

EXCISE MEN ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY

Messrs. Mullen and Koyen, of Perth Amboy Board, Made Complete Denial of Guilt—Dictagraph Conversation in Evidence.

In the trial of the State against Messrs. A. Mullen and Adolph C. Koyen, members of the Perth Amboy Excise Board, who are charged with interference in office, the case went to the jury at 12.55 this noon, following Judge Daly's charge.

The defense today called H. M. Kuss, a chemist at the American Refining and Refining Company, as its eleventh witness to contradict the case of the State that Mullen and Koyen met Louis Spitzer, an alleged go-between, the defendants, Miklos, the saloonkeeper. Yesterday testified that he was positive Mullen was in the plant between 10 o'clock in the morning until 4.50 p. m. afternoon.

The witness was subjected to a rigorous cross-examination by Prosecutor Stricker and was also questioned by Judge Daly, revealing that

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ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR GARBAGE INCINERATOR

By resolution of Commissioner Olin the City Commission this morning authorized that body to advertise bids for the construction of a garbage incinerator plant and also approved plans for the construction of a plant.

The resolution providing for this was introduced by Mr. Oliver, and set forth that the plant is to be located on the southerly side of Lee street. The land is owned by Mr. Atkinson, and is known as Potter's Field, being located in the rear of the new school.

Asked for an estimate of the cost, Mr. Atkinson said he didn't think a garbage plant could be built for less than \$20,000, adding the statement that plants of this kind sometimes cost as much as \$50,000. The chief cost is in the furnace. Mr. Atkinson said.

Mr. Oliver brought out that the estimates given by Mr. Atkinson include buildings for the men who operate the plant, and cover the complete cost of the project. The vote was unanimous.

Payment of \$14.47 to Abraham Jellicoe was authorized on a certificate from City Engineer that Mr. Jellicoe has returned in good condition for three months the sewer he constructed on the Mile Run Brook, Codwige Run and Lawrence street. The payment represents 5 per cent of the contract price of the sewer.

Mr. Houghton presented a resolution, which was adopted, to pay \$2,550 George B. Rula for work completed on the remodeling of the City Hall.

Secretary Vorst, of the Board of Health, notified the Commission that the following committee to cooperate with the Commission on the best for cutting Talmadge street through under the Pennsylvania Railroad elevation: George A. Viehmann, Sidney B. Carpenter, Otto O. Still, Louis Wolfson and Chester W.

On approval by Mr. Feaster, the following were elected special policemen for the balance of the year, without pay: James Boulger, Elias Wilbur, Joseph Weipert and Robert Garretson.

A communication was received from James Morrison acknowledging the City Commission's decision on the death of his husband, a member of the Commission.

For Sale. 5,000 loads of dirt. Will deliver anywhere in city. Highland Park. Conrad Bolt, 16-18 Richmond St. M15-tf

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER. Ladies' Aid, German Lutheran Church, in the basement of church, Wednesday evening, April 18, from 5 to 8 p. m. Corner of 35 and Kirkpatrick streets. Tickets 35 cents. A15-3t*

COUNTY FATHERS REJECT BIDS FOR BRIDGE FENDERS

Highway Commission Recommended Rejection—Jersey Traction Co. Must Stop Speeding on Cheesequake Bridge—Other County Business.

The State Highway Department recommended to the Board of Freeholders yesterday afternoon to reject all bids for the furnishing materials, labor and making repairs to the center pier fender and the south abutment fender of the Amboy bridge over the Raritan river, on the grounds that they were excessive. Accepting the recommendation, the Board voted the rejection of the bids and authorized the re-advertising.

F. R. Long and W. G. Broadhurst Company of Hackensack, were the lowest bidders for the repairs and the Board, in a communication to the Board, they asked that some definite action be taken relative to the award of the contract. It was stated that the war has a soaring effect on lumber.

A communication was also received from the State Highway Commission instructing the clerk of the Board to advertise a public hearing in the matter of taking over the State Highway Route No. 4, to be held at the Metropolitan Hotel at Asbury Park on May 17.

Freeholder Day offered a resolution prohibiting the Jersey Central Trac-

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Three Petitions In Behalf of Eckels Tonight

Supporting the petition of local business men, presented to the Board of Education last Friday evening and asking the re-election of Superintendent George H. Eckels for another year, three other petitions, all numerously signed, will be placed before the educators at an adjourned meeting to be held this evening.

One of these has been circulated by a number of the local clergymen, another in the hands of several of the most prominent women of New Brunswick and has been signed by women in large numbers, while the third is signed by practically every school teacher in the public schools of this city.

Interest in the school matter remains at fever heat and the Home News is in receipt of many communications on the subject, several of which appear in our columns today.

President Wilson's great message to Congress, handsomely illustrated with portrait of President. Every home should have one. Suitable for framing, size 20x24. Price 20c. each, 3 for 60c. Metzky Bros., News Agent, Newark, N. J. A17-1t*

Buildings For Sale. The buildings on the property corner of George street and Livingston avenue, for sale. To be removed. Submit offers to James A. O'Connell, 417 George St. M17-tf*

Everybody is going to the entertainment and dance of the Taxicab Drivers at Columbia Hall, Friday evening, April 27. Are you? A17-2t*

ALL SHEET MUSIC ON GEORGE STREET. A full stock of the celebrated CENTURY 10c edition of sheet music to be had with a fine line of the very latest and classical pieces may now be obtained at MONTALVO'S new store on George street next to the Bijou. Open every evening. Double Discs 25c. M30-tf*

BAIER'S BIG SPECIALS. Liverwurst, only 15c pound, regular price 20c. 95 Albany street. Phone 617-J. A17-tf*

BE PATRIOTIC. No matter if you can't play piano nor read music you can play and sing "Star-Spangled Banner" and "America" with Q. R. S. Wordrolls. Let us show them to you. Hart Bros., 137 Church street. A17-5t*

ENJOY DANCING AT KLEIN'S. Every evening in main dining room. Good music. Dinner De Luxe. A14-tf*

SPRING MILLINERY. Fine display of 1917 spring millinery, including trimmed and untrimmed hats, flowers, braids and fancies. Call and inspect our stock. Gallagher's Millinery, 65 Church street. M15-tf

LAUNDRY. It's a business with us, and we surround that business with all the advantages that are to be had. Jet White Steam and Hand Laundry, 80 and 82 Church street, New Brunswick, N. J. Phone 47. J18-tf*

German U-Boat Fires on U. S. Torpedo Boat Off the Coast of Long Island

German Cruiser Reported Near

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17.—A British steamship, which has just arrived from Corea, reports sighting a German cruiser, steaming northward.

The position of the German ship and other details were prevented from being made public by the war censorship.

RUTGERS IS OFFERED TO GOV. EDGE

All the resources of Rutgers College and the State Agricultural College were today placed at the service of the state and nation and in the war against Germany. President William H. S. Demarest of the local institution, with the authorization of the trustees of the college, telegraphed to Gov. Walter E. Edge to this effect at 11:20 this morning.

The action of the Rutgers authorities is of particular interest at this juncture, owing to the fact that, in addition to having a well-trained and equipped military body of over 400 cadets, the local institution is the head of the state agricultural system, and it is believed that it can be of immediate service in providing against food shortages through the work of students throughout the state in agricultural communities.

Plans are also under discussion for introducing military training into the Rutgers Summer Session, this year, although nothing yet has been accomplished. Director Elior expects to make a statement in regard to this within a few days.

The telegram sent to Gov. Edge this morning was as follows:

"The Trustees of Rutgers College assure Governor Edge of the loyal readiness of the institution to co-operate with him in the service of the State and Nation at this time of emergency and special responsibilities. They wish to make the resources of the College, its land, buildings, equipment, and educational forces serve the national cause in every possible way. They especially suggest that the facilities of the agricultural, engineering, and military departments may be useful in the immediate movements undertaken by the State and Federal Governments.

"W. H. S. DEMAREST, "President."

MILLTOWN ADDS TO JAIL POPULATION. On a conviction for disorderly conduct, Nic Krohobe has been committed to the county jail for 30 days by Recorder Headley, of Milltown.

The same magistrate has committed George Stephen, a Greek, for a period of 40 days, charged with attacking Alice Gottin, an Italian girl.

"THE JAS" BAND IS IN TOWN. Nobody seems to know just what it is but everybody who ever heard one knows what it DOES. It makes people want to dance and it's the very latest thing.

"MONTALVO," who is always up-to-the-minute has secured the first records of the original DIXIELAND JASS BAND and everyone is invited to call at his new store and hear them. Open evenings. A17-tf*

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FOR RENT—Photograph Gallery at 409 George street. Inquire James O'Connell, 417 George St. J20-tf

War Carried into American Waters by Kaiser's Undersea Craft—Shot Missed Destroyer Smith by 30 Yards Today.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Germany's submarine menace is today a reality to the United States. An underwater craft of the Kaiser's navy made an unsuccessful effort to sink the destroyer Smith, on patrol duty off the Atlantic coast, early today. The submarine was submerged when it was discovered, and the Smith dodged its torpedo, which missed the bow of the destroyer by some 30 yards.

Confirmation of the attack came from Commander Belknap, the Navy Department censor, to whom the first news of the encounter was given by the International News Service. At first officials were skeptical because no official report had been made. Later both the naval stations at New York and Boston confirmed it.

BOSTON, April 17.—Germany has brought the war to the very doors of the United States. The first engagement in the conflict between the United States and

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No Word Yet From Allied War Board

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The State Department at 10.45 o'clock today authorized the following statement:

"We have not received a single word which we can make public regarding the whereabouts of the British and French members of the International War Commission. They are not in the United States as yet. At that time officials also made it plain that until the visitors are at a place where their entire safety is assured, information regarding their whereabouts will be withheld.

Business Suspended Two Hours for Funeral of Milltown Mayor

MILLTOWN, April 17.—Business was suspended throughout the Borough of Milltown yesterday for a period of two hours as the funeral services of the late Mayor William Kubthau, Jr., were being held.

There were a large number of relatives and friends present to pay their last respects to the leading citizen of the town. There were representatives of the Borough Council, the Board of Education, the Board of Health, the Bremen, Rescue Council No. 4, O. U. A. M., Wicakunk Tribe, No. 145, Improved Order of Red Men, New Brunswick Lodge 24, B. P. O. E. and many business men of the town present.

The services were conducted at the late home of the deceased by the Rev. William F. Barry, pastor of the German Reformed Church of this place. The pastor spoke very highly of the deceased and of the many plans he had under way for town improvement, etc. He praised the unselfish character of the Mayor for the work he had accomplished for the benefit of the town and organizations within it.

Several hundred school children marched from the public school yesterday afternoon to the home of the Mayor to view the remains for the last time, of their former Board president and contributed flowers. The Board of Education and Borough Council contributed a handsome floral piece in memory of a vacant chair. The Elks, the M. E. W. and other organizations and friends contributed flowers very liberally.

The pallbearers were two representatives each of New Brunswick Lodge No. 24, B. P. O. E. Rescue Council No. 4, O. U. A. M. of Milltown, and Wicakunk Tribe No. 145, Improved Order of Red Men, of Milltown.

Services were held at the grave by Rescue Council No. 4, O. U. A. M., and Wicakunk Tribe No. 145, Improved Order of Red Men. Interment took place in Van Leeu Cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Quackebush, of New Brunswick.

Bestial mourners are a son Russell Kubthau, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Kubthau, Sr., of Milltown, a brother, Charles Kubthau, of New Brunswick, and a sister, Mrs. J. M. De Hart, of Morris Park, L. I.

CHALMERS CARS. Banker & Van Horne, Agents, 39 Easton avenue. m30-1mo*

Fertilizer and Humus. Odorless Grass and Lawn Top Dressing, and Rex HUMUS, yeast of the earth, in 10, 25 and 100 lb. bags. T. C. DUGAN, 16 NEW ST. PHONE 668. m28-1m*

Automobilists, Attention! We are distributors of Goodyear, Miller, Zee Zee, Endurance and General tires. Tire Service Co., 295 George St. Phone 1339. A7-1mo* h.n.-s.t.

Popular and Classical Sheet Music at Montalvo's, 341 George St. Open evenings.

British Troop Ship Hits Mine

NEW YORK, April 17.—The British steamer Lapland, carrying troops from Canada to England, struck a mine off the British coast, but arrived at her destination under her own steam, according to information received here today.

There were no casualties.

JOINT WAR COMMISSION IS AWAITED

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Sweeping Allied victories on the Western battle front in France today increased the interest in the Great International conference which starts there shortly.

The way in which the British and French alike are forcing back the German line emphasizes the belief in military and diplomatic circles that the danger is past of an enormous and sudden blow against Russia which might overwhelm the new republic and make the task of Germany's foes far greater than had been anticipated.

The real work of the commission will not begin until next week. There is a growing disposition on the part of the Administration to insist on as much publicity as possible for the commission.

Despite the opposition of the War Department experts, it is now believed that Col. Roosevelt may have his chance to place a volunteer division on the battle front. The question of legislation which would authorize such action has been discussed by the Colonel's friends in both Senate and House, and most of them think there is a good chance for passing such a bill. It passed, it is thought President Wilson would willingly sign it.

There is one thing the Administration is determined on—that there shall be no food famine in the United States if human power can prevent. Already the preliminary advice to the Department of Agriculture show the people of the country generally are realizing just what slackness in this regard will mean. Every available bit of land is to be cultivated.

It was pointed out today that this work is of the greatest necessity, war or no war. Should peace come this year, the food products still will be needed everywhere, while if the conflict is prolonged the success of this campaign will prevent certain famine.

Will of Josiah Tice Admitted to Probate

Surrogate Clayton has admitted to probate the will of Josiah Tice, late of this city, which, after making provision for the continuance of the surviving business which the deceased conducted for many years, leaves his entire estate in trust to the executors, Peter F. Daly and John W. Parsons, with directions to pay the income to the widow of the testatrix during life and upon her death to divide the residue in equal shares among the six children who survive Mr. Tice.

The will was executed on March 8, 1917, and witnessed by Thomas H. Hagerty and Esther Ratner.

MRS. HOWARD DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVEN WEEKS

METCHEN, April 17.—After an illness of seven weeks, Mrs. Katherine Howard, wife of Frank E. Howard, passed away at her late home, corner Lake and Amboy avenues, on Sunday. Mrs. Howard took up her residence here with her husband, who is employed as a foreman at the Nixon Nitration Works, Millville, two years ago, and enjoyed the esteem of a large number of friends.

The funeral will be conducted from her late home on Wednesday morning at 8.30, and from the St. Francis Church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made in the family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery, Dover, N. J.

BRUSHES GIVEN AWAY. A kalsomine brush or a paper-hanger's smoothing down brush given free with every purchase of one room paper, a paint brush free with every purchase of one gallon of paint. This offer is for a short time only. M. Levin, Neilson and Bayard streets. J27-tf*

MANUFACTURERS WRESTLE WITH FOOD PROBLEM

Vote to Aid Farmers Financially and Otherwise—Dr. Lipman Tells Manufacturers That the Labor Shortage on Farms Is Serious—May Close College.

"The old world and the new are fast to face with a food problem so vast in its proportions and so threatening in its aspect as to cause the deepest concern to all thinking men and women," Dr. Jacob Lipman, of the New Jersey Experiment Station told the manufacturers' committee of the Home Defense League in pleading for the cooperation of the farmers of the State at a conference held yesterday afternoon at Hotel Klein.

The manufacturers responded to the call and placing patriotism above any personal gain, offered their undivided support in furnishing the manual power for the farms of the immediate vicinity.

"There is no time to be lost, all our resources of labor and soil fertility must be mobilized forthwith, town and country alike must organize as never before to till every tillable acre, to transform all available plant food into human food, and to guard with jealous care all food materials against decay and other forms of waste," Dr. Lipman told the manufacturers.

Those present at the conference were Sidney B. Carpenter who acted as chairman, Ambrose Hardenburgh, Jr., Robert W. Johnson, William J.

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Mobilization of State's Resources Reported by Edge

TRENTON, April 17.—Complying with a request from Secretary of War Baker, who is also Chairman of the Council of National Defense, Governor Edge has submitted a report to the Federal authorities which shows that New Jersey is organized to mobilize all of the State's resources for the emergency of war, has been quietly perfecting machinery which has for its parts all municipalities in the State.

New Jersey's plan for defense, as revealed in this report, is different from that followed in most States in that the Executive heads of the municipalities have been selected to direct the work, with all the power and resources at their command instead of private organizations. The latter, of course, are given every opportunity to work every municipality in the State is a part of this machinery, from the State government itself down to the smallest township or borough.

With the Governor as Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant General's Department as a sort of clearing house or distributing office, the chief executive of every municipality is working along the same lines, carrying out the instructions forwarded constantly from Trenton. There is no overlapping; no lost motion; no chasing around a circle.

This machinery which embraces all the executive power in the State, including authority to plan and execute, is being directed to mobilize the man-power of agriculture, the man-power of industry and the man-power of military service.

Of course, the suggestions and offers of service of all private citizens and all private organizations are being utilized under the plan to the utmost. Every practical suggestion that comes to the Governor from any private citizen or any organization is immediately issued in manifold to the head of every municipality through the Adjutant General's department as a distributing agency. In this way, every single unit of the big State machinery receives the benefit of every useful suggestion or plan or offer of assistance. In order that only the worth-while suggestions may be so promulgated, they are first discussed by the Governor and the Adjutant General and if considered of sufficient importance, immediately distributed as official instructions to the mayors, who in turn pass them along to all subdivisions of the defense organization within the municipalities. The latter divisions constitute the private initiative, immediately distributed by the mayors to serve on the various committees through which the different branches of the work are distributed. The Governor has called the mayors in conference and every one is working in perfect unison; a permanent Secretary has been employed with an office in the State House.

Last chance to buy Johnson's famous sliced smoked beef, 25c half pound. 28 Liberty street. Selling out. A11-tf*

ELECTRIC FACE MASSAGE. Manicuring, Shampoos, Scalp treatment, Hair dressing at H. B. Zimmerman's, 44 Church street. d27-tf*

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Hear the New Edison and Victrola at Montalvo's new store on George street.

PLANS FOR PAVING GET SET-BACK

By Vote of 3 to 2 City Fathers Reject Specifications—Fight on Patented Pavements—Members Give Views.

By the votes of Mayor Farrington and Commissioners Houghton and Morrison the City Commission this morning declined to approve plans and specifications prepared by City Engineer Atkinson and embodied in a resolution by Commissioner Oliver, for the paving of eighteen streets as listed in yesterday's Home News. Commissioners Oliver and Feaster voted for their adoption.

Incidentally, the City Commission majority, as given above, put itself solidly on record as against any "wild program of paving," to use the term given by Mayor Farrington. The Mayor and Commissioners Morrison and Houghton expressed the sentiment that if \$50,000 worth of paving were done this year that would be sufficient in view of the other civic improvements waiting to be financed and the prospect of a high tax rate.

Upon the reading of a resolution by Mr. Oliver for approval of the plans and specifications, Mr. Morrison opened

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PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURE TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Dr. W. T. Sedgwick, Director of the Department of Biology and Public Health, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, will lecture this evening in the Chemistry Building of Rutgers College at eight o'clock. His subject will be "Preparation for Public Health Work."

Dr. Sedgwick is the foremost authority on public health problems in this country, and he is an excellent speaker, so that the lecture will be an unusually attractive one. For many years he has been connected with the United States Hospital Service and with public health commissions.

Three other lectures in the Rutgers course on sanitation will be given this week. To-morrow evening Dr. B. F. Randolph, Assistant Director of the State Hygienic Laboratory, will speak on "Public Health Conditions as they are in New Jersey," and on Thursday evening he will supplement this lecture by an address upon the Health Conditions as they should be in New Jersey.

On Friday, April 20th, Dr. V. A. Moors, of Cornell University, will speak upon "Tuberculosis in Cattle with Special Reference to Infected Milk."

TROMMER'S BOCK BEER. On draught at the Rathskellar. Harding & Miller, Props. M28-tf*

A NEW KIND OF ROLLS. Q. R. S. Word-rolls have the words of the songs printed on the rolls. Among others we have: "Poor Butterfly," "A Perfect Day," "Pretty Baby," "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," "I've Got My Eye on You," "I Love You Truly," "My Fox Trot Girl." Hart Bros., 137 Church street. A17-5t*

DANCING. Fine Q. R. S. player-rolls for dancing: "Poor Butterfly," "Havana," "It's Not Your Nationality," "From Here to Shanghai," "Auf Wiedersehen," "Those Hawaiian Melodies," others. Hart Bros., 137 Church street. A17-5t*

Everybody is going to the entertainment and dance of the Taxicab Drivers at Columbia Hall, Friday evening, April 27. Are you? A17-2t*

REMOVAL NOTICE. Beginning Tuesday, May 1, the down-town office of Charles T. Wales, 18 Spring street, will be located at 138 Albany street, now occupied by the New York Telephone Company. A17-1wk

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