

LETTERS FORGET? LOCAL OPTION PLEDGES

Williams and Shattuck, of Crawford, Voted Against Bill Despite Promises

BOOK STAND IN WRITING

State Committee Produces Letter Written by Solon Opposing Boze

One of the 127 legislators who defeated the local option bill in the House at Harrisburg yesterday "never drank liquor and put thinking men off the job as soon as possible."

Williams wrote the letter to the Local Option Committee of Pennsylvania. State-wide organization which has been working for local option.

Williams and his partner from Crawford County, Frederick J. Shattuck, had both given the local option committee written assurances that they would support local option measures in the Legislature.

In his letter Williams expresses a great dislike for liquor and said he hoped his home county, which had been dry for several years by judicial decision, would continue in the same condition.

He even sketched for the local option committee a picture of the effects of dryness as he said he had seen it effect the men he employed.

Williams is in lumber business and runs a stock farm. He was questioned by the local option committee in May, 1915, as to what stand he would take on local option if he were nominated for the Legislature. The committee had a prompt reply.

"I have always been in the lumber business," Williams wrote, "and advanced in it, employing in the woods and mills from fifty to seventy men each day. I never drank liquor and never let a man work for me while under the influence of liquor, and put thinking men off the job as soon as possible."

He always fought liquor and always will, as many of my employes have families and would suffer for food and clothing while the husband and father was drunk and unemployed.

"Our country is dry," he continued, "and we think it fine and hope it will continue so for the benefit of the poor and those who employ labor. I was sheriff of this county of Crawford for three years, and the largest percentage of prisoners were placed in my care for having been drunk, as the books will show."

Shattuck, the other legislator who had written the committee favorably, did not go into details, as he stood on the question, as the writer wrote "Yes" on the bottom of the letter the committee sent him, and which contained the question, "In the event that you are elected to serve in the 1917 legislature will you support a county local option bill?"

The Local Option Committee, represented in Philadelphia by Romain C. Hassrick, received reports from local workers in Somerset County that Morris W. Speicher, another of the legislators who helped defeat the local option bill, would vote favorably. William W. Jones, of Lackawanna County, had pledged himself to vote for local option in 1915, but voted against the bill which was beaten in 1915 session. He was not pledged again.

British Pursue Foe; French Push on Laon

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Main positions guarding the Cambrai-St. Quentin Railway.

The new Russian Government and military command are working feverishly in preparation to resist the expected German drive on Petrograd.

Vast quantities of supplies and ammunition are being rushed to the Dvinsk front and the food and transportation difficulties of the country are being rapidly dealt with.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES APPLIED

March 28.

For the first time since the fighting in Belgium at the beginning of the war, armored cars, supported by cavalry, achieved the capture of a town today.

The village was Boyelles. The armored cars, supported on the north and south by British cavalry, swept over the Germans. The enemy fled precipitately, not having expected more than a clash with small advance forces.

The Germans had laid a trap at Boyelles for what they supposed would be a reconnoitering guard of the British advance. But they were overwhelmed by the strength of the British forces no less than by surprise at the bringing into action of the armored cars.

Field Marshal Haig's men today held Boyelles in great strength.

LONDON, March 28.

The German salient in front of Laon and Le Fere, on the western battlefield, has crumbled beneath the blow of the French.

Farther north, between St. Quentin and Cambrai, the Germans have been compelled to give more ground before the rushes of the British and are now standing in their main positions defending the Cambrai-St. Quentin railway.

Storms of wind and rain, thick blankets of fog and swamps of mud, that have taken the place of highways, have proved futile reinforcements to the Germans, for they have failed to check the onrush of the British and French soldiers.

The turning movement of General Nivelle along the southern end of this fighting front is making steady progress, despite the resistance of the Germans north of the Aisne. Now that Coucy forest has fallen into their hands, the French are attacking St. Gobain forest. This dense patch of woodland has been strongly fortified by the Teutons. Lying on elevated ground it forms one of the most powerful defenses of Laon.

South of the St. Gobain forest the French are advancing upon the German stronghold of Anisy, which lies on the Loos-Soissons railroad. There has been a vigorous night fighting and cannonading around Anisy, especially in the sectors of Margival and Vailly.

The capture of Equancourt, Longuevaux and Biermont by General Haig's men has greatly strengthened the British front. It had been fortified by the Germans and was strongly defended with picked men and machine gun platoons, but they fell before the savage assaults of the British.

British and French engineers, following upon the heels of the armies, are working busily in the construction of new highways, railroads and bridges. Despite the incessant destruction carried out systematically by the Germans and the bad weather, the Anglo-French keep up communication with the rear so that a steady stream of food, medical supplies, ammunition and munitions is ever going forward. German prisoners are being taken for the devastation of the country came from Von Hindenburg.

PARIS, March 28.

Troops captured important position recently strengthened the British front.

The progress north of the Aisne is today's official statement.

It reported a heavy artillery fire on the right bank of the

GUARDS FLOCK TO STATE ARMORIES AS DAY DAWNS

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committee was announced last night. It follows: General Avery D. Andrews, W. W. Atterbury, Samuel T. Bodine, Robert K. Cassatt, Morris L. Clothier, the Rev. Russell H. Conwell, J. Howell Cummings, Samuel M. Curwen, Agnew T. Dice, A. C. Dinsley, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, Edith A. Gimbel, John Gribbel, Major John C. Groome, Dr. Herbert Hare, Dr. Charles D. Hart, W. A. Law, H. G. Lloyd, Samuel D. Lill, Charles Longstreth, Dr. Wilmer Krusen, J. H. McAllister, Joseph B. McCall, Senator James P. McNichol, Captain J. Franklin McFadden, Louis C. Madeira, Judge J. Willis Martin, Charles E. Mather, J. Kearsey Mitchell, Robert L. Montgomery, Effingham B. Morris, Arthur E. Newbold, Thomas C. Coshell, George Wharton Pepper, William Fisher, Samuel Rea, Dr. G. E. De Schweinitz, A. W. Sewall, Alexander Simpson, Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, Edward B. Smith, Mayor Thomas B. Smith, W. Huckle Smith, Joseph Stotesbury, Joseph M. Stoebe, Edward T. Stotesbury, Ernest T. Trigg, Senator Edwin H. Vane, Samuel M. Vacciano, Daniel B. Wentz, Charlton Yarnall and George C. Shinn.

Work like scenes were witnessed at the First and Third Regiment Armories early today. Many of the officers were on hand most of the night making final preparations for the mustering in. The troops were assembled for inspection at 8 o'clock one company in each regiment was placed on guard duty.

Hundreds of men reported at the various recruiting stations throughout the city yesterday, prepared to enlist in the National Guard, in the army, navy or Naval Coast Defense Reserve.

Other stations opened today. Mayor Smith sent to Captain Robert Lee Russell, commanding the coast defense reserve forces, the strategic map of the city and the location of the various stations.

In accordance with precedent established first at the outbreak of the American Revolution and continuing through the struggle against Napoleon in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War and still later the Spanish-American War, Independence Hall was used as a recruiting station. The city of Philadelphia, always proud of its history, has to offer again the use of a room in this building, the birthplace of the nation, through you to the Government of the United States, for the same purpose.

The offer was at once accepted and this morning Lieutenant Commander Payne, from the United States Naval Home, will open the station to which Lieutenant Porter will be assigned as recruiting officer, with Doctor Noble as medical examining surgeon.

Expressions of a few prominent Camden men with regard to the Independence Square Rally follow:

FRANCIS WHALLEY, president of the Camden Board of Trade—"I think it is high time the people at large made some stand and showed the President that we're back of him. The meeting would be an inspiration for all and I hope that Camden will be represented in large numbers at the meeting."

E. L. FREEMAN, secretary of the Victor Talking Machine Company—"It is a good thing and the inspiration will hurt no one."

DAVID JESTER, president of Councils and vice president of the J. B. Van Selver Company—"I think the meeting will be a wonderful thing, and every citizen of Camden who can attend should go, as to show that Camden is backing the President to the limit in the present crisis."

E. E. REARD, JR., president of the Board of Education and president of the Camden Fire Insurance Association—"Camden should be represented by all means. We're all with the President."

B. M. HEDDER, general secretary, Camden Young Men's Christian Association—"I am heartily in sympathy with the movement. It will be an inspiration to the youth of Camden and I would like to see them attend in body."

WILLIAM J. KRAFT, prosecutor of Camden County—"Camden ought to take a healthy part. It is a most wholesome thing. We are in an important era and this will be an important event and Camden should back it to the limit."

SENATOR JOHN B. KATIES, Judge-elect of the Camden County Courts—"I think Camden will respond in large numbers. Political feelings have been laid aside and the universal sentiment is to uphold the President in the present crisis."

CAPTAIN J. WALTER SCOTT, Adjutant, Third New Jersey Infantry, United States National Guard—"Such a meeting at the shrine of liberty should be the greatest inspiration for the youth of Camden city and county. We need such inspirations at this time. I hope the young men will turn out in large numbers."

REV. HENRY O. JONES, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church—"I will urge my congregation from the pulpit tonight to attend the meeting in Independence Square. I favor by all means the concentration of the people at the shrine of liberty. It is the historic center, and Camden should be well represented there."

REV. G. H. HEMINGWAY, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church—"Camden needs the inspiration. Its citizens should attend the Independence Square meeting by all means."

YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU; WHERE YOU CAN ENLIST

United States Army

Recruiting stations: 1229 Arch street. City Hall. Postoffice. 225 Market street. Sixtieth and Market streets. Thirty-second and Market streets. Frankford avenue and Orthodox street. Chelton and Germantown avenues. Eighth and Christian streets.

United States Navy

Recruiting stations: Mayor's office, City Hall. 1310 Arch street. Philadelphia Navy Yard. 1409 Arch street. Postoffice. 929 Spring Garden street. 2205 Island road. Fifty-second and Irving streets.

U. S. Marine Corps

1409 Arch street. Broad and Filbert streets. Postoffice. Thirtieth and Arch streets.

Pennsylvania National Guard

First Regiment Armory, Broad and Calwilt streets. Third Regiment Armory, Broad and Wharton streets. Recruits also taken at other local armories.

Naval Coast Defense Reserve

Independence Hall, Independence Square. Mayor's office, City Hall. United States Naval Home, Fitzwater street and Gray's Ferry road. 1310 Arch street. Liberty Building. Crozer Building.

Pennsylvania Women's Division for National Preparedness and of American Red Cross

Headquarters, 221 South Eighth street. Military Training Camps' Association

Headquarters, 117 Commercial Trust Building. Philadelphia Military Training Corps

Drexel Biddle Bible Class headquarters, 1917 Mt. Vernon street. United Boys' Brigade of America

Headquarters, 2310 North Lambert street. Girl Scouts of America

Headquarters, 36 South Seventh street.

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Hiram Johnson Orator for Patriotic Meeting

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Star Spangled Banner, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."

DROP CHILDREN'S RALLY

The plan of filling Washington Square with school children, that is, the little ones, has been dropped. Superintendent Garber, of the public schools, and Superintendent Flood, of the Catholic parochial schools, decided it was not safe to put the youngsters in such a jam. There are more than enough high school students to fill the square and only these will be assembled Saturday for the demonstration in Washington Square. Mrs. J. Willis Martin, a member of the general committee, expressed delight that this action was decided on; she was never in sympathy with the idea of bringing the smaller children to the meeting.

Broad street from Spring Garden to South street and Market street from Broad to Fifth is to be closed to all vehicular traffic after noon and will be used by marching organizations. No parade permits are necessary for next Saturday. A special stand is to be built for the half hundred G. A. R. veterans who will attend. Some of the recent group formations that have been decided on are Girard College students, University of Pennsylvania students, and the Wanamaker cadets. The high school students under the direction of their physical director, Prof. William A. Stecher. Opening of the recruiting station in Independence Hall today was one of the results of the movement for the big mass-meeting. The attention of the city and nation is centered on the historic building.

50,000 AUDIENCE EXPECTED

First speculations were for a crowd of 50,000. The committee recognizes now that the number of those who will want to take part will never stay within this limit. The chances are that overflow meetings will be held at various points all about the city after the Independence Square event. This will work itself out on the day of the meeting.

By request of Mayor Smith all business houses and factories are expected to close at noon sharp, leaving citizens free to devote their afternoon to the patriotic rally. Men and women who belong to any organization are requested to meet with that organization and come to Independence Square in a body. The committee says it cannot possibly get in direct touch with each organization, and depends on the public press to get the word to all organizations. It is expected that the parade from their headquarters at Independence Square, through the city, will be virtually covered from noon until 2:30 p. m., when the meeting begins.

BIG EXCURSIONS

Railroads are arranging for big excursions from all surrounding points. Tens of thousands of persons are expected from New Jersey and Delaware, swelling the tremendous aggregation that Philadelphia and surrounding Pennsylvania communities will send to Independence Square.

The committee is picturing the entire neighborhood of Independence Square as well as the square itself as being black with humanity. If necessary, extra meetings will spring up at other points that Chestnut street and the crowd will be called on to furnish its own speakers.

Flags will be out by the thousands. The committee has ordered 20,000 flags in one allotment—all it felt it could afford. Others will be brought by patriotic organizations, and the committee reckons that there is at least one flag in every home which should be made to do service Saturday.

BIPLANES OVER SQUARES

Aviators will be flying above Independence Square and Washington Square where the children will be, and they will "bomb" the air to diversify Saturday.

A Senate committee of five today is at

TEUTONS RAID RUSSIAN LINE IN CARPATHIANS

BERLIN, March 28.

During a raid on the northern slopes of Coman Height, in the wooded Carpathians, German thrusting detachments penetrated a Russian position, blasted several dugouts and returned with prisoners and booty, the War Office announced today.

On the Magyaros Russian attack, the South of the Uzul Valley a strongly fortified ridge position was captured by the Austro-Germans and held against repeated Russian attacks. The Russians captured 100 prisoners, some machine guns and mine throwers.

In Macedonia there has been forefired engagements and livelier cannonading.

LAIR OF BOY BANDITS RAIDED BY POLICEMEN

Police Seize 14-Year-Old "General Kuropatkin" After Pawn Shop Is Robbed

The "Boiler Dwellers," a new band of youthful bandits who have created considerable excitement about Kensington during the last few days, were raided by the police early today and three of the leaders have been arrested.

Since the formation of the "Boiler Dwellers," who derive their name from their habit of making headquarters in the boilers lying about on the grounds of the Hiter Iron Works plant, at Trenton avenue and Aramingo street, the police assert that many things have mysteriously vanished from the surrounding neighborhood.

Last night the pawnshop of Isaac Salinger, at 2958 Richmond street, was descended upon by boiler dwellers. A brick went crashing through the large bulk window of the place and the "dwellers" pounced on a number of revolvers, several flashlights and a pair of opera glasses.

Just as dawn was breaking this morning a number of policemen of the Trenton avenue and Dauphin street station, headed by District Detective Duffy, "rushed" the camp of the "boiler dwellers" and arrested "General" Chester Kuropatkin, fourteen years old, of 2819 Almond street; Edward Krause, fifteen years old, of 2186 East Oakdale street; and Andrew Rodenski, seventeen years old, of 2322 Edgemont street.

Inside the boiler camp the police found eight quarts of milk, bread, cakes, cinnamon buns and other breakfast "goodies" that the "dwellers" were about to devour while a number of residents in the neighborhood would go breakfasting, bunless, cakeless and milkless.

Magistrate Wrigley sent "General" Kuropatkin, and his aide-de-camp Krause to the House of Detention, while Andrew Rodenski was held under \$500 bail for a further hearing next Sunday. The remainder of the "boiler" army has been put to rout.

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35615 Waltz from Erling's Serenade—12-in. \$1.25

PHONOGRAPH CO. 17 S. Ninth St. Opposite Post Office

Collingswood to Aid in Home Defense

COLLINGSWOOD, N. J., March 28.

Mayor Thomas W. Jack tonight will appoint a committee of fifty, in compliance with the call of Governor Edge that concerted plans be made for home defense and Camden should back it to the limit.

Another task that will be assigned to the committee will be to organize relief wherever necessary for dependent families of the men called to the front.

The general work of the committee will be held on the plans to be outlined today at a meeting of New Jersey Mayors at Trenton called by the Governor. Every phase will be gone over at that time.

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Which kind of a telephone have you in your office?

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Norristown Lawyer Dead

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 28.—J. L. Larzelere died last night after a lingering illness. He was a lawyer and former district attorney. He was in his fifty-first year and is survived by his widow.

A SPECIAL EXHIBITION LOANED BY THE PRINT CLUB OF ETCHINGS AND PRINTS

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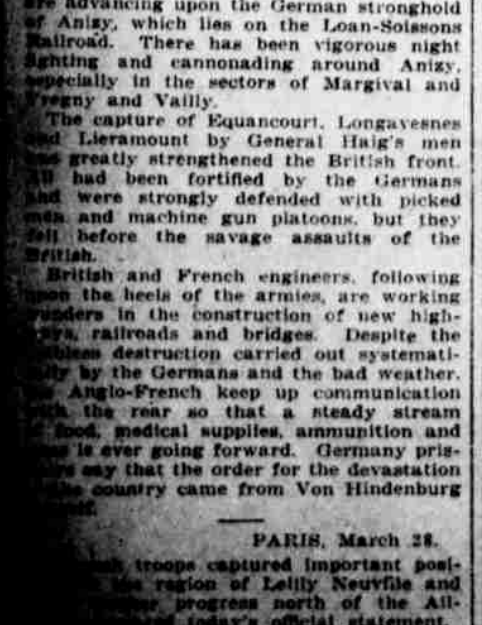
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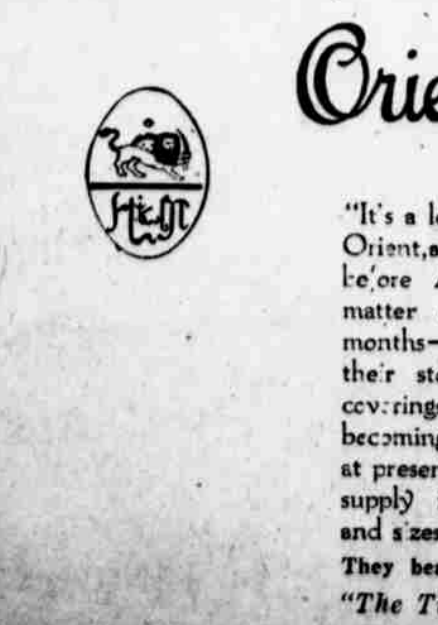
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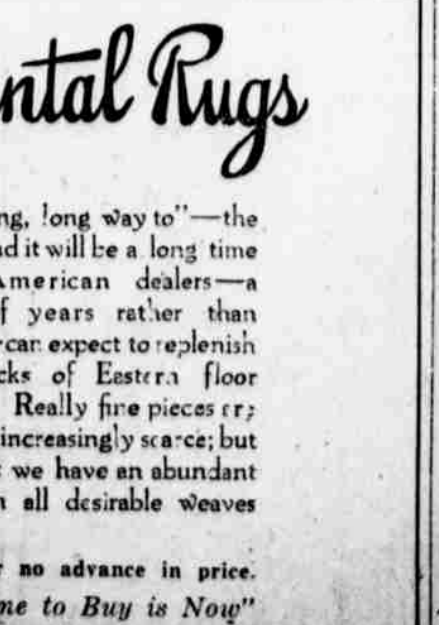
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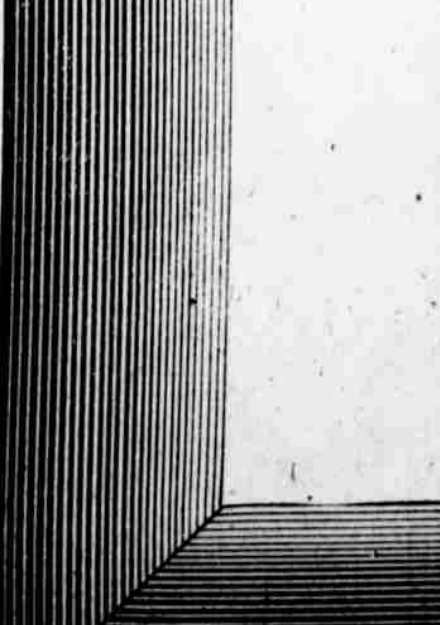
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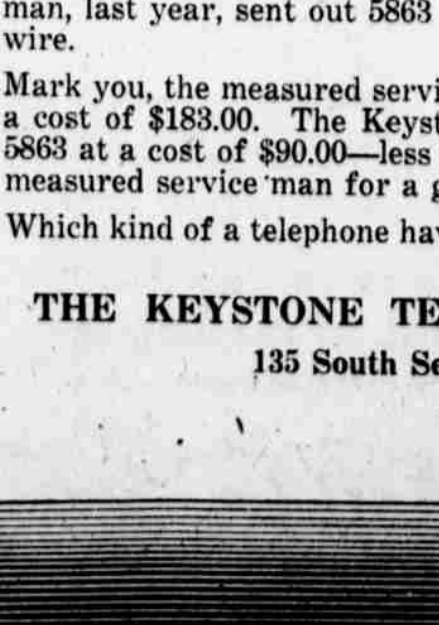
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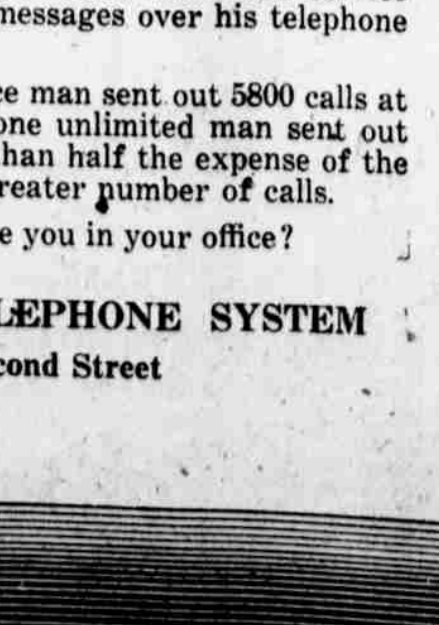
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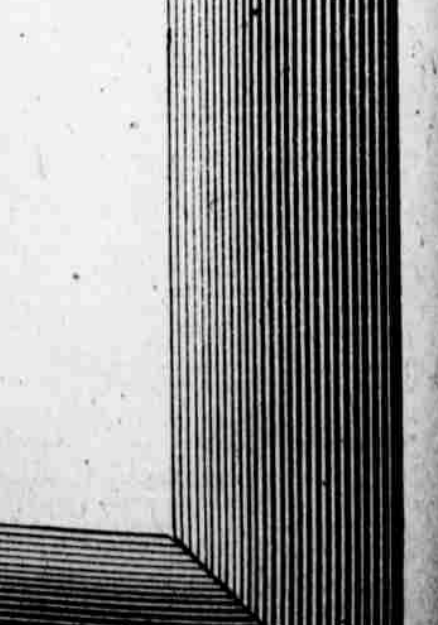
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