# EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1922



ONE KILLED, 15 HURT

## SPECTATOR'S CAR HITS POLE

A half-million-dollar fire which be-tan at 10:30 o'clock last night in the fertilizer plant of M. L. Shoemaker & Co., at Delaware avenue and Venango Co., at Delaware avenue and Venango street, resulted in the death of one man and injury to fifteen others. Twenty-five buildings on the twenty-seven-acre tract were destroyed by the flames which still

were destroyed by this life was a spec-tree smoldering. The man who lost his life was a spec-stor. Alby Wickterman, of Kinsey and Tackawanna streets. He was fatally hurt in an automobile accident return-ting from the fire and died at 5:40 y'clock this morning in the Frankford o'clock Bospita Six

Bospital. Six spectators were hurt. The oth-six spectators were hurt. The oth-est injured were firemen. Firemen con-stantly risked their lives during the fire, and by heroic efforts prevented the ex-plosion of a tank just beyond the fire area containing more than 23,000 gal-lons of naphtha and benzine. The men injured received cuts and bruises from falling glass and brickwork, and sev-eral were burned about the face and herds by too close approach to the by too close approach to the

The fire, which swept the plant from The fire, which swept the plant from and to end, damaging or destroying mery building on its acreage, was the hird the Shoemaker Company has ex-hird the Shoemaker Company has exthird the Shoemaker Company has ex-perienced. Fifteen years ago eight per-sons were killed aud fifteen durt in a disastrous fire. Forty years ago flames destroyed the plant.

#### Man Dies as Result of Crash

The fatality last night, though it did

The fatality last night, though it did not occur on the fire grounds, was di-rectly due to the fire. The ambulance of the Frankford Hospital was speeding to that institution with an injured fire-man. It made a sharp turn at Edmund and Orthodox streets. Behind the am-bulance followed a touring car in which six men were riding. They were re-turning from the fire, where they had been speciators.

ern speciators. The automobile tried to negotiate the turn in the wake of the ambu-The machine skidded, however, crashed heavily into a telegraph and crashed nearly into a telegraph pole, crumpling up and hurling out three of its occupants. They were rushed to the Frankford Hospital in the same ambulance with the injured freman. There Wickterman died this morning, and a second member of the parts is no sections condition party is in a serious condition.

The firemen injured are : Lieutenant Schultz, of Engine Company No. 5, overcome by smoke. Latimer Steiger, of Engine Company No. 50, cuts on head and bruises. Hoseman Hutt, of Engine Company No. 50, cut and bruised by falling rear

the fire engine. O. J. Neurner, bruises.

Patrick Murray, Engine Company No. 21, cuts and bruises. Brennan, 6731 State road, Engine Company 38, cuts and Tacony, burns.

Herman Hussman, 2056 East Lehigh avenue, Engine Company No. 6, in-

Lieutenant George McDowell, Truck ompany No. 16, cuts of foot and hand. George Clark, of Truck Company No. 6, cuts and bruises. George Weeks, Truck Company No. , burns of face and hands.

John J. Linaker, twenty-seven years old, 811 East Willard street, was

street, cuts and bruises.

Four Alarms Sent In

RUINS OF \$500,000 BLAZE Twenty-five buildings of the M. L. Shoemaker & Co. fertilizer plant at Delaware avenue and Venango street

were either destroyed or badly damaged by flames that swept over twenty-seven-acre tract. The insert shows ruins of freight car. A spectator returning from the blaze was killed when auto hit a pole. Fifteen others were hurt

### BOYS FLEE FROM GHOSTS JOHN GRIBBEL WANTS FAIR

### Young Horse Thieves Were Brave

Until Nightfall Came Eight Philadelphia boys, ages rangtwelve to fourteen years, arng from rested at Media early today, are being held until word is received from their parents. They are charged with steal-ing a horse and wagon here, owned by M. Berman, 421 Bainbridge street. The boys drove to Delaware County

The hoys drove to Delaware County yesterday and arrived near Media last night. Discovering a cornfield they stopped the wagon, got some corn and potatoes and cooked their supper. They had intended spending the night in a cabin, the boys said, but they were afraid of ghosts, so they climbed in the wagon again and went to Media.

wagon again and went to Media. The boys are Roy Gilbert, 1020 Washington avenue: Phillipy Cline, 517 South Twelfth street; Lacy Henderson, 1011 Rodman street; Samuel Cline, 517 South Twelfth street; Horace Johnson, 840 Lowbard street; Horace Johnson, 840 Lombard street ; James Smith, 1018 Addison street ; John Archer, 1016 Rodman street, and Carl Walters, 206 Fil-mont street,

MAY EXCEED APPROPRIATION

PRISON FOR EX-SOLDIER WORTHY OF SPIRIT OF '76 Gets Year for Having Drugs and

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Entrance on 11th St.

Stealing From Employer Message Received Here Following Claude S. Urey, 1633 North Fifteenth Conference With Colonel D'Oller street, former soldier, who was arrested July 21 for larceny and illegal posses-Approval of a Sesqui-Centennial elebration worthy of the spirit of 1776 and the name of Philadelphia was ex-pressed by Colonel John Gribbel in a conference with Colonel D'Olier, head Used Street, former soldier, who was arrested July 21 for larceny and illegal posses-sion of drugs, was today sentenced by Judge Walsh to a year in the county prison. Urey was employed in the automo-

Urey was employed in the automo-bile accessory store of J. H. McCol-lough, 257 North Broad street. of the Centennial Association, at Cam-den, Me. Colonel Grilbel is among other Philadelphians with whom Col-onel D'Olier conferred in the New Eng-land territory during the last few days.

"I have just had a conference with Colonel D'Olier here in which I said men's cards is good adverto him without reservation that Phila-delphia was committed to a proper celetising at just the cost of the bration in 1026 of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The President of the United States has set forth to Congress the propriety of Philadelphia being the place for such a celebration. Congress has agreed with the Dresident and Denselvania has THE CHEATNUT ATREET

the President and Pennsylvania has appointed a State Commission to co-State School Districts May Enter Mayor and Council of Philadelphia have



E. B. FRITZ IS HELD Ice declared the robberies an "inside iob." A feature of the Ocean County Elec-ice Company's activities in Lancaster, according to Harry Raub, City Solici-tor of that municipality, is that the bonds were offered for sale to members of Misrepresentation in Sale of Bonds RRESTED IN LANCASTER Busers of Bonds Investigate Former Philadelphian Accused

ARRESTED IN LANCASTER

Edmund R. Fritz, formerly of Wal-nut street near Twenty-first, has been held in \$5000 bail in Lancaster. Pa... on a charge of obtaining money under false pretense and making frauduien: representations. Fritz, president of the Ocean County Flectric Company, was arrested in an-other case in Philadelphia in April on inst year and held ip \$5000 bail on a charge of fraudulent conversion. In March, 1920, his company, then with offices in the Weightman Building, was







have claimed that he had contracts ag-gregating several hundred thousand dollars' worth of business for supply-ing current just as soon as the plant HELD AS FUR THIEVES one of the two concerns robbed of bonds with a face value of \$414,500. The bonds were said at the time to have no negotiable value, and the po-lice declared the robberies an "inside

Buyers of Bonds Investigate

was in operation. One of the Lancaster men who con-

The owner of the bonds tried to sell them, could get no takers and finally offered them at auction. They brought a bid of \$75 for the lot, with no attempt by the company to buy them in. It was charged also that two interest payments, one in advance, were made by Fritz with his personal check.

GEO. KOEHLER LEFT \$19,500 George Koehler, 2315 Germantown nvenue, leaves an estate of \$19,500 nccording to his will which was pro-bated today. Other wills probated were those of Richard T. Holme, \$5000, and Hettle W. Justice, \$7000. Letters were granted to administer the estates of Regina E. G. McCann. 321 North Fortieth street, \$10,300, and Eugene F. Yeager, of Clementon, N. J., \$5800.

Arrested in Elizabeth With Loot sidered himself "burnt" purchased bonds with a face value of \$7300, bought at a basis of \$80 for each \$100 unit of value. Owner Tries to Sell Bonds From Newark Robbery Two Philadelphia girls and a Philadelphia chauffeur are under arrest in

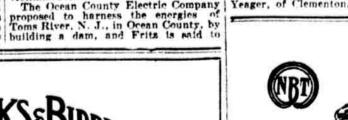
HELD AS FUR THIEVES

of a gang of fur thieves. They are

Margaret Kennedy, nineteen, and Agnes Garrity, twenty. The chauffeur is Wil-liam Juliano. Detectives from this city went to Elizabeth yesterday to quee-

tion them.

Elizabeth, N. J., in connection with the theft of furs in Newark. The girls are alleged to be members





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