

BESPREAD PLANT BEING CARRIED OUT

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MANY 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 a 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 along the Atlantic seaboard and farther inland.

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

Mr. Hurley ordered the trebling of soldiers and police guards at all war plants and in some cases this precaution resulted in preventing even more serious losses. It was announced from Washington today that this warning was issued 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 agents.

Three bomb-proof wrecksed. Ten die in Torpedo Station Explosion, Some Injured, Others Missing.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 26.—Three bomb proofs at the naval torpedo station here were wrecked late today by an explosion of fulminate of mercury, killing at least 12 civilians, employees, and injuring seven others, one probably fatally.

Ten others were buried in the ruins of the wrecked structures. A pipe was struck to the spot and it was feared two men were alive. They were given stimulants and nourishment through the pipe and a derrick was impressed into service to relieve the men.

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MUNITION SHIP TAKES FIRE. Heavy Loss Results From Water Used in Extinguishing Flames.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 26.—With war supplies for the Italian army, some of them highly inflammable, a 10,000-ton American munition steamship, armed fore and aft, was being towed to sea tonight by a tug today 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.

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 United States Quartermaster's department supply depot and the Submarine Boat Corporation shipyard, was ordered tonight by Major General W. A. Mann, commanding the Eastern Department.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 26.—The fidelity storage warehouse was burned here last night with an estimated loss of \$150,000. One life is believed to have been lost.

EXAMINATION DATES SET. United States Civil Service Announces Competitive Tests.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces open competitive examinations as follows: Senior statistical clerk (male), \$1800; sta-

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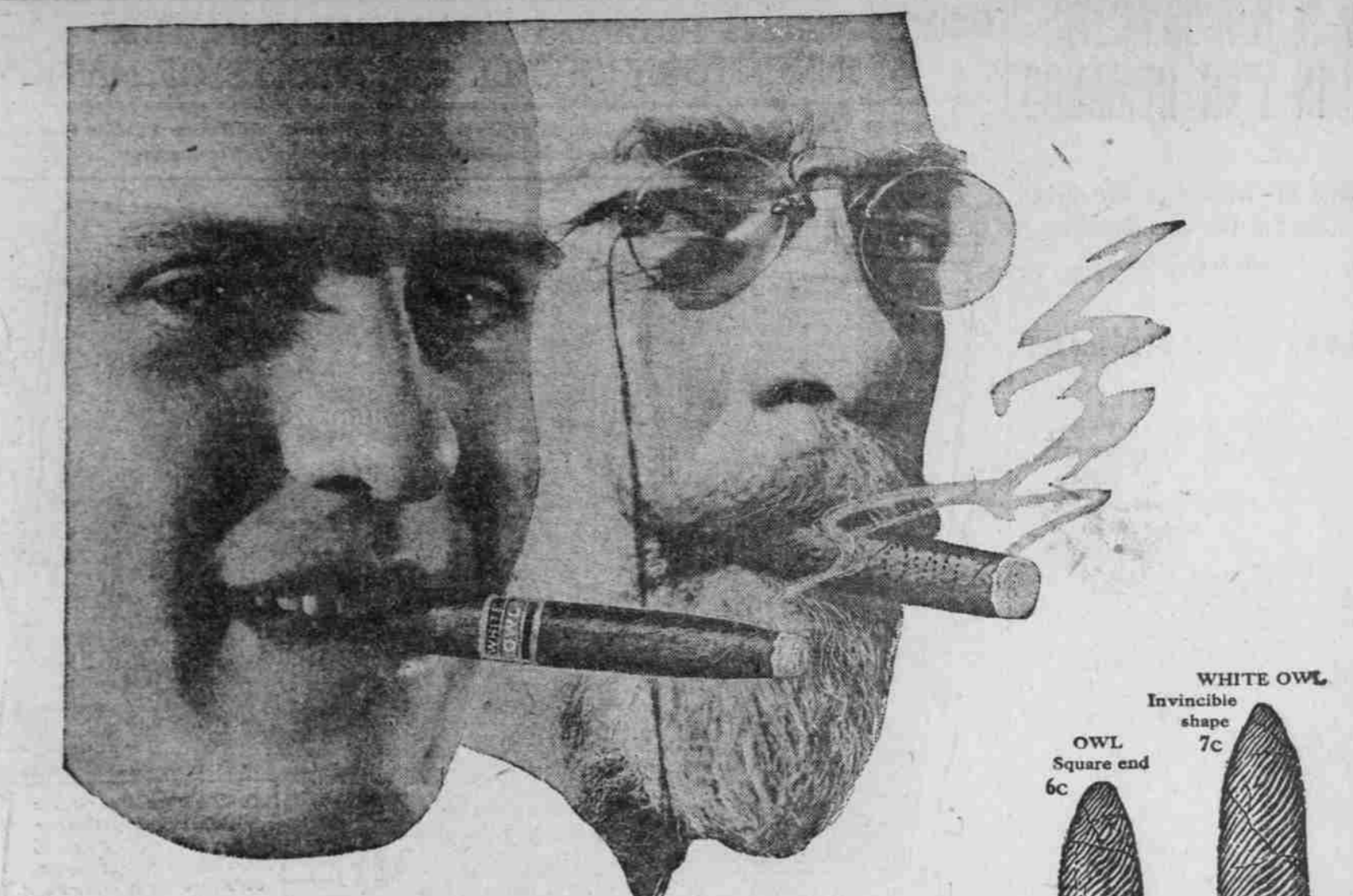
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