are thus involved in the new German offensive—those in the region of Chateau-Thierry and those near Butte-du-Mesnil, four miles west of Main-de-Massiges.

Vaux, which is one of the key positions of Chateau-Thierry, was captured by the Americans in a recent Franco-American advance. Jaulgonne is the place where the Germans crossed the Marne for the first time since the initial stages of the war and were hurled back by the Americans.

PARIS SEES FLASHES, HEARS GUNS ROAR

By the Associated Press

Paris, July 15.

The inhabitants of Paris and suburbs, says the Matin, heard violent artillery firing in the early hours today.

The sky toward the east was constantly lit up as if by a great electrical storm.

Those who were on the boulevards after midnight listened to the cannonade, while small groups gathered on the high points of the city to watch the distant heavens.

The noise of the firing was particulary loud in the southern part of the city.

BOMBARDMENT BEGAN ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Heavy bombardment of the American lines along the Marne began on Saturday night, when the big German long-range guns began to pour shells into Pershing's army helping to bar the way to Paris.

The latest communication from General Pershing says:

"In the Chateau-Thierry region July 10 to 11 there was activity on both sides, mostly that of infantry. A German patrol numbering forty and equipped with light machine guns opened fire on the American lines near Torcy and was driven back, leaving three killed. Our own patrols were very active. A patrol of eight German airplanes attacked an American photographic mission at 8 o'clock in the morning seven kilometers behind the German lines."

HAIG'S MEN ADVANCE AT DICKEBUSCH LAKE

By the United Press

London, July 15.—British troops advanced on a front of more than a mile east of Dickebusch Lake, in Flanders, yesterday morning, taking 296 prisoners, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

"The local operation in the Dickebusch Lake sector yesterday morning was completely successful," the statement said.

"We advanced on a 2000-yard front, taking a ridge and wood and attaining all our objectives. We captured 296 prisoners, several machine guns and much other material."

40,000 AUSTRIANS DESERTED AT PIAVE

By the United Press

London, July 15.—Forty thousand deserters from the Austrian army fled inland after the Piave disaster, the Zurich correspondent of the Daily News has learned from neutral sources, he declared in a dispatch today.

Some of these are armed and are hiding in the mountains. Three thousand deserters were arrested in Budapest.

Austro-German relations are seriously strained as a result of the Piave defeat, the correspondent said.

German Chancellor von Hertling's recent statements were the result of Austrian pressure, designed to bolster up the tottering Dual Monarchy by showing its oppressed people what the Central Empires "earnestly desire."

Despite the rigid censorship, it is learned that the Austrian losses on the Piave, exclusive of slightly wounded, were more than 200,000, of which 10,000 were drowned.

Austrian Premier von Seydler, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Burian and Count Czernin and Count Berchtoldt, former Austro-Hunbarian Foreign Ministers, are going to German headquarters on an important mission.

VAUX TAKEN BY U. S. TROOPS ON JULY 2

The Americans attacking in conjunction with the French on the Marne front on the night of July 1-2 captured Vaux by storm. Subsequent German counter-attacks were repulsed by the Americans.

For some days it had been reported that the Germans were massing reinforcements opposite the American front in the Vaux sector.

ATTEMPT TO ENTICE FOCH RESERVE ARMY

War Expert Believes Marne Drive Paves Way for Strokes Further North

By J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert

New York, July 15

General Ludendorff has launched his fifth offensive along the least important part of the western front.

His primary purpose apparently is to try to entice General Foch into rushing a large part of the Allies' reserves to defend the sector northeast of Jaulgonne. If this objective were accomplished Von Hindenburg would shift his main attack westward and would attempt to break through to Paris or the channel ports.

The wedge which Von Ludendorff drove into the French front when he thrust his Aisne front southward to the Marne, now serves to separate the scene of the present offensive from the area defending Paris and the channel. Eastward of this wedge, Ludendorff is now resuming his ruthless slaughter of German man-power.

Westward of the wedge are General Foch's principal reserves. Because he is on the outside of the wedge he cannot move his reserves from east to west and back again as quickly as can Ludendorff.

The advantage of concentration, therefore, rests with Ludendorff. On the other hand, any moderate territorial gain Ludendorff may make east of the Aisne-Marne wedge will be without strategic importance to him.

It will still further deplete his own reserve forces without bringing Paris or the channel ports any nearer the Kaiser's grasp. A heavy death toll exacted by the Allies in this hitherto quiescent sector will further react against Von Ludendorff's leadership. Slight progress by the Germans may be expected unless Von Ludendorff sees that General Foch has not fallen into his trap and abruptly orders the offensive to cease.

The attack this morning against the American positions at Vaux gains evidence of being for the moment, at least, subsidiary to the main offensive on the eastern side of the Aisne-Marne wedge. If, however, Von Ludendorff suddenly swings his drive from east to west, the Vaux attack may assume more importance as the beginning of another effort to reach Paris. The situation, as far as can be seen, is progressing favorably for the Allies. Von Ludendorff's blood lust is likely to result once more in a fruitful calamity for German manpower.

Five Phases of German Offensive Begun in March

By the United Press

PICARDY DRIVE—Started March 21 on a fifty-mile front between Arras and the Oise. Stopped in just one week, after the Germans had advanced about forty miles to within striking distance of Amiens.

FLANDERS DRIVE—Started April 9 on a twenty-five-mile front between the Ypres-Comines Canal and La Bassee. Stopped in ten days, after the Germans had penetrated fifteen miles, to within striking distance of Hazebrouck.

MARNE DRIVE—Started May 27 on a forty-mile front between Coucy-le-Chateau and Rheims. Stopped in a week after the Germans had penetrated thirty miles, to Chateau-Thierry.

OISE DRIVE—Started June 9 on a thirty-five mile front between Montdidier and Coucy-le-Chateau. Stopped in three days, after the Germans had advanced six miles. They were later pushed back nearly half this distance.

CHAMPAGNE DRIVE—Started July 15 on a fifty-mile front between Chateau-Thierry and Main-de-Massiges. Still continuing with initial German gains reported.

U. S. CONFIDENT AS TROOPS BEAR BRUNT OF DRIVE

Americans Hold Firm as Germans Launch Blow Against Paris

READY FOR STRUGGLE

Early Reports Show Pershing's Men Living Up to Nation's Traditions

Washington, July 15

The American forces in France, engaged today to the greatest extent since the United States entered the war, are living up to he highes traditions of the service. High army officers made this very plain this afternoon, in discussing the scanty information so far obtainable regarding the ebb and flow of the tide of battle in Germany's fifth great attempt to break through the Allied lines and capture Paris.

There are very few official reports available as yet regarding the fighting. The army was today more or less dependent on the reports of the press associations. But these reports, taken in connections with the known facts, resulted in no feeling of gloom. The Americans admittedly are a very important factor in today's operations. But they are in better shape to withstand the Hun assaults than they were four weeks ago. Their forces are much stronger and they have far more artillery ready for their support, officials say.

Army officers declared that the early reports were very reassuring. The French War Office statement says that the French are sustaining the positions with great gallantry. It is assumed here that practically the entire first army corps, which is under the command of Major General Hunter Liggett, will be brought into action in the present operations.

Germany's fifth great drive was expected by military men here to be her greatest and last major offensive action.

Its location indicated the Germans have elected to try anew for Paris, or to strike so heavily as to draw strength from the north.

Their apparent intention appeared to be the former. If, however, the German is seeking to divert strength from farther north, then he eventually hopes to strike the channel ports.

The operation, they predict, will be halted. Some ground will be given, but none believe the Germans will succeed in a strategical victory.

If he fails, as expected, it is probable he cannot undertake another major operation this year.

Then, with the American strength constantly and rapidly growing, the man-power balance will swing against him. That means he will be on the defensive and that in time he will be defeated.

WOUNDED GET FINE CARE

Nothing Left Undone in Hospitals in France, Man Writes

Reassurance is given in a letter to H. J. Davis, 960 Chestnut street, from a member of Base Hospital No. 8, who says the sick and wounded soldiers in France are excellently cared for and want nothing money can buy.

The letter is from Fred A. Blumer, Schenectady, N. Y., who says, in part:

"Sherman was absolutely right in his old statement about war, and I don't believe there is a man on this side who has not come in contact with some of it one way or another. Have seen enough to satisfy me already, and that is just a mere trifle to what some of the men have seen. But cheer up; we are going to lick the Kaiser before this summer is over.

"We are located in a very beautiful hospital, and it seems almost a marvel the facilities we have here for the handling and the care of the wounded and the sick. No detail, no matter how small, is left out. They have plenty of everything and are well taken care of."

THOMAS M. RIGHTER DIES

Prominent Citizen of Mount Carmel Victim of Paralysis

Mount Carmel, Pa., July 15.—Thomas M. Righter, coal operator and philanthropist, is dead from a stroke of paralysis.

He took a part in everything that benefited the town and was particularly active in Red Cross drives and Liberty Bond sales. He was seventy-one years old. The funeral was held today.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

John E. Buston, Camp Dix, N. J., and Grace L. Wallace, Little Rock, Ark.
James A. Bent, U. S. N., and Beryl V. Camp, 1721 Walnut st.
George M. Mauger, Pottstown, Pa., and Mabel M. Hoffman, Pottstown.
Joseph W. McDowell, Camp Lee, Va., and Myra Hammer, 138 Herman st.
William L. Beitler, Jr., 6624 Woodland ave., and Clara V. Healey, 6624 Woodland.
Verdel Marusek, 3613 Sears st., and Karolina Yanco, 3613 Sears st.
Archie R. Pickling, 1228 Green st., and Jennette H. Beveridge, 4615 N. 10th st.
John Guld, 1227 N. 5th st., and Jennie Dalton, Cresmont, Pa.
Huno Hoffman, 874 N. Lawrence st., and Mary Hawer, 877 N. Lawrence st.
Jay S. Jones, Jr., White Plains, N. Y., and Ruth V. Eisenhour, Kitchen's lane, Germantown.
Jeff Gibson, 1830 Olive st., and Verdelle Gray, 1827 Olive st.
Ellis Brown, 1231 Patton st., and Susie Sheppard, 1231 S. Patton st.

PLOT TO BLOW UP FACTORY ALLEGED

Federal Agents Suspect Effort to Destroy War Plant at Washington Park

FIVE TO HAVE HEARING

Believed Band Responsible for Explosions in Other Munitions Works in New Jersey

Suspected of having plotted the destruction of the new Government bag-loading plant at Washington Park, on the Delaware River, near Woodbury, N. J., five men, arrested by Federal agents, will be given a hearing today at the Federal Building before United States Commissioner Long.

The men are thought by the Federal agents to be members of a spy band that has been operating through South Jersey towns, causing explosions and fires in munitions and war plants.

The five men under arrest are William Herzog, of Washington Park, N. J., who was born in Germany; David Karsh, Marvine street, and Dominic, Antonio and Gabriel Uiolante, brothers, of Berwyn, N. J. All five men are draft dodgers, the Federal agents say, and two of them are alien enemies.

The plant at Washington Park was only recently completed. Several hundred women are now employed there in loading powder into bags. Powder is also manufactured at the plant.

According to Allen B. Smythe, chief of police at the plant, the five men arrested were employed as packers in the main buildings. Their actions recently caused them to be watched, and late Saturday night Smythe requested the Government to assign agents to watch the men.

The arrests followed yesterday and the men were brought to this city and lodged in jail pending a hearing.

The three Uiolante brothers failed to register for the draft, according to the Federal authorities.

All the suspects denied any intent to destroy the Government plant, but their actions were sufficient to warrant their arrest, it is said. The men were closely questioned by Federal agents last night, but what the grilling revealed was withheld. The Federal agents also refused to disclose the nature of the evidence against the men.

"LIGHTLESS NIGHTS" TEMPORARILY PAUSE

Fuel Administration Postpones Enforcement of New Edict

Lightless nights will not start in this city tonight. Announcement of this was made today by the fuel administration, and it was explained the framing of the lightless regulations had required more time than was expected.

It is said the regulations are being made so stringent that not a single loophole will be found in them by would-be violators.

Many business men had expected the order to become effective tonight and had made preparations to comply with the edict. The fuel administration announced that the order would probably be handed down within a few days.

Urging voluntary conservation of gasoline in order to prevent the exhaustion of the present allotment of Pennsylvania, or the adoption of drastic rules with regard to operation of pleasure vehicles, the fuel administration today announced that there is an abnormal waste of this fuel in this vicinity, particularly among automobilists and at service stations.

It was stated the supply at present is entirely adequate, despite the large shipments overseas for use in motortrucks and airpalnes, but warning was issued that conservation must be practiced or compulsory rules will follow.

BAKER LOSES LICENSE; ACCUSED OF HOARDING

David Gartzman Appealed Six Weeks' Suspension by Local Officials and Lost

For the first time in the State of Pennsylvania, the penalty of the entire revocation of a food dealer's license has been inflicted. The dealer is David Gartzman, a baker, at 215 Vine street, who Saturday night was compelled to go out of business at the order of the United States food administration headquarters in Washington.

Gartzman might have accepted from the local food administration a voluntary penalty of six weeks' suspension of business. Instead, he insisted on the alternative of appealing his case to Washington. On recommendation of Howard Heinz, food administrator for Pennsylvania, Gartzman's license was taken away.

As the case stands now, Gartzman is through unless at the end of sixty days he is successful in applying for a new license. This will be granted only if Mr. Heinz is convinced of his good faith, good intentions and ability to comply with the food administration's rules.

Gartzman's offenses, according to Federal food officials, were hoarding of flour, it being shown that he had 105 barrels of wheat flour stored in a shed near his baking establishment, which supply was far more than a sufficient quantity to run his business for thirty days. He did not have a sufficient quantity of substitutes on hand, it was charged, as required by the baking rules.

He kept his flour carelessly in an unsanitary place, exposed to damage by weather, and therefore liable to waste, in another count. He failed to make the required reports to the Government about his business.

German Army Commissions Now Open to Russian Youth

Amsterdam, July 15.—An attempt of the Germans to recruit soldiers from conquered Russian territory is indicated in the Libau Zeitung, which says officially:

"Youths from the Baltic provinces are now eligible for officers' commissions in the German army."

PREVIOUS GAINS OF GERMAN DRIVES

From N. Y. Times Current History.

The shaded portions show the total gains of the German offensive up to the beginning of the present battle. The figures indicate the order of the four successive phases. The drive on the Somme was launched March 21, that in Flanders April 9, the Champagne drive to the Marne May 27, and the offensive on the Oise June 9

SECOND DIVISION OF AMERICAN ARMY IN LINE OF GERMAN ATTACK

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With the American Army on the Marne, July 15.—Correspondents with the American army were permitted to state that the Second Division fought northwest of Chateau-Thierry.

The ruling also permits revelation of the fact that in the Second Division fought the Fifth and Sixth marines, the Ninth and Twenty-third Infantry, the Twelfth, Fifteenth and Seventeenth Artillery and the Second Engineers. These comprise the complete Second Division.

The big attack which opened this morning was on the Chateau-Thierry line, and it is presumed that the Second Division, named above, is bearing the brunt of the offensive.

MAJOR F. E. EVANS IS GIVEN WAR CROSS

General Pershing Honors Philadelphia Marine for Distinguished Service in France

Major Frank E. Evans, U. S. M. C., the youngest son of the late Rev. Dr. Frederick Evans, for many years pastor of the Tenth Baptist Church of this city, was awarded the distinguished service cross by General Pershing on July 4. He has also been given the croix de guerre for bravery in action. One of the first to hear of it was his mother, who is now in her eighty-third year and actively engaged in Red Cross work.

Major Evans was educated in the public schools here and at the old Rugby Academy and the South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J. He was graduated in the class of '98, Princeton. He was in the Spanish-American War until invalided home. Two years later he entered the marine corps as second lieutenant. He was first lieutenant on the U. S. S. Dixie when that vessel brought aid to earthquake stricken Martinique. He was retired as a captain in 1905. He then became secretary to the late United States Senator Frank Briggs, of New Jersey.

Four years ago he returned to the marine corps and had charge of the recruiting offices in Pittsburgh and New York. In the latter city he broke all previous records for enlistments, and on his departure for Quantico he was given a gold watch and an automobile. He was restored to the active list as a major by special act of Congress, and he has been in France a year.

Previous to entering the marine corps he was a newspaper man in New York, and his interview with Admiral Dewey on the latter's return to this country was one of the biggest scoops in newspaper history.

He married Miss Esther Townsend, daughter of the late Franklin Townsend, of this city. She is a niece of Lawrence Townsend, former minister to Portugal and Belgium, and of former State Representative Harrison Townsend, and of E. Price Townsend, assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust Company. Mrs. Evans, with her ten-year-old son Townsend, is living at Chevy Chase. A brother, Franklin Townsend, also of this city, is a top sergeant in the war insurance risk division of the army in France. Major Evans is a brother of William H. Evans, golf editor of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.

CHILD HEALTH WORK STARTS

Bureau's Welfare Division Opens Campaign With Film in Thirtieth Ward

A health campaign among the mothers and children of the Thirtieth Ward begins today, conducted by the Child Welfare Division of the Bureau of Health. The campaign will continue throughout the summer.

The city nurses have made a careful investigation of conditions throughout this district, making accurate statistics on the number of children there are and on the health and sanitary conditions among them and the mothers.

Two tents have been opened on the McCoach Playground, at Eighteenth and Fitzwater streets, and lectures, films and demonstrations on the care of babies will be given each afternoon and evening. No two demonstrations will be alike, nor will there be any monotony in the entertainments which will be given after the lectures.

Fever Attacks 10,000 Porto Ricans

By the Associated Press

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 15.—Ten thousand persons in San Juan have been ill of a three-day fever during the last two weeks, according to doctors of the sanitary service. In some instances, business houses have been forced to close because of illness among their employes.

SAD WHEN SHE FAILS TO TAG MAYOR SMITH

Little Edna Hagerty Visits City Hall in Interest of National Horse Day

The saddest little visitor to City Hall today was Edna Hagerty. She came to tag Mayor Smith for National Horse Day, but the Mayor could not be tagged for the horses.

Edna was very prettily dressed for the occasion. She had tagged the late Mayor Blankenburg and Mayor Reyburn, and felt confident that she would be able to tag the present Mayor. Little Miss Hagerty, who is the daughter of former Magistrate Hagerty, was accompanied by Mrs. Ralph W. Nazel, acting president of the auxiliary of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Joseph Smith, the Mayor's secretary met her.

"I came to tag the Mayor," she said, "for National Horse Day."

"The Mayor is having a conference," said the secretary, "I will take the tag to him."

Little Edna was about to make a further plea for the privilege of personally pinning the tag on the Mayor's coat, but the businesslike attitude of the secretary banished all hope.

There was a trace of tears in her eyes as she left.

In every city in the country today the Mayors are being tagged in accordance with an annual custom. In Philadelphia the proceeds of the distribution of tags will be used for the maintenance of horse-watering stations.

Several prize cups will be awarded to the best-looking horses which pass the headquarters of the society, 922-924 North Broad street, between 2 and 3 o'clock today. The cups will be awarded as follows: To owner of best single team, driver of best single team, owner of best double team, driver of best double team, owner of best three-horse team, driver of best three-horse team, best horse ridden by a traffic policeman, best pair attached to a police patrol and the best pair attached to a fire apparatus.

PHILADELPHIANS AT MARNE

Men From Here in Fighting Today Near Chateau Thierry

In the fighting that is going on today on the Marne, northwest of Chateau-Thierry, Philadelphia is well represented, and will undoubtedly help carry the brunt of the attack.

This was learned when it was permitted to become known that the Second division was located at this point. In this division the Fifth and Sixth marines are fighting, and in these regiments there are many Philadelphians, whose exact quota cannot be ascertained.

Lieutenant Petty before his enlistment was on the staff of St. Timothy's Hospital, and was an instructor in pathology at Jefferson College. He has a wife and two children who are in Ocean City.

Doctor Petty enlisted in the marine corps when the United States declared war. He was first assigned to recruiting service, and later was an instructor at the Biddle camp, Lansdowne. He left last August, with the first marines to go from here.

10,000 G. E. MEN STRIKE

Employes at Lynn Plant Seek Increase in Pay

By the Associated Press

Lynn, Mass., July 15.—Work at the local plants of the General Electric Company was hampered today when employes to the number of 10,000, according to the leaders' estimates, walked out, in compliance with a strike vote taken Saturday night.

Between 12,000 and 13,000 are employed in the several factories. The strike was called for increased pay and changes in working conditions, although no definite demands had been formulated. The men are not unionized. The company is engaged upon important war contracts.

TWO SUSPENSIONS IN ELEVATOR RULE

Special Privilege Granted at City Hall and Department Stores

ORDER IS IN EFFECT

Operators and Patrons in Office Building Protest Confusion and Delays

Ruling of the fuel administration on the curtailment of elevator service, which became effective today, was suspended in two cases. One was at City Hall, and the other at department stores.

The new system had not been in operation an hour before the City Hall sent a hurry call for help to the fuel administration offices.

"Let us suspend the ruling until we can see you and talk it over," was the message. "It's got us tied up in a bowknot and getting worse all the time."

The request was granted, and representatives of the fuel administration got in touch with Chief McLaughlin and Superintendent of Police Mills.

As only fifteen of the twenty-two elevators in the City Hall are operating now, due to the subway work eliminating seven of the cars, Chief McLaughlin felt that he had a logical basis for asking a reprieve.

Promise Other Savings

The department stores were also allowed to run their elevators as they pleased today, they having pledged themselves to save twenty per cent. on their coal consumption in other ways. This experiment will be tried for a month, and if the stores can prove that they have carried out their promise, they will be permitted to keep on stopping their elevators at all floors.

The new ruling caused considerable confusion and much caustic comment on the part of those in a hurry.

As one harried elevator starter put it, "I'll need a gas mask if I am to get through the day without going crazy. Talk about hard looks and sarcastic remarks. I have had nothing else all morning."

The office buildings all followed the rule to the letter as far as could be learned. Those with express elevator service cut out that feature, eliminated two or three of the cars from action and had the others stop at all floors save the second.

The rule requiring at least five passengers in a car before it could start caused the most trouble. Persons in a hurry protested vehemently, especially in buildings where doctors and dentists have offices.

Physicians Complain

The Medical Arts Building, at Sixteenth and Walnut streets, where the fuel administration offices are located, was the scene of much excitement, physicians railing at having to wait until five passengers had entered the car, and also at the passing of the second floor. They asserted that the Medical Arts should be classed as a hospital and that it was great hardship on patients as well as on the doctors to have to undergo such delays.

The fuel administration was firm, however, pointing out that it would never do to have the coal controllers set a bad example by not strictly obeying their own rulings.

Several of the department stores began their campaign to save coal by cutting down on their lights today, and expect to be able to keep their agreement with the fuel administration to the letter.

TROLLEY SKIP-STOP OPERATES SMOOTHLY

No Confusion Results and System May Be Extended Soon

The skip-stop rule for the trolley system of Philadelphia, which went into effect yesterday, worked with remarkable smoothness today.

Not an accident has been reported, and transit officials and the police agree there has been no confusion.

Among the principal stops eliminated are the turns on the east and west sides of City Hall, and it is evident the congestion at those points is going to be much relieved by the new rules.

The cars do not dash by the old stops at top speed, but pass slowly. Cars even stop at times, if traffic conditions make it necessary, but motormen are under orders not to let off or take on passengers.

The stops at Filbert, Sansom, Cherry and Locust streets, which have been eliminated, all help to speed up the service, to say nothing of the electric current saved. All told, 139 stops in the central section of the city have been abolished.

After the new system has had two or three weeks' trial, transit officials and the police will confer, and in all probability will cut out 200 more. Eventually it is hoped to eliminate about 1000 stops.

Under the present regulations, Twenty-first street is the only numbered street skipped. As it is, a two-way traffic street, the police feared there might be confusion there, but nothing has materialized along that line.

200 GIRLS FLEE FLAMES

Blaze Damages Baled Cotton in Spinning Mill

Two hundred girls today escaped from flames on the fifth floor of the Ontario Spinning Company building, Phillip street, above Columbia avenue.

The fire was caused by friction in a machine used to open bales of cotton. Automatic sprinklers extinguished the blaze before firemen arrived. The loss was small.

THREE BODIES RECOVERED

Rivers Give Up Dead—Boy Believed Drowned

Bodies of two Camden men who committed suicide last week by drowning and a nine-year-old boy who was drowned while swimming were recovered today.

Police first found the body of the boy, Charles Ruppell, 524 Division street, Camden, who sank in the Cooper Creek a few moments after he plunged into the water Saturday. A few moments later the body of Frank Ewen, forty-three years old, 39 North Twenty-fourth street, was found. The third body, that of Herbert Blizzard, who jumped from the steamboat City of Philadelphia, was found in the Delaware River near the scene of his suicide.

Another boy, Edwin T. Watson, fifteen years old, 517 Newton avenue, who disappeared from his home Saturday, is believed to have been drowned while swimming.

Trial of 5th Ward Defendants Begins

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"Thomas B. Smith" as having been indicted with the seven defendants to be tried jointly here. In his quiz of Harry Holden, the fourth man accepted, Mr. Gray launched an involved question concerning Holden's ability to weigh his opinions with the evidence, discarding from his mind all the points not developed by testimony.

"That would be a psychological impossibility," interjected Judge Hause.

Frank Walter, a farmer, of Franklin township, was the fifth juror accepted. Walker said he had read little about the case and had no opinion in the case. Attorney Gray, for the defendants, challenged Sumner G. Brosius, a farmer, of London Grove, after he had sai dhe held a fixed opinion and would have "prejudices to overcome."

Norwood Patrick, retired, of Charlestown, was excused by mutual agreement of counsel for both sides.

Gray Shifts Strategy

The fight of each of the seven defendants in the conspiracy case to make separate peremtory challenges of veniremen was denied by Judge Hause this afternoon. Attorney Gray shifted his plan of strategy after Evan Highley, a mechanic, of Charlestown, was accepted. Gray filed an objection to Highley in behalf of Lieutenant Bennett.

"I desire to exercise the right of challenge for David Bennett, one of the defendants, on this juror," Mr. Gray announced.

"On what grounds?" queried the court.

"The right of peremptory challenge," explained Mr. Gray.

Gray further explained that Highley was acceptable to the other defendants.

"You will have to exercise the right of challenge on behalf of all the defendants or none," Judge Hause ruled, in denying the motion.

Continued Challenges Fail

Gray continued his objections on behalf of Deutsch and the other defendants besides Bennett against Thomas Laird; the tenth puror selected. Laird is a mill hand in East Brandywine. The eleventh puror selected is Harvey Trego, a farmer, of Honeybrook.

Gray again was refused the right to make a peremptory challenge on behalf of Uram, Feldman and Deutsch.

Exceptions were granted by Judge Hause to each of Gray's challenges.

Gray's manner of challenging was believed to be an effort to lay the foundations for an appeal for a new trial. In attempting to get in separate challenges he was careful to name all the seven defendants, selecting that number of talesmen on which to base his separate challenges.

Move Again Rotan Foiled

An attempt by the defense to bar District Attorney Rotan and his assistants from participation in the case failed this morning as the trial opened here.

Gray based his argument to have District Attorney Rotan and Assistants Taulane and Gordan barred on the grounds that the cases had been transferred to Chester County and should be tried by District Attorney Truman L. Wade, of Chester County.

Judge Hause overruled Gray's objection.

Immediately afterward District Attorney Rotan and Assistants Taulane and Gordon were admitted to the Chester County Bar on a motion of District Attorney Wade.

Gray Fails to Quash Indictment

As soon as John S. Williams, of Schuylkill township, the first venireman, was called, Gray started to file a series of motions. All were refused by Judge Hause, who granted exceptions on behalf of each of the seven defendants.

Gray's first motion was to quash the indictment and the second to dismiss the venire. After Judge Hause had overruled the motion and granted permission to file exceptions, Gray filed another motion to bar District Attorney Rotan and his assistants. Gray next objected to the trial of the seven defendants jointly on two bills of indictment, arguing that each bill should be tried separately.

Judge Hause, in overruling the motion, said that the two indictments developed from the same source, and both were misdemeanors.

First Juorr Accepted

After Gray's motions had been overruled the examination of the veniremen was begun.

Superintendent of Police James Robinson was among the spectators in the courtroom. About a dozen Philadelphia detectives were observed scattered through the No. 1 courtroom—the largest in the courthouse.

James Tate, former captain of detectives in Philadelphia, and Samuel G. Maloney, head of a private detective agency, were present. Maloney was said to have arranged to import the band of "election workers" into the Fifth Ward for the September primary.

The ten gunmen who are to testify were brought here this morning by Sheriff Ortlip and several deputies. "Butch" Mascia and "Lefty" Costello, manacled together, were taken from the Eastern Penitentiary. They have been convicted of second degree murder.

The other members of the imported gang here are Christopher Smith, Vincenzo Leone, alias Ruggiero Falcone, "Whitey" Burkhardt, Michael Dennehy, John Marino, "Little Nick" Ritt, and Jimmy Russo.

Deutsch and Lieutenant Bennett came out here together. Warden Robert J. McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, was sitting in the bar of the court when Judge Hause ascended the bench at 10 o'clock.

Carey Sits in Rear of Deutsch

James A. Carey, who contested with Deutsch for the leadership of the Fifth Ward, at the September primaries, sat in the rear of Deutsch in the courtroom. With Carey was Second Lieutenant Harry McNichol, son of the late State Senator.

The opposing counsel entered the courtroom shortly before the session convened.

Mr. Gray, chief counsel for the defense, who recently suffered a nervous breakdown, appeared to be in excellent health.

A venire of fifty men had been summoned. That number included twenty-one farmers.

Judge Hause several days ago said that farmers would be given a preference for excuse from service at the trial. Each side was entitled to eight peremptory challenges.

The gunmen who shot and slugged their way through the Fifth Ward last September were ordered from the courtroom a few minutes before talesmen were examined for the trial.

Assistant District Attorney Taulane had the men taken from the room. They had been placed under guard inside the bar of the court. Taulane explained that they would not be needed today.

No Murder Charge Now

The defendants also were indicted on the charge of conspiracy to murder in connection with the slaying of Eppley, but District Attorney Rotan will not press the murder conspiracy charge at this trial.

Besides Deusch and Bennett the defendants are Patrolman John Wirtshafter, Louis Feldman, Emanuel Uram, Michael Murphy and Clarence V. Hayden. Hayden is a negro.

FIRE IN FACTORY; 4 MEN INJURED

Flames Sweep Interior of Rowland Spring Company Plant

LOSS SET AT $100,000

Bursting Pipe Spreads Fuel Oil About Government Work in Frankford Building

Four persons, including three firemen, were injured and damage estimated at $100,000 was caused early today when flames destroyed the interior of the plant of the Rowland Spring Company Tacony and Lewis streets, Frankford, where springs are being manufactured for Government motortrucks.

Those injured were:

FRANK HARRIS, Engine Company No. 38, Tacony, legs and back injured when caught under falling wall; removed to Frankford Hospital.
JOHN McLANGER, 4003 Paul street, engineer at plant, seriously burned on body; taken to Frankford Hospital.
LIEUTENANT JOSEPH ELLSASSER, Engine Company No. 7, right leg injured by falling spring.
RICHARD BUTLER, Engine Company No. 14, right arm cut.

The fire is believed to have been caused by the bursting of a pipe, through which fuel oil supplying engines was conveyed.

Engineer McLanger was making a round of the works when he discovered the fire. He attempted to extinguish it but his clothing became saturated with burning oil and was burned nearly off.

Meantime another engineer, hearing his cries, sent an alarm to the fire bureau. When the firemen arrived the flames had gained considerable headway and a second alarm was sent in. The interior of the two-story building was blazing fiercely within a few moments and firemen had difficulty in checking the spread of the flames.

While the fire was at its height an interior wall collapsed. Fireman Harris was caught under it, and had to be dug out by companions, who had escaped the crash.

An official of the company stated that ninety per cent of the work being done at the plant was for Government purposes, and estimated that production would be held up about two weeks, as the result of the fire.

TODAY LAST TO GET SUGAR CERTIFICATES

New Food Administration Regulations Limiting Sales Become Effective Tomorrow

Thousands of persons face the prospects of being denied sugar unless certificates of stock on hand are filed with the food administration before the end of today.

This is the last day upon which certificates may be obtained and the new regulations of the food administration, providing that dealers and manufacturers of sugar cannot supply any person but domestic consumers, except upon certificate, become effective tomorrow.

The food administration has reiterated its warning to users and handlers of sugar, except householders, that they will be denied sugar after today unless they have a certificate, but it is said there are a large number who have failed to comply with the regulation and have not filed a report of their stock. Certificates cannot be obtained without a report of stock first having been filed.

Imports of sugar continue to increase, reports show, and the increase this year, as compared with the same period last year, have already reached 50,000,000 pounds. This does not include the imports from Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands.

Thirty-five million pounds of Cuban sugar arrived here last week, a gain of several million pounds over any other week this month or any week in June.

Total imports of sugar for the year have been 592,000,000 pounds, and dealers say there is little likelihood of a famine. The supply is better now than at any time since the war began, they say.

MAYOR MAY FAIL TO ELECT GUDEHUS

Ability to Force Selection of Vare Man for Recreation Center Head Doubted

Doubt as to the ability of Mayor Smith to force the selection of Edward R. Gudehus, Senator Vare's private secretary, for the $3000 position of principal of recreation centers was expressed today before the meeting of the badly split Board of Recreation. Several members stand ready to quit rather than vote for a man whose qualifications they question.

If Mayor Smith attends the meeting of the board, in his capacity as an ex-officio member, and persuades Director Krusen to do the same thing, it is said, they can, at best, bring about a tie vote for the Vare handpicked candidate. Members said to oppose Gudehus include Ernest L. Tustin, president of the board, Miss Sophia L. Ross, William A. Stecher and the Rev Dr. Henry Berkowitz and James A. Hamilton.

Members and ex-officio members who can be counted upon to force the appoint include Mayor Smith, Robert Smith, Director Krusen and Edward J. Lafferty. The exact status of Mr. Hamilton is not known. He is classed as a Vare member. His vote may prove the deciding one.

To add to the trouble surrounding the Vare candidate Director Krusen has never exercised any right he might have to vote, and is said to have taken the stand, at recent conferences, of an adviser and not an executive member. The alternative to trouble is to not present the name of Gudehus at the meeting and to allow the appointment to remain unfilled until later in the year.

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