

GRACE IN DANCING HELPS WOMEN TO DRILL AS 'TROOPS'

Rhythm and Real Interest in Work Please Camp Life Officers

THESE GIRLS BEAT ALL

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CHEVY CHASE, Md., May 4.—American women again assert their supremacy through their achievements at the Chevy Chase Military Camp, where 200 residents and 200 students from the social elite of the States are learning lessons in preparedness.

And the authority for the statement no other than H. Lewis Hulbert, Sergeant Major of the United States Marine Corps, who is in charge of drilling the girls of society girls who are here—and give past of the credit to their knowledge of dancing, the rest to earnestness. "In the 30 years I have been training and drilling men in all parts of the United States I have never had any of them pick up drills as quickly as these girls," he said. "I think this is because they have learned rhythm from dancing and because they are interested in the work and are willing their whole selves on it."

"In the years I have been connected with the Government," he added, "I have seen Indians, Malays and, of course, thousands and thousands of Americans; but these girls beat them all."

TAKE DOWN AND ERECT TENTS.

Perhaps for the first time in the history of the United States army life girls set up tents and set up tents. They did so Wednesday under the direction of Sergeant S. H. Henderson, of the United States Marine Corps, who beams all over his jovial face when he talks of the achievements of his "feminine" rookies. "I tell you," he said with enthusiasm, "these girls are better than any recruits I have ever had in my 16 years' experience of the Marine Corps. Why, they have put a tent up in their lives and they had never seen any one else do it. But they went through the performance without a single mistake; and that is more, they followed the directions exactly, without a single error."

A prize is to be given to the best company in the camp in drill work. This announcement was made today. There is a slight competition among the four companies. It has not been decided whether there will be a big prize for the winning company or individual prizes for each girl in the winning company.

MISS OLIVER ARRIVES.

Miss Marion Oliver, daughter of General Robert Shaw Oliver, ex-Assistant Secretary of War, who is chairman of the committee on organization of classes of first aid and home nursing of the Red Cross, arrived this morning. She assumes her duties. She donates her services to the cause of preparedness.

Between 3500 and 4000 yards of gauze will be used in the surgical dressing cases in the first two weeks of camp. This is the only compulsory course in camp. Part of the bandages will be sent to the Red Cross. Part will be taken home by the pupils. There the girls will teach their friends the principles of wrapping bandages.

Those who have been discussing the soft coat of living could learn lessons at the Chevy Chase Military Camp for Women. Thirty-two cents is allowed each day for three meals served in camp. It is said that the food is really much better than it was the first day or two. The girls eat from heavy crockery, used the Marine Corps, and sit on rough-benches beside rough wooden tables. Instead of wiping their cherrylip lips on scraps of the daintiest of linen they have paper napkins, and they have no finger bowls. Salads are a thing of the past. All home-made food "no more than Mrs. Mary Walker Colket, 250 South 11th street, Philadelphia, was one of the cooks of the day yesterday. The duty of the guards is to keep all people off the grounds except the resident students and special visitors.

Among the special visitors while she is on duty were the Chinese Minister, Mrs. Koo, the Siamese Minister and Lady Prabha Karavongse, and diplomats from the French, British and Russian embassies.

TAYLOR GIVES AID MAYOR ASKS IN LOAN FIGHT

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proper course is to continue the work under the existing contract, the extra work to be done on force account. This course will avoid much delay and very serious complications, including the possibility of large financial loss to the city if bids were to be invited for separate contracts covering the extra foundation work.

Immediately after Mr. Taylor left the Mayor announced that the subway work under City Hall would be resumed tomorrow morning, under the "force account" item in the present contract. This announcement was made before Mr. Twining arrived for the special cabinet meeting scheduled for today.

Director Twining arrived at the Mayor's office after Mayor Smith had left, following the conference on the resumption of the subway work. He was told the Mayor had ordered the Keystone State Construction Company to begin work tomorrow and said that he followed up the Mayor's verbal order with a written order. When questioned about the recompensation of the contracting company for the delay in the City Hall work, Director Twining said that matter would be taken up later.

In making the announcement the Mayor said: "I have ordered the Keystone State Construction Company to resume work at once. There will be no delay. The work will be resumed tomorrow. The construction of the foundation walls and the subway car will be carried on up to the sum of \$2,000,000 under the force account. If the construction of the subway under the City Hall work requires an additional contract will be necessary."

President Loucheim, of the Keystone Company, after the conference said satisfactory arrangements as to terms had been made between the city officials and the company and that the company was ready to take up the work where it was stopped on February 24. The present contract fixes \$1,700,000 as the price of the work. This figure, however, does not include the rebuilding of the foundations, which will come under the "force account" item. A total of \$800,000 will therefore be available for the foundation rebuilding.

BEFORE THE CONFERENCE.

The Mayor's position on the transit loan was made clear before former Director Taylor arrived at his office. "Mr. Taylor and I are one in this matter," was the terse comment of the Mayor, after he had read the warning issued by the former transit official. The appeal of former Director Taylor also met with strong endorsement from rapid transit advocates in every section of the city. The leaders of business organizations, trade bodies and improvement leagues, who stood with him in the long transit fight, pledged their votes and their personal work to secure the passage of the transit loan.

The plan of the obstructionists was roundly denounced and a fight to a finish against the interests which are opposing the city's welfare was promised. Mr. Taylor's action in taking the field for the transit loan was the signal for a city-wide wave of sentiment demanding favorable action on rapid transit on May 16. The Mayor was emphatic and enthusiastic in his appreciation of the Taylor warning of the conspiracy to defeat the transit loan, and declared himself ready and willing to work hand in hand with every man who has the best interests of the transit and general loan at heart. "It affords me pleasure to know that Mr. Taylor is willing to take an active hand in working for the loan," said the Mayor. "The fact that he has come out so strongly for the loan helps a lot. I welcome his aid and the aid of every citizen of Philadelphia, and I believe that every citizen having the best interests of his city at heart will stand back of the transit loan and the general loan as well. I have been questioned as to my attitude for the loans. I want to say that I am for the transit and general loan and mean to use every effort in my power to have the voters approve the loan. Made fully acquainted with the ad-

vanages that will accrue through the enactment of the proposed legislation, the Mayor added:

"Mr. Taylor's publicity campaign meets with my heartiest approval and the newspapers can help greatly by aiding him as well as myself. I today mean to ask Mr. Taylor to call upon me and together we will go over the whole loan proposition. "I welcome Mr. Taylor's aid and mean to make that point evident to him. I want the help of every voter as well, and if he will assist in bringing the true facts before the public it will be appreciated by me. I believe that he can do a great service to the city, and his statement that he is ready to give time and attention to the transit loan situation is good news to me. I have not a doubt that we can get together on the transit loan and after I see Mr. Taylor I may have something more to say on this subject."

Councils this month will be called upon to elect city representatives on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, under the provisions of the lease of 1907. The city is entitled to three, including the Mayor, and a warm fight is promised between the Penrose-McNichol factions and the Vore forces in both branches before these representatives are finally selected. Mayor Smith today promised to keep hands off in the fight that possibly may crystallize in Councils today.

When asked his attitude toward the fight for City Directors on the Rapid Transit Company's board the Mayor said: "I mean to take no part in the Councilmanic work of selecting directors to represent the city on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit. With me it will be hands off. I, however, expect the selection of the proper kind of men to represent the people. I am indifferent to this question aside from seeing that the people are properly represented on the board.

If conditions were different and the political leaders were at peace I might then suggest proper men for directors, but as things are I will not take part in any way in any disturbance in Councils. I do not even know whether any selection of directors will be made today or later in the month. I have not taken this question up and will leave it with Councils."

FIREMAN DIES ON BLAZING TUG

Had Gone Aboard "Joseph" to Sleep—Nearby Shipping Endangered

John Cooper, fireman of the tug Joseph, was burned to death when the blazing boat was cut adrift to save wharves and shipping nearby. Cooper was asleep in a bunk back of the engine room when the tug, which had tied at Pier 2, below the Cambria street wharf, caught fire last night. Flames burned most of the interior of the engine room before any attention was attracted.

Thaddeus Clark, 2310 Aim street, the cook, saw the fire and ran to notify the police. He did not know that Cooper was asleep on board the tug. Firemen cut the vessel's hawsers. The tug floated out between Piers 1 and 2. Some one remembered Cooper had gone aboard to sleep. Firemen manned a rowboat, carrying a hose with them from the lock, and turned a stream of water into the tug. When the flames were subdued Cooper's body was found near the engine room. The origin of the fire is unknown. Firemen estimate the loss at \$8000.

FIVE NEW SUITS STARTED OVER LUSITANIA DISASTER

Executors of Victims of Torpedoed Steamship Ask Heavy Damages

NEW YORK, May 4.—Preliminary notices of five new suits against the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, have been filed in the Admiralty Branch of the Federal District Court. They result from the torpedoing of the Lusitania last May 7 by a German submarine. These suits are similar to the one

NEED \$604,012,179 TO PUT NAVY SECOND

Daniels Names Ships Required to Make Its Strength Equal Germany's

By a Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, May 4.—That it would take \$604,012,179 to put the United States Navy in second place is shown by tables submitted to the House Naval Affairs Committee today by Secretary Josephus Daniels. The information was given in response to a letter written by Representative Thomas S. Butler, of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican member of the Naval Affairs Committee.

These are the ships it will be necessary to add if the United States is to get a navy "to lick Germany," as advocated by the "big navy" members of the committee: Six dreadnoughts, 10 battle cruisers, 21 scout cruisers, 59 destroyers, 5 feet submarines, 78 coast submarines.

Explanation is made by the naval officers that the figures are based on the strength of the navies at the outbreak of the war. They say they cannot tell what ships have been added by the belligerent Powers since that time.

Husband Stabs Boarder

For three months Anthony Winters, 30 years old, of 2509 Bath street, imagined that he observed Leon Honki, his boarder, steal further glimpses in the direction of his wife. Early today the climax came. When Anthony ordered Leon to "look around for a room somewhere else," Leon refused, and Winters is alleged to have stabbed him with a knife. After the stabbing, Winters disappeared, but was arrested by a policeman of the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station a few hours later. Today Magistrate Wrigley held him in \$500 bail for a further hearing on May 11. Honki appeared against him.

NEGROES FIND RICH TREASURE BURIED IN WOODS

Jewelry and Money Believed to Have Been Hidden by Robbers

DOVER, Del., May 4.—Great excitement was caused in Dover this morning by the discovery of a buried treasure on the farm of General A. R. Benson, about one mile from this town. While digging stumps on the Benson farm several negroes unearthed a quantity of jewelry and gold coins, valued at several hundred dollars, and a search is still going on for more. It is believed that the jewelry comprises the loot of thieves, which was buried 10 or 12 years ago. At that time the hiding place of the treasure was a dense forest, and it is believed the thieves were unable to find the location when they returned for it.

Among the articles found today were two gold watches, a silver watch, a nickel watch, several gold breast pins and brooches, three gold rings, a gold watch fob and a number of gold coins in denominations of \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50. The jewelry was slightly corroded, but otherwise in good condition.

These suits are similar to the one brought last week by Mrs. May Davies Hopkins. She sued the Cunard Line for \$780,000, alleging that neglect of proper safeguards and precautionary measures had resulted in the loss of the Lusitania, causing the death of her husband.

One of the suits is brought for Arthur D. Wolf and Solomon P. Hahn, as executors for the estate of May M. Schwarz, Sidney Ross is attorney for the plaintiffs. Feiner & Mease bring another as attorneys for Charles T. Myers, administratrix for the estate of Herman A. Myers.

WESCOTT STILL IN RACE

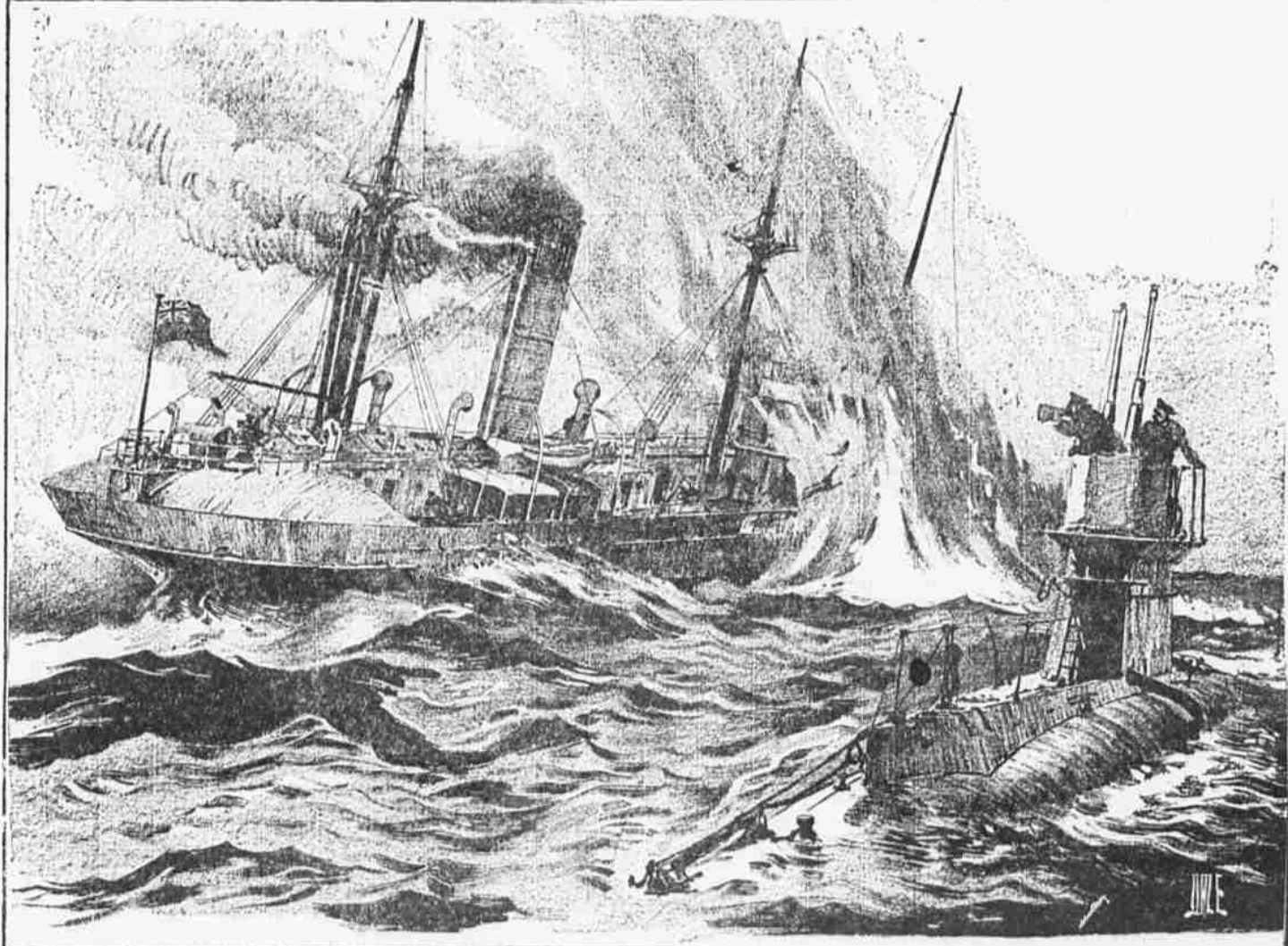
Has Not Asked Withdrawal of Senatorial Nomination Papers

Attorney General Wescott, of New Jersey, has not decided to withdraw from the race for United States Senator. This statement was made today by his son, Harry D. Wescott, in correcting a published dispatch from Trenton yesterday, which quoted his father as saying he had requested his friends to withdraw a petition asking him to run for the office to succeed Senator Martine.

"My father was surprised when I read him the dispatch over the telephone," said Mr. Wescott. "He said that not a word of it was true."

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Lusitania Day, Sunday, May 7

Sunday next, May 7, is the first anniversary of the sinking of the gigantic Cunard liner Lusitania. To mark the day the Public Ledger will issue

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