SAINST POSTPONING PROPOSED BY MAYOR

thusiasm Displayed at Suncheon of the Business Science Club

ON'T WAIT ON CONGRESS

Philadelphia Should Send Out Traditional Message of Inspiration

place should come before Philadelin quickening the country's patriotism. the sentiment today at the luncheon of siness Science Club in the Adelphia

A resolution was adopted urging that a eat patriotic rally be held in Independ-Square, as suggested in an editorial erday in the EVENING LEDGER. Mention was made of the fact that Mayor

ith favored such a rally, but not until sident Wilson addressed the special Concalled fo, next week. The whole rit of the club was against any such nement, and was so expressed in the lution. Immediately after the luncheon resolution was dispatched by special nger to the Mayor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

This was the resolution adopted: Be It Resolved, That the Business Science Club proposes a great patriotic rally to be held in Independence Square before April 2, and urges Mayor Smith the initiative in calling this

And Be It Further Resolved, That a committee be appointed to secure the co-operation of other associations and offer its services to the Mayor.

In introducing the resolution, Walter Lee converger, of Smith, Kline & French Com-any and vice president of the Business clence Club, mentioned the fact that other ntries are criticizing he United States her disparagingly for the apparent lack patriotic enthusiasm shown, and said at Philadelphia ought particularly to be chained to think that such patriotic mesres as have gone out to the whole coun ry have gone from New York instead of rom Philadelphia, whereas by all past ules and customs this city ought to be the in such things.

He said he was glad Mayor Smith was favor of holding a patriotic raily in dependence Square, but thought the layor was using poor judgment in want-to postpone it until Congress meets.

"What we should do," Mr. Rosenberger "is to let Philadelphia send a message be country that will have its influence Congress meets." Then he read the ial from yesterday's Evening Ledger suggested such a meeting.

INSPIRING EDITORIAL

editorial said: In this time of crisis, when the bonds of loyalty must be knit closely and the soods of patriotism drawn into a common channel, it is right and proper that from the shrine of liberty and the so out to the country and to the mass loyalty and complete indorsement of the purposes and course of the Gov-

We suggest that a great patriotic rally of citizens from this city and from rounding States be held in Indepen-nce Square, that national leaders ask and resolutions formulating th purpose of the nation be adopted in order that once more the enthusiasm of this people may send its thrill into the remotest parts of the country and die the fires of patriotism as the ave not been kindled since last a Eurobean nation threw down to us the gage

EVERY ONE PATRIOTIC

After Mr. Rosenberger read his resolu-n a half dozen men jumped up to it, and West C. Boyd, who was preng, said he guessed it had been more a seconded; it had been "thirded and thed and fifthed." He spoke his apral of the action taken, and the applause

A. L. Atkiss got up to say that the club should be proud of the action taken: that he, as a member of the Veterans of Foreign wars of the United States, could announce ir decided approval.

Dr. H. Evart Kendig, secretary of the aub, suggested sending immediately a copy of the resolution to the Mayor, and this was done. He also made a brief address, outhing off some of the previous instances en Philadelphia had been in the center the country's tide of patriotism and ted that it be kept there. "We must we this meeting and send out this mes-ge to the country before Congress meets,"

a committee appointed to consider ways he committee appointed to consider ways means and to act with other associate is as follows: Mr. Rosenberger, chaire; Alexander Lawrence, Jr., Jennings ed. William J. Eldridge, William Coped Furber, William T. Holmes, Jr., Doctor adig, Mr. Atkiss, E. A. Wright Jr., Cyrus Emerson and Wilson A. Streeter, at the luncheon was William H. Metassident of the City Business Club.

president of the City Business Club. pass a similar resolution at its

isens who commented on the sugges-inanimously agreed with the spirit of hey feit it would be a fine thing for and women to assemble in the square et national leaders speak their thought hem, thus quickening the spirit of than and loyalty that they feel but t know how to express. The time to be now, they said.

e was a feeling voiced that messages riotism by right should be coming hiladelphia, the birthplace of the na-

w York has had several rousing meet-outr patriotism," one man said. "The others ought not let any one in all unity say that Philadelphia lags be-when the question is one of love of

rit of the suggestion was appre-Mayor Smith and Dr. E. B. and James E. Lennon, council-fers. The Mayor was enthusiastic of the idea, but thought it ought inpuned until after Congress con-April. The councilmasic chi (a as enthusiantic, it, thought the sile inke the initiative in anything a taward holding such a meet-

CTION, CITIZENS SAY

Mayor Would Have Rally, but After Congress Acts

MAYOR SMITH, in defining his attitude toward the suggested patriotic rally in Independence Square, was emphatic in saying how great he thought it was, but added that he did not believe it advisable until after Congress has heard what the President has to say in April the President has to say in April.
"Do not misunderstand me," he said. "I think such a rally would be splendid, but I do not think it necessary just at this time."

Streets Business Men's Association—"It would be a source of inspiration for the United States if we of Philadelphia should hold such a meeting in the sindow of Independence Hall. It would arouse patriotism. It would be felt throughout the country. By all means, let us have the meeting." the meeting."

E. TRAVIS, vice president Sixtieth and Market Streets Business Men's Associa-tion-"Let nothing prevent a big patriotic mass-meeting for Independence Square. It is a most excellent idea, for such a meeting would stir up patriotism as nothing else would."

JOHN T. PEDLOE, president Woodland Avenue Business Men's Association—"It is a commendable undertaking. If we are to have war, let us have it with all our might. We can have war with all our might only if the patriotism of the nation is aroused to a high pitch. An independence Hall meeting would be just the thing to do this. Let this meeting be the first of a series to arouse the patriotic the first of a series to arouse the patriotic fervor necessary. I pledge the support of my organization to the meeting. The bigger it is the better will be the results. I ain glad the suggestion was made. It shows the wideawake spirit of the Eve-

HOMAS BURKE, president Fortieth and Market Streets Business Men's Associa-tion—"The idea is excellent. This meet-ing should be held by all means. It would bring to the notice of the nation that Philadelphia, great as a historical and commercial center, is ready to do its One result of the meeting would be to increase recruiting."

MICHAEL BROWN, president Lancaster Avenue Business Association — "Of course my organization will back such a We had intended having one ourselves, but this city-wide idea is much We will canvass Lancaster ave nue to get the residents down to the meeting. It will arouse patriotism as nothing else in the world would. Let us have it

THOMAS A. McCAFFREY, president Belmont Improvement Association: "It is an excellent idea, but I should like to see an excellent idea, but I should not be set in postponed until Congress takes action. In the meantime I suggest that there be neighborhood patriotic gatherings, which would culminate after Congress's action in one mammoth meeting in Independence Square to indorse whatever Congress has done. Such a mass-meeting, coming on the heels of action by Congress, would make itself felt in Europe. Our organization will do all in its power to help the project along, holding patriotic ralies ourselves until Congress meets April 2. I am glad the meeting was proposed."

IORACE LAW, general manager of the tailoring department of the Army and Navy Co-operative Company, 1123 South Broad street: "I believe the EVENING LEDGER voices the sentiment of the entire elty in suggesting a patriotic mass-meeting, and I, for one, most heartily indorse the stand it has taken."

MANUEL KOLB, of the Kolb Real Estate Company, southeast corner Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue: "I am heartily in accord with the Evening Lepger when it proposes a meeting to arouse pa riotic enthusiasm, especially at this

COLONEL GEORGE PENROSE, depo quartermaster of the Schuylkill Arsenal:
"I believe such a meeting at this time
would accomplish a lot of good and 1 would be glad to see it take place as soon

AUGUSTUS F. DAIX. State Senator: "A meeting to arouse the patriotism of our citizens, as suggested in the editorial columns of the Evening Ledger, would have not only my hearty approval, but the approval of every American. The time is indeed ripe for such a movement. It is altogether fitting that Independence Square should be selected as the place in success of the valuable suggestion I feel that the co-operation of every patriotic organization should be solicited,"

WILSON TO BLAME IF WAR COMES, TEUTONS ASSERT

Lokal Anzeiger Says President's Policy One of "Careless and Criminal Errors"

BERLIN, March 23 .- "The policy of President Wilson since breaking off diplo-matic relations with Germany has been characterized by careless and criminal errors," says the Lokal Anzeiger. The paper adds that "if President Wilson ashly wants war he should start it and hen he will have it." It concludes:

The monstrous guilt for a German-Amer-in war, should it come, would fall alone ican war, should it come, would fall all upon the President and his Government. Holland to Bar Armed U. S. Ships

LONDON, March 23.—The Dutch news-paper Handelsblad is quoted in a dispatch from The Hague today as authority for the statement, that the Government of the Netherlands has decided to bar armed American and British merchant ships from

Gilentinger C. H. S. Ball Captain Osear Gilentinger was elected captain of the Central High School baseball team this after-noon in Ductor O'Brien's office. He is eighteen years old and has been the varsity catcher for two years. He is a sophomore.

Mahan Elected Drexel Captain

A. P. Mahan was elected captain of the prevei institute baskethall team for 1917-1918. This is his first year on the team. He is a surer in the lower school.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up. 6 fur FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up. 6 furlongs:
1. Lepotism. 110. Lyke... 10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1
2. James G. 104. Merrimee 10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1
3. Plunger, 107. Buxton... 3 to 1 even 1 to 2
Time, 1.16. Cuinis. Cousin Bob. Dore. First
Roys. Sarborne. Pasha, Kestrel. Ex-Sheriff and
Woodly also rat.
SECOND RACE. four-year-olds and upward.
selling. 5% furlongs.
1. Sister Susie. 102. Hoag... 6 to 1 2 to 1 1 to 1
2. Stilly Night. 106. Buxton 9 to 2 8 to 5 4 to 5
3. Detour. 113. Murphy ... 6 to 1 2 to 1 1 to 1
Time. 1:09 1-5. Myola. Jungle. Ellen Smythe.
Prisky and Alcourt also ran.
THIRD RACE. four-year-olds and up. selling,
mile and 70 yards:
1. Chad Buford. 109. Crump 3 to 1 1 to 1 1 to 2
2. Rose Juliette. 103. Jeff.
cott
Time. 1:46 2-5. Little Bigger. Depra. Verena,
Manioc. Wap. Lelloaha. First Star and Rey
Onlewood also ran.

Hot Springs Entries for Tomorrow

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First race, maiden three-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Wonderful, 196; Skotch Kles. 196; Broomsweep, 196; Free, 197; Dontbrush, 199; Pulaski,
199; Mystic Folly, 199; Steaty, 199; Greek
Legend, 199.
Second vace, selling, three-year-olds and up,
8 furlongs—Ophelia W. 191; *Recluse, 192;
Briss, 198; **Othelio, 110; Ensier Greetings, 110;
Pinch, 116; **Fleetabelle, 190; Canonbridge, 111;
Ting-a-ling, 111; Archplotter, 114; Langhorne,
118; Pleasureville, 120.
Third race, handicap, three-year-olds and up,
8 furlongs—Sparkler, 194; Uncle Hart, 195;
Mars Cassidy, 198; Pangarets, 110; Colonel
Vennie, 123; Old Rosebud, 137;
Fourth race, handicap, three-year-olds and up,
mile and 70 yards—Grundy, 96; (a.Wiseman,
192; Brn. Limsh, 193; Robert Bradley, 105;
Jack O'Dowd, 196; Bob Hensiey, 196; Woodstone, 199; (a.Thornhill stable
antry,
**Tith race, selling, three-year-olds and up,
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BEAUTING TO DESIGN THE STREET OF STREET OF STREET WOULD JOIN COAST DEFENSE FORCES



Miss Pinckney Lee Estes, of Columbia, S. C. (left), and her classmate at the University Law School, Miss Rose Lerner, of 120 South Thirtyfourth street, today offered to join the Naval Coast Defense Reserve.

U. OF P. PORTIAS FIGHT TO JOIN NAVAL FORCES OF UNCLE SAM

Miss Rose Lerner and Miss Pinckney Lee Estes Eager to Enlist in Yeomanry and Do Their Little Bit

> By M'LISS and Miss Lerner, and they expect to go to

the Naval Home armed with Secretary Dan-iel's answer today and become full-fledged

fighting for the Confederacy, and so comes justly by her martial tendencies.

Miss Estes said, "because we don't

"We didn't want all this to come out,

aphy and bookkeeping and could, therefore,

believe, qualify for cletical positions i

Miss Lerner, whose father is not a nat

me a real out-and-out "citizeness"

that she can do some active work for Uncle Sam should her services be needed.

we are absolutely needed."

Miss Lerner, who will be graduated this

The only two girl lawyers at the Uniersity of Pennsylvania-Miss Pinckney Lee Estes and Miss Hose Lerner-are having difficult time in trying to do their bit out, believe them, they are going to do it Such a little experience as they had yes terday will not be allowed to stop then

The two Portias of the law school read Secretary Daniels's proclamation calling upon women to enlist in the navy and start ed right out to be in the first group. They went to the Navai Home, at Fitzwater street and Gray's Ferry road, and met as "Not until you join the Woman's Division

of the Naval League," they were told by Miss Gretchen Gordon, who was acting for the chiefs.

The co-eds knew their rights and refused.
"Why, that's a purely voluntary organization, a mere side line." they protested. "We want to join the United States navy. One woman can be as stubborn as an-ther. Despite the invitation Mr. Daniels gave to all women, the two students were not taken in. They were allowed to register their qualifications, but the final word was not spoken. But they say they will get in

"The very idea! We saw scores of men being enlisted, and yet they tried to force us into a special organization before taking has the letter of complaint from Miss Este



G. T. CONRADE

SELECTMAN G. T. CONRADE VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

Fifth Ward Representative in Councils Had Held Several Public Offices

Select Councilman George T. Conrade, who represented the Fifth Ward, died at his home, 626 Spruce street, this afternoon. Death was caused by a stroke of paralysis, which caused him to become unconscious yesterday. He remained so until his death. Councilman Conrade was serving his sec-

ond term in Councils. Previous to his councilmanic position he had served several terms in the Legislature and at one was a clerk in the office of the City He was also a Constable attached to ex-Magistrate Carey's office. He was sixty-five years old and is survived by one daughter.

MILTON STOCK WIRES PAT MORAN HE'S COMING SOUTH

ST. PETERSBURG. Fla., March 23, Late this afternoon Manager Moran re-ceived a wire from Milton Stock, who is in Mobile, Ala., saying that he would be here as soon as possible. No ward has yet been received from Niehoff.



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carry on the engineering work, but operate in their entirety many public-service properties has given us an exceptionally practical point of view.

DAY S CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ZIMMERMANN RATEROADS SEEK" **BIG RATE INCREASE**

Advance of 10 to 15 Per Cent in Transportation Charges Asked

ADAMSON ACT SEQUENCE

WASHINGTON, March 23, A general increase from ten to fifteen per cent in all freight and nassenger rates to cover the increased cost of operation inder the Adamson law is asked by all the railroads of the country in a petition laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission, the receipt of which was announced

It was stated the roads have met other neavy ex enses besides the Adamson wage increase, and that they want to get themselves in shape to serve the country efficiently in time of war.

Request was made for a bianket increase to facilitate prompt action, the roads ex-

The roads' petition stated that "in our pinion the only practical method of securing proper relief is by a percentage ad-vancement in all rates. This, of course, should be adequate to cover the effect of the Adamson law and other wage increases already made and those which will natfollow through increase in the cosof fuel, material and supplies

REA STATES RAILROADS' CASE in presenting the case for the railroads. President Rea, of the Pennsylvania, said "We realize that the condition of the railroads today presents a menace to the country, not alone to the owners of the property, but affecting directly the international situation. It is absolutely essen-tial that the railroads shall be in splendid working order, not merely workable phy-sically, but in a position to fulfill their full duties to meet what we all believe is com-ing, a crisis in our history, and to do it ef-

fectively and properly.

"Under present conditions, rates and revenues of the carrier, we believe this to be

mpossible.
Uppermost in our minds is that we are facing a national emergency in which the railroads must be a most efficient arm to railroads must be a most efficient arm to place at the disposal of the country, its industries and its people. The most reasonable and prompt ac-

tion is required in our judgment. apart from that of the national emergency the facts of the situation are that we are already confronted with increased expenses on acount of fuel, supplies, materials, wages and taxes, as well as the increasing difficulty of raising new capital on reasonable terms on account of the existing conditions

year, is a charming Hungarian, although she took out her second naturalization pa-pers this morning. "An examination of the conditions which the carriers are facing and will face in the immediate future convinces us that there Miss Estes, as her name would indicate. a charming southerner, having been born a Columbia, S. C. Moreover, her grandwill be a serious reduction of the net operating incomes of the carriers due to several causes. We, therefore, deem it very ather died from wounds received while essential that the situation should be clearly disclosed to the commission and desire to obtain some suggestion as to the best method of protecting the railroads against to give up our law course here until it is absolutely necessary. But we felt that if

published accounts were true about there being 35,000 men shy in the United States navy, we could do our little best to take the "Under the existing international com plications and exceptional industrial activity the necessity and justice for requesting inplaces of two men. We both know stenogcreased rates are so clear and pressing for the benefit of the country as a whole that we suggest the commission will realize the importance of having the railroads in a the yeomen service. We wrote to be en-rolled on the reserve list. We do not want notoriety, nor do we want to serve unless stronger financial position.
"That can be done only by prompt and

liberal consideration, so that they may place themselves in a stronger physical condition to meet all the demands of the country. And uralized citizens of the United States, does not subscribe to the principles for which her native land is fighting and wants to that increased rates requested will be promptly granted without any suspension o the tariffs and to avoid tedious delay and expense of compiling and printing tariffs for all the railroads of the country until the commission has decided the question."

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Suits at \$25,00—Still greater variety—Suits of serge, poplin, gabardine, worsted checks and wool jersey. Belted, semi-belted and plain models, some with smart plaited coats, some braid-trimmed, others with pockets; plain and full collars, many with silk over-collar.

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CURE HIS SPRING FERVOR

Warned That Poetic Fancy Disported in Shopping District May Cost Mankind is pretty well under the heel of

the poet who starts singing of shrinking violets this time of the year-there's no law against 'em, complain the police, but raucous salesmen who shove the flowers themselves under the noses of lady shop pers should and will be arrested.

James Malatiso, alleged head of the "Violet Trust," whose mossy dell is at 26 South Hicks street, had just finished a little eyerolling declamation at Fifteenth and Chestnut streets today and was holding his wares o the world when Policeman McFalls took him gently by the arm and led him over to the Central police station.

"Well here's spring," sang the battered crowd in the antercom when the man was led in bearing his flowers. The magistrate told Malatiso that he must stay out of the shopping district and keep the men employed by him oft of that district or he would have to pay \$5.50 and costs. He was then discharged.

VENDER OF VIOLETS MUST TELL JURY BRIBES WERE PAID TO PREVENT STRIKES

Twenty Cleveland Contractors Say Graft Money Made Work Possible on Bridges

CLEVELAND, March 23.-The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury late today was told by nineteen building contractors that \$20,000 in graft was paid to prevent strikes on bridges in the courseof construction prior to the lockout of 20,000 men by the building trades employers' association.

It was testified Jacob Rabin, builder of the new Olmstead Hotel, paid \$3000 in weekly installments to insure continuous work on the hotel. Union men say the stories are untrue.

Flag Raising at Eddystone Postponed The flag raising and patriotic celebration which was to have been held at the close of work tomorrow at the Eddystone Ammu-nition Corporation has been postponed until nition Corporation has been postponed until after Cngress meets and hears the President's message. The committee in charge thought it better not to bring the great crowd together until the country's policy is determined upon. The employes, including those of the Remington Arms Company.





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By the construction of a connecting railroad from Sunnyside Yard, Long Island City, to Port Morris in the Bronx, the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System have been joined with the lines of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad System, and the South and West directly connected with New England by an all-rail route through New York City.

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