

GRETA POISON GAS WORKS ERECTED BY HARRISBURG PLANT

Wonderful Factories For Manufacture of Most Deadly Agent of War Erected by Central Construction Corporation For Uncle Sam; Product Would Have Annihilated German Army in Short Time

Of all the stupendous war activities which Uncle Sam projected and which, when put in operation would annihilate Germany, the Edgewood establishment, great of all poison gas plants, most nearly concerns Harrisburg, because three distinguished men of this city were responsible for its construction...

containing no mustard in reality, but taking the name from a similar odor. Of all the gases made by America and other countries, common salt is the basic element; that is from salt and electric energy they get chlorine and the later appears in almost every gas.

Much gas Ready One of the big plants the Harrisburg Company erected was used in making chlorine gas. A great amount of this was in storage in the big warehouse packed in drums ready to be shipped when the Huns begged for mercy. It was used largely in making mustard gas.

The actual construction work was a colossal job and Colonel Walker was especially earnest in praise of the Harrisburg firm, which did the bulk of the work. Some idea of what the Central Construction Company had to furnish may be had from the car-load list...

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With this military restriction the Harrisburg Contracting Company immediately got under way, the first thing to determine being a definite knowledge of toxic gases. No gas shell-filling plant like any that had been built to include a complete power plant, a refrigerator plant, immense cold rooms, novel conveyors and filling machines of unique design.

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Walter Scott, prominent Mason, dies after long illness at Philadelphia.

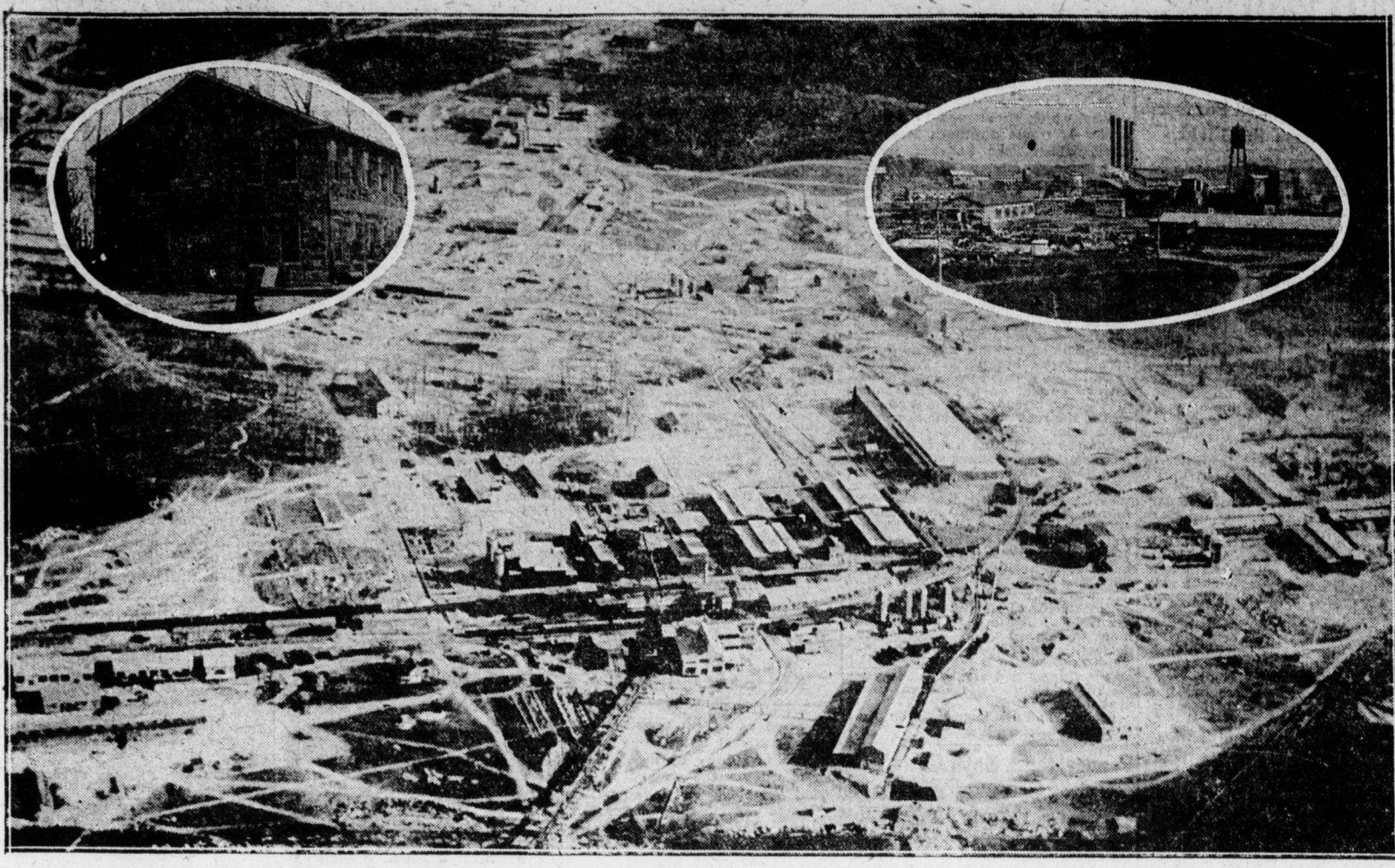
John Atlee falls from train in tunnel; death for division engineer.

New school to be ready for occupancy in Sept.

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View of Great War Plant and Type of Buildings Used



DYNAMITE LETS GO IN A POWDER COMPANY PLANT

Fire Destroys Property; Fireman and Watchman Blown From the Building

Tunnelton, Pa., Jan. 8.—This city and towns for miles around were severely shaken and windows shattered when one thousand pounds of dynamite exploded last night at the C. R. McAhee Powder Company's plant at Saltsburg, three miles from here. The two main buildings of the powder plant were destroyed by fire which followed the explosion. A watchman and fireman, the only persons in the plant at the time, were blown from the building by the blast but were uninjured.

BUILDING BOOM PREDICTED FOR 1919

[Continued from First Page.] dicting many new realty developments. Some of these were planned months ago, but were conditionally forced prices too high for any new construction work, with the result that in 1918 Harrisburg's building record touched a low level, the same as in other cities in the country except where big Government plants were erected. Deducing the cost of the two big school building projects, the record about reached the half-million dollar mark, as compared with more than \$2,000,000 expended in construction work in 1917.

KIWANIS CLUB ORGANIZES ON MILITARY BASIS

President Neefe Commissioned "General" of Business men's Organization

The Kiwanis Club was reorganized on a military basis to-day at the noonday luncheon in the Penn-Harris hotel. Charles L. Schmidt, chairman of the entertainment committee was in charge of the reorganization. He commissioned L. F. Neefe, president, as the general and William C. Alexander, vice-president, as lieutenant general. Other officers were given various commissions.

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Texas and Pacific Are High in Trading; Soar From \$15 to \$35 Share

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