice Palmer. "I certainly appreciate the motion. It relieves me of an unpleasant responsibility."

The State scored its first strong point processor. Physician

The State scored its first strong point against Means when "Coroner's Physician Burmeister, of Chicago, testified that Mrs. King's death wound was inflicted on the left side of her head, whereas "the autopsy proved that Mrs. King was right-handed."

I. A. Weddington, undertaker, who handled Mrs. King's body, was the first witness called by the State. He told or being called by Afton Means to prepare Mrs. King's body the night of the alieged murder and of shinping it in a hermetically sealed casket in a steel case to Ashevills in company with Afton and Gaston Means, August 30.

"All he said was: 'We have decided to

"All he said was: 'We have decided to take the body to Chicago," said Wedding-

Means went with the body to the graveyard in Chicago, sticking close by it, the

Means claims Mrs. King had on high nseled slippers when she stumbled and fell, discharging the pistols, he says, acci-dentally killing her. Weddington testified Mrs. King had on no sippers or anything but hose on her feet when he got the body the night of her death. He remembered that because he examined her broken

Dr. William Burmeister, chief Coroner's physician from Chicago, who has the bul-let taken from Mrs. King's head at the midnight autopsy in Chicago after the au-thorities' suspicions were aroused, then

Mrs. King could not have died accidentally or by her own hand, as Means says she

He described the autopsy. Dr. Burmeister testified that Mrs. King's augle was broken before she died. He said the hemorrhage around the fracture proved it. This might strengthen Means's claim that Mrs. King broke her ankle in falling when, he says, she accidentally killed her-

Burenelster, in describing the wound, told how the bullet entered two inches above and two behind the left ear and described a circle conforming to the contour of the skull as it raced through the millionaire woman's brain.

Burmelster swore that Mrs. King's arms

were not long enough for her to hold the gun far en-ugh away to inflict the death wound and leave no powder burns. "Besidea" sald he, "she was right-handed and wouldn't have shot herself on the left side of the head, anyhow."

Diver Recovers Lost Diamond diamond ring valued at \$3000, which inst in twenty-four feet of water at chmont Point by Mrs. Aiszander Blüdie, his city, was responsed twenty minutes by Bels Chass. a diver.

DNSIDERING MAIL U.S. TROOPS UNDER

Congressional Commission One Contingent of Sammees in Camp Close Behind British Lines

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Sept. 24.

American troops for the first time are under German fire in France. Two American soldiers have been slightly wounded. They were struck by frag-

ments of a bursting shell.

A certain contingent of the American army is now located directly behind the British lines, well within range of the enemy

Runs.

The two wounded men are the proudest members of this contingent, which I visited

The eyes of this American contingen

The eyes of this American contingent are turned longingly to the British line. The Sammers work with the boom of cannon always in their ears. They are great pairs of the Tommies, and listen enviously to stories of "going over the top."

So eager are the Sammers to fight that the strictest regulations imposing severe punishment, have been necessary to prevent them steaking off to the front, under chaperopage of Tommies.

A group of officers sat today before a table on which renosed a great dish of floston baked beans, roofed with browned bason, and toasted in occoa the day when they should follow the Stars and Stripes then fluttering overhead behind the barrage. This was their answer to the Kalser's offer of an iron cross, 500 marks and a fortight's leave for the first American, dead or alive. And after the toast the of ficers rolled cigarettes to ward off their impatience to get into action.

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It was the first performance of this kind seen in this part of the world.

American officers hugely admire the British achievements, especially after a glimpse of the difficulties of their warmaking. The Americans admit they have making. The Americans admit they have much to learn and many illusions to be shattered. They say no amount of pictures or lectures or theoretical practice can prepare the mind for the actual fighting. officers must see the real thing to under

stand the task.

America had no idea that fighting meth America had no loss that fighting meth-ods in the great war were continually changing, these officers explained. Folks "back home" have believed the present fighting strictly warfare from trenches; but as a matter of fact the actual fighting is now over virtually a trenchless country. the enemy occupying concrete re-enforced shell holes, with steel and concrete "pill boxes" scattered over an area two-thirds of a nile wide. The trenches are only used to the rear of these defenses, and are manned by reserves instead of by continuously fighting forces.

The new British barrage is the object of the Americans' profound admiration. They regard it as the only safeguard by which the "pill-box zone" can be navigated.

EXPECT TO SEE SAMMEES IN ACTION BEFORE WINTER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. First news that two Americans were in-jured while their contingent was under Gercan fire in France was conveyed to the War

man fire in France was conveyed to the War Department in United Press dispatches from William Philip Simms today. The news sent a thrill of anticipation through military officials today and was taken to indicate that before snow flies American forces, bearing the Stars and Stripes, will be "going over the top" with

the Tommies and polits.

Some days ago Simms cabled the first news of the bombing of American hospital forces, and it was explained at the War De-partment then that these particular troops were outside Pershing's jurisdiction, hence the delay in receiving official word here.

ARGENTINA SIDETRACKS DECLARATION OF WAR

Acts Accepted as "Temporarily Satisfactory"

By CHARLES P. STEWART Special Cable Service of the United Press and Evening Ledger.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24. For the immediate present at least Argentina's determination to declare war against Germany is to be held in abeyance. Government officials today accepted as 'temporarily satisfactory" a message from the German Government, transmitted through the Argentine Minister at Berlin, disayowing Count Luxburg's utterances and denying that the Kaiser approved of Lux-

burg personally. The fact was emphasized, however, that this disayowal does not constitute the full. free and formal reply demanded in Argentina's ultimatum. Its receipt, however, stops the Chamber of Deputies' immediate consideration of the resolution supporting the Government's plea for declaring a state

of war with Germany. Public interest was transferred from the German situation today to the more press-ing crisis of the nation-wide strike. At 1 a. m. today all railway employes struck. Complete paralysis of all rail communica-tion seemed certain. The situation is ad-mittedly of the most serious character, as nany cities lack large supplies of fuel and

Pottsville R. R. Man Goes to Baltimore POTTSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 24.—L. H. Pal-ner, manager of the Eastern Pennsylvania Railway Company, resigned to accept the assistant management of the United Rail-ways and Electric Company, of Baltimore. Vandusen Rickert also resigned as assistant The resignations go into effect



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SOLDIERS-TO-BE

Two members of the Evening Ledger "family" in the military service of the nation. Joseph Hallahan (upper), of the engraving department, who is going to Camp Meade. Walter H. Deyhle (lower), printer, who has joined the Naval Coast Defense Reserve and is stationed at Brooklyn.

WAR HASTENS WEDDING

Major Andrew J. White Will Marry Miss Nelson at Bellevue-Stratford Tonight

Another war marriage will be solemulzed Another war marriage will be solemnized tonight at the Hellevue-Stratford when Miss Denn Tyrl Nelson, of Big Bock, Ill., becomes the Iride of Major Andrew J. White. The marriage, which will be performed by the Hev. Edward S. Ninde, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Germantown, was hastened by the bridegroom's property from Alexander Major Print Methodist Print Methodist Polymers and Po removal from Governor's Island to Camp Shelby, Harrisburg, Miss., following by appointment as divisional adjutant of the Thirty-eighth Infantry, stationed at that

Major White, whose home is in Chaniberaburg. Ph., is a graduate of West Point, class of 1994. He was captain of the Twenty-second Infantry, stationed at Governor's Island, until his appointment as major, which came several days ago with orders to go to Fort Shelby.

Alies Nelson was telegraphed to and came to Philadelphia according to the property of the property of

to Philadelphia several days ago, stopping at the Bellevue. Major White arrived today and a marriage license was obtained shortly afternoon. Only a few friends and some relatives of the bridegroom will witness the veremony. Major White is thirty-six years of ago and his bride thirty.

CAMP DIX MEN TO AID IN POLICING TRENTON

Step Deemed Advisable in View of the Number of Soldiers Visiting City

TRENTON, Sept. 24,—Following a conference today between Governor Edge Major General Kennedy, commandant o Camp Dix, acting Adjutant General Gilly-son, Quartermaster General Murray and Mayor Frederick W. Donnell, of this city, it was decided to establish a military police force here with soldiers brought from Camp Dix to assist the Trenton police in main-

ing to the presence of great numbers of sobilers from the cantonment here every day and night. There has been very little disorder thus far, but the establishment of a military police is a precaution to guard against contingencies. The force will have headquarters at the Second Regiment at-

General Kennedy, it is understood, is disposed to be generous in the matter of leaves of absence to the soldiers and will continue so unless the privilege is abused. In that event leaves will be limited.

DIES GRIPPING BANK NOTES

Clutching a roll of bills amounting to \$66 in her hands, Miss Katherine Dowling, eighty years old, 1410 North Nineteenth street, was found dead in bed today. Ac-cording to the police, gas was flowing from

The aged woman is said to have been ill for several weeks.

NO PEACE POSSIBLE UNTIL WAR AIMS WON

Senator Lewis Makes Reply to German Acceptance of Pope's Proposal

REBUKES PACIFISTS

Befouling Their Own Land, Betraying Their Own Fellow Citizens and Surrendering Country"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.
Replying to the German note "accepting" is Pope's peace proposal. Senator Lewis, Illinois, the Democratic whip of the of Illinois, the Democratic whip of the Senate, declared in a vigorous speech this afternoon that no peace is possible until America has achieved all her war alma. He assailed German perfidy and delivered a stinging rebuke to the pacifist propa-gandists, declaring they are "befouling their own land, betraying their own fellow citizens, and surrendering their own

Who are they in America that demand "Who are they in America that demand the right to argue against this war of America?" he said. "Who are those who ask to debate the righteousness of their own country? To dispute the honor of their own men and question the virtue of their own women? Who are those who demand to denounce their country's cause while they praise the purpose of her destroyers? Who are those who cry for constitutional free speech to befoul their own land, betray their own citizens and surrender their own country?

"Let us now reply to all these, saying—"tel us now reply to all these, saying—"tel us now reply to all these, saying—"tel us now reply to all these.

"Let us now reply to all these, savingves, your country guarantees free speech to every American, but that man who uses free speech against America is out the American to whom free speech is guaran-teed. In this land there can be no free speech to any man to destroy the freedom of his fellow man. There can never be liberty of speech to an American citizen to destroy the liberty of the American citizen to destroy the liberty of the American nation. Let this meaning of our Constitution be now preclaimed as fixed to all mankind.

"If the excuse offers for these laggards in patriotism—organized to cry wee unto their own land and long life to the destroyers of their peoples—be that they crave a land of peace and to ask for peace, we reply by asking them: What terms of peace have you asked for your America? What peace have these demanded of Russia? What terms have they asked of their nation's enemy while they are asking their nation to surrender to its enemy its every right and every hope? Where have such demands of terms of peace for America even been states by these minguided citizens who cry peace without reckening with honor or measur ing with justice the rights of an American' Assailing the insincerity of the German peace moves, Senator Lewis said: ("How can we, who would love to trust,

forget that again, when Michaelis, the German Chancellor, but a short while past, delivered his speech or proposed peace to the Berlin Parliament, these Prussian marauders turned upon a helpless little American bark then in Mediterranean waters, shot it to shatters, and with its poor, helpless sallers sinking to the sea, seized the lifeboats and broke them into spiinters, that the ors sinking to the sea, setzed the incoding and broke them into aplinters, that the floating Amreican seamen should die the saddest of slow deaths, where wife and children, then helpless and homeless, would haunt their dying eyes. Was there ever such invention of cruelty in civilization's annals? Who asks that such as these America shall trust senio?

America shall trust again?
"Never until Prussia surrenders to
American rights, makes just restitution for
her cruel wrongs and gives inviolable
guarantees of peace and justice for all the

EXPECT DEVELOPMENTS IN BINGHAM AUTOPSY

\$5,000,000 Husband of Flagler Widow Announces Readiness for Any Charge

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 24. Further rensational developments today are expected to follow the announcement here that the body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, widow of Henry Fingler, was exhumed at 2 o'clock last Tuesday morning and an autopsy held in a cemetery at Wilmington, N. C.

Judge Bingham, who was not present when the body of his wife was disinterred, has intimated that he is prepared when ever a definite charge is made, to meet it with facts. Any further action by Judge Bingham or his attorneys will be taken, it is believed, after the results of the examination of the vital organs, which, it is

alleged, were removed from Mrs. Bing-ham's body, are made known. Federal officials in the meantime are said to be investigating the robbery of the offices of Dr. M. L. Ravitch, one of the physicians who attended Mrs. Bingham just before her death. Doctor Ravitch charges that records of orders for narcotics, etters and valuable papers were stolen

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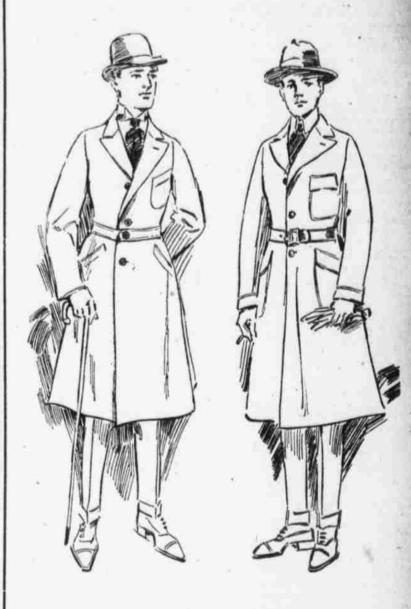
"I knew that the predatory Potsdam gang had chosen and forced

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