

CHESAPEAKE IS URGED TO SEIZE CANAL

Chesapeake and Delaware Called War Necessity by Bourse Members

IMPROVEMENT BY U. S. WOULD RELIEVE RAILROAD CONGESTION

Military and commercial necessity demands the acquisition and improvement of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal by the Government.

WOULD HAVE HELPED RAILROADS

"Recent embargoes and freight congestion would have been eliminated had the action been taken when it was first suggested," said Mr. Tucker.

PLAN TO ENLIST ALL DOCTORS

"There is nothing of greater importance than the standpoint of a war necessity as against the connection with the general problem of transportation."

PIONEER PRESS AGENT DIES

Jerome H. Eddy was first in the theatrical publicity field. New York, June 8.—Jerome H. Eddy, who is generally credited with having started the profession of theatrical publicity as a newspaper.

BROTHERHOOD IN SESSION

Local Assembly of St. Andrew Meets This Afternoon. The annual spring meeting of the local assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a religious organization, will be held on the lawn adjoining the church.

Build Five Ship Tons For Every Ton Sunk

Washington, June 8.—For every ton of shipping destroyed by U-boats during the raid the American shipyards turned out more than five tons.

NEWS OF SHIPYARDS "RIGHT OFF THE WAYS"

LAUNCH BIG TANKER AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

J. A. Bostwick, 12,000 Tons Capacity, Takes Dip at Bethlehem Yard

The growing supremacy of the Delaware River as a shipbuilding center was accentuated today at noon, when the J. A. Bostwick, the largest steamship ever built in the State of Delaware, took its first dip into the water at the Wilmington plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company.

The J. A. Bostwick is a bulk-carrying tanker of 12,000 tons capacity and measures 481 feet in length, 60 feet beam and 36 feet depth.

The vessel was built for the Standard Oil Company, but has been taken over by the United States Government.

The attendance at the launching was small, as the company preferred to make the ceremony as informal as possible.

"Ships and plenty of them" is the motto at this yard, well as at others on the Delaware and as little fuss as possible is being made over any particular one.

VILLANOVA DIAMOND JUBILEE

Two Women to Get Degrees at Commencement Next Week

Villanova College will celebrate her diamond jubilee and hold commencement exercises Monday and Tuesday.

The commencement exercises will be the blessing of a service flag presented by the United States Government.

Age or Sex No Bar in New War Service Movement

To place this city in the "no slacker" class insofar as physicians are concerned, the Philadelphia Medical Military Reserve, which plans enlisting every physician in the city.

LL. D. DEGREE FOR LENROOT

Wisconsin Senator to Be Temple University Orator. Irvine L. Lenroot, United States Senator from Wisconsin, will be given the degree of LL. D. at commencement exercises of several departments of Temple University in the Academy of Music tonight.

WATCHES FINGERS SEVERED

Boy's Fortitude During Amputation Amazes Hospital Surgeons. While surgeons in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital amputated four of his fingers, fifteen-year-old William Kern, a butcher's helper, watched them with a steady gaze.

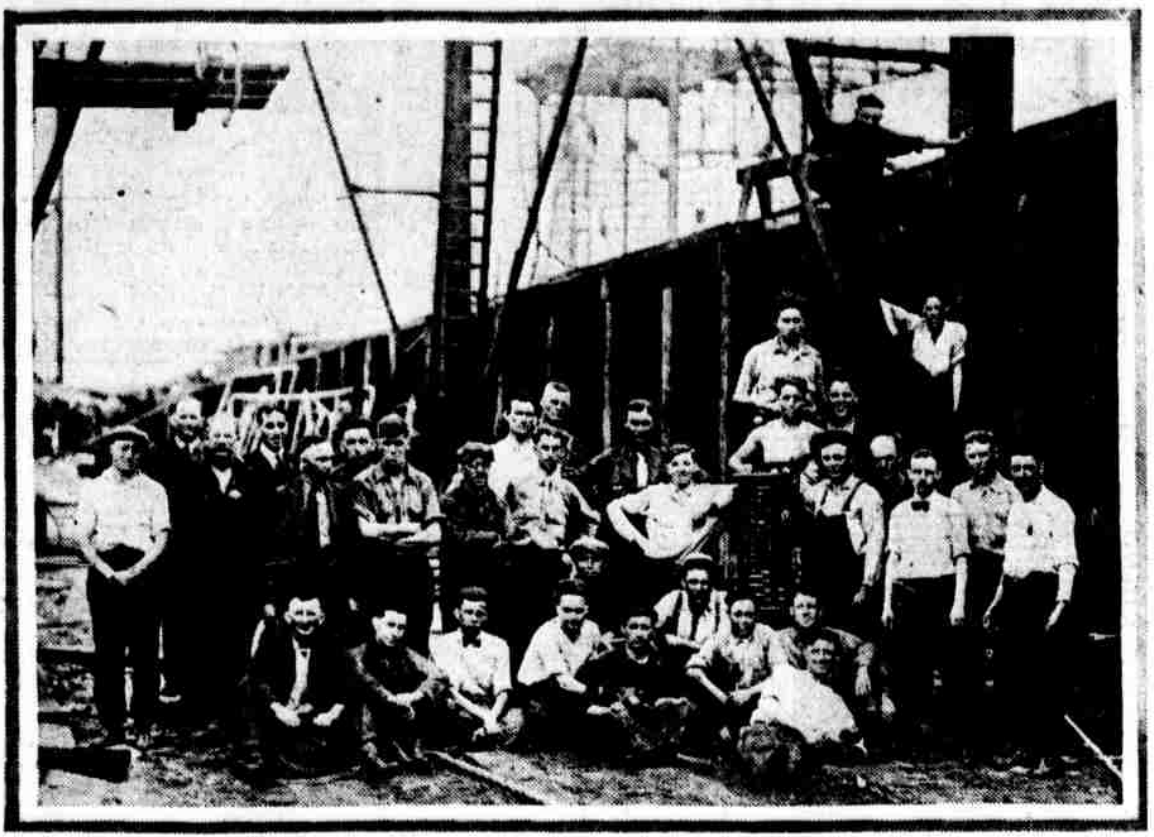
Deaths During Week Total 531, Compared to 458

Deaths throughout the city numbered 531 as compared to 458 last week and 539 during the corresponding week last year. They were divided as follows:

REFORMED SYNOD ELECTS

Will Consider Admission of Women and Union with Episcopalians

ELECTRICAL WORKERS OF A WAY GROUP AT HOG ISLAND



CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT AND MADE SHIPSHAPE

A Tennessee man has invented a device to prevent a torpedoed ship from sinking. It consists of a string of cone-shaped buckets which are sucked into the opening made by the missile and thus automatically clamp a steel diaphragm over the hole.

The fear of the deadly torpedo in each heart is quenched by the thought of this remedy. To the U-boats a lot of bad hours we indeed owe; but these well-discarded fish that is now, right willingly will we both buy and try it when we have occasion to take a sea trip.

Real freedom of the seas will come when the U-boats are all destroyed. Doubtless the only reason for the fact that the Rehoboth lightship is not equipped with wireless is that the Government can't think of everything.

The Bolsheviks have given up the Black Sea fleet to the Huns. "Giving up" is the best thing they do.

It is as hard to catch a U-boat in the Atlantic as a rat in a barn. But though it does much damage, the rat does get caught eventually.

Motto of the U-boat: Let us prey upon you.

War steel has already made a "rep" for itself.

John Omir, of Belfast, drove 11,200 miles in nine hours. At times he drove as many as twenty-six in a minute.

When Omar twanged his blooming lyre and warbled like a blooming linnet, he had no rivets in his fire nor drove them twenty-six a minute. A change of

HOOVER'S "FAIR FOOD PRICE" VIRTUALLY ANTICIPATED HERE

Plan Similar to That Announced by National Administrator Has Been in Operation Several Months in Philadelphia

The national-wide "fair food price" plan of National Food Administrator Hoover, announced in Washington, will have little effect upon prices in this city.

This was the view taken by officials at the office of the Philadelphia County food administration today.

A plan similar to that announced by Mr. Hoover has been in operation in this city for several months, according to Jay Cooke, Philadelphia food administrator, with the exception of the proposition of a county committee of four, representing the wholesaler, "cash-and-carry" merchant, "credit-and-delivery" merchant and the people.

The local food administration has been issuing a "fair price" list daily for some time, the prices being fixed at a conference of the food administration officials on reports made by investigating merchants and the people.

When reports of prices in excess of those fixed as "fair" are reported, a representative of the food administration calls upon the offender and informs him of the fact and appeals to his patriotism.

CITY OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY

Controller, Mayor Perhaps, Will Be Transfer Bill Witnesses

City officials and clerks of Council have been summoned as witnesses in the legal battle over the \$250,000 transfer bill passed by Council without a two-thirds vote.

The case comes up for hearing in Common Pleas Court No. 2 on Monday. City Controller Walton has been summoned to testify that he needs the \$115,000 that is being transferred from the interest on new loans and to show the funds available and it is possible Mayor Smith may be asked to testify as to his reasons for vetoing a part of the original bill now in the courts.

The two-thirds rule will be altered, as Judge Barratt recently pronounced it illegal on the single question of a majority vote.

New features claimed as illegal will be pressed by attorneys for George W. Minter, the taxpayer attacking the legislation. Mr. Smith's emergency expenses incident to the preparation for war, etc., the Mayor is given another appropriation of \$750,000 toward defraying expenses of the Pennsylvania bridge commission, including a \$400,000 salary to James E. Lennon, president of Select Council and secretary of the bridge commission.

Will Consider Admission of Women and Union with Episcopalians

Asbury Park, N. J., June 8.—The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, in session here, will consider the admission of women to synodical membership and will discuss a proposal for union with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GERMAN THREAT WILL NOT SWAY U. S. PLANS

Complete Punishment to Be Inflicted Upon Convicted Teuton Plotters

Washington, June 8.—No threats by Germany against American citizens will sway this Government from inflicting complete punishment on German plotters within the United States.

Those against whom evidence is secured will be proceeded against and in every instance the Government will demand the supreme penalty—death where that is possible under the law—and will decline to compromise no matter what threats are made by America's enemies.

This was made very plain by officials of both the Department of Justice and the State Department today.

Probably no document in the diplomatic correspondence of the war has been received with more open evidence of satisfaction by Secretary Lansing in reply to the demand for the release of Captain Lieutenant Franz von Rintelen, now serving a term in Atlanta, coupled with the threat that Americans in Germany with reputation for German agents will not be exchanged for the unknown Siegfried Paul London.

The reply of Secretary of State Lansing sent the Minister of Switzerland on June 4, follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of April 13, 1918, communicating a translation of a note verbale from the German Government, transmitted by the Swiss Political Department, proposing the exchange of Captain Lieutenant Franz Rintelen for Siegfried Paul London, an alleged American citizen, condemned to ten years' penal servitude in Germany.

The German Government threatens measures of reprisal if Rintelen is not released or for London.

"In reply, I have the honor to advise you that this Government cannot consider the exchange of Rintelen for London as a matter of exchange of prisoners of war or any interference with the due process of law in this case.

"The threat of the German Government to retaliate by making Americans in Germany liable for the exchange of Rintelen for London is a matter of principle that requires no discussion.

The Government proposes to adopt the principle that reprisals occasioning physical suffering are legitimate and necessary in order to enforce demands upon one belligerent to another. The Government of the United States acknowledges no such principle and would suggest that the United States should not be induced to consider that if it acts upon that principle it will inevitably be understood to invite similar reciprocal action on the part of the United States against the great numbers of German subjects in this country.

It is assumed that the German Government before acting will give due consideration and due weight to this consideration.

"I beg that you will good enough to bring the foregoing statement to the attention of the German Government.

A recent statement of assurance of my highest consideration. (Signed) "ROBERT LANSING," State Department officials today had nothing to say in regard to the exchange with Germany. They do not look for any reply from Germany. And they do not expect any reprisals will be attempted if the German Government declare there will not be anything to announce as to what Secretary Lansing will have to say.

Incidentally there are held interned within the United States certain influential enemy aliens, who are exceedingly precious in the eyes of the Hohenzollern dynasty. Withdrawal of privileges has been because of the Government would result in action being taken by their relatives in Germany to overthrow the officials there whose policy had brought about that result.

Meanwhile officials made it very plain today that the indictments returned against German agents in New York yesterday, are simply the start of a general campaign to clean the United States of spies.

The indictments against Mr. Leary and other persons charged with espionage to commit treason and conspiracy to commit espionage. This was the opening gun in a general campaign, and agents of the United States are investigating many other persons regarding whose loyalty there is suspicion.

NEAR-TRAGEDY AFTER DISPUTE

Mother Tries to Kill Herself and Children by Gas

A milkman, suspicious because no one answered his bell rings in the door of the home of John Mullinowski, 1514 South Third street, Camden, today, and found Mrs. Joseph Dera, aged 40, and her two children unconscious in a gas-filled room.

The milkman, Joseph Dera, opened windows and called for help, then carried the children, Walter, five years old, and Emma, four years old, to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital. The mother was removed to the hospital in an ambulance.

All were revived, but were in a serious condition.

According to the woman's husband, it was her third attempt at suicide. He said that the morning after Mullinowski left for work his wife is supposed to have gone to the children's bedroom, arousing them and carrying them to the bathroom, where they were found. Both children were clasped in their mother's arms.

Mullinowski, upon reaching his work, had a premonition that something was wrong at his home, and returned to see the children being carried out.

WILLS PROBATED TODAY

Testaments of Recently Deceased Recorded at Recorder's Office

Wills probated today were those of: Mary E. Flier, of the marine flying school and a four-engine airplane pilot, who held a military aviation record, making 109 successive loops.

ATLANTIC CITY'S RESTAURANT AND GRILL

AL WILDRON'S

Tennessee Ave. and Beach

Medals for Ship Force

Token for Every Man Who Worked on Tuckahoe

MINE SANK TANKER, NAVAL BOARD FINDS

Investigating Admirals Find Metal Chips in Hold of Herbert L. Pratt



The tanker Herbert L. Pratt, one of the first vessels to fall a victim of the German U-boat "blockade" of the Atlantic coast, was sunk by a mine laid by a U-boat and not by a submarine, as was at first believed.

This decision was reached by a naval board comprising three admirals from this district, after a thorough investigation of the incidents leading up to and directly after the sinking.

Metal chips found in the hold of the vessel and which could only be part of a floating mine, added the admirals in reaching this decision. It has also been learned that the U-boats around many mines in the waters in which they have been operating, particularly around the Delaware capes, where the Pratt was sunk.

A jagged hole twenty-five feet long was torn in the tanker's bow. Despite this injury the vessel was only partly submerged, her bow and the top decks as far as timbers as the cabin sinking beneath the waves.

Within twenty-four hours of the sinking the tanker was floated on an artificial buoy and towed to Philadelphia and towed to the piers of the Standard Oil Company here.

PATRIOTIC SPIRIT AT SCHOOL

St. Leonard's Academy Uses Prime Money for Chaplain's Outfit

Faculty and students of St. Leonard's Academy, Thirty-ninth and Chestnut streets, demonstrated the prevailing spirit of patriotism today when, instead of distributing the annual prizes to students, it was announced the money had been used to purchase a complete chaplain's outfit.

Six graduates received the high school diplomas of the Catholic University of America. Among the graduates were: Misses Katherine Barry, Constance Burns, Anne Moore, Conroy, Margaret, and Madeline Sternberg.

The presentation of diplomas was preceded by a concert of vocal and instrumental music given by the pupils. One of the features was the rendition of a patriotic song, "Your Flag is My Flag," the music of which was written by Signora T. Montani.

REAR SHAFT TO SILESIANS

Dedicate Monument in Schwenkfelder Cemetery Tomorrow

A monument in the Schwenkfelder Cemetery, near Clayton, Pa., will be dedicated tomorrow afternoon. The granite shaft, nine feet high, has been erected to the memory of Silesian immigrants of 1731-1737, and marks the site of the first of these immigrants.

Six graduates of Philadelphia have announced their intention to enter the military service. The first of these immigrants settled in this cemetery. The late K. Schultz, chairman of the committee in charge of the erection of the monument, said today his great-grandfather, grandfather, father and brother were all in the military service.

ASKS FLAGS FOR MINES

Garfield Calls on Coal Miners to Plant Emblem on June 14

Washington, June 8.—Coal miners asked by Fuel Administrator Garfield to plant flags over their mines to emphasize the patriotic observance of Flag Day, June 14.

Miners are asked to devote a few minutes to Flag Day exercises. "If it can be done without the loss in production of so much as a pound of coal."

ARMY TRIAL FOR ACCUSER

Appearing Against Attorney

Antonio Mastantuno, the Government's chief witness against A. R. Gordon Davis, an attorney of the city, who is charged with inducing Mastantuno to desert the army, must face court-martial after his appearance against Davis.

Assistant United States District Attorney T. Henry Walnut, in committing Mastantuno to Moyamensing Prison, announced he would be burned over the military authorities following the Davis trial. The penalty for desertion in the army is death, but Mastantuno will not likely suffer this fate, because of the conditions of his desertion, Mr. Walnut said.

Mastantuno was home on a one-day furlough from an embarkation camp when he was accused of desertion. He was ordered \$400 to obtain his release from army duty.

Davis is still in the Pennsylvania Hospital in a serious condition as the result of being accused of desertion. A warrant has not yet been served on him, and will not be until his health improves, according to Mr. Walnut.

FLIER MAKES 109 LOOPS

Miami, Fla., June 8.—Lieutenant F. L. Flier, of the marine flying school and a four-engine airplane pilot, who held a military aviation record, making 109 successive loops.

DEVON WAR RELIEF HORSE SHOW

Last Day—Saturday

Benefit Main Line Branch Emergency Aid

The Frankel Hat and Cap Store

OPEN THIS EVENING

Silk Foul Dress Special \$7.75

Devon War Relief Horse Show

Galvanized Boat Pumps

Cafe La Riviera

Hotel Marlborough