WIDESPREAD PLOT **BEING CARRIED OUT**

Indications of Attempt to Cripple War Activities of United States Is Seen.

FIRES BREAK OUT

Soldiers and Police Guards Have Been Trebled at Shipyards and War Plants-Government Agents Believe Germans at Work.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- Indications of widespread plot to cripple the war activities of the United States were seen today in a series of fires in shipyards, on munition ships, in war plants and storage buildings at various points tions the Atlantic seaboard and farther inland. Nearly all of them were of distinctly suspicious origin.

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Fears that the flames may have been set by enemy altens were given strength by the fact that they started within a few hours at widely caparated points almost a week to a day after Edward N. Burley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, declared that the Government had been given authoritative warning of a German pict to apply the torch to plants of all kinds, especially shippards, which are producing implements of war.

Mr. Hurley ordered the trebling of solders and police guards at all warplants and in some cases this precaution resulted in proventing even more serious losses. It was announced from Washington today that this warning was lesued because a "crank letter" had not been properly investigated, but Government agents in various parts of the country were inclined to believe that it was well-founded. Guards were again strengthened to make even more difficult the depredations of German more difficult the depredations of German more difficult the depredations of German agents.

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day, but they were extinguished before serious damage had been done.

Ten Die in Torpedo Station Explosion, Some Injured, Others Missing. NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 26.—Three bomb proofs at the naval torpedo sta-tion here were wrecked late today by an explosion of fulminate of mercury,

killing at least 12 civilian employee and injuring seven others, one probably

Tan others were buried in the ruins of the heavily concreted structures and little hope was expressed that many of them would be removed alive.

Captain Edward L. Beach, commandant of the station, said none of the striviors was able to give an account of what had happened, but there was no doubt, he asserted, that the explosion was accidental.

Late tonight a rescue party heard

Late tonight a rescue party heard voices in the ruins of No. 1 bomb proof, one of the wrecked structures. A pipe was sunk to the spot and it was learned two men were alive. They were given stimulants and nourishment through the pipe and a derrick was impressed into service to relieve the heavy debris

the high explosive in torpedo heads.
Only enough explosive is kept on hand to meet the demands for the day, and the shelters are built for the most part under ground, to localize explosions. There are eight bemb proofs on the island and today's explosion was of sufficient force to wreck only Nos.

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The women's class in home nursing, recently organized by Miss Nancy Rogers, which is now half way through its course, will have its first review of sufficient force to wreck only Nos.

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That the loss of life in the bomb street. A woman physician will suppress was not greater was due to the fact that at neon about half the usual number of employes in the three shelters had been transferred temporarily. Miss Rogers' idea in organizing the

Heavy Loss Results From Water Used

in Extinguishing Flames.

A commission of Army officers will conduct the inquiry.

The home guard at Kearny, N. J., was called out tonight by Polics Commissioner Davis, and more than 100 men, fully armed, were posted in the neighborhood of the plants of the Federal Shipbuilding Company and the Foundation Company, close to the Seans of the fire. acens of the fire.

PETERSBORO, Ont., Jan. 26 .- This city suffered damage estimated at \$500,-500 today when fire wiped out one-hair of the business section. The fire was caused by the explosion of a boiler in

PATERSON, N. J. Jan. 28 .- The Fidelity storage warehouse was burned here last night with an estimated loss of \$150,800. One life is believed to have been lost.

EXAMINATION DATES SET United States Civil Service An-

nounces Competitive Tests.

The United States Civil Service Com-mission announces open competitive ex-aminations as follows:

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy tonight cancelled all trains to the Pacific Coast because statistical cierk (male), \$1800; sta- of the storm.

Grain sampler (male) in the Bureau of irlets, Department of Agriculture, for duty Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, at en-three salaries ranging from \$1000 to \$1620 year.

on year.

On account of the urgent needs of the service, applications for the above positions may be filed at any time.

February 10, 1918, investifator in marketing cotton seed and its products (male), in the Bureau of Markets, Department of Agriculture, with headquarters in Washington.

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February 26, 1918, senior mechanical engineer (male), in the Bureau of Standards.

Pepartment of Commerce, Washington, D. C.,

1 \$2500 to \$3000 a year.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from M. K. Wigton, local secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice building, Portland, Or.

EFFICIENCY METHODS PLEDGED AT DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

Formation of Northwest Dairy Council Similar to National One Is Plan. Pertland Gets Convention.

SPOKANE. Jan. 26. - The Pacific

Dr. J. B. Martin, assistant state vet-erinarian of Washington, speaking on the eradication of tuberculosis in dairy There were other fires of a suspicious nature in New York, Paterson, N. J.; Buffalo, Maynard, Mass., and Peterboro, Canada. In every case a rigid investigation will be made either by municipal or military authorities, in an effort to fix the responsibility.

Hermanian of Washington in dairy the eradication of tuberculosis in dairy the eradication of the tubercular. It was the unanimous opinion that the elimination of the tubercular cow was of as much value to the herd owner as to

FIRE PREVENTION OBJECT

Citizens' Commission Urged to Keep Up Interest in Work.

A permanent citizens' fire prevention commission to conduct campaigns and keep up interest in fire prevention work is to be named by City Commissioner Bigelow. Letters asking 30 men to accept appointment to the organiza-tion and asking eight clubs to appoint epresentatives were sent out yester-

The clubs invited to name represenre clubs invited to name represen-tatives are the Ad Club, Retary Club, glast Side Business Men's Club, Realty Board, City Club, Parent-Teachers' As-sociation, Progressive Business Men's

The individuals invited to accept membership are: E. M. Underwood, Forest Fisher, O. W. Davidson, A. M. Churchill, B. F. Boynton, A. G. Long, Aaron Frank, H. P. Coffin, B. F. Dowell, Fire Chief; John Young, C. A. Bigeiow, H. P. Roardman, Harvay, O. Bryan, H. F. ever, before they could be rescued.

By midnight 19 bodies had been recovered. Eight of them were identified.

The explosion occurred in bomb proof. No. 2, used as a drying room for detonators after they have been filled with fulminate of mercury. The detonators are designed for setting off the high explosive in torpedo heads.

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ters had been transferred temporarily class was to teach women to care for to another department. MUNITION SHIP TAKES FIRE shortage of trained nurses because of

Rev. Jonah B. Wise to Speak.

Rev. Jonah B. Wise, of Portland, is AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 26.—
Loaded with war supplies for the Italian army, some of them highly in-flammable, a 13,000-ton American munition steamship, armed fore and aft. Library under the ausplices of the Portaday from an unknown south fire today from an unknown south fire land Chapter, Intercollegiate Socialist sand making ready to sail, caught fire teday from an unknown source while tied up at her pier.

Fireboats deluged the ship, and more damage was done by water than by fire. The loss is not yet computed, but will be heavy. The fire was kept from the inflammable and explosive portions of the cargo. the inflammable and explosive portions of the cargo.

The fire was discovered by workmen. The naval gun crew at once shut off portions of the cargo and aided the crew in subduing the fire.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 26—A rigid military investigation of the fire at Port Newark terminal today, which caused a loss of \$1,500,000 at the University of Oregon, and Colonel C. E.

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W. G. MacLaren, general superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society, yesterday announced

Corporation shipyard, was ordered tonight by Major General W. A. Mann.
commanding the Eastern department.
A commission of Army officers will
conduct the inquiry.
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was called out tonight by Polica Commissioner Davis, and more than 169
Hurnside street.

German Held for Investigation.

Herbert Kester, 28, a German, with first citizenship papers, was arrested last night at First and Madison streets by Patrolman Palmer and held for in-quiry. When searched by the police the prisoner was found to carry an electric torch and a number of papers rolled up. Kester said he was a florist and that his home was in East India.

Like Name Causes Embarrassment. Friends yesterday called attention to the fact that embarrasement has been brought upon Mrs. Harry M. Henderson, 886 East Twentieth street, because of the arrest Friday of a Mrs. Harry of road between this city and Fort

HOME GUARD ALIVE

Portland's Waterfront Is Fully Policed by Well-Armed Men.

STATE TROOPS ON DUTY

Guard Stations, Fully Equipped, Established at Six Shipbuilding Plants-Headquarters Are Maintained at Armory.

Chief of Police Johnson said last night that, because of the big fire in New Jersey and fires at other places throughout the country, the city ad-ministration has taken unusual precautions to prevent anything of the kind

The waterfront is covered from every angle, and every possible measure to insure safety of manufacturing plants and materials is being taken. All spe-cial watchmen along the river have been equipped with first-class revolvers and have instructions as to their duties in case of any attempted incen-

The Oregon State Guard has 200

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BANNER AT CAPITOL TO BE DIS-PLAYED TUESDAY.

Twenty-three Stars on Fabric Made by Young Women Represent State Employes in Service.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 25 .- (Special) -- Ar SALEM, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special)—Arrangements have been completed for the programme to be given next Tuesday at the State Capitol at the hanging of the service flag for state employes. The flag contains 23 stars and was made by young women in the employ of the state. The programme was arranged by State Printer Lawrence, Insurance Commissioner Wells, Lester B. Davis, of the Insurance Department; Industrial Accident Commissioner Allen eral Brown, Supreme Justice Benson and Superintendent Churchill, while the dedication address will be made by Governor Withycombe. The benediction will be given by Supreme Justice Moore. There will also be musical selections by a male quartet.

The men from the market.

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The men from the State Capitol now in service, the departments they represent and their locations are as fol-

State Printing Department-M. D. Pilken-State Printing Department, San An-State Printing Department—M. D. Pilkenton, Quartermaster's Department, San Antonio, Tex.; Budd Welch, Quartermaster's
Department, San Antonio, Tex.; Frank Lawrence, Fourth Company, Coast Artillery, Astoria, Or.; Binger Sefton, Hospital Corps,
San Antonio, Tex.; Howard Freeland, Company C. Fourth Engineers, Vancouver,
Wash,; Clay Toothacre, United States Marines, Mare Island, San Francisco, Cal.
Supreme Court Library—Allan Jones, Company M, 162d Infantry, France.

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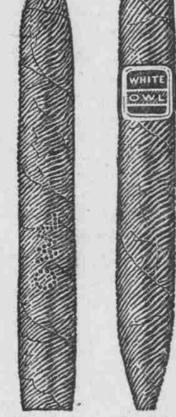
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Mr. Ackerson decided the man was a fraud and started after him, but Cobb scented trouble and beat a hasty

retreat, dashing out onto the street, bound west on Alder. Mr. Ackerson and others who quickly Mr. Ackerson and content of the took up the chase cried out to the took up the chase cried out to the crowds along the way to stop the fleeting man. Several tried it and failed, but finally, at Fifth street, Special Deputy Sheriff Rader tackled the job and brought the fugitive to a hait. He was quickly surrounded by a large and interested group of men, women and interested group of men, women and interested group of men, women and the facts.

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children, all eager to learn the facts.

Deputy Rader and Mr. Ackerson bundled their "catch" into a big touring car and drove him to police headquarters, where he alighted and headed across Oak street toward the station house, but suddenly attempted to especially and devices and deviced away from his cantors.

Mra Belle W. Cooke, who died December 19, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George H. Lee, of Newberg, was well known as a writer in the early days of Oregon.

Mra. Cooke was born at Meriden, Conn., in 1835. Her parents were Duniel and Anna Walker. She crossed the plains in 1851 with her uncle, George C. Chandler. In 1852 she was married in Portland at the home of S. A. Clarke to Joseph Cooke. With her husband to Joseph Cooke. With her husband to make a continue down to make a continue down. The falled, however, for Evans gave him a clip on the jaw that unsteadled him and then marched to estate they were boys.

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of the arrest Friday of a Mrs. Harry Henderson, held on a statutory charge with William Tyler. The women are in no way related.

Burlington Cancels Coast Trains.

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