

Applications Double Those Asking for Enlistments in Reserve Forces

Over a hundred and four marriage licenses were issued today. There were 234 applications to recruit at various stations in Philadelphia.

Men who want to go to the front are enrolling in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Fifty-one had applied during the morning for enlistment in the army, navy and marine corps.

This swing in recruiting was apparent today, when applications for enlistment in the regular service more than doubled those for the auxiliary home defense work.

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House Chiefs Urged to Back Draft Plan

The executive committee for the public safety of Pennsylvania endorsed the plan and adopted resolutions showing its sentiment in the matter.

The independent Republican Alliance and Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames America, among others, which have endorsed the plan.

Not only in Philadelphia but in all the large cities of the United States similar demands are being made.

Major Smith is a strong advocate of selective conscription.

While the majority of Philadelphia are making a good showing in the way of voluntary service, nevertheless I agree with the President that selective conscription is the only remedy to get results in this great crisis.

Following are the views of other well-known residents of the city and State.

W. W. ATTERBURY, vice president in charge of operations of Pennsylvania Railroad—Am for the Administration and that means that I strongly favor selective conscription.

JAMES SCARLET, attorney of Danville, and widely known throughout the State—I favor selective conscription. It's the only thing and the only way to solve the problem.

DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON, State Commissioner of Health—I think selective conscription is the fairest way to raise an army. To depend only on volunteers will mean that the very best people will come forward and those not so good will be behind, and that is not good for the country.

Taylor Exposes Fallacies of Twinning Transit Criticisms

FROM ORIGINAL TAYLOR STATEMENT. "Fourth, Senate bill No. 786 is apparently designed as a substitute for House bill No. 414, which was drafted and published in the Department of City Transit report for 1915."

It seems only fair to give Mr. A. M. Taylor the credit that he deserves in having the through-routing bill introduced at the 1915 session of the Legislature at which time he advocated and urged its passage.

Mr. Taylor now says that the enactment of this bill into a law would bankrupt the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, but on further reflection he will doubtless again see the benefits to be derived from this measure and he will then I trust join the friends of the city in urging its passage.

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Endowment Fund the Residuary Legatee of Sum Estimated at \$5,000,000. Provost Smith Gratified.

Millions of dollars will eventually revert to the University of Pennsylvania under the will of the late John G. Johnson.

The gift was made by Mr. Johnson, subject to conditions relative to housing and maintaining the collection of art masterpieces and appointing a curator.

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Famous First Vets at 56th Anniversary

While "Boys" Are Guarding Bridges Their Predecessors Mark Date of Organization. The boys of the "Famous First" Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, are doing duty guarding bridges and arsenals somewhere in Pennsylvania.

The parade was reviewed from the portico of the Union League by Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, United States Army; Major Smith and other city officials.

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Grocers Caution Food Buyers

Housewives Notified to Limit Purchases to Actual Needs. Grocers today warned Philadelphia housewives that they must limit purchases of food at any one time to the amount needed for home consumption.

The rule against hoarding was made some time ago, but was repeated with emphasis today. Many retailers, it is said, have not had the moral courage to refuse a determined housewife who insisted on buying ten times the amount of food she used to get in the times when plenty was assured.

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Philadelphia Woman's Son is Wounded Again

PHILADELPHIA, N. Y., April 19.—Captain J. J. Turner, of the 1st New York Cavalry, who was wounded in Philadelphia, has been wounded again today, according to reports received at the home.

Jovian League Cheers Appeal for Conscription

Argument in behalf of the selective conscription bill, made today at the weekly luncheon of the Jovian Electrical League by W. Howard Metcalfe, president of the City Business Club, was received with applause by the league members.

Mayor Defends Course in Clash Upon Transit

Mayor Smith today issued a lengthy statement reviewing in detail the various delays which have held up progress on the rapid transit program of development since the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company first offered to lease the city's system.

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