

Rain to-day; probably rain and cooler to-morrow; moderate south winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 70; lowest, 58. Detailed weather reports on page 12.

\$3,000,000 FIRE RUINS ATLANTA HOME DISTRICTS

Business Section Escapes, but Hundreds of Dwellings Burn.

HOUSES DYNAMITED Soldiers, Citizens and Neighboring Cities Aid in Fight.

HIGH WIND REAL MENACE

Several Times Slight Shifts Threaten to Destroy Entire City.

ATLANTA, May 21.—Fire that started late this afternoon in an obscure negro section swept a broad path through the residence section of Atlanta, devastating scores of blocks and destroying many of the city's finest homes and hundreds of negro houses.

High Wind Spreads Flames.

A high wind carried the flames northward with a speed which soon overtook the efforts of the firemen.

The fire was confined to the northwestern part of the city and the only business houses burned were several warehouses near Decatur and Fort streets, the point of origin.

Whole Blocks Blown Up.

Aided by wide Ponce de Leon avenue and the slowly dying wind soldiers, firemen and private citizens blew up whole blocks of houses.

At North avenue North Jackson street became the western boundary and with a slight change in the wind the fire directed steadily in a northeasterly direction.

Contracts Let for 38 Cargo Carriers

Shipping Board Order for More Waits on Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Major-General Goethals, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the Shipping Board, announced to-day that thirty-eight contracts had been executed for date for steel and wooden steamships.

Fears Conscripted; Shoots 2

Warrior Bridegroom Tries to Kill Wife and Himself.

Mineola, N. Y., May 21.—Pearing he would be conscripted for war and that he would have to leave his wife and two-year-old child, whom he married on Christmas day, Harry York, 24 years old, tonight shot his wife, Anna May, in the head and then fired two bullets into his own brain.

Mrs. York will recover, but her husband is fatally hurt. Both are in the hospital here. Ever since it had been announced that men between 21 and 30 might have to go to France York was worried about leaving his bride.

German War Losses for Month \$2,838

LONDON, May 21.—German official casualty lists issued during the month of April, but not necessarily referring to the casualties in April, show: Killed or died of wounds or sickness, 10,979.

PARIS, May 21.—Some idea of the extent of the German losses in the recent Anglo-French offensive in France may be obtained, according to a semi-official note from the fact that while on the Verdun front from February, 1916, to February, 1917—one year—Germany put into action fifty-six and one-half divisions, she put into action eighty-four divisions on the Anglo-French front this year from April 9 to May 11.

FRANK TINNEY, STAR, NOW JOLLY U. S. TAR

Broadway Hears Comedian Has Enlisted in Navy to Shoot Torpedoes.

Broadway heard last night that Frank Tinney, the comedian who made burnt cork famous and who discovered what an orchestra leader was good for, had enlisted in the United States navy, and right away everybody along that feverish and illuminated—until 1 o'clock—the war was practically over, with nothing much left to do but attend to a few messy details.

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According to the information furnished by the French command, Mr. Tinney was seen at the recruiting station in East Twenty-third street and said he wanted to enlist, he did and right away he became a ferocious foe, qualifying as an able seaman because of his knowledge of things nautical.

Sea Dog Tinney couldn't be located last night to verify his previous verification of the reports and explain the discrepancy between the said reports and the navy records.

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System From Bullecourt to Arras Now Held by the British.

Petain's Troops Dominate Region, Permitting Drive Against Laon.

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GREAT FIGHT FOR DRY U.S. IS NEAR

Prohibition for Nation Will Come Up in Congress in Three Weeks.

Loss of \$389,240,000 Annual Revenue From Liquor Must Be Made Up.

Will Block Hasty Action.

Opposition to hasty consideration of the question of prohibition as a part of the food control program was voiced by Chairman Simmons of the Committee on Finance, which now has under consideration the war revenue bill.

Premier's Outline of Action.

The Premier told the House of Commons that the Government will call a convention of Irishmen to frame a constitution for Ireland, and if the Irishmen are unable to do so, the Government will attempt to enact it into law without delay.

Both houses of Parliament discussed the question of prohibition, and the old animosities and feuds disturbing the country were revived.

The cost of drinking beer and whiskey now falls upon the consumer of these beverages.

Plan of Prohibitionists.

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Lloyd George Puts Burden of Solution on Erin's Own People.

Convention to Be Behind Closed Doors—Crown to Pick Chairman.

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Norway and Sweden Near Break With Kaiser

LONDON, May 21.—Everything indicates that Norway and Sweden will be forced to join civilization in the war against Germany.

Norway is even angrier, because after sinking four Norwegian ships in a way that was unsafe, the German Foreign Office, being questioned, curtly replied that it did not know what happened to the crews, which have not been heard from.

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2 NURSES KILLED BY REBOUND OF GUN CUP AT SEA

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SAYS IT BOOMERANGED Target Practice Aboard the Liner Fatal to Red Cross Women.

SHIP BRINGS BODIES BACK

Victims Were 175 Feet From Gun, Which Was Not Damaged.

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