PRICE TWO CENTS.

Partly cloudy tonight and Tues. day; northwesterly winds. Hu-

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# GIVEN ORDERS TO CUT RATES

Public Service Commission Takes Stand That Company Must Meet Competitive Prices.

LIGHT, POWER SERVICE

Minimum Rate for Residences Remains at \$1; Rebate Will Stand.

On the company's present volume of business the reductions will amount to approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000 a year according to the estimates of Chairman Frank J. Miller of the commission, and if the Northwestern Electric company neets the new rates another \$10,000 to \$12,000 will be cut from the consum-ers' light and power bills. The company is given 20 days in which to put the new rates in effect.

This reduction of rates was ordered by the Public Service commission in tace of figures showing that the Portland Railway, Light & Power company in the last four and a half years has the keels for two of their craft. has not received fair returns on its while the Coast Shipbuilding company investment. Keen competition is the will begin laying keels within a week cause of the rapid falling off in the company's revenues, and the commission decided that the only way to in- dent of the Northwest Steel company, crease revenues is to meet competition expects to be on his way east within in rates. Hence the order for a re- the next 48 hours to see what can be

On the total valuation of the utility Out of this percentage, dividends, if any, and interest on bonded indebtedness must be paid.

1 1/2 years ending December 31, 1916, them momentarily.

This return is below that generally expected and received by investors in President Opposes the Pacific northwest from the operation of public utility properties," says the commission's order. Here is an illustration showing how

the new rates, based on an average case of 600-watt connected load, will affect residence lighting: Kilowatt hours.

and new schedule is \$1 a month for

residences.

New Besidence Bates.

Following is the commission's order relating to residence lighting rates. First 20 kilowatt hours per month for first 600 watts or less of installation, plus 1 kilowatt hour per month each additional 30 watts of installation (in excess of 600) will be at the primary rate.

All consumption in excess of that at the primary rate will be at the secondary rate. Primary rate—First 13 kilowatt hours or less, \$1; excess over 13 kilo-

watt hours 7 cents per kilowatt. Secondary rate-First 50 kilowat hours 3 cents per kilowatt; excess over 60 kilowatt hours 2 cents per kilowatt. Discount of 5 per cent will be given for payment within 10 days from the

Minimum bill for lighting service \$1 per month. Minimum bill for lighting service in combination with heating, cooking, and small domestic power loads having possible connected capacity in excess of 2 kilowatts, \$2 per month. Lighting equipment in excess of one kilowatt per square foot of floor area

No heating, cooking or power appliances will be considered in the de-termination of installation in the lighting rate.

determining the size of the installa

Commercial Power Bates. Rates for commercial power are fixed as follows:

First 73 hours' use per month of the consumers' demand will be at the All consumption in excess of that at

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## Mrs. Mooney's Trial On in San Francisco

The trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney on charge of murder in connection with TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)the preparedness parade dynamiting The Chamberlain bill to ratify the Orehe would not try any of the bomb plot cases.

The prosecution announced that F. Oxman, Oregon cattleman, who would not further oppose ratification. was held to answer in the superior court to a charge of attempting to "frame" testimony against Thomas Federal Control of J. Mooney, would testify.

Americans on Casualty List. Ottawa, Ont., May 21.-(I. N. S.)-Americans in the latest British casualty list, as announced here, include: Died-E. B. Emirie, Denver, Colo. geles, Wash.; G. R. G. Husband, Se-attle, Wash.

### Local Plants Will Build 18 Ships for U.S.

Contracts Have Been Awarded to Three Portland Firms to Construct Wooden Carriers.

Washington, May 21.—(WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)— General Goethals today announced that contracts for 10 wooden ships have been awarded to the Standifer Construction corporation and four others to the Peninsular Shipbuilding company. A Jacksonville, Fforida, conern is given contract for 12 wooder vessels. Awards will be announced overy Monday hereafter.

It is reported today that a contract for four ships will be awarded to another Portland firm, the Coast Ship ARE BOTH AFFECTED building company, represented here by

The shipping board, in a statement says it "has never wanted to build wooden ships but has been driven to it by necessity. The wooden vessel has an economic value not entirely negligible but, were it not for war, i is not conceivable that we would have built one of them.

Chairman Denman declared that the board is in full agreement with Goeth Salem, Or., May 21.—The Public als concerning wooden ships but said: Service commission today ordered a "We will build all wooden and all reduction in the light and power rates steel vessels that can be built which of the Portland Railway, Light & Pow-will be of substantial service in the war." He adds that the first curtailment of production will be in wooden \* ships, "should the effectiveness of the \* submarine be happily curbed."

Portland shipbuilders now hold conracts to build 18 wooden vessels for he government.

The Coast Shipbuilding company has four, the Peninsula Shipbuilding company four and the Standifer-Clarkson 10 of the 3000-ton steamers to build. Work is starting at once on all of these craft. Ways are being cleared \* for the work and material gathered. The Peninsula Shipbuilding company Steel yards in Portland also expect considerable work. J. R. Bowles, presi-

done at Washington Portland shipbuilders received word through the Chamber of Commerce and property owned by the company, which Captain Blaine of Seattle that the the commission found to be \$46,862,971, shipping board would open a Portland the company in the last 41/2 years re- office within the next few days to look ceived an average annual return for after the letting of contracts and carall utility operations of 5.27 per cent. rying out of the contracts on the river. Captain Blaine also stated over he long-distance telephone this morning that while he had not received plans The average annual return for the from Washington, he was expecting

Washington, May 21 .- (I. N. S.)-To the legions opposed to various features of the \$1,800,000,000 war revenue bill now on its stormy way \$1.90 through the house there can be added accident Sunday occurred about 250 today the name of President Wilson. that at least two features of the bill it was around the stern gun that the do not meet his approval but what explosion occurred form to his ideas were not divulged. the
It is understood he does not approve port. of the proposed general 10 per cent increase on imports already taxed and were experienced Red Cross nurses, that he agrees with the publishers that having seen service and been drilled tions out of business altogether.

### Chinese Cabinet Members Resign

Peking, May 21 .- (I. N. S.) -All the members of the Chinese cabinet except the premier, Tuan Chi Jul, resigned to-day. Tuan Chi Jul also holds the post Tuan Chi Jul also holds the post of minister of war. There have been dissensions in the government for some time, owing to the war situation.

Famine Threatens China. Peking, May 21.—(I. N. S.)—The food scarcity in China has become so acute that actual famine is threatened in some districts.

### in any room will not be considered in determining the size of the installa-Found at Linnton

A box containing 20 to 25 sticks of dynamite and a box of caps was found on the side of a hill behind the government moorings at Linnton today, by Officer E. B. Anderson of Linnton. Anderson took the explosives to the Portland police headquarters where Lieutenant Jenkins ordered that they be sunk in the river.

No clue could be ascertained as to the identity of the person who placed

### Fisheries Compact Favorably Reported

Washington, May 21 .- (WASHINGgon-Washington fisheries compact was than 36 hours had elapsed since the register here was Carl Pohlman, a sailbegan in the superior court today. some superior court today. favorably reported by the senate ju- announcement by Superintendent L. R. Judge Emmett Seawell of Santa Rosa diciary committee today. Senator Alderman, confirmed by John presided in place of Superior Judge Chamberlain, however, will not urge Veatch, that the document containing Dunne, who recently announced that it at present, in the absence of Senator Lane, although Lane some time ago stated that if no referendum were filed on the new legislation this year he

# Coal Business Urged

Washington, May 21 .- (U. P.) -Declaring that mine operators are charging exorbitant prices for coal, the feb eral trade commission today urged fort to get the referendum upon the ing on the bridge with her father, who Wounded-J. E. Ramborg, Port An- congress to establish control by gov- ballot, finding it impossible to make was fishing for salmon from the bridge,

Mrs. Edith Ayres and Miss Helen Burnett Woods, Both of Chicago, Struck by Fragments of Shell.

ACCIDENT OCCURS. 250 MILES OFFSHORE

Miss Emma Matzen, Nurse, Wounded: Vessel Returns With Victims.

Ammunition Found Defective, Washington, May 21 .- (I. N. .)-Defective ammunition was reported as the cause of the death of the two Red Cross nurses aboard the Mongolia. This was revealed in a telegram received by Surgeon General Gorgas from Commander C. C. Collins, in charge of base hospital No. 12, which the Mongolia was transporting to

France. The reason for the Mongolia's return to port was not to bring back the bodies of the two \* nurses but to replace defective ammunition, Collins' telegram

Washington, D. C., May 21 .- (U. P.) America's first women victims of he war were two nurses killed by explosion of a shell during target pracice Sunday aboard the armed merchantman Mongolia. The ship reached her port of departure today, having back with the bodies of the two nurses. One other nurse was wounded All were members of a medical unit organized in Chicago. The two women killed were Mrs. Edith Ayres and Miss Helen Burnett Woods, both of Chicago. The wounded nurse is Miss Emma Matzen of Columbus, Ohio. some inexplicable manner shell exploded and portions of the casing were flung into a crowd of nurses

and doctors watching the American gun crew at work.

The medical unit aboard the Mon-War Tax Features Fred A. Besley, and included 65

and 153 privates. Mongolia Sailed Last Week. The Mongolia had sailed from an American port late last week. The miles off the coast. According to was learned in official circles information available this afternoon

A United States revenue cutter met the Mongolia and bore the dead to Both Mrs. Ayres and Miss Wood

import on second class matter in this work for three years. A to Ireland will be composed of all parwould have a very bad effect if, in- month ago they joined the corps and ties and all fritions in the island, he deed, it did not drive many publica- were en route to Europe when the accident occurred.

Major Besley, a professor in Northwestern university. Chicago, who was tee will be nominated by the king. in command of the hospital unit, this afternoon gave the following account Accident Declared "Unavoidable." unavoidable accident during

target practice on the steamer carrying the Northwestern university base hospital No. 12, occurred Sunday afternoon, resulting in the instant death of two nurses, Mrs. E. F. Ayres, aged 35, of Attica, Ohio, and Miss Helen B. Woods, 32, of Evanston, Ill. Miss Emma Matzen, 34, of Columbus, Neba was seriously but not dangerously injured.
"No other member of the unit was

injured. The morale of the personnel was splendid. The nurses were sitting on the upper deck aft on the port side, 200 feet from the stern gun, during target practice. Only one shot was fired from the stern gun. At this time judgment must be suspended, as there is no accurate evidence to warrant making a positive statement as to the exact cause of the accident. The first officer of the ship was standing within 10 feet of the nurses when they

Major Besley was standing within three feet of the nurses who died, and relating his personal story of the accident, said:

"In the target practice, which oc 24 hours out, the two forward guns were fired first, then the stern gun. (Concluded on Page Two, Column Six)

# No Trace Found of

tion petition had been found up to 3 gle men o'clock this afternoon, though more between 7000 and 8000 names, had been stolen from the law office of Raffety Child Playing With stolen from the law office of Raffety & Veatch in the Fenton building Saturday night.

L. Raffety declared himself grossly misquoted by an afternoon pa per which made him say it was "husite number of signatures.
Opponents of the act reducing to

school directors have given up the efernmental agencies which may fix up the 7000 or 8000 names figuring in when the Fields car drove slowly along, prices the child darting in front of the car.

RESIDENT WILSON'S address to congress, telling why the United States must enter the war to preserve liberty for the world, was translated into German and carried over the German lines by balloons, timed to drop and scatter them among the German troops.



## CONFERENCE ON HOME RULE TO BE MADE UP IRISH PARTIES

Even Sinn Fein Adherents to Clearing House Committee to Be Represented, Premier Tells Commons.

London, May 21 .- (U. P.) -Premier settlement of the Irish question to the house of commons today.

The proposed conference to decide the exact form of home rule to be applied said, in opening the debate. Even Sinn Fein adherents will be represented, he declared. The chairman of the commit-The British premier explaned that

the suggested Irish convention would be expected to submit to parliament a complete draft of an Irish constitution. Sir John Lonsdale, an Irish member, said he would lay Lloyd George's proposal before the Ulster Unionist council, but he was not sanguine as to any result.
"Ulster will never be forced

home rule," he asserted. John Redmond, Nationalist leader, declared this was the first time in Ireland's history that she had been asked to settle the problem of government herself. He felt sure all sections of the island and all factions would participate in the conference.

### San Francisco Has First Registrations

Of 24 Who Sign Cards, but Mine Do Not Claim Exemption-German-Born Sailor Is Among the Mine Men.

San Francisco, May 21 .- (P. N. S.)-Registration for the army draft began here today. Sigmund V. Schloss, the first man to present himself, registered curred at 2 p. m. Sunday, when we were because, he said, he planned to go east on a business trip and would not be here on registration day, June 5. He did not claim exemption, although his card stated his wife is dependent upon him for support.

Registrar Zeemansky is ready for general registration now. Others followed Schloss' action because they ex Missing Petition pect to be out of town June 5, and by noon 24 men had filled out cards. Of this number, all but nine claimed ex-No trace of the missing school elec- emption. Seven of the nine were sin-

The first man of German birth to or. He did not claim exemption

Roseburg, Or., May 21.-Lethia Harmanly impossible" for the petition to ness, 6-year-old daughter of Russell have been stolen, leaving the inference Harness, died last night as the result that the theft story was concocted to of being run over by an automobile cover up a failure to secure the requisite number of signatures. driven by Charles Fields, clerk in the Portugal's Capital The accident occurred on the Brown three years the tenure of office for bridge, across the North Umpqua river, Sunday evening. The child was play-

# PORTLAND BANKERS WILL STIMULATE THE

Meet Tuesday to Discuss Plans for City Campaign.

Lloyd George revealed his scheme of stimulate interest in subscriptions to the Liberty Loan bonds will be laid at the meeting of the clearing house committee Tuesday. President A. L. palities. Mills, of the First National Bank, as chairman of the committee, has called the meeting for 3 o'clock in the after-

Details of the plan proposed by the San Francisco loan committee had not arrived this morning, but are expected before the meeting is held here. Mewell Dwight Hillis Coming.

President Mills was also informed today that the American Institute of Banking is sending two speakers of national note to this city in connection with the bond subscription move-These men are Rev. Newell Dwight

Hillis, Congregational clergyman and writer of New York, and Lawrence Chamberlain, banker and Chamberlain is professor of finance at Dartmouth and in the commercia school of New York miversity.

These men are making a coast to

coast lecture tour in a campaign to popularize the Liberty loan. They will be in Portland June 1 from 1:50 to 11:10 p. m. Two big public meetings at some local theatre are planned for the day.

Aggressive Campaign to Open. June 1, by the way, will probably be the start of an aggressive "Liberty Loan" week in Portland. All of these plans, however, are still in-

Governor Archibald Kains of the federal reserve branch at San Fran-cisco, notified Portland bankers today the temporary treasury certifiin by the banks as part or whole payment for Liberty loan bonds. should the bankers care to do so. Business Men Asked to Aid.

Nine Portland business men were sked today to become members of a Liberty loan publicity committee for the Pacific coast. The request came from John A. Britton of San Francisco, general chairman of the publicity committee. Telegrams explaining the work came to C. S. Jackson, William M. Ladd, Edgar B. Piper, A. Morden, Simon Benson, D. O'Reilly, John B. Yeon, A. D. Charlton and E. E. Faville. A meeting of this committee was requested as soon as Father Is Killed committee was requested as soon as possible. Plans pertaining to the exploitation work are now in the mail, the dispatches said; We depend upon your committee for immediate action as time is short." Mr. Britton wired.

Lisbon, May 21.-(I. N. S.)-Food riots occurred here today. Mobs at-

Energies of Nation Are Concentrated in All Sections in Tremendous Effort to Make Issue a Winner.

BUY A BOND FOR BABY," ONE SLOGAN ADOPTED

dea Loan Is Oversubscribed. Though Wrong, Delays Sale of Bonds.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 21 .-(U. P.)- 'Ten billion dollars will be required to finance the first year of war," Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo said here this afternoon, addressing bankers and business men on the "Liberty bond" issue.
"We don't intend

military autocracy as Belgium has been." McAdoo said. New York, May 21,-(U. P.)-America's first offensive of the war—the \$2,000,000,000 loan drive—is in full swing today. Reports gathered by the United Press from every part of the country showed the nation's energies

dragged at the wheels of any

oncentrated in a tremendous effort to make the issue a winner. Millions of people are engaged the mighty campaign. In scores of cities and towns the walls are plastered with slogans-"Buy a bond for baby," "Ring the liberty bell again," Finance your boy on the firing line, and "Put a bond in every home. Some cities report slow sales, due to an idea that the loan is over-sub-

scribed. Headquarters here declare it s not half subscribed. Billy Sunday Joins Move. Pittsburg's pledge is \$30,000,000, the allotment \$50,000,000. Boy Scouts disributed cards, 200 bond salesmen and 00 orators are leading the fight. New York took two powerful shortarm punches at the Liberty loan today. "Liberty booths" in red, white and blue were opened in the Fifth avenue and down-town shopping center stores,

with young women in charge taking subscriptions. "Dig down, you folks," Billy Sunday told Gothamites today, "and get behind the government in this new loan. Everybody with \$50 buy a bond. I'm going to buy a few." In St. Louis the "bond in every home"

slogan originated. The total subscriptions in the Cleveland federal reserve district are estimated at \$100,000,000. Private subscriptions are going slowly | \* there. Detroit city subscribed \$100 .-000,000 as an example to other munici-

"Buy a bond for baby," is going big in Madison, Wis. Five hundred thou-(Continued on Page Four, Column Four)

## FIGHTING ON ITALIAN FRONT IS REACHING CLIMAX OF INTENSIT

Numerous Divisions of Austrians Fresh From Russian Line, Join Struggle,

By John H. Hearley. Rome, May 21 .- (U. P.) -Climbin; seemingly inaccessible heights, amid clouds of enemy shells, and singing patriotic songs all the while, Italian troops today were still pushing for-ward north of Gorizia. The fighting is now reaching a climax of intensity with numerous fresh Austrian divis ions, transferred direct from the Rus

sian front, thrown into action, Men fight from behind rocks and barriers of stones hastily thrown together or from caves and dug-outs cut in the cates, subscribed a month ago to granite ridges. With the ground so advance the government money for ridged and broken, "waves", of the emergency purposes, may be turned Italian advance generally break up into knots of fighters, where small groups must match their individual resources and strength against the enemy.

Along the Mount Cucco sector, today General Cadorna's singing soldiers cap- He is not out of danger, however, it tured a whole row of underground bar- | was stated. rack spaces. The dug-outs had eviden ly been furnished for Teuton officers. They were luxiously fitted up and stocked with a huge supply of wines and other comforts.

### Mexican Snipers Fire on U. S. Guard Washington, May 21.-(U. P.)-A

lash between American border troops and Mexicans was reported officially to the state department today. The message said that a group of filibusterers crossed to the American side near Nogales and were captured # by American army men and customs officers. Included in those captured Has Food Riots were George Holmes, designated and American, and Manuel Gonzales, formerly secretary to Hiplito Villa. Anderly secretary to Hiplito Villa. Anderly secretary to Hiplito Villa. were George Holmes, designated as an | other message told of firing from a house on the Mexican side near Nogales

## U.S. Plans to **Build Fleet of** Mine Sweeps

Secretary Daniels Confers With Shipbuilders Regarding Construction of 24 Vessels.

Washington, May 21.—(U. P.)— Contracts for 38 merchant vessels have been executed to date by the emerg-ency fleet corporation, United States shipping board, it was announced to-To speed up construction of 24 com-

bination mine-sweepers and sea-going tugs, Secretary Daniels today conferred with a delegation of 12 shipbuilders representing all of the principal ship-building yards in the country. Daniels explained the necessity of quick work on the boats and called upon the shippullders for aid.

He assured the builders that the govarnment would cooperate with them in procuring labor and material. Already he government has arranged to furnish certain plates and other steel The new mine-sweepers will be o 1000 tons. They are to be sturdy, powerful boats. Although officials reused to comment, it was said the new coats might be used to cooperate with

he British fleet of mine-sweepers. After their conference with Daniels he shipbuilders met Admiral Griffin with whom they went over in greater letail the plans for construction of the ships. At a later conference with sitions, and General Nivelle's polius paniels the method of payment for the achieved a brilliant success in capture of 'several lines' of German ernment favors payment on a profit trenches on the north slopes of Mone percentage basis.

Daniels said the biggest problem is procuring skilled labor sufficient to meet the demands of the navy pro-

# DRIVE ON PETROGRAD SAY GERMANS TAKEN

Shattered and Exhausted Divisions Sent From West to East Front to Reform.

Armistice Officially Admitted,

London, May 21 .- (I. N. S.) Considerable comment Lvoff, the Russian premier, that an armistice exists on the eastern front. The declaration, which was made in Petrograd yesterday, was the first official admission that fighting has stopped between Russian and

German troops. "The existing armistice at the front, which gave the German chancellor a pretext to formulate his idea of a separate peace, dishonorable to Russia, must cease," the premier

By William Philip Simms. With the British Armies in Field, May 21.—(U., P.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is shunting his shattered and exhausted divisions from the west front to the northern and eastern battle lines, where they are being re-formed preparatory to drive on Petrograd. In the meanwhile, fresh divisions from the Russian front are being sent

German prisoners revealed the purpose behind such a plan as two-fold. "We expect Hindenburg to try to take Petrograd, said one today. "or at least additional Russian territory. His purpose would be, first, to scare Russia into a separate peace, and, second, to use his gains there as a lever against the allies. East Front Lines Now Thin,

Just now, however, the east fron lines are thin. Exhausted divisions and those whose losses have brought them far below the regular strength are being transferred from France to Russia. In return, fresh divisions on the Russian front are being switched here. Some from Russia are being hurled against the British and French without waiting for replacement or the Russian front." From prisoners and the results

### Senator Lane at St. Francis Hospital

raids. British headquarters estimated

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San Francisco, Cal., May 21 .- (U. .)-United States Senator Lane of Oregon, who is seriously ill at the St. Francis hospital, is better, it was declared at the hospital this afternoon.

Senator Lane went to the hospital last Thursday suffering from heart rouble and a general breakdown, resulting from the strain of his work during the present special aession of

### Registration Hours To Be 7 A. M. to 9 P. M., Announced

Washington, May 21 .-- (II P.)-A mistake in some of the mimeographed copies of the president's proclamation garding registration for new army was corrected today by the war department. The hours of registration are from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., not 7 to 7, on

ON TRAINS AND NEWS

British and French Forces Capture Positions, Former in Bullecourt Section and Latter at Mont Cornillet.

ACTION COMES AFTER LULL OF NEARLY WEEK

French Troops Had Been Kept Busy Repelling German Counter Attacks.

London, May 21 .- (I', P.) -British nd French forces struck another joint offensive blow today. Field Marshall Haig's Tommies took additional sections of General Hindenburg's line po-Cornillet

The British advance was registered in the sector embracing Bullerourt and Fontaines-les-Croisilles, the foundation for the Oppy-Queant part of the Hin-denburg line. It was made despite massing of formidable fresh German divisions from the Russian front.
The French gains were all in the Champagne district, in that section from Rheims east to Auberive, where six weeks ago General Nivelle started the general offensive timed with the

British drive on Doual.

Resumption of the offensive by the Franco-British forces comes after. early a week's lull. There had been considerable fighting at Bull-court on the British front, and that village was finally gained by the British, but there was no general "drive" apparent in the action. On the French front, General Nivelle's troops had been kept busy repelling unceasing waves of German counter attacks, launched for the most part in the Solssons-Rheims sector, and designed patently to relieve pressure on Laon

Field Marshal Haig Reports. London, May 21 .- (U. P.) -Further successes along the Hindenburg line were achieved by British troops in aroused here today by the of- \* spirited fighting last night, Field Mar-ficial admission of Prince \* shal Haig reported today. "At Bullecourt and Fontaines Creililles along the Hindenburg line our success was continued at night and

counter attacks repelled," the statemen; said. "A Hindenburg line trench was captured and 150 taken prisoner," Haig continued. "A large number of dead were found there. Two German di-visions have been engaged there since yesterday morning. "At Loos we conducted a successful

raid. Southwest of Messines enemy raiders were driven off." French Capture Prisoners. Paris, May 21.—(U. P.)—General Nivelle's troops started another of-

Capture of several lines of German (Continued on Page Four, Column Two)

## DYNAMITE IS USED TO CHECK BIG FIRES THAT SWEEP ATLANTA, GA.

Flames Breaks Out in Three Sections of City at Once; Damage Heavy.

Atlanta, Ga., May 21.-(I. N. S.)-Three fires in widely separated sectaneously this afternoon and inflicted heavy property loss. Twenty-five resione section were reashes and the blaze is threatening a large warehouse. Thirty cottages were destroyed in unother part of the city, and the fire there was not under control at 3 o'clock. Three of the most pretentious omes in Gordon street were completely destroyed in the third fire. At 3 o'clock the Edgewood avenue fire had spread three blocks northward and was sweeping through the tinderdry wooden houses like a forest fire A path two blocks wide was razed across Auburn avenue to Old Wheat street,

At 3:15 p. m. the ffre departme as ordered many houses dynamited which lie in the path of the onsweepng flames, hoping to check the fire. All residents are moving out of their touses as far north as Pine street. A property loss approaching \$2,500,-000 was the havor wrought up to 4 o'clock this afternoon. The flames started in a small cottage in Edgewood avenue near Hillyard street. The fire has just passed East avenue and is within a few blocks of Ponce De Leon baseball park.

traveling rapidly to the more substan-

ial residences beginning at Irwin

streets

Red Cross chapters and other charitable organizations are already at work relieving the distressed and home less and trying to provide for shelter for them tonight. The great auditorfum is being filled with cots to be used

Several surrounding towns including Griffin, Athens and Rome, rushed fire apparatus to Atlanta to help fight the upon an American soldier. He re- \* flames, the first arriving turned the fire and the trouble ceased. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* shortly after 4 o'clock, flames, the first arriving from Griffin

# THE LIBERTY LOAN IS A MORTGAGE ON THE UNITED STATES-YOUR PATRIOTIC DUTY-BUY A LIBERTY BOND