

U. S. STARTS PROBE OF PACIFIST BODY

Methods of American Union Against Militarism Under Federal Scrutiny

An investigation started today by the Department of Justice into the methods of the American Union Against Militarism...

The local headquarters of the union is in Witherspoon Building. Many well-known women are among its members.

Attention of the Government was directed to the union through hundreds of letters which have been pouring upon Congress...

Practical preparedness will be taken up by the girls of Bryn Mawr College. They will don real working clothes and, armed with wrenches, jacks and other practical tools...

Many of the girls already know some of the intricacies of the modern automobile, and the work will not seem so difficult.

A business course and Red Cross work will also be part of the new preparedness course.

The new branches are the result of an address today on mobilization made by Miss Helen Simpson, of the National League for Women's Service, and Bryn Mawr is the first woman's college approached on the subject.

Miss Simpson outlined all the requirements in detail for such an undertaking and addressed her attention throughout. Mr. Thomas, president of the college, presided.

Statement for Nine Months of Fiscal Year Favorable in All Items

Earnings of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company continue to compare very favorably. The statement for March and nine months of the fiscal year, which was issued at a five-minute meeting of the directors...

At the month of March the gross passenger receipts were \$2,414,785, an increase of \$40,747, while the gross earnings from fares were \$2,516,812, a gain of \$255,000 and the net for the month was \$1,094,913, an increase of \$92,801.

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FRANCE CHEERS U. S. IN ROSTAND'S REVISED "SONG OF THE STARS"

By HENRI BAZIN Special Evening Ledger correspondent in France. (Copyright, 1917, by Public Ledger Company) Special cablegram to the Evening Ledger, PARIS, April 16.

EDMOND ROSTAND, of the French Academy, has entirely rewritten his famous "The Song of the Stars," which he published in 1915, recasting it to sing to the praises of the United States...

The distinguished poet read his poem this afternoon in the Sorbonne amphitheatre before a notable assemblage, including cabinet ministers and an audience of seven thousand persons.

The translation of the twenty lines of the poem follows: The stars sang out from their field in the beautiful light: "We are the symbols of Progress, its glorious glow, Born of the stars which your frigate of old Wore in the wounds of its sails, Rochambeau!"

Edison for France! and the heart of great Franklin shine on. There stands the beast with its chops dripping gore, There the vast throng at which Roosevelt would hurl His battalions of fighters to share in the glories of war.

As he concluded the poet again asked cheers for President Wilson and the United States. Again there was a wild scene, aged men standing and throwing hats into the air.

WHARTON FACULTY ASKS AIRCRAFT WILL GUARD DR. PATTEN'S RETENTION DU PONT ARMS PLANTS

Petition to Provost Unanimous for at Least Year's Reap-pointment

The Wharton School faculty of the University of Pennsylvania at a meeting today unanimously petitioned Provost Edgar Fahs Smith and the board of trustees of the university to retain Dr. Simon S. Patten as professor of economics for at least another year.

Professor Patten was notified last week that his services would no longer be required because he had reached the age of retirement.

FIRE IN PLANT PUT OUT BY DU PONT EMPLOYEES

Fire started at the Carneys Point smokeless powder plant of E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company early today, but was stamped out after about \$300 worth of powder had been destroyed.

The flames, which were caused by friction in a rapidly revolving powder glazing barrel, consumed about 1000 pounds of smokeless powder, according to a statement by the company.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

Senate Takes Favorable Action in Proposed Government Appointees

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Senate this afternoon confirmed the following: Oscar T. Crosby, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Francis J. Kearful, to be Assistant Attorney General; Joseph Moore, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney, western district of Louisiana; Joseph W. Montgomery, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney, eastern district of Louisiana; Chauncey D. Snow, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; Charles E. Rattigan, of Auburn, N. Y., to be Collector of Customs, District No. 5, Rochester, N. Y.; Edwin G. Hunter, of Louisiana, to be Naval Officer of Customs, District No. 29, New Orleans.

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FIREMEN ONE STEP NEARER PAY BOOST

Councils' Finance Committee Approves Bill for Increased Salaries

FINAL ACTION SHORTLY

Argument Develops Over Proposition to Split Bureau of Highways

Councils' Finance Committee approved without debate this afternoon the bill providing for an increase in the salaries of Philadelphia police and firemen.

The bill will be reported favorably by the committee on Thursday and will be brought up at the next regular meeting of Councils for final action.

WOMAN HELD UP; POLICE SEEK TO ARREST FOUR MEN

Highwaymen Who Robbed Mrs. L. J. Bruner Were in Stolen Automobile. Car Found Wrecked

Police today are looking for four auto highwaymen who last night held up and robbed Mrs. L. J. Bruner, of 4946 Cedar avenue.

The hold-up occurred in Catharine street just west of Fifty-second. Mrs. Bruner was on her way home. The automobile rolled slightly until it was alongside of her; then three of the four men in it jumped out, pushed her from the sidewalk to the wall of one of the houses and fought her for the silver mesabag which she was carrying.

14 CARS STOLEN OVER WEEK-END

Value of Automobiles Taken Estimated at \$10,000

Among the \$10,000 worth of automobiles—fourteen of them—stolen over the week-end, was one valued at \$2000 taken while the owner, J. F. Keator, 218 West Walnut lane, Germantown, was watching the game at Shibe Park last Saturday afternoon.

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TWO DEAD; TWO SHOT; TWO HELD IN SHOOTING AFFRAY

Woman and Father-in-Law Killed in Downtown Attack—Wilmington Men Arrested

Two brothers are under arrest today in Chester in connection with a murderous attack downtown last night wherein a woman and her father-in-law were shot and killed and the woman's husband and his brother were shot and wounded.

The men arrested are Paul and Bastiano Cocco, of East Third street, Wilmington.

The shooting occurred in front of the victim's home at 1004 South Leithgow street.

The casualties were: MRS. MARY CACAMO, forty, shot through the head.

SALVATORE CACAMO, sixty-five, father-in-law of Mrs. Cacamo, shot in the abdomen.

CARABELLA CACAMO, thirty-nine, husband of the slain woman, shot through the eye.

TONY CACAMO, twenty-one, brother of Carabella, shot twice in the abdomen.

The nearest coherent account of the shooting thus far has been given by Samuel Cacamo, thirteen-year-old son of the slain woman. He said that there was a drunken party next door to his home and that his father saw a drunken man start to enter the house, where much noise was being made.

Then from both houses others came running, and all from the house where the drinking was going on started to shoot.

The youngster had a revolver when the police came, and he said he had been sent upstairs for it by his father when the trouble began.

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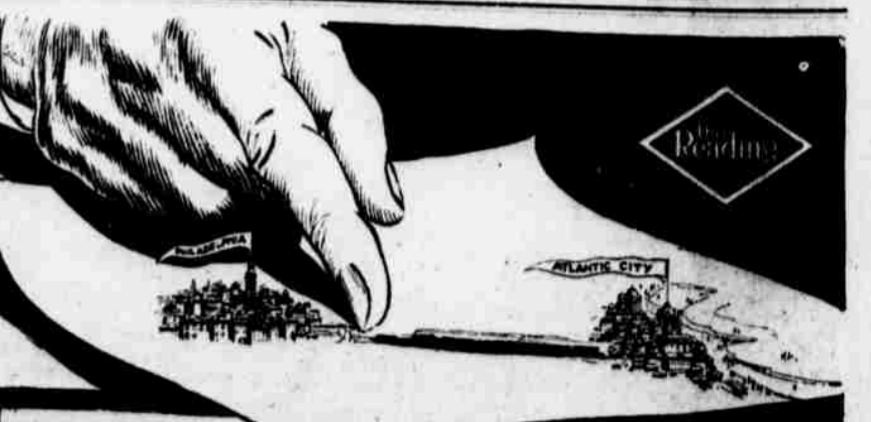
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