ARMY MEN SOUGHT IN DOUBLE SLAYING

New Jersey Officials Turn for Clues in Several Camps Near Rahway.

SILK ROBBERS SUSPECTED

Chief Burke Says Fugitive Murderers May Have Had Hand in Second Killings.

In their efforts to unravel the tangled skein of circumstances still surrounding the murder at Rahway, N. J., early Thursday of Arthur L. Kupfer and Miss Edith Janny, his pretty nineteen-year-old companion in an all night automobile ride, the authorities last night commenced checking up all soldiers who were absent on pass from the several army camps in that vicinity. The theory that the double slaying was the work of a jealous lover, although not entirely abandoned, has been forced into the background, perhaps temporarily, by a lack of any evidence upon which to base it.

The inquiry has turned toward the army camps as a result of information which came yesterday to Walter Hatfield, Prosecutor of Union county, in which the actual killing was done. According to reports received by him two soldiers appeared at a garage in Elizabeth at 8 A. M. Thursday—approximately five hours after the young man and woman had been shot to death in the cigar factory superintendent's automobile—and sought to hire a motor car to take them "perhaps as far as North Carolina." Although the soldiers appeared to have plenty of money the garage proprietor says he refused to permit one of his cars to go such a distance and they turned away.

There has been a suspicion all along, so the authorities say, that men from army camps might have been responsible for the crime. They point out that Kupfer might easily have been persuaded to take men in uniform into his car if he had met them along the road and they had requested a lift, relying upon their connection with the service as a guarantee of their good character.

Several Camps Near Murder Scene.

Within easy distance of Rahway is the ordnance training camp at the Raritan Arsenal in Metuchen, Camp Morgan, at the Gillespie shell loading works, Perth Amboy, and the base hospital at Colonia, where there are from 50 to 100 men. The double shooting was done with a .38-caliber revolver, such as is used in the army, Chief of Police Burke of Perth Amboy said last night.

Yesterday afternoon and early evening was spent by County Prosecutor Hatfield, John A. Gallatian, chief of the Union county detectives, and Chief Burke and two of his men in going over the route supposed to have been traversed by Kupfer and Miss Janny on the night of the murder. At the end of the ride, which developed little or nothing, there appeared a marked divergence of opinion in the minds of members of the party.

Detective Gallatian accepted one fact as fully established, he said. This was that Isaac Saxe, the Perth Amboy merchant who left the couple at 10:50 P. M. Wednesday night on their return from Seidler's Beach, had been eliminated as a possible factor in the crime. Saxe is greatly affected by the tragedy. As a result of conversation he had with his brother in New York yesterday, the brother last night called up the proprietor of the Palace Hotel in Perth Amboy and asked that a physician be sent upstairs to Isaac's room. The request was complied with and Saxe was found to be in such a condition that the administration of an opiate was necessary.

Gallatian says his mind is entirely "open" regarding the motive for the murder, which, in his opinion, may have been jealousy, a desire for revenge, the theft of the automobile or sheer wanton lust for killing. He declares that there is no truth in a report that Miss Janny recently received a threatening letter.

Suspects Silk Van Murderers.

Chief Burke had no explanation to offer last night as to why he had not made the arrests he announced Friday night he expected to make yesterday. His attitude has changed entirely and instead of continuing to work along the theory that jealousy is the motive he now asserts his belief that the murderers were the men who held up a motor van containing $40,000 worth of silk, killed the chauffeur and later abandoned the vehicle at Aldine Wednesday afternoon.

The motor van murder took place about 3 P. M., between Somerville and Bound Brook, only a few miles from Rahway. The van was left by the murderers on the edge of a large tract of wooded country in which there are but few houses. Chief Burke has an idea, he says, that the three men who killed the driver of the silk truck secreted themselves in the underbrush until early Thursday morning, when they appeared on the road just as Kupfer and Miss Janny were approaching in the former's automobile. It is his idea that they either forced Kupfer to take them into his tonneau at the point of a revolver or that they persuaded him to stop and take them on board and carry them to Newark.

Kupfer, Burke believes, decided to run for the Rahway police station and turn over his passengers to the authorities there. According to his present belief the men sensed the situation when they had reached the point on Milton avenue in front of Dr. Frank Moore's house, killed Kupfer and Miss Janny and threw the former's body out at once. Then they sped away at top speed, depositing the dead girl beside the road three miles further on and eventually abandoning the car entirely when one of the front tires went flat.

Apparently the one point upon which Chief Burke bases his theory is a statement by Policeman John Skolsky, who was nearly run down by the fleeing murderers when he attempted to stop them in Linden, the next town to Rahway. Skolsky says that one of the fugitives wore a light suit and a straw hat. It didn't look to Skolsky like a soldier's uniform. His description answers that given of two of the trio who held up the silk van four or five miles away the previous afternoon.

Dr. Frank Moore said yesterday that after the shooting he saw a man get out of Kupfer's automobile and drag his body from the point where it had been thrown to the curbing where he died a few moments afterward.

New Theory Is Broached.

Detective Sergeant James Thompson of Rahway entered the ring with still another theory yesterday. It is his belief that the shooting did not take place in front of Dr. Moore's residence at all and that the supposed pistol shots heard by the doctor were actually the explosions of the automobile engine, which back fired. Thompson says Kupfer might have sat at the wheel of the car for several miles after he had been shot. He thinks, he says, that the residential section of the town is unlikely to have been picked as the spot for the murders when comparatively lonely stretches of road were so near at hand.

Thompson supports his theory by pointing to the story of Patrolman James Lynch, who saw the motor car speed past him as he was standing in front of the Rahway Bank, a short distance from the Pennsylvania station and Dr. Moore's home. This was within a few seconds of the time Kupfer's body had been thrown from the automobile, and Lynch says it back fired twice as it passed him, the reports sounding exactly like revolver shots. The motor car slowed down, and, believing that it had been stolen because of the speed it had been making, Lynch mounted his bicycle and started in pursuit. But before he had gone more than 150 yards the automobile started again and passed over the bridge, back firing continually until it was out of sight and hearing.

The possibility that Kupfer and Miss Janny had taken some one with them when they left the Highland Park Inn, run by Rudolph Oscarwald, at 1:15 A. M. Thursday was eliminated yesterday by Oscarwald himself. He said he had closed his establishment at midnight and that the place was deserted when the young couple started away.

Mrs. Oscarwald said Miss Janny was greatly worried over the lateness of the hour and asked to be permitted to remain with her all night, sleeping in the bungalow near the roadhouse. Mrs. Oscarwald told the girl that it would be better for her to go home—no matter what her mother might say—than to wait until morning and then appear, showing plainly to the neighbors that she had been out all night.

7 ARRESTS MADE IN 'ROOF' PROPAGANDA

Six Men and a Young Woman Accused of Distributing Seditious Literature.

A young woman and six men were arrested yesterday in a raid on an East 104th street house that is said to have been the headquarters of the Bolshevik group that has been distributing seditious literature. The raid followed an "uprising" that disturbed the East Side Friday night and culminated in a riot outside the New Star Casino in East 107th street.

For several weeks Government agents have been trying to trace the source of an apparently inexhaustible flow of literature attacking the President and the policy of the United States toward the Bolsheviki. Hundreds of pamphlets have fluttered from the roofs to lodge among the people of the congested East Side.

The raid on the 104th street apartment was made by agents of the Department of Justice, military police and a squad of Police Department detectives attached to the Army Intelligence Bureau. Inspector Tunney was in charge.

The following persons were arrested: Mollie Crymer, a waistmaker; Gabriel Trober, bookbinder, Borough Park, Brooklyn; Jacob Abrams, paper cutter, 5 East 104th street; Jacob Schwartz, bookbinder, 5 East 104th street; Samuel Lipman, furrier, 290 Brook avenue, The Bronx; Hyman Rosansky, hatmaker, 79 East 107th street, and Hyman Lachowsky, book binder, 167 Monroe street.

The police said that all the prisoners came from Russia and that none has been in this country more than eight years.

Copies of seditious pamphlets were found as well as copies of *Blast*, an anarchist publication. The pamphlets were printed in English and Yiddish. The police say they also found weapons and forged draft cards.

The prisoners were arraigned before Samuel M. Hitchcock, United States Commissioner, charged with conspiring to violate the espionage law. They were held in $10,000 bail each for a hearing.

Three women and two men who were arrested during the riot outside the New Star Casino, were sentenced to serve two days in the workhouse by Magistrate Pollock in the Harlem court yesterday. The women were Clara and Sophia Kessler, sisters, 214 Forsyth street, and Jennie Konder of Prelinghuysen road, Silver Island. The men were Peter Shapiro, 18, of 319 East Ninety-fifth street, and Abraham Kakiro, 28, of 62 East 131st street.

Tony Ronolsky of 198 Madison street was held for examination to-day. His bail was fixed at $1,000.

QUEENS BOY SAVED COMPANY BY DASH

Wardwell Dexter Won Cross in Defying Barrage.

Another thrilling chapter was written yesterday into the fragmentary history of the 165th Infantry, which has been filtering back to this country from France. This concerns the heroism of Private Wardwell Dexter of Company C, who during the engagement around Chateau Thierry saved his company from annihilation by dashing through a German barrage and bringing up reenforcements. Two messengers had been killed in attempting the trip. He came through the ordeal with his life and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Dexter's mother, Mrs. William Dexter, of Nott and Ely avenues, Long Island City, heard the story yesterday from Eugene Halpin, top sergeant in her son's company. Halpin returned to this country recently with twelve other non-commissioned officers from the 165th to act as instructors and drill masters.

"We had taken a trench," Sergeant Halpin told Mrs. Dexter. "I do not know which one it was but we were fighting around Chateau Thierry at the time. The Germans tried their old game. They laid down a tremendous barrage and with heavy reenforcements were preparing to counter attack. It was die, retreat or reenforcements for us. We did not want to die, we would not retreat, so we sent for reenforcements.

"The telephone was out of order so we sent one man. Later we sent another. Finally Dexter started out. He found the two other men on the way and later we buried them where they lay. He made his way to the reserves. When assured of reenforcements Dexter started back to tell his officer that help was on its way. We held that trench."

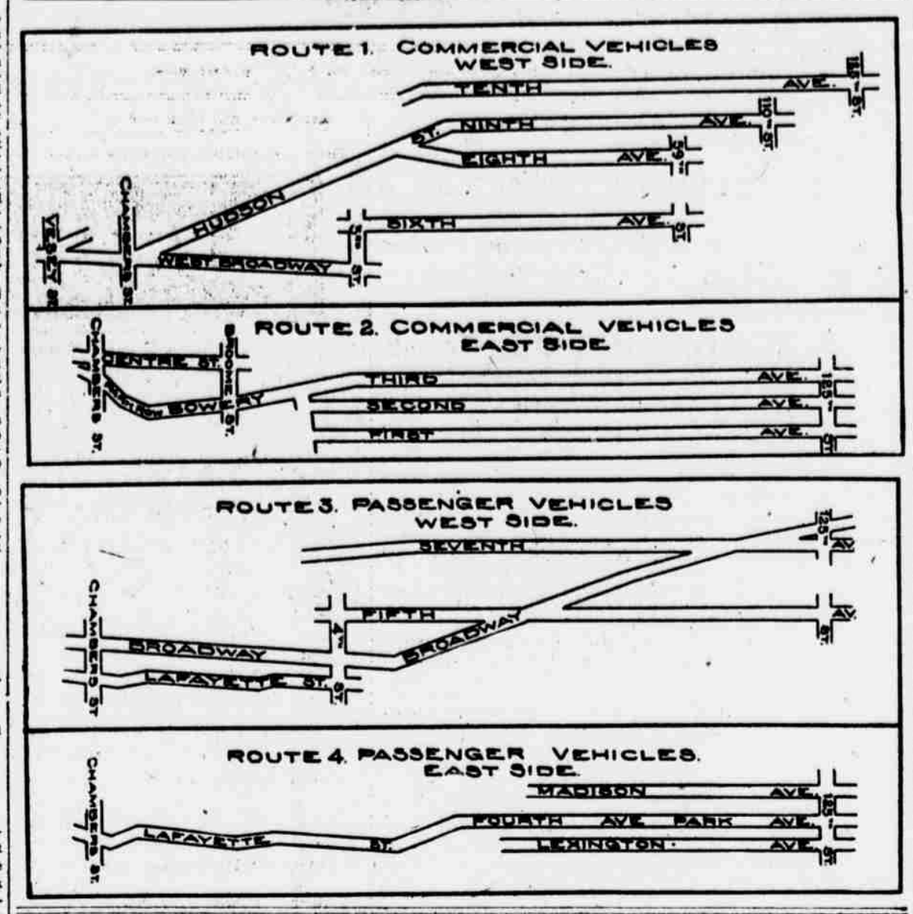
FRAUD CASE GROWS.

Prisoner Held as Swindler Faces Many Charges.

Voorhees Smith of 80 Ludlow street was in more trouble yesterday than he was the day before, when he fell into police hands with only one person appearing against him with charges that he was a swindler. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Epstein of Bath Beach visited the Fifth district court in Manhattan and identified him as the man who had left $5,000 worth of "gold" with them on August 20 and had accepted jewelry and cash amounting to more than $500 in return. The gold later was found to be brass.

Smith put in a busy day, as complaints began coming in from all parts of the city. After the hearing in the Fifth district court he was arraigned in Brooklyn and later at Coney Island police court, and the end is not yet.

Enright's New Plan to End Traffic Confusion



RUSSELLITES WILL DESERT BROOKLYN

Conviction of Leaders as Draft Obstructors Impairs Their Usefulness.

The Russellites, who have for years made Brooklyn their home and whose leaders were sentenced recently as draft obstructors to twenty years imprisonment in the Atlanta Federal prison, intend to leave Brooklyn. Dr. Walter E. Spill, vice-president of the People's Pulpit Association, the local body, admitted yesterday that, after a conference in which the imprisoned leaders participated, such a step had been decided upon.

As a first step in this plan the old Brooklyn Tabernacle at 13 to 17 Hicks street has been sold to the Cameron Machine Company, Inc., for $13,000. Much of the office furniture at "The Bethel" at 122 and 124 Columbia Heights has been sold. Dr. Spill said the organization still owns this extensive property, but indicated it might be disposed of at any time.

When Dr. Spill was asked if the organization intended to establish headquarters in Atlanta, where Leader Joseph F. Rutherford and six of his coworkers are imprisoned, he said:

"I do not believe that the organization will establish headquarters in Atlanta. To me it does not appear that that place would be just the right place to go to. We have considered many places and on many occasions reached what looked like a final decision only to have our intentions changed at the last moment."

The organization feels that the prosecution in Brooklyn of its chief officials and their conviction has greatly impeded it in the pursuit of its religious work.

TENANTS APPEAL TO GOVERNOR

He Refuses to Go Into Matter of Rent Administrator.

A committee from the Tenants League of New York City waited on Gov. Whitman yesterday at the Hotel St. Regis and interviewed him on the rent situation here.

The Governor refused to call a special session of the Legislature to consider the renting problem, but promised the committee he would give the Tenants' League his moral support and consider the various bills which will be forwarded to the Legislature at the regular session in January. It was suggested that a rent administrator be appointed, but the Governor refused to go into the matter and promised to grant a lengthier interview at the Executive Mansion in Albany.

LONG ISLAND COAL DEALERS PROTEST

Charge Favoritism Toward One Company.

A largely attended meeting of disgruntled Long Island coal dealers was held yesterday in the court house at Mineola to protest against alleged unfair practices of the Fuel Administrator of Nassau county in permitting a Long Island coal company to receive 200 cars of anthracite. Resolutions were adopted asking for an investigation by D. W. Cook, the Fuel Administrator for New York State.

William N. Eane of William S. Eane & Sons of Oyster Bay, said that one company received 200 cars of anthracite in April, whereas his own firm had been unable to get a pound.

"It appears that the Fuel Administrator is actually soliciting business," he asserted. "The people and the dealers as well have to buy from one company because there is no other coal available, and the result is that we dealers have been almost frozen out of business."

J. W. Birch of Merritt said he wrote to Irving C. Cox, Fuel Administrator of Nassau county, asking aid in getting coal, and received an answer in which Mr. Cox advised him not to continue in the business under present conditions.

A general question put to the meeting by W. H. Brown of the Long Island Fuel Association, asking if any of the members of the dealers' association had received any aid from the Fuel Administrator, was met with a loud and explosive negative.

A. & S. Employees to See War Film

More than 2,000 employees of Abraham & Straus, Fulton street department store, Brooklyn, will witness the first showing in Brooklyn of the second official United States war picture, "America's Answer," at the Academy of Music to-morrow night. The entire seating capacity has been sold to this firm.

BRONX GIRL GONE; POLICE BAFFLED

May Foral Vanished Aug. 7, Leaving No Trace.

May Foral, 16, of 317 East 150th street, The Bronx, has been missing from her home since Wednesday, August 7, and all efforts of the police and the missing persons bureau to find her have been without avail.

The girl was employed in a cigar factory in East 140th street and on the day of her disappearance left for work at the usual hour. When evening came and she did not arrive home her brother Ralph, with whom she lived, called the manager of the factory on the telephone and found she had not been there that day. He immediately communicated with the police. About two weeks previous, neighbors say, they saw May occasionally speak to two men in the neighborhood. Immediately after the girl's disappearance the men vanished also.

When she left home May wore a dark brown dress, black shoes and no hat. She has dark brown hair, weighs about 120 pounds and is about five feet two inches in height.

TRAVIS CASE TO BE APPEALED.

State's Highest Court Will Sit Tuesday to Hear It.

Notice of appeal from the decision of the Appellate Division overruling Justice Cropsey, who declared void the petition of Eugene M. Travis for renomination as Compptroller because the signatures of the notaries public had not been authenticated, was filed yesterday by Louis J. Altkrug, counsel for John Kissel.

Mr. Altkrug telegraphed to the clerk of the Court of Appeals in Albany advising him of the filing of the paper and asking that a date be set for a hearing. The court previously had agreed to sit on Tuesday.

It was the opinion of Mr. Altkrug that he would not need special permission to go to the higher court, as he asserted, the prohibition against an appeal without such permission in cases of unanimous decision by the Appellate Division ran only where it was an unanimous affirmance.

"I am well pleased over the decision," said Comptroller Travis yesterday. "I wish to thank my various friends throughout the State for their offers of assistance."

FORTY CENT HAIR CUT ZONE AGREED UPON

Manhattan Barbers Scorn Low Prices of The Bronx.

The Bronx barbers may fix the price of haircuts at 15 cents, but the rest of New York will have to pay 40 cents or go long haired. That was the vital point contained in the announcement of George Durant, secretary of Journeymen Barbers Local 632, yesterday, in stating that he had the strike in Manhattan below Fifty-ninth street well in hand.

Mr. Durant said that the backing of Dr. Joseph Rerk of 135 Broadway and other "millionaire barbers" has been obtained to bring about an amicable adjustment of hours and wages. Peace will be restored in tonsorial parlors on Monday, he predicted, or at least by midweek. His statement was seconded by H. P. Apgar, president of the local, who said that ninety-five Manhattan boss barbers had accepted the terms of the strikers and 700 journeymen would be at their chairs on Monday.

"We want to make ourselves independent of tips and not objects of charity," President Apgar asserted.

The wage scale which the boss barbers are asked to pay is $15 a week for street shops, with half over $25 taken in by any one barber; $18 a week for hotel shops, with half over $30 taken in.

Mr. Durant wished it understood that the Manhattan strike has nothing to do with The Bronx. He said that no self-respecting barber would entertain the notion of 15 cent haircuts.

U. S. NAMES TERMINAL CHIEF.

Mantell Will Take Charge Along Jersey Water Front.

John J. Mantell, general superintendent of the Erie Railroad, was appointed yesterday terminal manager and in charge of all railroad terminals between Greenville and Edgewater, along the New Jersey water front.

The appointment was announced by A. H. Smith, Director of Railroads in the Eastern region, and by C. H. Markham, director in the Alleghany region, and is approved by W. G. McAdoo, Federal Director of Railroads.

In addition to looking after all railroad terminals along the water front, Mr. Mantell will have supervision of all railroad terminal yards adjacent thereto.

INSANITY SAVES 2 FROM DEATH CHAIR

Lunacy of Pair, in Cells for Condemned, Discovered by Sing Sing Doctor.

Conrad Hart of Brooklyn and Earl Austin of Canandaigua, two convicted murderers in Sing Sing, were taken from the death house yesterday to an insane hospital. Both will escape the electric chair.

The men owe their lives to Lieut. Amos O. Squire, U. S. N., official prison physician, who during his visits to the condemned cells found they showed traces of insanity. Dr. Squire so reported to Gov. Whitman, who designated Drs. Pilgrim, Kieb and Smith of various State hospitals as a commission of alienists to investigate Dr. Squire's report. They bore out what Dr. Squire said, and the Governor commuted both prisoners and ordered them removed to the Dannemora State Hospital at Dannemora prison.

Besides being irrational, Hart has been growing weaker for months and only weighed ninety-two pounds when moved. A while ago the Governor granted him a three months' stay when it was reported that the murderer was predisposed to tuberculosis and would live only a short time.

Hart was convicted of killing Mary B. Edwards in Kings county in September, 1917. Austin murdered a farmer and a woman in Ontario county a year ago. Both slayers are 32 years old.

TABLEAUX PORTRAY HEROISM.

Patriotic Display in Windows of Marshall Field & Co.

The heroic spirit of Belgium, Italy, France, Great Britain and the United States is appealingly pictured in five allegorical tableaux on display in the show windows of Marshall Field & Co., manufacturers and converters, on Broadway at Twenty-fourth street. They were designed and executed by the firm's window staff, were displayed in the retail store in Chicago during the last Liberty Loan drive and have been brought to New York to help the next drive here. The Fuel Administration has given permission for illumination of the windows on Friday and Saturday nights each week, to benefit those who cannot see the tableaux in the daytime.

The purpose of the artists who arranged the tableaux is to portray the attitude of each nation in the war as manifested by its standard bearer. The figure representing the United States expresses this sentiment:

"That men everywhere may breathe the air of human freedom, that nations, weak and helpless, may no longer be vandalized and trodden down; that the world may become forever safe from the tyranny of militarism—the American boy with Old Glory goes 'over the top,' and in the glare of a world on fire we shall not fail to see him, day on day, in the unflinching van with those who 'carry on' to final victory."

ORDERS I. R. T. TO END QUEENSBORO JAMS

Magistrate Fines Two Men Who Dodge Paying Fares.

Magistrate Kochendorfer of the Long Island City court partly, but only partly, sympathized with the I. R. T. yesterday after he had imposed fines of $1 each on two workmen who in the rush hour fought their way aboard an elevated train near the Queensboro Bridge and finally succeeded in getting in through the exit door without paying their fare.

Reports that reached the Magistrate were that a general row took place resulting from this action. Three men were arrested, one of whom after spending several hours in jail received a suspended sentence. After handing out the two $1 fines, Magistrate Kochendorfer sat down and addressed a communication to Frank A. Hedley, general manager of the Interborough.

He said that 15,000 people quit work for the day between 5 and 5:30 in the section of Long Island City abutting the bridge and that the burden of handling them without trouble is upon the company.

"It seems to me," he said, "that the situation can be remedied without annoyance to your company and inconvenience to the passengers if you would have an additional ticket chopper on duty at each station at the rush hour. I feel that the people who use your lines are entitled to some consideration and it is my desire to see that justice is done to all concerned."

NEW LAW WILL END STREET CONGESTION

Enright Separates Commercial and Light Vehicle Traffic Going North and South.

TO BE EFFECTIVE SEPT. 16

Two Classes Will Be Held Rigidly to Their Own Routes of Travel.

In order to relieve the ever growing congestion of traffic, especially up and down town movements, it will be separated into two general classes, and each class will follow distinct routes mapped out by Police Commissioner Enright, each class encroaching upon the other's routes as little as possible in the transaction of its business. The new regulations are to be in effect starting 12:01 A. M. September 16. And the interpretation to be put upon them is principally "common sense," according to the belief of traffic officers old in the service.

The new rules are law, and nobody must make any mistake about that, according to the officers, but common sense is to be used in executing them. More or less leniency will be used at first, with gradual tightening up as the people become accustomed to them. "Ignorance excuses no one," will probably be winked at and the offender instructed, and then woe be unto him if he violates a second time.

Will Mean Quicker Movement.

In mapping out the new routes it is believed that traffic following each in its class, and distinctly letting the other alone, will be greatly facilitated in quicker movement. For instance, the separation of heavy traffic, as trucks, drays and wagons, no matter what the moving force or power, from the more speedy vehicles, automobiles, buggies and passenger carrying rolling stock, will restore order to the now confused traffic.

It is reasoned that fast moving traffic with no slow moving impediments sprinkled in among it will be orderly and smooth flowing, keeping of course the same average speed. There will be no turning out from behind slow moving trucks, which repeatedly stops or slows down each vehicle behind for blocks. Naturally the same smooth and orderly flow of slow moving traffic will result when it is confined to its class alone.

But there will be many occasions when the classes will have to mix. Then the invading vehicle is to enter upon the forbidden thoroughfare at the nearest intersecting street to the address it wished to reach and leave by the nearest intersecting street. The only exceptions to this rule are vehicles in the performance of duty from the Fire Department, Police Department, ambulances, fire patrol, United States mail, military and public service corporations. Crosstown traffic will remain as it is for the present.

For Commercial Vehicles.

Thoroughfares designated for commercial vehicles:

First avenue, Houston to 125th street.
Second avenue, Houston to 125th street.
Third avenue, Fifth to 125th street.
Sixth avenue, Third to Fifty-ninth street.
Eighth avenue, Abington Square to Fifty-ninth street.
Ninth avenue (Columbus), Fourteenth to 110th street.
Tenth avenue (Amsterdam), Fourteenth to 125th street.
Park Row, Duane to Division street.
Bowery, Division to Canal street.
Bowery, Grand to Fifth street.
Centre street, Pearl to Broome street.
West Broadway, Vesey to Third street.
Hudson street, Chambers to Fourteenth street.

For Passenger Traffic.

Thoroughfares designated for passenger and private vehicles:

Canal street, Lafayette to the Bowery.
Lafayette street, Duane to Astor place.
Fourth street, Lafayette to West Broadway.
Lexington avenue, Twenty-third to 125th street.
Vanderbilt avenue, Forty-second to Forty-fifth street.
Fourth avenue (Park), Astor place to 125th street.
Madison avenue, Twenty-third to 125th street.
Fifth avenue, Waverly place to 125th street.
Seventh avenue, Greenwich avenue to 125th street.
Broadway, Chambers to 125th street.

FILM EXPORTATION BARRED.

Two Held in Attempt to Send Reels to Mexico.

According to an interpretation of the trading with the enemy law of Laurence H. Axeman, Assistant United States Attorney, moving picture films are a tangible means of communication and may not be sent out of the country without permission.

Mr. Axeman caused the arraignment before Samuel M. Hitchcock, United States Commissioner, yesterday of Casimiro Gonzales, representative of a Mexican motion picture company, and William Steadman, an employee of a steamship company. They were charged with attempting on July 10 to forward two trunks filled with films to Mexico. The reels contained war scenes.

The defendants were held in $2,500 bail each to await the action of a Federal Grand Jury.

ACIDS ROUT NEIGHBORS.

Government Supplies Damaged by Fire in Warehouse.

Government supplies were damaged and a panic was caused among tenement dwellers in the vicinity early yesterday morning by fire in the brick building occupied by the Sunset Warehouses, Inc., 55 Clarkson street. Two explosions were heard inside the building shortly after the flames gained headway. Three alarms were rung in before the fire was put under control. The damage was estimated by the police at $100,000.

The fire is believed to have originated on the ground floor and spread upward through the elevator shaft. Quantities of Government supplies, including chemicals, acids, antimony and matches were stored in the building. The odor from the acids caused a general exodus from tenements.

$5,000 Fire in Brooklyn Hospital.

Fire in St. Mary's Hospital, at St. Mark's and Buffalo avenues, Brooklyn, yesterday morning caused a loss of $5,000. The Rev. John A. Ferry was saying mass in the chapel when Sister Superior Mary Margaret noticed flames in a cupola. At her direction shades of all windows facing the blaze were drawn. Firemen approached quietly, and when water began to flow word was passed through the wards that a water pipe had burst. None of the 200 patients was disturbed. Firemen, aided by internes, volunteers and convalescent sailors, put the fire out.

600 CAR MEN OUT, STRIKERS ASSERT

Third Avenue Surface Lines Crippled Below Harlem River, Union Contends.

SEEK TIEUP IN THE BRONX

Fight Made for Right to Organize After Several Men Are Discharged.

At a meeting attended by 500 striking motormen and conductors of the Third avenue surface lines in Lyceum Hall, Eighty-sixth street and Third avenue, last night it was announced that 25 per cent. of the company's service below the Harlem River had been put out of business by the action of the union men in abandoning work. It was asserted that 600 of the 2,400 employees on the runs in that section of the city were out.

An effort is to be made to induce The Bronx employees to abandon their runs at another meeting, to be held in Lyceum Hall at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The union leaders assert that they are rapidly gaining strength and that the company's action in discharging members of their organization is contrary to the spirit of President Wilson's declaration of the right of workers to organize.

The first trouble between the strikers and motormen and conductors who have remained at work occurred at West 125th street and Amsterdam avenue last night when half a dozen of the former, wearing blue and white buttons in their lapels, attacked Richard A. Rodenberg, a motorman living at 366 West Fifty-fifth street, after he had left his car at the West 129th street barns.

Reserves Scatter Strikers.

Police reserves were called and scattered the strikers. They arrested a man who described himself as Patrick Keen, a motorman, of 2100 Eighth avenue, and locked him up in the West 125th street station on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Dr. Carroll of the Knickerbocker Hospital answered an ambulance call and said Rodenburg probably had a fractured right shoulder. He refused to go to the hospital and was taken home. Rodenburg was being badly beaten when Patrolmen Sullivan and Singer forced their way through the mob and rescued him. He was unable to identify any of his assailants, he said. Police posts in the vicinity of the car barns were doubled last night.

Traffic on the various lines of the Third Avenue surface car system was affected materially yesterday by the considerable number of men who quit work during the day.

The system employs about 4,000 men. At a meeting held on Friday night, with Patrick J. O'Brien, second vice-president of the Amalgamated Railway Employees of America, presiding, it was announced that 500 men were to quit yesterday morning and that by night every man employed on the system would be out.

Only 200 Out, Says Maher.

Sundown yesterday, however, found O'Brien incompletely justified as a prophet. Enough men had quit to disturb the service, but about two-thirds of the cars of the system were still running, although on Third avenue itself the cars were about ten minutes apart.

O'Brien and his lieutenants issued statements during the day setting the number of men who had gone out at 1,000. Edward Maher, Jr., vice-president and general manager of the road, insisted that not more than 200 men were missing from duty.

"Sixty men were discharged yesterday," he said, "for the good of the service. Some others, less than 150, appear to have joined them, since they have not turned up for work. There is no strike. No demands have been made on the company by any labor organization. The men who have quit describe themselves as locked out and say this is not a strike but a suspension. I don't know who locked them out unless they locked themselves out, and the distinction between a strike and a suspension is too subtle for me to grasp."

To this O'Brien replied that no demands had been made upon the railroad officials except that they recognize the union and that they had refused to recognize it.

"I understand," he declared, "that the road plans to discharge 1,000 men because they belong to the union. About 1,000 have walked out as a protest against this attitude. It is a question of recognition of the union, and if there is a strike it will be because of the determination of the men to uphold the proclamation of President Wilson which supports the right of employees to join a labor union."

SUES MOUQUIN'S FOR $50,000.

Attorney Says he Was Falsely Accused of Pilfering.

Harry A. Talbot, an attorney with offices in 80 Maiden lane, yesterday commenced suit for $50,000 against the Mouquin Restaurant and Wine Company for falsely connecting him with the disappearance of a silver cream pitcher from one of its tables.

Plaintiff says that on June 29 he and a friend were having a meal served them in the restaurant when the defendant made malicious statements concerning him. Mr. Talbot alleges that the statement made by the defendant was as follows: "You must produce the pitcher or pay for it. There were no others at your table, therefore you must have it. We lose hundreds of dollars this way every month. Ordinarily we refer matters of this kind to the police."

REPORT THREE MORE VICTIMS OF U-RAIDS

Transfer of Crew at Sea Told by Coast Guards.

A report which furnishes strong evidence of additional ravages of enemy submarines along the Atlantic seaboard was brought to an Atlantic port last night by coast guardsmen from a nearby station. During the afternoon, they said, they saw two steamers some distance out from the station stop abreast of each other while one of them, apparently a foreigner, transferred seven or eight men to the other.

The ship to which the men were transferred was headed for an Atlantic port; the other was outward bound. The shift occurred about three miles from shore, too far for the identity of either vessel to be established.

The coast guardsmen are convinced the small group of men form a part of the crew of some vessel recently destroyed by a U-boat. Although the crews of all ships known to have been sunk within the last few days have been accounted for at least three unidentified ships, two of them schooners, according to a reliable report, have been sunk.

The captain of a coastwise sailing ship which reached an Atlantic port Friday said he passed an overturned steel vessel about 300 feet in length, the dismantled hull of a schooner and a sunken four masted schooner, the masts of which were protruding just above the water's surface.

The Sun Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York—Fair in the interior, probably rain and cooler on the coast to-day; to-morrow fair; moderate southeast to east winds, probably increasing this afternoon.

For New Jersey—Rain and cooler to-day; to-morrow fair; increasing east to southeast winds.

For northern New England—Fair to-day and to-morrow; gentle northeast winds.

For southern New England—Fair in interior, probably rain on the coast late to-day; to-morrow fair; moderate and variable winds becoming east.

For western New York—Generally fair to-day and to-morrow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The tropical disturbance is apparently passing west-northwest to the south of Jamaica. So far it appears to be of little intensity. A barometric disturbance has developed during the last twenty-four hours over the Carolina coast and is moving slowly northeastward, but as yet it is of little intensity. Heavy rains have fallen on the Carolina coast and there have been thunder showers in the middle Mississippi Valley, Arkansas, east Texas and northern New England. The temperature changes have been unimportant. It is reported that the Carolina coast disturbance will move northeastward during Sunday and give rain along the coast to southern New England. Thunder showers are probable in the east Gulf States and Tennessee and the lower Ohio Valley. Elsewhere generally fair weather will prevail, with light temperature changes.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS.

	8 A. M.	8 P. M.
Barometer	30.03	29.94
Humidity	82	77
Wind—direction	S. W.	S.
Wind—velocity	11	20
Weather	Clear	Clear
Precipitation	None	None

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

8 A. M.	69	1 P. M.	82	6 P. M.	82
9 A. M.	71	2 P. M.	84	7 P. M.	81
10 A. M.	74	3 P. M.	83	8 P. M.	78
11 A. M.	77	4 P. M.	85	9 P. M.	75
12 M.	79	5 P. M.	85	10 P. M.	74

	1918.	1917.		1918.	1917.
9 A. M.	71	74	6 P. M.	82	76
12 M.	79	81	9 P. M.	75	78
3 P. M.	83	72	12 Mid.	74	74

Highest temperature, 85, at 4 P. M.
Lowest temperature, 68, at 6 A. M.
Average temperature, 78.

Observations yesterday at United States Weather Bureau stations showing atmospheric conditions in the various cities:

	Temperature. High	Low	Wind.	Veloc. ity	Rain	Weather
Atlantic City	80	72	S.	Lt.	...	Clear
Eastport	72	...	S.E.	6	.10	Rain
Boston	86	72	S.W.	12	.08	Cloudy
Jacksonville	90	74	S.	14	...	Clear
Chicago	76	72	S.E.	Lt.	...	Clear
St. Louis	74	74	E.	8	2.82	Rain
Minneapolis	86	62	W.	10	...	Clear
Denver	80	52	N.E.	Lt.	...	Clear
Bismarck	88	64	N.W.	12	...	Clear
Charleston	90	74	S.W.	12	...	Cloudy
Norfolk	84	...	E.	14	.01	Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Standard Time.

Sun rises.....6:15 A M Sun sets.....7:42 P M
Moon sets.....10:27 A M

HIGH WATER THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..10:02 A M Gov. Island..11:16 A M
Hell Gate.....12:27 P M

LOW WATER THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook..4:43 A M Gov. Island..5:15 A M
Hell Gate.....6:50 A M

Note—The foregoing table has been corrected to conform to new "artificial time."

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Band concert, the Mall, Central Park, 4 P. M.

Address by Dr. William Spurgeon on "Why Am I a Christian?" West Side Y. M. C. A., 4 P. M.

Rally of the Brooklyn Council of Anti Yellow Dog Clubs, Broadway Theatre, 10:15 A. M.

Rally of the Sunday Evangelistic Association, Gov. Whitman and James W. Gerard speakers, Central Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn, 3:30 P. M.

New York City Editors' Convention, Hotel Majestic, 10 A. M.

PLAN TO BAR ALIEN ENEMIES ON COAST

35 Mile Zone From Matawan Creek to South of Point Pleasant, N. J., Proposed.

A proposal to create an alien enemy barred zone thirty-five miles long from Matawan Creek to the Metedeconk River south of Point Pleasant, on the New Jersey coast, was discussed yesterday at a meeting of representatives of the army, navy and Attorney-general with Rufus W. Sprague, Jr., chief of the New York port enemy alien bureau. The proposed zone will extend from one to two miles inland, and will be barred to enemy aliens without permits.

The possibility of persons on shore communicating with German submarines leads to the proposal for a coast barred zone. Many German aliens engaged in truck farming will be affected if the zone is created. The conference yesterday was the first of a series and nothing definite was decided upon.

Among the officials present were Major Marston of Governor's Island, United States Marshal Hollschwender of the northern district of New Jersey and Commander Rittman of the New York navy yard.

MAIDS TO "HOLD UP" JAMAICA MOTORISTS

Will Collect $1 From Each for Hospital Fund.

A "hold up" game will be played on roads leading to Jamaica, L. I., for two days beginning Friday at 10 A. M. 125 of the fairest damsels of Queens borough, who will be garbed in white and will have their hair tied with red, white and blue ribbons. They have pledged themselves to stop every motorist on the roads and collect $1 from each for the automobile ambulance fund of St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica. They need $4,000 and they are going to get it—if the traffic is heavy enough.

A pass will be given to every contributing motorist to be stuck on his windshield, allowing access to roads further on without challenge from the fair captors. The campaign will last through Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day. The girls have announced that the roads of Long Island are in excellent condition for driving, and they make a notion that once the public hears what they are up to the dust of the tourists will not settle on the Jamaica highways from day to day.

James J. Munro of Richmond Hill, the only man connected with the affair so far as could be learned, is posted at the stations at which the girls will stand. The ladies auxiliary of St. Mary's