PRICE TWO CENTS

5TH WARD PLOT HATCHED IN INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

GUNMAN TALKS TO SAVE SELF; NAMES SLEUTH

Admits Thugs Were Taken to Deutsch Clubhouse

SAYS DETECTIVE GAVE OUT WEAPONS

Confession, Held Secret Here, Is Made Public in New York

ANOTHER LINK IN CHAIN

Declare "Little Nick" Hired Gang for \$30 Each for "Election Job"

The "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder inspiracy was perfected in Indendence Square, in the shadow of he Liberty Bell, symbol of American olitical liberties, according to a conession by Fred ("Whitey") Burkhart, me of the hired New York gunmen, nade public today.

In Independence Square, the confeson declares, the blackjacks intended to flence the votes of the anti-Vare-Smith-Deutsch supporters were disributed by "Mike" Sullivan, or O'Sulliran, a private detective of the Val O'Farrell Detective Agency, who gave e gunmen their instructions.

TELLS PLANS IN DETAIL The document describes how the gunen registered at the Keystone Hotel; w they were taken to the Fifth Ward ublican League clubhouse (the itsch club) and met the "man with rlasses"; how they raided the Finetter Republican Club (the Carey headuarters) on election eve, and corborates many other bits of testimony hat have been presented to show that plot existed.

The gunmen, a band of eighteen "Frog Hollow Musketeers," were recruited in New York by Nicholas
("Little Nick") Ritt and were met here ("Little Nick") Ritt and were met here Sullivan. They were promised \$15 to \$30 each for two days' work.

A copy of the confession, made public in New York today by District Attorney Francis Martin, of the Bronx, where Burkhart is under arrest, is in the hands District Attorney Rotan, who refused o make it public. The version given at in the Bronx today was telegraphed to this city by an EVENING LEDGER staff correspondent.

THE CONFESSION

Statement by Frederick Burkhart, made Monday, September 24, 1917, in the presence of Seymour Mork, Assistant District Atmey, of the Bronx; Joseph H. Taulane and Joseph McClain, of the District Atney's office, Philadelphia:

This statement is made voluntarily without any promise of immunity. I make this statement in order that the truthful story of my connection with the matters I tell shall be set forth for the benefit of the Dis-Hct Attorney of Philadelphia.

If my story proves to be true-and I am implicated with the murder of Policean Eppley or the assault upon any one nor am I mixed up in any of the asills which occurred in Philadelphia Tueslay, September 18, and Wednesday Sepber 19-that my story, if true, shall reelve due consideration in the final disposi ion of my case if I am found guilty.

Monday night Nick Ritt came over to the mer of 156th street and Brook avenue, general election on November 6, was made at a meeting of the Non-Partisan League of Philadelphia, held in Dooner's Hotel, on South Tenth street.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the new independent movement that was launched against the city Administration when the Anti-Contractors' party was formed last weeks. Independents, Democrats and Republicans were present.

Candidates for the "row" offices and the fight for the election of a City Councils that will not be dominated by the Vare-Smith influence were discussed at length.

The meeting decided to indores all candidates for Councils who will really represent their wards, but failed to go on record retaining the candidates for "row" offices, except by turning down the suggestion that Mr. Ryan head the ticket. side the saloon and he asked me and har fellow they call Mug Smith-his name is Christie Smith-Nick says to "Do you want to go to Philadelphia?"

aya. "No, I don't want to go to Philadel
What do I want to go to Philadelhis for?" He says, "You only got to go out ad watch the polling place." I thought was a place where you stand around tching barrels with pictures; stand band the polis and hang around. I says Nick, "What's in it?" Nick says, "Fifteen thirty dollars for two days."

"MIKE" SULLIVAN THERE -What days were you to

Answer-We were to stay there Tunsday and Wednesday, so we says, "Where will md Wednesday, so we says, "Where will s meet you?" He says, "Over in Kenny's." Se went over to Mike's saloon. We says, "That time do you want us to meet you?" It says, "Get there at 8 or 3 o'clock."

Mr. de Moll acted as secretary of the meeting, and when the discussion of the new civic uprising came to the point where candidates were to be discussed, he suggested the name of Mr. Ryan for District Attorney, provided, he said, that Samuel P. Rotan did not repudiate the Republican Organization momination for that office and Well, we meet about eighteen of us, so ent there. Mike Sullivan was in there, the Nick. That was only the night before sometay night. In Kenny's I says, "What 200 have to do?" He says, "Just hang round the polis. Keep order." I says, "All skit, I'll go." P. Hotan did not organization for that office and Organization nomination for that office and head the new ticket.

The question was left to a vote of the men attending the meeting, and Mr. Ryan was not indersed. A maldrity of the men present apparently favored the indurament of Rotan, whether he withdrew from the Organization ticket or not.

The conferent discussed the existing political situation at length, and decided to con-

Tuesday morning we met and Nick gave ten cents carfare and Mug Smith cares. He says, "Fil mest you at Thirty-ild afreet at the terminal. So we met me at Thirty-third afreet at the terminal, handed us a ticket, New York to Philabella. He says, "When you go in the smith it, don't all pe togather. We says.

MURDER PLOT DEVELOPMENTS

CUNMAN arrested in New York makes confession in hope of saving

This confession says the gang of New York gunmen were hired by "Little Nick."

"Little Nick."

They were promised \$30, for two days' services for "a Philadelphia election job."

Confession says the gang was brought to Independence Square, where, within a few yards of the Liberty Bell, symbol of American political freedom, the Fifth Ward murder plot plans were perfected.

O'Sullivan, private detective connected with the Val O'Farrell Detective Agency, was the man who distributed blackjacks to the thugs at the Independence Square meeting, according to the confession.

Clark, the "man with eye-glasses," has confessed everything to District Attorney Rotan, it is reported.

His confession, held secret by Mr. Rotan, is rumored to implicate men of that "higher-up" type who are called "influential politicians."

DENOUNCED

Convention of Financial Men

Thrown Into Frenzy on

Suggestion to Oust Him

By a Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 27.
Bankers attending the convention of the
American Bankers' Association here were

mand that Congress oust La Pollette im

Lord Northeliffe made an urgent appeal

"That is our motto," he declared. "Every

man, every woman putting their very souls into the war. The Hun must be crushed. The cyll thing he has reared must be driven

out of our lives and the way to do it is with steel on the battlefield and with sliver bullet in the world's marts. Let us give the people to understand this vital fact and

"We find a remarkable unanimity of thought and purpose between the Katsetthe Junkers and the mans of the people. We find the food situation in termany and Austria distinctly better than it was a year ago. The contract of the purposes.

ugo. The capture of supplies in Rumania, no less than the extension of cultivable areas throughout the lands of the Central

Powers, has relieved the tension in cereals

the same boat and should pull together with our most capable Secretary of the Treasury acting as the stroks. I have complete and unbounded faith in the American people.

serious as the loss of a big battle in France

they will give of their resources freely and unstindingly.

"There is a digitact misapprehension in this country as to the destination of loans

made to the Allies by the United States

20,000 SEE BOSTON

TACKLE ALL-STARS

McInnis Plays First Base.

Shocker, of Yanks, Pitches.

Cobb in Center

PENWAY PARK, Boston, Sept. 27.

Thousands of Boston and New Englan

fans trooped here this afternoon for a ball

game between the Red Sox and the All-

Stars, which was arranged as a memorial to Timothy H. Murnane, who, back in the seventies, played both for the Athietics find the Philides in Philadelphia, and who forryone years ago was a member of the Rosion

Before the game some of baseball's great

est stars competed in field events. Mc-Naily, of Boston, won the bunt-and-run-to-first event; Joe Jackson, of the White Sox made the longest throw; Dutch Leonard, of

the Red Sox, the most accurate one, while Chapman, of Cleveland, showed the way to

The game started with Shocker on the mound for the All-Stars and Ruth doing the Red Sox sharpshooting.

Mr. Murnane, who for nearly thirty years

NATIONAL LEAGUE

40 100 310 AMERICAN LEAGUE

WHAT MAY HAPPEN

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IN BASEBALL TODAY

Win. Lose

.503 .497

Win. Lose. .656 .649

.460 .460 .333

SOX

Hooper, ef Rarry, 25 Hoblitzell, 15 Lowis, if Walker, ef Gardner, 35 Scott, as Agnow, a

RUTH HURLS FOR

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"In this matter we row

for a "pull-together" policy.

and garden produce.

und," he added.

BY BANKERS

WILSON DEFIED LA FOLLETTE BY PRESIDENT OF REICHSTAG

Bites on Granite" in Trying to Alienate People From Kaiser

MICHAELIS MARKS TIME PLEAS FOR THRIFT

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 27. "He who attempts to drive a wedge between the Kaiser and his people bites on granite," declared President Kaemoff, of the German Reichstag, in the opening of that

body's sessions today. Dispatches from Berlin quoted him also as sarcastically demanding to know how President Wilson could "continue to talk the protection of small nations in the face of the fact that he left Greece in the

The Reichstag's presiding officer quoted Von Buelow's phrase as to "biting granate" in lauding the "common sense of the German people," who would refuse any such separation from the Kaiser as that desired by the American President,

Berlin dispatches said Chancellor Michaelis's speech, originally scheduled for today. had been postponed. It was declared the Chancellor would not make any additional public statements as to Germany's peace aims, but might address a secret meeting of the main committee of the Reichstag.

RETURN OF RUSSIAN LANDS ASKED BY POPE

Restoration of Riga "and all other Rus-

that Germany must relinquish her plans for a kingdom of Poland, with a German regency, to meet the Pope's conditions of

It was also reported today that the Holy tee had advised Germany that the Pope could view with active displeasure any at-empt in Germany to restrict the libertles of Matthias Erzberger, the Clerical (Catho-lic) liberal leader, or the Catholic press, which is firmly supporting a nonannexationist program,

RYAN SUGGESTED

TO OPPOSE ROTAN

Nonpartisan League, How-

evre, Fails to Indorse Paul

de Moll's Plea

AGAINST THE VARE TICKET

Paul de Moll, a political satellite of Pub

io Service Commissioner Michael J. Ryan.

this afternoon proposed the name of the

former City Solicitor and former Democratic

candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania,

as the candidate of the independents for

District Attorney. Ryan was not indorsed

pointed to the Public Service Commiss

through the influence of the Vares, be placed

at the head of the ticket that will oppose

the Vare-Smith city Administration at the

general election on November 6, was made

DE MOLL PROPOSES RYAN

unitaried in Page Seven, Column Poter

The suggestion that Ryan, who was ap-

GREAT MEETING WILL PROTEST

50,000 Persons Expected at Gathering at Acad-

'MURDER RULE'

POLITICAL THUGGERY WILL BE DENOUNCED

emy of Music Tonight

Philadelphians to Declare Their Independence of Gunmen Government

DOORS OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK

Facts About Huge Mass-Meeting Tonight

PLACE:

Academy of Music. TIME:

Eight p. m. sharp. Doors open at 7.

SUBJECT: Protest against "Government-by-American Bankers Association here were stirred this afternoon by two speeches, one by Lord Northeliffe, who made an urgent plea for thrift to end the war, and a denunciation of Senator La Follette, which was launched by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. The 3000 bankers jumped to their fest, stirred into a frenzy of excitement, and cheered their approval of the scorn which Doctor Butler poured on "fomenters of sedition" and roared their approval of his demand that Coursess out La Follette in

SPEAKERS:

Ex-Mayor Blankenburg, Father McDermott, Judge Bonniwell, Rabbi Krauskopf, Magistrate Carson, Albert H. Coggins, Frank L. Kameraar, John H. R. McLean, Jr., Samuel Mc-Reynolds, James J. Breen.

ATTENDANCE: Fifty thousand persons are expected.

Overflow meetings to be held on Broad street and Locust street; if A city's voice raised in a mighty

protest against "government by mur-

der" will be heard tonight. Vast throngs of men and women-a crowd estimated at 50,000-will press to the Academy of Music for the town meeting called to plan emancipation from the rule of gang politicians and hired gunmen that resulted in the killing of Acting Detective George A.

"It is money that makes the wheels go Eppley in the "Bloody Fifth" Ward primary election. The greatest protest mass-meeting in the history of Philadelphia is ex-I am sure when they realize that any sign of unwillingness to hear the monetary bur-den of the war will be regarded as quite as pected. A revolutionary demand for a rebirth of clean government is embodied in a set of resolutions to be presented as the city's "Declaration of

> Independence." Rudolph Blankenburg, former Mayor of Philadelphia, will be the principal speaker. Unconquered by illness, the white-haired "war-horse of reform" declared that he would address the meeting if in doing so he uttered his last spoken word.

> Filling up of the big auditorium will begin at 7 o'clock, when the doors will be opened. Those who reach the Academy early will obtain the best seats, which are expected to be occupied rapidly.

OVERFLOW MEETING "But we will take care of everybody who falls to obtain a sent," Judge Bonniwell said, "provisions having already been made for several overflow meetings, it necessary The principal speakers will address them neetings."

Resolutions condemning the condition Continued on Page Seven, Column Five

KILLED BY TOADSTOOLS

One Man Died, Another Family Made Ill, Testimony Shows

A verdict of death from poisoning due to eating toadstools was given by a coroner jury today in the case of Peter De Angelia thirty-seven years old, of 1995 North Leithgow street, who died in the Episcopa Hospital on September 18.

Michael Wise, of 409 Berks street, testihed he guthered the toadstools at Wynnewood, believing them to be muchrooma They were prepared for dinner by Mrs. De Angelis, and Wise and his wife aided in eating them. All were, taken sick

Orders Meal, Then Falls Dead

An unidentified man, about fifty-five years old, fell dead to the Ridgway restaurant, 1222 Ridge avenue, today after rdering a meal. Believing that a spark of life might remain, the police sent the body to the Hahnemann Hospital. Efforts to revive the man proved futtle. He was five feet eleven inches in height, weighed 75 pounds and wore a biue coat, brown rousers and black shoes.

"Germany, the Next Republic?"

The Continuation of the Story

Carl W. Ackerman is printed on Page 18

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES

ST. LOUIS....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ATHLETICS ... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 Groom and Severeid; Bush and Perkins. Evans and Owen.

EXHIBITION GAME

BOSTON RED SOX ... 0 0 0 0 ALL STARS..... 0 0 0 0 0 Shocker and O'Neill; Ruth and Agnew. Connolly and Nallin.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 PITTSBURGH 1 2 0 0 2 0 4 Pfeffer and Krueger; Cooper and Blackwell. BOSTON 0 CINCINNATI 0 Hughes and Meyers; Eller and Wingo.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO 2 1 3 WASHINGTON 0 1 0 Benz and Lynn; Shaw and Ainsmith.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

INDIANAPOLIS 0 0 0 1 0 TORONTO 0 0 0 0 0 Northrup and Gessett: Leach and Lalonge.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN'S CONDITION HOPEFUL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 .- A consultation will be held tonight to determine whether it will be necessary to operate upon Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, who is suffering from appendicitis at his hotel here. His condition today was hopeful.

SCHOONOVER'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. The Department of Justice has accented the resignation of District Attorney Albert B. Schoonover. of Los Angeles, who will be assigned to special investigation work by the department.

CROWDER DENIES FIXING SECOND DRAFT DATE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 .- Persistent rumors that a date had been set for the second draft were flatly denied by Provost Marshal General Crowder this afternoon.

EIGHT ACCUSED IN DRAFT PLOT INSCHARGED

ABILENE, Tex., Sept. 27 .- Eight of the forty-nine defendants charged with conspiracy against the Government to resist the selective service law were discharged here today. Judge Mack, in Federal Court, instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty because the evidence, he said, failed to establish the charges.

KERENSKY QUITS WORKMEN AND SOLDIERS' BUREAU

PETROGRAD, Sept. 27.-Premier Kerensky today resigned as a member of the Central Council of the Workmen and Soldiers' Bureau. He also announced his rerement from the governing boards of other similar organizations.

BRITISH AIRMEN MAKE BOMBING RAID

LONDON, Sept. 27.—British Admiralty reports that on the nights of the 25th and 26th British airmen dropped many tons of bombs on Thourout, Lichtervelde and Cortemark junctions, making direct hits on all the lines observed. All machines eturned safely.

LANSING DENIES HOUSE IS TO HEAD PEACE MISSION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Secretary of State Lansing today denied reports that Colonel E. M. House is to be sent to Europe on a peace mission by President Wilson. or that a so-called "Peace Intelligence Bureau" is to be established by the United States in Entente countries. Administration officials take the ground that it is premature to discuss peace or to lay the basis for peace negotiations in the near

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPYARD STRIKE AT END

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27 .- Paralysis of San Francisco Bay shipbuilding, which has been tied up for ten days, will end tomorrow, when 25,000 members of the Iron Trades Council will resume work. The decision to end the strike came after a five-hour session of the Iron Trades Council. The council annuanced, however, that it was not satisfied with the temporary agreement and would accept purely for patriotic reasons.

BRITISH SHIP SUBMARINED; ALL ON BOARD LOST

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 27 .- A steamship arriving here today reported that the British steamship Wentworth, from an Atlantic port to a French port, had been sunk by a submarine on September 8. All on board were lost, it was stated.

TWO EXPELLED FROM N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Sept. 37.-Announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange this morning that J. W. Cornwell and H. C. Taylor had been expelled from membership in the exchange. H. D. Lewis, it also was amounted had been suspended from membership in the exchange for two years. Mr. Cornwell joined the Stock Exchange on October 27, 1904, and Mr. Taylor on May 26, 1832. Mr. Lowis was elected a member June L 1975;

BRITISH FORCED **BACK SLIGHTLY** AT ZONNEBEKE

Heavy Shelling Compels Retirement After Assaults Fail

BATTLE RAGES ON 6-MILE LINE

Haig Holds Nearly All Gains-2000 Prisoners Taken

FRENCH STOP THRUSTS

Two Counter-Blows North of Aisne Fail to Bend Petain's Line

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Sept. 27.

Very heavy German shelling this afternoon had apparently forced the British to retire slightly in the area of Hill No. 40, immediately north of Zonnebeke. The Zonnebeke railway station, in consequence, is again in German hands,

However, outside the town and northeastward the major portion of the advances remain in control of the British. Further counter-attacks late today won the Germans local posts in the region of Winzig Farm and Valehouse, but British troops, in desperate fight-

ing, wrested back some of these points. The same violent combat brought relief today to a detachment of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who had been cut off twenty-four hours from their lines and who, despite the fact that they were without water, food or additional supplies, nevertheless refused to surrender and kept the Germans at bay.

LONDON, Sept. 27. Four separate and distinct German counter-blows, delivered with terrific force and strength against Halg's newly won posttions in the Tpres sector, were flung back by British defenders tast night, the British commander's report asserted today.

The enemy struck at the British lines east of Tower Hamlets and the St. Julian-Gravenstafel road between 4 and 7 o'clock last evening. All of the assaults were defeated.

FIGHTING "MOST SEVERE" "Later accounts of the fighting yesterday and evening show it was most severe," Halg continued. "The enemy spared no effort to regain the important ground captured by our forces. The struggle was most severe in the area south of Polygon wood, where English, Scottish, Welsh and Australians defeated repeated attempts to break in.

"Artillery and infantry fire was exremely heavy. Later in the evening the fighting gradually died down, we being in consession of the ground captured during the day."

Battlefront dispatches today indicated the fighting was aimest continuous along all the six-mile front over which the British registered their successes yesterday. The most determined resistance was encountered from the Germans, and when the Britsh drove them out of positions the enemy sought in violent counter-attacks to regain he lost ground.

Zonnebeke was held firm against strong enemy attacks. At several places the Germans succeeded in -reaching the British lines, but were later bjected.

IMPORTANT ATTAINMENTS
These important results had been attained by the British: The British line has been advanced from one half of a mile to a mile over a front six miles wide east of Tyres. The newly won ground is being con-

About 1000 German prisoners have been captured.

The fortified village of Zonnebake is now

In the hands of the British.

The German front has been beaten back until it is now only seven miles from the great German base of Roulers, where German beadquarters on the west Fianders front is maintained.

Important high ground, commanding the Flanders noise, is now menaged by

the Flanders plains, is nov Field Marshal Holg's army. is now menaced by

Australian troops took an important part-in the intest British thrust, but ille glory of storming the strongly fortified village of Zonnebeke fell to English, Weish and

Prisoners pouring back of the lines were heartily glad to emerge from the fighting alive. Bavarian and Baden froops who opposed part of the British advance fe-clared they were sick of war. They com-

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Increas-ing cloudiness tanight, probably followed by showers eviday; slightly warmer to-night, weathe which, north southerest.

For Eastern Francylvanias Generally cloudy taulaht and Friday, with probably showers, except to southeast portion, to southwest to west woulds,

DELAWARE RIVER TIPE CHANGES