ARMY SELECTION ROAD TO VICTORY

Experts Here See Danger in Rejection of Wilson's Plan

QUICK ACTION URGED

Delay in adopting the plan of army selection would be the greatest aid Germany could receive at this serious crisis.

This is the opinion not only of prominent military experts here, whose views are based on practical experience, but also of hundreds of Philadelphians.

Following the pace set by Philadelphia in arousing the people to fight for the plan recommended by President Wilson, residents of every large city who desire to see America victorious in the present struggle have besieged their Representatives at Washington to adopt the only plan which will enable the country to protect itself.

The bill providing for the selective plan is virtually assured of passage in the Senate, but in the House it is expected that a bitter contest will be waged.

It is pointed out by the most progressive men of the city that adoption of the President's plan will not only assure America an adequate fighting force, but also prevent schemes for personal gain at the expense of the real patriots.

Realizing that quick action is necessary, members of the House who favor the bill have gone out on the firing line to acquaint the people with the real object of the selective plan.

Congressman William J. Browning, in an address before the congregation of the First Baptist Church, Camden, last night, said:

"I believe we should have selection, not only for the army and navy, but also for all business activities in this emergency. It is not right for the coward and slacker to stand back of the patriot and say go while he remains home and reaps the benefit. The slacker should be made to do his share."

Dr. Edward Martin, professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and director of the University subbase hospital, said if the selective plan is defeated in Congress it may mean a victory for Germany, as it would prevent this country from putting an adequate army in the field for two years. Incidentally $35,000 has been raised for the base hospital, and it is believed that about $15,000 more will be provided by the Masque of the American Drama, which will be produced at the Botanical Garden next month.

Indorsements of army selection continued to pour into the office of the EVENING LEDGER, which started a poll to test the sentiment of the people several days ago.

In some instances petitions urging adoption of the President's plan are signed by the entire force of employes of the big mercantile and industrial establishments.

Among scores of others received today was one from the representatives of the Aetna Life Insurance Company and affiliated companies at the Philadelphia branch, 407 Walnut street. It bore thirty-eight signatures, headed by that of John S. Irwin, manager.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Wilson, professor of ecclesiastical history at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, today added his indorsement to that of hundreds of clergymen in this city, who favor army selection.

FOREST FIRE THREATENS SOUTH JERSEY TOWN

Chatsworth Surrounded by Flames That Defy Efforts to Control Them

MT. HOLLY, N. J., April 23.—A forest fire now raging threatens the destruction of Chatsworth along the Central Railroad in the southern part of Burlington County. Hundreds of men from miles around are fighting the flames, hoping to save the town. Firemen here and elsewhere have been asked to assist, but their heavy motor apparatus cannot plow through the sandy pine belt roads. At 3 o'clock the flames were only 400 yards from the school house at the edge of the town.

Back firing failed to check the fury of the flames when the first shot toward the town.

There are about thirty buildings in Chatsworth, including hotel, hall, school house and church.

PRELATES PLEDGE AID OF CATHOLICS TO NATION

Archbishop Ireland and Bishop McGolrick Call Upon Officials at Capital. Will See President

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The loyalty and aid of the Catholic clergy of the United States were pledged to the nation today by Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and Bishop James McGolrick, of Duluth, who called upon Secretaries Daniels and Baker for that purpose. Tomorrow they will be received by the President at the White House.

Archbishop Ireland, a veteran of the Civil War, is a strong advocate of the selective conscription advocated by the Administration. Accompanying the prelates was the Rev. L. O. O'Hearn, of the Catholic University, who urged the use of Catholic clergymen as chaplains in the army and navy.

BANANA SUIT UP AGAIN

Steamship Line Appeals From Verdict Favoring Fruit Company

Argument began today on the appeal of the Bluefields Steamship Company, of New Orleans, from the verdict of a Federal court jury in this city in favor of the United Fruit Company, an alleged trust.

A jury before Judge Thompson in January, 1916, decided against the steamship company in its $15,000,000 suit against the fruit company. The trial developed sensational stories of radical measures the fruit company was alleged to have taken to drive the steamship company out of the banana business. Alexander Simpson, Jr., representing the steamship company, argued today that Judge Thompson had erred in excluding from the testimony evidence which, he said, showed conclusively that the fruit company intended to wreck the steamship company.

WORKERS RAISE HUGE FLAG

Employes of Keystone Leather Company in Camden Join in Ceremony

A twenty-foot flag was raised on a fifty-foot pole on the northwest corner of the main building of the Keystone Leather Company plant, Sixteenth and Mickle streets, Camden, this afternoon by 650 employes of the firm.

George Wark, foreman, and A. Cox, one of the employes, both singers of note, sang patriotic songs, the choruses of which were joined in by the entire assemblage. An address was made by Joseph Nowrey, ex-Sheriff and ex-Mayor of Camden. Charles A. Reynolds, president of the company, was master of ceremonies. A parade around the building as the flag went up was led by Bossel's Band.

U. S. Attorney Freed of Contempt

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The Supreme Court today adjudged H. Snowden Marshall, United States District Attorney in New York, not in contempt of the House of Representatives because of his charge that

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For the pest who buys a seat in the center of the row and persists in going out after every act.

BALFOUR OSPITE DEL GOVERNO AMERICANO

Washington Accoglie con Entusiasmo il Ministro Inglese Delegato al Consiglio di Guerra

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Le Batterie di Cadorna Demoliscono un Ponte sull'Adige—Le Truppe Attaccano il Nemico

WASHINGTON, 23 Aprile.

Ieri tutta la capitale si e' mossa per salutare il ministro degli Affari Esteri d'Inghilterra che si e' recato in America per prendere parte alla conferenza che si terra' qui in merito alla cooperazione degli Stati Uniti nella guerra contro gli imperi centrali. Alla conferenza assistera' anche l'ex presidente del Consiglio francese, Viviani, il quale pero' non e' ancora giunto in America.

Le sole decorazioni che erano visibili in Washington ieri erano le bandiere alleate. Sui tre grandi pali della grande piazza della stazione sventolavano le bandiere degli Stati Uniti, dell'Inghilterra e della Francia, ed i colori di queste tre nazioni si potevano vedere dappertutto, sven tolanti da case private e da pubblici edifizii.

L'incontro tra Balfour ed il segretario di Stato americano Lansing e' stato cordialissimo. Oltre all'alto personale del Dipartimento di Stato, alla stazione attendeva il treno anche l'ambasciatore inglese Sir Cecil Spring Rice ed il personale dell'Ambasciata. Quest'oggi il ministro inglese sara' ricevuto dal presidente Wilson.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

ROMA, 23 Aprile—Lungo la fronte di battaglia italiana si sono avute vivaci azioni di artiglieria che vanno diventando ogni giorno piu' intense. Ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione:

Nella valle dell'Adige le nostre batterie hanno bombardato e colpito il ponte di Sacco demolendolo in parte.

Nella valle del Posina nostre truppe hanno prontamente respinto una incursione nemica nella regione di Laghi.

L'artiglieria e' stata attiva sulla fronte Giulia, tanto nella zona di Gorizia quanto sul Carso. Reparti di nostre truppe fatto una incursione contro posizioni nemiche avanzate nella valle di Jamiano riportando indietro armi e munizioni.

Nella giornata di ieri una squadriglia di nostri aeroplani lascio' cadere bombe su di un centro ferroviario tra Prebacina e Dorimberga, nella valle del Vippacco. Tutte le nostre macchine ritornarono senza danni alle loro basi. Durante la notte uno dei nostri dirigibili bombardo' di nuovo lo stesso posto ritornando senza danni alla sua base dopo aver compiuta l'operazione.

Tra la Germania e la Quadruplice Intesa sembra essersi impegnata una grande battaglia diplomatica. La Germania ha cercato di indurre la Russia a staccarsi dal l'Intesa e non vi e' riuscita. Gli alleati sono stati invece, pare, piu' fortunati con l'Austria che e' l'anello debole della catena teutonica. Secondo quanto affermano dispacci da Londra sembra che la crisi nel gabinetto austriaco sia stata provocata dal fatto che l'Austria ha scoperto che la Germania si proponeva di tradire la sua alleata, e non si nutre alcun dubbio che il kaiser si proponeva anche di tradire la Turchia. A Vienna si e' rimasti sbalorditi dei piani fatti dalla Germania senza il consenso dell'Austria.

Il nuovo e giovane imperatore d'Austria si mostra astuto e indipendente quanto Berlino non si attendeva. Quando mori' il vecchio Francesco Giuseppe, il governo tedesco si preparava a vendere l'Austria per la pace, e questo fatto irrito' l'imperatore Carlo, ed ora i giornali austriaci e tedeschi sono impegnati in una vivacissima polemica. Si sa che Carlo ha ripudiato la politica del partito tedesco dell'Austria che si proponeva di dividere la Boemia ed imporvi la lingua tedesca. Ora l'imperatore ed il presidente del Consiglio Clam Martinic osteggiano questo programma.

L'OFFENSIVA IN FRANCIA

Telegrammi da Londra dicono che gli inglesi si preparano ad attaccare tra brave e violentemente le linee tedesche che proteggono Douai e gia' hanno preso posizioni da cui possono facilmente aggirare i tedeschi a Lens. Nella giornata di ieri gli inglesi conquistarono alcune posizioni nella zona di Lens facendo prigionieri e catturando materiale da guerra, specialmente mitragliatrici.

Le truppe francesi hanno continuato ad avanzare nella zona a sud di Laon. I tedeschi hanno contrattaccato violentemente sulle alture ad est di Rheims nella speranza di riprendere alcune delle perdute posizioni, ma non hanno avuto successo sono stati respinti con perdite.

Un telegramma da Londra dice che due navi-ospedale inglesi, la Donegal e la Lanfranc, sono state silurate senza alcun preavviso da sottomarini tedeschi. A bordo si trovavano numerosi feriti, tra cui anche una trentina di soldati prussiani che sono andati a fondo con le navi.

Miners to Have Co-operative Store

HAZLETON, Pa., April 23.—The 1200 miners at the Hazleton shaft colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company have formed a co-operative society, and will shortly open a store of their own to reduce the high cost of living.

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City and State Must Prevent Food Crisis

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plan on a State-wide scale the problem of getting more food.

THREE FOOD PERILS

Three perils confront the State and the nation in the food crisis, they said. These perils are:

First. Seed is lacking.

Second. There is not enough farm labor.

Third. There is a fertilizer shortage.

Mr. Sewall is chairman and the other industrial leaders are members of the advisory committee of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety.

John C. Frazee, chairman; William O. Easton, John E. Flood, Harry J. Gideon, Henry V. Gummere, Charles C. Heyl, Joseph M. Jamison, William D. Lewis and Arthur J. Rowland compose the committee named by the Mayor to map out plans for the mobilization committee. The Mayor's approval of the report, in every detail, gives it official indorsement, and fulfillment of the purposes will begin as soon as Mr. Edmonds's associates are named.

"I am giving careful consideration to the names of the men and women who will serve on the committee," the Mayor said.

Eight subdepartments are to be organized almost immediately. Mayor Smith declared that swift action is imperative. The departments will be classified thus: Patriotic and economic instruction, community service, science and scientific research, census and adult enlistment, junior enlistment and placement, agriculture service, manufacturing service in schools, secretarial and clerical service.

PLANKS IN PLATFORM

The platform of the schools, as enunciated in the plan for mobilization, declares that "the schools of America, both public and private, should immediately recognize their opportunities for service in the present national crisis. The purpose of their special activities should be: First, to develop the best possible realization of the meaning and responsibilities of a democratic Government and social order; second, to preserve the mental, moral and physicial integrity of the children and youth of the nation by organizing their activities so that the young people may be prevented from entering into unfortunate connections and protected from possible commercial exploitation, and, third, to render all possible direct assistance in every kind of public and private work that may contribute to the national well being."

Stressing the responsibility of schools, the report continues:

"The sad experience of the European nations during the first two years of the war clearly demonstrated that the schools of America cannot too quickly begin to prepare themselves to meet the added responsibility which is being thrust upon them by our entrance into the world-conflict."

LEARN BY BELGIAN CHILDREN

Work by school children throughout the summer is to be organized by the mobilization committee. While the children are at work they are to be taught along patriotic and economic lines.

"In this way valuable lessons will be carried into the homes," it is asserted.

The department of community service will work along lines suggested by the experience of Belgium and the inhabitants of Alsace-Lorraine. Suffering, death and moral delinquency of children is to be forestalled by study of the care and feeding of young children, by the big sister and big brother system, by use of school plants and playgrounds and by care of physical and mental defectives.

"Junior enlistment and placement" is to include "placement and watch-care of junior workers of legal working age in regular employment," and enlistment of junior grades, platoons and companies under formal military organization, to be supervised by enlisted teachers, for service in agriculture, in manufacturing, in the schools and in secretarial and clerical work.

CITY BOY PROBLEM

The problem of putting city boys into the country as farm workers is to be met carefully. "The fact that city boys are not accustomed to the solitude of country life," the plan says, "is a factor which experience has shown must be considered in any large organization of city boys into agricultural helpers. A wise solution of the difficulty probably will be found to be the organization of small camps, under the supervision of properly qualified teachers, from which the boys would go to work on adjoining farms or on plots, wholly cultivated by the boys, under the direction of agricultural experts recruited from agricultural schools."

Expected shortage of cans and other receptacles in which to preserve food probably will make it necessary for much food to be preserved by drying. Girls' squads to do this work will be organized.

MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM

It was admitted at the Public Safety offices this afternoon that the problem of food is the most feared problem that the State's preparedness committee has to deal with. Quick and effective action is believed by the committeemen to be absolutely necessary. Other branches of the work must wait until this one is attended to. Hence, the gathering of the advisory committee.

Plans to mobilize seed supplies will be made.

"It is by no means assured that even if additional land is opened for cultivation this year there will be enough seed to plant," said Daniel T. Pierce, of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company and a leader in the public safety committee organization. "We shall have to see that all the seed there is shall be taken care of and not wasted; that all land in which seed is planted shall be cultivated. Seed may have to be apportioned to prevent waste.

"As for farm labor," he continued, "there has not been enough even under normal conditions. With more land opened for crop-raising the need of labor is even more pressing.

"If school children are to be used on farms they must be taken out of school now. Crops cannot wait for school vacations."

Mobilization of school pupils, Boy Scouts and some inmates of State institutions, such as older residents of orphan asylums, is contemplated. Colonel Pusey, of Delaware County, had his potato crop planted by girls from the Sleighton Farm Reformatory. This example may be followed further.

Fears that the fertilizer supply will fail are based on lack of potash importation from Germany, use of potash and nitrates for ammunition making and the fact that southern States are seizing fertilizer manufactured in them before it can be shipped north.

U. OF P. STUDENTS TO SEND SHOES TO FRENCH POOR

3000 Pairs Will Be Gathered on "Old Clothes Day" and Shipped to Civilians

More than 3000 pairs of shoes will be sent to France for the use of the civilian population of that country next Wednesday by students of the University of Pennsylvania.

Next Wednesday will be known as "Old Clothes Day" at the University. The students will gather together all of their cast-off clothing, including suits, shirts, underwear, shoes, stockings, collars and ties. The clothing will be sent to the University Settlement House, known as the "Devil's Pocket," at Twenty-sixth and Lombard streets, but at the request of Major William Kelly, commander of the University Regiment, the shoes will be sent to France. Major Kelly has notified the committee in charge of "Old Clothes Day" that France has virtually become a "shoeless nation" as far as the civilian population is concerned.

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Two Cars Smashed by Collision on Walnut Street—Eight in Crash

Two automobiles crashed together at Twenty-third and Walnut streets early today, injuring one man seriously.

The man injured was Harry Gerst, of 721 North Thirty-seventh street. He was thrown to the street when one of the cars was flung upon the sidewalk and into a fireplug. He was taken to the Jefferson Hospital.

Gerst was placed under arrest for alleged reckless driving. The other car was driven by Earl S. Titter, of 628 North Fifth street, Wilmington. Those with Titter were Frank Show, 801 Orange street; Clayton J. Swartz, of Seventh and Kirkwood streets, and Frank Nealon, all of Wilmington.

The passengers in Gerst's car were Charles Mauley, 2319 Sansom street; George Hall, of Devon, and H. Nicholson, of 416 Buttonwood street.

Gambler Gets Six Months

Albert Hogarth, who conducted a gambling house in conjunction with his tailoring business at 1929-31 West Lehigh avenue, today received a six months' sentence in the county prison and was fined $200 after he entered a plea of guilty before Judge Wessel, in Quarter Sessions Court, to charges of keeping a gambling house. This is Hogarth's second arrest on similar charges.

ZIONIST MOVEMENT ABOUT TO BE REVIVED BY BANKER

Israel Zangwill Announces His Return. Jacob H. Schiff to Lend Help

NEW YORK, April 23.—The return to the Zionist movement of Israel Zangwill, the English author, was announced today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs, following closely the self-announced support of the movement by Jacob H. Schiff, banker and philanthropist.

Schiff told the league of Jewish youth of America he had come to the belief that the Jews should have a home land.

"I believe there should be a great Jewish reservoir of culture, and it seems to me that place is Palestine," Schiff said.

Zangwill, in announcing his return to the movement from which he was alienated since 1905, says it was almost certain that at the end of the war Palestine would go into the hands of the Allied Powers, and that would give the Zionists the opportunity to realize their ideal.

SAY "NO" AND LIVE LONG, DEPEW'S ADVICE

Ex-Senator, Celebrating Eighty-third Birthday, Gives Will Power as Recipe

NEW YORK, April 23.—"Learn to say 'No.'" This is ex-Senator Chauncey M. Depew's advice on how to live long. Depew celebrated his eighty-third birthday today.

"I feel like forty-three," he said, "and I've seen as many things happen in the time as my father, grandfather and grandfather saw in their lives put together. It's great to have lived like that."

Depew's recipe for long life is to know how to turn down the things that [illegible] smoking for example. This, he said, develops the will power, and with'will power any man can hang on as he likes [illegible] by resolving that he will not grow old.

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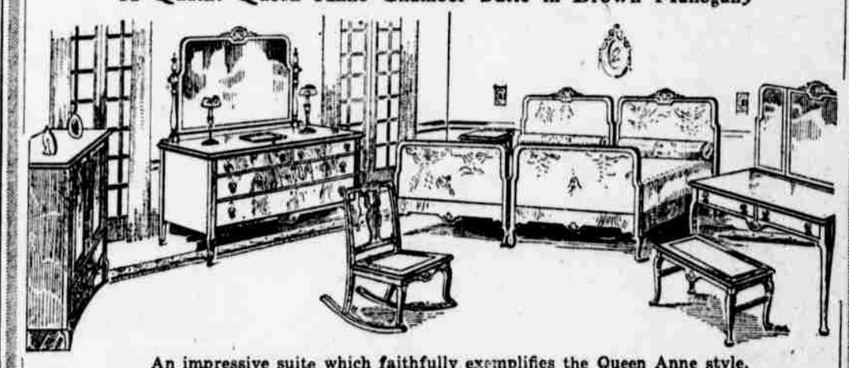

An impressive suite which faithfully exemplifies the Queen Anne style, with its graceful lines and symmetrical proportions. The Bureau, 48x22 in., is $70; Twin Beds, $55 each; Chiffonette (with trays), 34x22 in., $63.50; Triplicate Mirror Dressing Table, 40x21 in., $52.50; four pieces, $296.00; sold separately if desired. One of the many beautiful and exclusive suites to be seen here.

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" 8x10 ft., ... $8.00 to $9.50
" 6x9 ft., ... $5.25 & $5.75
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