

SIGNS BILL FOR RIFLE PRACTICE

Also Authorizes County Boards to Arm and Uniform Home Guards.

ATTACKS BOROUGHS ACT

Approves Amendments to School Code—Fixes Salary of County Superintendents at \$2,000 to \$2,500—Assistant Superintendent's \$1800.

Harrisburg.
The McKee Senate bill authorizing County Commissioners to make appropriations for support of rifle ranges and to pay instructors in rifle fire was approved by Governor Brumbaugh. The bill is designed to encourage the formation and maintenance of rifle clubs as a part of the general defense plan, and also provides that commissioners may appropriate money for the purchase of uniforms and rifles for such rifle clubs as volunteer for county defense or who answer the call of the Governor.

The Governor also approved two amendments to the school code. One fixes the salary of county school superintendents between \$2000 and \$2500 unless school boards vote a higher figure and the other makes the minimum for assistant superintendents \$1800 per year.

A Senate bill proposed by the State Association of Boroughs was approved, although the Governor believed that during its passage through the Legislature "some bad features were slipped into it," especially in relation to auditors and controllers. "The evident intent is to make it hot for some official," says the Governor, who adds that in other sections the language was changed to overcome vetoes of specific acts earlier in the session, which he considers bad practice.

Hopes for Some Repeals.

On the whole, however, he says he finds the provisions wise, and to give the boroughs all the good that can be provided he approves the bill, "in the confident hope that in the next Assembly a more worthy sense of duty may cause the repeal of these obnoxious and unjust features."

The bill makes a number of changes in administrative features.

The Governor also approved the Senate bill making an appropriation of \$195,000 to the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings for replacement of bridges which are destroyed.

In approving the Senate bill providing for annexation of boroughs contiguous to cities, the Governor also issued a statement in which he says the initiative rests with boroughs, as it should, and that as he had received many letters and telegrams from persons desiring to be heard he issues the statement to let people know he has approved the bill.

Governor Brumbaugh announced his approval of the Stern House bill fixing the date of the September primary for the third Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday. This change affects only the primary in odd-numbered years and was made because of a Jewish holiday falling on the third Tuesday.

The Beidleman act providing for special registration days for special elections in third-class cities was approved, as were the following bills:

Providing that companies incorporated in the United States may hold real estate and erect buildings.

Requiring counties and municipalities to sell bonds to the highest responsible bidder.

Permitting companies organized in other States to manufacture rubber and its products to hold real estate in Pennsylvania.

Extending the malicious mischief act to protect water works, power plants, standpipes and reservoirs.

Providing for admission of patients to the new Western Hospital for the Insane.

Making \$350,000 of unexpended balances of the State Army Board available for use by the board.

The Swartz House bill amending the escheat act of 1915 by clarifying certain portions and regulating advertisements and notices approved.

He also approved the following House bills:

Extending the State tax on premiums of insurance in foreign insurance companies to companies not registered in Pennsylvania.

Providing that counties shall pay costs of transfers of criminal insane.

Authorizing a State convention of poor directors and empowering county funds to be used to pay expenses of delegates.

Authorizing State Highway Department to sell tollhouses along turnpike or toll roads which may be acquired by the State.

Enlarge Allentown Camp.

From 100 units of thirty-six men the United States Ambulance Camp at Allentown is to be enlarged to 160 units of forty-five men, not counting base hospitals and casuals, and it is figured that in a few weeks the roster will reach 10,000. It was explained when the camp was established that the organization was to be changed from units of eighty-six, under the United States army system, to 100 units of thirty-six men, under the French system, at the suggestion of Marshal Joffre.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Contracts have been closed for the construction of 36 residences at Scottsdale for the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and for 80 residences at Ebensburg for the Ebensburg Coal Company.

Beginning October 10, hunting for deer and wild turkey in Berks county will close for two years, during which closed season it is the intention of the State game authorities to place a number of deer and turkeys at various points throughout the county for propagation purposes.

The State Magistrates' Association will hold its next meeting at Pottsville, January 10, 1918.

Labor for harvesting crops was furnished to the farmers of the Hazleton district by the Y. M. C. A., which enrolled its boys and turned them over to the Farm Committee of the Public Safety Committee of the Middle Coal Field.

The Lebanon county militia unit was filled at Lebanon, with a membership of 65, most of them chauffeurs and machinists. Eugene E. Moyer, of Adjutant General Stewart's office, a Campbelltown boy, successfully conducted the organization.

Heavy losses have been sustained by the farmers of Northern Lancaster county in damage to the hay crop by reason of the long spell of wet weather. Hundreds of acres were cut and left in the field when the rains came and most of it is a total loss, so far as feeding qualities are concerned.

West Chester Red Cross Society has more than 1300 members.

The heavy rains of this week are destroying much hay in Bucks county.

At public sale in Downingtown, 115 shares of the National Bank sold at from \$125 to \$127 a share, the par value being \$50.

Andrew Hegedus, aged 9, was killed near Bridgeport by an express train when he ran from behind a freight train, and the boy's mangled body was found by his mother carrying lunch to her husband.

Mrs. Phoebe Haight Mitten has been elected Warren's first policewoman. She is to receive the same salary policemen are paid at the beginning of their service with the borough.

An ordinance has been introduced into the Altoona Councils appropriating 60 per cent. of the license tax on dogs for the completion and maintenance of a municipal swimming pool.

Port Allegheny's officials are negotiating for the purchase of the waterworks owned by S. W. Smith. The matter now hangs upon the legality of the increase of the borough's indebtedness to pay for the works.

Organization of the ammunition supply train of the National Guard, which will be composed of 12 motor truck companies, is under way, with Major Howard S. Williams in charge, and units are being recruited in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading, York, Shamokin and Johnstown, subject to Federal recognition.

Shenandoah milk dealers have raised the prices to six cents a pint and 11 cents a quart and cream to 30 cents a quart.

Simpson Learn, paymaster for the M. S. Kemmerer Coal Company, Hazleton, has resigned to become a farmer, as many mine workers are doing.

P. F. Lynott, City Treasurer, of Scranton, died after an illness of about six weeks. His death was unexpected and was a shock to his many friends. Mr. Lynott was a native of Scranton and in addition to being an officeholder was a wholesale commission merchant. He was about forty-five years old.

The retail price of pea coal at the mines of the G. B. Markle Company for the domestic trade has been reduced from \$5 to \$4.55 a ton, according to an official announcement at Hazleton.

Scarcity of cigarmakers is handicapping the cigar manufacturers at Lancaster. While plenty of orders are coming in the manufacturers hesitate about receiving too many on account of the uncertainty of the coming war tax. They are now considering the question of increasing prices, which they feel must soon come, unless they want to see all profits wiped out.

The men smallpox patients at the Municipal Hospital, at Hillside, have been furnished with balls and bats and while away much of their time playing the national game.

That the Hessian fly may soon be removed as a menace to the grain fields of the country seems probable, following extensive investigation by the Research Department of the United States Bureau of Entomology, located at Carlisle. A new parasite to war on the fly has been evolved by this department, under the direction of W. A. McConnell, its chief.

A horse, purchased with money donated by business men, at Elmwood Park, presented to Romanus Feliman, captain of Headquarters Company, Second Pennsylvania Field Artillery, who is chief police of Norristown.

Radnor township has a "boom" year in school gardens, with 56 on Highland avenue, Wayne; 45 at St. David's, and 50 at Rosemont. Consequently Radnor Board of Education has appropriated \$500 to carry on the work during the rest of the summer under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Usher.

WILSON DRAFTS ENTIRE GUARD

To Be Taken Into U. S. Army August 5

FOURTEEN CAMPS PICKED

Regiments In Northern and Eastern Sections of the Country To Be Mobilized In Advance Of Others.

Washington.—The last step necessary to make the entire National Guard available for duty in France was taken Monday by President Wilson with the issue of a proclamation drafting the state troops into the army of the United States on August 5.

To make certain that the purpose of the National Defense act is carried out, the proclamation also specifically declares the men drafted to be discharged from the old militia status on that date. In that way the constitutional restraint upon use of militia outside the country is avoided and the way paved for sending the regiments to the European front.

Prior to the application of the draft, regiments in the northern and eastern section of the country are called into the Federal service as National Guardsmen in two increments, to be mobilized on July 15 and 25. The Maryland units will go into service July 25.

Many units already are Federalized and presumably they will be mobilized with the other troops from their states. The guard from the other states will be mobilized on the day of the draft. The arrangement was necessary to provide for movement of the regiments south to their concentration camps without congestion and to the same end the division of states into these increments was revised from the original schedule.

14 Camps Already Selected.

The operative date of the draft was delayed until August 5 so that all regiments can be taken into the army simultaneously.

Fourteen camp sites for the 16 tactical divisions into which the guard will be organized for war purposes have already been selected and the militia bureau is preparing the railway routing of the troops to the camps. Seven of the sites selected are in the Southeastern Department, five in the Southern and two in the Western.

The two others will be in the Southeastern Department and until they are approved assignment of regiments to camps and divisions cannot be fully worked out. The only two divisions positively assigned are the nineteenth, including the California guard, which will go to Linda Vista, Cal., and the twentieth, including Oregon, Washington and other states in the Northwest, which will go to Palo Alto, Cal.

MEMORIAL TO SOUTHERNERS.

Daughters Of Confederacy Give Ambulances To Red Cross.

New York.—The New York Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy presented the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross with two fully-equipped ambulances, one in memory of Jefferson Davis, Gen. Robt. E. Lee and Admiral Raphael Semmes and the other in memory of Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

"We are a united people today, with hearts true to our country and our flag," said the letter accompanying the gift. "We pray that these ambulances will go to France to bring comfort to the wounded and suffering in this terrible war, and that they may save the lives of some of our own American soldiers."

FOR ONLY ONE DELIVERY.

Retail Stores To Meet Drafting Of Employees.

Washington.—With a view toward making ready to meet the manpower situation which will be caused by the draft system, Washington retail merchants joined with hundreds of others throughout the country at a conference called by the National Retail Dry Goods Association. Immediate reduction of package deliveries to two a day in all cities and only one delivery where such a plan is possible is favored by the merchants.

AIRPLANE FATALITIES GREAT.

Berlin Reports 288 Lost On Both Sides During June.

Berlin, via London.—"The results of the engagements with enemy aerial forces during the month of June were good," says a summary of aerial activity appended to army headquarters' statement.

"Our enemies lost 220 airplanes and 33 captive balloons through the effect of our weapons. Our anti-aircraft guns shot down 60 enemy aircraft. The remainder were brought down in aerial fighting.

"Our losses were 68 airplanes and 2 captive balloons."

Finds Enemy U-Boat Base.

Rio Janeiro.—The newspapers announce that the destroyer *Mafo* Grosso has discovered an enemy submarine base near Santos.

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THE MARKETS

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot strong;

No. 2 hard, \$2.40 nominal, f o b to arrive.

Corn—Spot strong; No. 2 yellow, \$1.91 c i f New York.

Butter—Creamery, standard, 78 1/2c; 39@39 1/4c; do, extras (92 score), 38 1/2@38 3/4; firsts, 37 1/4@37 3/4; seconds, 35 1/4@37.

Eggs—Fresh gathered, extras, 37@38c; do, storage-packed firsts, 36@36 1/2c; do, firsts, 34 1/4@35 1/4; seconds, 32 1/4@34; state, Pennsylvania and nearby Western hennery whites, fine to fancy, 41@42; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 38@40.

Cheese—State, fresh specials, 23 1/4@24 1/4c; do, average run, 23 1/4@23 1/2c; Dressed Poultry—Chickens, 20@26c; fowls, 19@25 1/2; turkeys, 18@35.

Live Poultry—Chickens, 33c; fowls, 20; turkeys, 16.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat—There

were no offerings on the spot and the market was entirely nominal. Quotations are omitted.

Rye—No. 2 Western, in export elevator, \$2.40@2.45 per bushel.

Corn—Western, No. 2 yellow, \$1.89 1/4@1.90; do, No. 3 yellow, \$1.88 1/4@1.89; do, No. 4 yellow, \$1.86 1/4@1.87; No. 5 yellow, \$1.84 1/4@1.85.

Oats—No. 2 white, 78@78 1/2c; standard white, 77@77 1/2; No. 3 white, 76@76 1/2; No. 4 white, 75@75 1/2.

Butter—Solid-packed creamery, fancy, specials, 41c; extras, 39@40c; extra firsts, 38; firsts, 37 1/2; seconds, 36 1/2; nearby prints, fancy, 42c; do, average extra, 40@41c; do, firsts, 38@39c; do, seconds, 36 1/2@37; special brands of prints were jobbing at 45@48.

Eggs—Nearby firsts, \$10.80 per standard case; nearby current receipts, \$10.50 per case; Western firsts, \$10.80 per case; do, firsts, \$10.50 per case; fancy, selected, carefully candled eggs were jobbing at 42@43c per doz.

Cheese—New York, full cream, fancy, new, 24 1/4c; specials, higher, do, choice, new, 24; do, fair to good, new, 23@23 1/2.

Live Poultry—Fowls, as to size and quality, 22@24; roosters, 17@18; spring chickens, not leghorns, plump, yellow-skinned, weighing 1 1/2@2 lbs apiece, 33@36; smaller sizes, 26@30; white leghorne, 23@26; ducks, Pekin, 19@19 1/2; do, Indian runner, 17@18; pigeons, old, per pair, 25@28; do, young, per pair, 20@22.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Sales of bag lots of new wheat by sample at \$1.60,

\$1.70, \$1.75 and \$1.80 per bu, as to quality and condition. One lot of old wheat sold at \$1.65 per bu.

Corn—Carlots of No. 3 yellow corn on spot for domestic delivery, are quotable at \$1.88 per bu. nominal. Cob corn is quotable at \$8.40@8.50 per bbl for carloads prime nearby yellow on spot.

Oats—Standard white, 78 1/4@78 1/2; No. 3 white, 78.

Rye—No. 2 rye, Western, \$2.35; bag lots, as to quality and condition, new, \$2@2.21.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$20@21; No. 2 do, \$18.50@19; No. 3 do, \$14.50@17; light clover mixed, \$18@18.50; No. 1 clover mixed, \$17.50@18; No. 2 do, \$13@16; No. 1 clover, \$16.50@17; No. 2 do, \$13@15; No. 3 do, \$8@10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15.50@16; No. 2 do, \$14.50@15; No. 1 tangled rye, \$12@13; No. 2 do, \$10.50@11.50; No. 1 wheat, \$8@8.50; No. 2 do, \$7.50@8; No. 1 oat, \$10@11; No. 2 do, \$9@9.50.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 39; do, choice, 37@38; do, good, 36@36 1/2; do, prints, 39@40; do, blocks, 38@39 1/4; ladies, 33@34; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 32@33; Ohio rolls, 32; West Virginia rolls, 32; storepacked, 32; Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 32@33.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, 38c; Western firsts, 33; Western Virginia firsts, 33; Southern firsts, 32@33.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs and over, 22c; do, do, small to medium, 23; do, do, white leghorns, 22; do, old roosters, 12@13; do, spring, 2 lbs and over, 34@35; do, do, 1 1/2@2 lbs, 31@33; do, do, smaller, as to size, 27@30; do, do, white leghorns, 27@30. Ducks—Old Pekings, 17@18; do, do, puddle, 16@17; do, do, muscovy, 16@17; do, do, smaller, 15; do, do, spring, 3 lbs and over, 22@23. Pigeons—Young, per pair, 20@25; do, old, do, 20@25. Guinea fowl, old, each, 35@40.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Hogs—Bulk, \$14.85@15.80; light, \$14.40@15.60; mixed, \$14.65@16; heavy, \$14.55@16; rough, \$14.55@14.70; pigs, \$11@14.25.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$8.30@13.90; stockers and feeders, \$6.30@9.50; cows and heifers, \$5.40@11.70; calves, \$10@14.50.

Sheep—Wethers, \$7.75@11; ewes, \$7@9.25; lambs, \$9.75@16.50.

KANSAS CITY.—Hogs—Bulk, \$15.25@15.85; heavy, \$15.50@15.95; packers and butchers, \$15.45@15.90; light, \$15@15.55; pigs, \$13@14.

Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$12.50@13.40; dressed beef steers, \$9.50@12.25; Southern steers, \$6.75@12;

cows, \$6@10; heifers, \$7@12.75; stockers and feeders, \$6.75@10.75; bulls, \$6@8.25; calves, \$7@14.

Sheep—Lambs, \$15@16; yearlings, \$10@12; wethers, \$8.50@9.50.

BALTIMORE.—Calves—Veal, choice, per lb, 14 1/4c; do, do, light, ordinary, do, 12@13; do, rough and heavy, per head, \$10@22.

Lambs and Sheep—Spring, per lb, 6 1/4@8 1/4c; lambs, sheep, 40 lbs and over, per lb, 15@16; do, do, ordinary, do, 13.

Live Pigs—As to size, per head, \$4 @8; shoats, as to size, do, \$5@6. Beef Cattle—First quality, per lb, 9 1/4@10 1/4c; do, medium, 7 1/2@8 1/4; milk cows, choice to fancy, per head, \$50@75; do, common to fair, do, \$30 @45.

TOLD IN SHORT ORDER.

A gray, lowering sunset or one where the sky is green or yellowish green indicates rain.

In some parts of Northern Arabia the hills are so well stocked with bees that no sooner are hives placed than they are occupied.

Suffrage for 18,000 educated Indians in the province of Ontario is urged on the Dominion government by Scobie Logan, chief of the Muncey tribe.

Twenty-four per cent. of the forest fires in this country are of known origin, and lightning accounted for one-seventh of these.

A Roselee (N. J.) father told his two sons that the one who got to the recruiting station, three miles away, first, could enlist. They raced on bicycles until one got a puncture and lost.

The Shelby Tube Company, of Elwood City, Pa., has employed the Rev. Charles Bell, formerly pastor of the local Bell Memorial Presbyterian Church, as welfare superintendent in behalf of the company of 3,000 employes.

In Exodus III, 8, Palestine is described as a land "flowing with milk and honey." Bees are abundant even to the present day. In the remote parts of the wilderness they deposit their honey in the crevices of the rock and in hollow trees.

A new project of American engineers is a giant canal 250 miles long to connect the Arctic Ocean and the Baltic Sea, extending from Kandalaksha, on the White Sea, to Tornea, near the Swedish frontier on the Gulf of Finland. The cost is estimated at \$150,000,000.