

PHILADELPHIA READY TO GIVE ALL TO NATION

Meeting in Mayor's Office Sends Message to President

WORK AND SACRIFICE KEYNOTES OF CALL

The spirit of patriotism and preparedness for the defense of Philadelphia and Philadelphia has jumped by leaps and bounds as the result of a meeting of representative citizens, said to have the most impressive witnessed here in many years, called in Mayor Smith's reception room in City Hall.

Mayor Smith said that the nation already was virtually in a state of war with Germany. Actions and not words were called for. Definite steps for the defense of the city were taken. The Philadelphia Home Defense Committee was organized.

Among the latest developments in the Philadelphia preparedness movement are:

First. Public-spirited and wealthy citizens have planned to give \$50,000,000 toward the purchase of submarine chasers and destroyers in case of war.

Second. Through co-operation with the National League for Women's Service many Philadelphia women are planning to run, or help run, the industries of the city and State in case of emergency.

Third. George H. Earle, Jr., has offered to turn over to the Government his 125-horse power Curtiss hydro-aeroplane. The machine is one of the latest type and carries four men.

Fourth. Postmasters in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been requested to aid and further enlistments to the Naval Coast Defense Reserves. They have been asked to post enlistment notices and to send in names of applicants to the division headquarters at League Island.

Fifth. The services of the National Traffic Bureau have been offered to the Government in case of war. B. W. Twining, president of the organization, wired President Wilson to that effect and offered all assistance in handling Government shipments.

Sixth. Mayor Smith officially has pledged the resources of the city to the Federal authorities in case of emergency. The Mayor acted in his capacity as chairman of the meeting.

THE MESSAGE

The message follows:
The President,
Washington, D. C.

The Philadelphia Home Defense Committee, just organized, and now in session at the Mayor's office, Philadelphia, and composed of representatives of great railroads, public utility companies, large mercantile and industrial establishments, great commercial and labor organizations, sectional business men's associations, athletic and yacht clubs, and representing a vast majority of all the citizens of Philadelphia, have unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"The members of the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee, as individuals and for the corporations and associations represented by them, as well as for the people of Philadelphia generally, pledge the ungrudging support of all the men and women of Philadelphia and all its resources to the President of the United States in his efforts to maintain the honor and dignity of the nation and protect the lives and property of Americans on land and sea."

THOMAS B. SMITH,
Mayor and Chairman

The meeting was attended by representative men and women of Philadelphia, bankers, railroad officials, manufacturers, lawyers, industrial and commercial leaders, physicians, aviators, officers of business and social service clubs, and of preparedness organizations.

SMITH SOUNDS KEYNOTE

Mayor Smith was elected chairman and emphasized the seriousness of the situation when he declared the nation already was at war. He said:

"I have called upon you men and women to plan for the defense of the city, and I am pleased with your response. There is no longer any use in talking of preparedness for a war. We are in war. We are sitting over a volcano. In my short visit to Washington I learned things I never knew of before."

"I visited the navy yard almost at once upon my return home. I saw the precautions taken to prevent the escape of the sailors. Although I was satisfied they were adequate, I ordered Philadelphia mounted policemen stationed outside the yard. And I am proud to say it was a Philadelphia policeman who first discovered the escape of the Germans, and who turned them over to the United States naval authorities."

Mr. Earle offered his hydro-aeroplane to the Government in a letter sent Secretary of War Baker. The machine can make a speed of more than 100 miles an hour.

Mr. Earle is prominent in social, club and business circles. He is a second lieutenant in the Second Pennsylvania Artillery. He is an experienced aviator and made many flights in Germany before the war.

John B. Mayer, president of the German Society of Pennsylvania, announced the loyalty of Philadelphia citizens of German birth or descent. A crash of applause greeted his closing words.

Commandant Russell, of the navy yard, was unable to be present. His speech was read, however. It said in part:

"I am to speak to you on a subject which is much more serious than many of you imagine. You all know, as intelligent men, that our diplomatic relations are such that we may be forced into war at any instant. But what you know of our means of defense against possible attack by way of the sea is not by any means of such general knowledge. Let me give you an idea of our present situation."

HIGHWAYMEN ATTACK AND ROB WOMAN

Mrs. R. Irving Beaten Into Unconsciousness by Unknown Marauders in West Philadelphia

Highwaymen attacked Mrs. R. Irving, of 1242 St. Bernard street, at Forty-ninth street and Chester avenue, at 10 o'clock last night and after beating her into unconsciousness stole her handbag containing \$2.

The following persons reported their automobiles stolen to the police today: Earl G. Van Silver, 234 Meade street, Chestnut Hill; Dr. R. L. Gray, 2031 North Broad street; Mildred Sterrett, 727 Upson street, and H. S. Seaman, of Sharon Hill, Pa.

LOST AND FOUND

Found a circle of diamonds, on a chain, on the 20th of March, in front of the Hotel House on Broad st. or on Chestnut street. Call after 6 p. m. at 1811 Addison st.

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REV. WILLIAM C. RICHARDSON
Pastor of the Roxborough Baptist Church, who died today.

REV. W. C. RICHARDSON DIES AFTER OPERATION

Pastor of Roxborough Baptist Church Victim of Uremia. Was Native of Illinois

The Rev. W. C. Richardson, pastor of the Roxborough Baptist Church, died today at the Hahnemann Hospital after an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago. Uremia is given as the direct cause of death. He resided with his family at 5336 Ridge avenue.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Roxborough Church by the Rev. Dr. John Gordon, of the Temple University Theological School. Interment will be made at Monmouth, Ill.

Mr. Richardson was born in Mount Vernon, Ill., in 1879, the son of the Rev. William Richardson, also a Baptist minister. He attended the Shurtleff College, of Upper Alton, Ill., and was graduated from that institution in 1906. For a year he taught Latin and literature in Shurtleff College and then went to a theological seminary at Rochester, N. Y. He was graduated here in 1909.

Mr. Richardson came to the Roxborough Baptist Church from the Bales Baptist Church in Kansas City, Mo., on September 1, 1914. His wife was Miss Anna M. Duker, of Monmouth, Ill.

Two brothers, both of them ministers, a twelve-year-old son, William, and his widow survive Mr. Richardson. The brothers are the Rev. J. T. Richardson, of Morris, Ill., and the Rev. George C. Richardson, an evangelist.

MAN SEEMINGLY IN GOOD HEALTH FALLS DEAD

Howard Terry Suddenly Stricken—Entertained Friends at His Home Last Night

Howard Terry, superintendent of the Philadelphia Vinegar Company, fell dead at his home, 1629 Brown street, early this morning. He had not been ill, and entertained company at home last night. Mrs. Terry survives, as does a son, Dr. Howard Terry, Jr., of Phoenixville.

Mr. Terry's only particular interest outside his home and business was church work. He was an active member of the Memorial Baptist Church, Broad and Market streets, and until a few weeks ago he led the choir at the Blockley Baptist Church, Fifty-third street and Wyalusing avenue.

Mr. Terry was sixty-four years old and had lived most of his life here. He was born in Woodbury, N. J.

No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

City News in Brief

CHOKING ON MILK. Thomas Golden, one year old, died at his home, 5529 Chester avenue. The mother had put him to bed after giving him his bottle. Later she went into the room and became frightened when she failed to hear the baby's breathing. Dr. G. W. Geyer, of 5706 Chester avenue, who was called in, said the baby had been dead some time.

NORTHWEST BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION. which met at 2246 Columbia avenue, pledged its co-operation and assistance in the plans of the Home Defense Committee, which met in City Hall, Charles L. Fluck, president of the association, presided.

MILK THEFT suspects were arrested by the police in a stable in the rear of the wagon-building shop of George Garrett & Sons, 3906 Spring Garden street. Fifteen policemen surrounded the place and arrested four boys and got twenty-five bottles of milk, five loaves of bread and a quantity of fruit.

SALE HAS BEEN MADE of a large brick Colonial style residence on Greenbrook avenue, east of Fifty-ninth street, to a purchaser whose name was not disclosed, by Charles J. Hood & Co., for W. Judson Sprankle. The purchase price has not been made known, but it is reported that the property was held for sale at \$35,000.

DIRTY STREETS resulted in the suspension of eight street-cleaning inspectors for two days, each without pay, by the Bureau of Highways for neglect to report derelictions of the contractors in their respective districts. The bureau in January and February served notice on the contractors that the specifications meant what they stated.

COMPLICITY IN THE MURDER of Edward T. Foley and Ordway Hall, managers of two chain grocery stores in Boston, was alleged to have been fastened upon Frank Smith, alias Tommy Ryan, a gunman, through an identification by two women at the Detective Bureau. He was arrested March 10 after shooting David Findlaw, a messenger of the Federal Reserve Bank, and attempting to steal \$19,000.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS were held today in the Federal Building for the following positions: Soil physicist, chemist, dentist for Indian service, aid in paleobotany, aid in the Bureau of Standards, civil engineer and superintendent of construction, junior mechanical engineer and junior chemist in radioactivity.

TWINING REPORT TO HINT DEFICITS

Estimates Will Analyze Proposed Transit Lease As Drafted

IGNORES ALL OPTIMISM

Estimates Twining Will Make in Report to Mayor

OPERATION of high-speed system under terms of lease will mean annual deficit to city up to 1925. Maximum deficit will come in 1932, when it will be \$5,157,000.

City's profit in 1927, year of expiration of lease, will be \$2,150,000. Assuming P. R. T. is not relieved of various payments, fixed under 1907 contract, city will receive first return in 1950.

Greatest annual deficit on this basis would be \$4,425,000 from 1925 to 1932 inclusive.

Cost of an independent operator to equip high-speed system for initial operation would be \$16,088,000.

Cost during first eleven years from operation of first line would be \$21,241,000, or \$8,585,000 less than equipment cost with P. R. T. as operator.

Transit Director Twining's report on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's proposed transit lease, which will be submitted to Mayor Smith and Councils on Thursday of next week, will contain estimates setting forth that under the terms of the lease as it now is drafted the city will face an annual deficit from the operation of the high-speed system which must be met either by a tax increase or a fare increase up to the year 1955.

This estimate, which the Director's report states is based upon "conservative" computations as to the returns from the system, assumes that the entire high-speed system, including the Chestnut street subway, will be constructed and that it will be operated by the P. R. T. Company.

The pessimistic figures advanced by Director Twining are greatly at variance with the optimistic future seen by Ellis Ames Ballard, chief of counsel for the Rapid Transit Company, in his speech Saturday at the City Club. Mr. Ballard based his estimates upon the actual growth in receipts during the last few years.

Director Twining, it is understood, did not take this growth into consideration, holding that recent increases in passenger receipts were due to war conditions, which could not continue.

BALLARD'S PROPHECY
Mr. Ballard, after showing how the Frankford and the Darcy lines would pay for themselves immediately after construction, said of the future:

"It is a conservative estimate to say that street railway receipts increase twice as fast as the population. From 1900 to 1916 the population of the city increased thirty-two per cent. The receipts of the transit company increased 106 per cent. That is, development will help the city grow. If development will help the city grow, it doesn't, it ought never to have been undertaken. The experience of New York and Chicago during the ten years, 1900 to 1910, while their high-speed lines were being built, was a growth of from six to six and three-quarters per cent a year in street railway receipts."

"Now we can all do a little arithmetic. Take our receipts for the current year—\$28,400,000. I have given you the experience of three cities over the last two decades. Let each man figure for himself what increase to expect and what the receipts of this system will be, say in the year 1922-23, which is the first year that the city will have to meet any interest charges for construction of Broad street, delivery loop and Parkway and Northwest lines under the present plan of the department."

"If you adopt a two per cent yearly growth for the city and only a four per cent rate of increase in the receipts it will give you \$35,000,000 for the year 1922-23, after eliminating the exchange ticket, or an increase in gross at the end of six years of \$5,500,000. If, after allowing for the

TORNADO IN ARKANSAS KILLS 7 AND INJURES 8

Most of the Buildings in Town of Delarde Destroyed by Furious Storm

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 21.—Seven persons were killed and eight injured today when a tornado swept the country in the vicinity of Delarde, Ark.

The dead, according to dispatches received here, include Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weatherington, Albert Herrick, Milton Hutchinson, Mattie Hearn and Lewis Roberts.

The tornado struck the town itself with terrific violence and most of the buildings were razed.

GERMAN GIRL NURSES SEEK NATURALIZATION

Determination to "be American first" is still sending hundreds of aliens to the Naturalization Bureau, in the Federal Building, to take out the papers that will make Uncle Sam their uncle.

The masculine monotony of the long queue leading up to Chief Clerk Seitzer's desk was broken today by the presence of two young German women, who announced their profession of nursing and declared their intention of serving—or endeavoring to—in the American Red Cross in the event of war.

They were Miss Lena Stuckenberger, 1653 North Eighth street, and Miss Margaret Appell, 1542 Gratz street. The former has been here since 1887 and the latter since 1905. They took out their first papers.

NAVY OPENS SECRET BIDS FOR 200 U-BOAT CHASERS

Builders Estimate Virtually at Cost and May Lose on Contracts

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Bids for 200 submarine chasers were opened in secret at the Navy Department at noon today. A dozen firms submitted figures. They will be kept secret for a week, when the Government will receive bids on construction of a similar nature.

Some of the bidders who submitted figures declared that they would construct the boats virtually at cost or maybe at a small loss to themselves. They said the short time allotted them to estimate had made their bids more or less guesswork, but they were kept as low as possible.



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