Speaker Reprehends Patriotic but Hysterical Rush to War Volunteering

WAIT TILL DUTY CALLS

Peace Duties in Home Communities Important to Entire Nation

"Don't wreck the health institutions of the nation by patriotic but hysterical im-pulses to enlist in a body for war service." That was the message brought to the officers of the three national organizations of nurses, the American Nurses' Associa-tion, the National League of Nursing Edu-cation and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, in their executive session at the Believue-Stratford today, pre-ceding the big joint meeting of the 2000 delegates to the three organizations, rep-resenting 44,000 nurses in the country.

delegates to the three organizations, representing 44,000 nurses in the country. It was brought by Miss Mary Beard, president of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, who is director of Instruction of the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston, considered by nurses one of the most important organizations of its bind, in America.

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"Health authorities and physicians all over the country are united in believing that one of the greatest dangers to national health work is threatened." she said, "in the impulse which is sweeping through the ranks of nurses, who quit their constitutions and into constitutions. peace organizations and join organizations

Miss Beard urged all nurses, who are Miss Beard urged all nurses, who are doing public nursing to hold their positions until called for war duty and refrain from taking any hasty or ill-considered action in the matter of volunteering for military services, and said she had been asked by the Commissioner of Health of Massachusetts to impress this message on the nurses gathered in Philadelphia in their annual con-

ABNORMAL CONDITIONS

She pointed out that abnormal conditions are bound to exist at home in times of war, and urged the nurses to remember war, and urged the nurses to remember their responsibility to the nation and turn the tide of opinion against having whole hospital corps enlisting in a body to go to the front and do duty, thus leaving a community without proper health protection. "If we are doing our duty as public health nurses," she added, in pointing out the need of health insurance legislation, "we are serving our country every day."

"we are serving our country every day. In these coming days that service is more than ever needed."

A movement to prevent Red Cross nurses from being called out for duty unless there is real need of their services on the battle fields will be made at the joint annual con-fields will be made at this convention.

There will be a special meeting of the nurses in the three associations who have already handed in their names for Red Cross work, according to announcement made at the convention headquarters today. All the nurses are willing and more than willing to go on duty, but they object to being taken from their present positions and sent forth to wait indefinitely before getting into active service.

The American Nurses Association has 40,000 members, in every State in the country. This is the twentieta annual session. The National League of Nursing Education. composed of 550 nurses, who teach other women how to become nurses, is in its twenty-third annual session, while the Na-tional Organization for Public Nursing, with 2000 members, is in fifth annual session.

SESSIONS TRULY "JOINT"

This year an effort is being made to make the conventions truly joint, according to officials, and instead of holding different meetings at the same hour in different fooms, all big meeting at which papers are read will be held at the same hour. The regular round-table discussions will be held simultaneously, however, to give all three organizations an opportunity to discuss their various problems.

the Pennsylvania stations with nurses from Chicago and at the Baltimore and Ohio with nurses from St. Louis and vicinity.

Two cities, Cleveland and Providen planning a hard fight to get the 1918 joint session of the three organizations. The lobbying for the next convention city began yesterday among the officers of the organi-gations, who came to attend the executive committee meetings.

Coroner Told of Plots at Eddystone

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number of Russian inspectors of shells were employed. By some strange coincidence, none of the men working in this room

Emma P. Parsons was the first witness called to the stand. Her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony G. Parsons, of Chester, were killed in the Eddystone blast. Questions were asked her to establish formally the fact that deaths occurred in the disaster.

WILHELM INSISTS ON PLOT Then Captain Walter M. Wilhelm, of 29 College avenue, Swarthmore, who is vice president and general manager of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation, was

A torrent of reasons for belief that the tragedy was planned came from Captan Wilhelm, when he was asked:

"Have you any opinion as to the cause of the explosion?" "Our investigation places it in such a position that I cannot believe it was an acci-dent," he cried.

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"We had turned out 1,500,000 shrapnel." he continued. "We had often worked the plant up to a capacity of 40,000 shrils a day. All of this had been done without accident. And on the day of the explosion we were working at less than half that rate. The guard system had never been better, the inspection had been perfected and safety precautions were at their most highly developed state." Captain Wilhelm said. "The plant had been fully reviewed. Federal and State authorities had inspected it. Munitions experts had looked Inspected it. Munitions experts had looked the plant over. All in all, the Eddystone plant was laid out on the most modern lines. Nothing under ordinary conditions could have caused the explosion."

Many times in the past there was reason to believe that persons were trying to de-stroy the shrapnel factory, the general

WARNED OF BLAST PLOTS

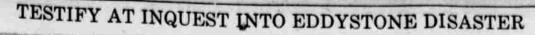
"Often, especially at holiday times, private detectives warned us that the plant was to be blown up," he said, tensely. "We have gathered evidence since the explosion to show it came from the outside.
"Matches had been found the day before in the vibrating room (this is the room where the fatal blast is believed to have started).

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"On one occasion screws were found in the base of a shrapnel," Caiptain Wilhelm swore. "Another time we found in the plant matches wrapped with oil rags.

"Match heads were found in the base of shrapnel. And on the day of the great funeral a prominent Baldwin Locomotive Works official was cautioned not to attend, although he had planned to do so."

The name of the Baldwin official was not given. However, Samuel Vauclain, vice president of the locomotive works, had arranged to attend the funeral with his daughter, Miss Constance Vauclain, and canceled the plans on a few hours' notice. The impression was that Mr. Vauclain was the same was the same





Then members of the probe jury ques-

DESCRIBES EXPLOSION DETAILS Captain Wilhelm said that the last warning he received came from a private de-tective agency employed by the Eddystone corporation, on Washington's Birthday. He went on by saying:

"The first expission did not sound like shrapnel. Three seconds later another ex-plosion followed, then a third and more violent crash that, to my belief, was the shrapnel.

The reason that I am sure the first ex-"The reason that I am sure the first explosion was not the shrapnel is because there was no loud noise. It was more like a flash that enveloped the building. This is what leads me to believe that the trouble started in the box where the pellet sticks are stored in the pellet room. A fire starting in the pellet box would result in an explosion that would resemble a flash."

TRAIL OF FIRE IMPORTANT Captain Wilhelm, under examination, said that he thought the flames passed under-neath the fire doors between the pellet room and the vibrating room. This belief, he as-serted, is substantiated by the investigation conducted by the plant. This trail of fire passing under the door would account for the two other explosions that followed so rapidly. He said that the uncrpped shells lying on the pellet tables where the girl employes were located would, under the heat of a heavy flame, explode almost instantly. Captain Wilhelm went on to relate that there was but little loose powder in the building at the time of the explosion and that he did not believe that the ignition of this powder would have caused such a catastrophe as resulted.
"The steel filings found in the shells, four

or five days before the explosion." said Captain, Wilhelm, "were discovered by an inspector, who in turn notified the foreman of the building and a probe was com-

DESCRIBES "F" BUILDING

Albert R. Granger, a member of the fury, then asked Captain Wilhelm to ful in detail the working plan of the old "F" building, in which the disaster occurred. While explaining the arrangements, Captain Wilhelm said that there were about forty or fifty uncapped shells bing on the tables in front of each girl who wored in the pellet room. He admitted that it was possible that these shells would a ve exploded almost instantly and shattered the brick wall that separated the pellet room from the shaking room.

The witness remained firm in his belief. however, that the flames spread under the door and thus reached the shaking tables, where the more violent explosion must have happened, but he was forced to admit under examination that the brick wall

must have been destroyed by the explosion.

Further examination directed by Mr.

Granger brought out in the testimony of
Capian Wilhelm that there were hardly
enough pellets in the box to have created a flame that could have spread forty fee from the pellet box to the fire door

GIRL TESTIFIES ON POINT

Further testimony about the matches found in the pellet room of the old "F" building the day before the tragedy, was given by sixteen-year-old Anna Louise Kennedy, of 937 Springfield avenue, Darby, who was working in the pellet room when the explosion came.

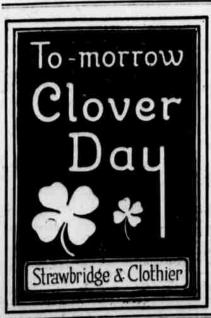
A girl named Nellie found the match Miss Kennedy said, in a box of broken pellets, early in the morning. The broken pellets in which it was found were piled up by the workers themselves, subsequent to the starting of work that day. This testimony gave the impression that the match was placed there after the factory hands in the pellet room began work in the morning. The match was whole.

"Nellie just looked down and saw," Anna Kennedy explained. The girl said she saw a Russian inspector in the pellet room at the time of the explosion.

The next witness was Margaret R. Smith of 2013 Madison street, Chester, a wrapper employed in the old "F" building. She said there was a rumbling sound coming from the direction of the loading room, foilowed by flames that burned her ciothing.

A terrific explosion came next and hurled her out of the building. She testified she was positive the trouble did not start in the pellet room where the girls were em

SUPERINTENDENT ON STAND Augustine W. Welsh, of Ridley Park, the told the jury that he was several hundred









At the left of the upper row is Edward Murphy, of Chester, who was frightfully burned in the ex-plosion. In the center is Anna Kennedy, 931 Springfield avenue, Darby, who was struck in the back by flying shrapnel. To her right is Jerry Fisher, of Chester, who was in the capping room when the explosion occurred. He crawled to safety on his hands and knees. Below is Capti in Wilhelm, general manager of the Eddystone plant.

feet from the destroyed structure when the explosion took place. Mr. Welsh con-ducted an investigation of the explosion.

"My investigation leads me to believe that the explosion started in the vicinity of the second vibrating table. "The evidence I gathered came from the

men in the building.
"The first flash leads me to believe that the trouble started in the neighborhood of the vibrating table. The explosion that fol-lowed must have been shrapnel.

'There were about 240 persons working in the building the morning of April 10 when the disaster happened. "I don't think there was sufficient pow-der in the loading room to cause a flash similar to the one I have seen. The igniting of pellets would have created a sharp sound if they caught fire. A sort of puff would have been followed by a sort of fire-cracker sound."

Under cross-examination directed Juryman Granger, the superintendent told of the various times when matches were found in the plant.

W. I. Schaffer, of Chester, attorney for the munitions company, took the witness stand. HEART OF THE PLANT

"That kind of powder will not explode by detonation, but needs the touch of flame to explode it," Captain Wilhelm said in reply to his question. Then, backing his theory of premeditation, he asserted: Then, backing up

"Both for frightfulness and delay, this place where the explosion occurred was the most vulnerable in the plant. There is no other place in the plant where so many lives could have been lost; there is no other place where so great a delay in resuming operations would have been caused. It was the heart of the plant."

Captain Wilhelm was graduated from West Point in 1904, he testified. He served the Government in various army posts are plants, including two and a half years in the Frankford Arsenal.

John C. Dunn, superintendent of the shrapnel department of the Eddystone plant, followed Captain Wilhelm. He testi-fied along lines tending to support the theory of an outside explosion. "The first explosion was a puff," he said.

"It would have been impossible to get a puff explosion in the vibrating room. I say this after studies of explosions continuing

"I believe the first explosion occurred in the pellet room," he declared. Dunn admitted that rules for safety are ikely to be violated despite precautions.
"What do you know about the finding of

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Schaeffer asked Dunn. matches he had found on a table when he came to work early in the morning," said the superintendent. The rooms had been cleaned the night before, and no one else was supposed to have entered."

He testified that the part of the building where the explosion occurred would have been empty by Friday night of the same week at the latest.
"All work there was to have stopped by that time or earlier," he asserted. 'This fact was generally known throughout the plant."

The explosion occurred on Tuesday.

Dunn declared the Eddystone loading room was the most safely arranged shop of its kind in any municion factory in

"The fire seemed to come from the vibrat-ing room," Lester Moulton, of Chester, another workman, swore. "The explosion came from there."

John B. Shepherd, 2836 Bridge street, Bridesburg, foreman of No. 1 loading room, took the straid.

ook the stand. He told of finding in a shrapnel shell a

steel tap about the size of a tenpenny nail. Such taps are not used in the building, he said, adding that it could have been placed in the shell only in the leading room. "It was a miracle that the shell did not explode when it was being worked on," he declared.

declared.

Jerry Fisher, of \$40 South Frisht street, Philadelphia, who worked in old "F" building, was the first survivor who went on the witness stand. He is a Russian and spoke through an interpreter.

As soon as he spoke he contradicted the theory of Wilhelm and Dung, that the pellet room was the scene of the first explosion.

"I saw an explosion" said Fisher. came from the direction where the powder is stored, in the challenger is stored, in the shaking room.

"As I was going out, I saw something going up near the wall where the powder is."

Fisher then pointed on a blueprint of

the building the exact spot where he was working, greasing shells. He said: The first thing I saw was a le of black dirt of powder going up in the air. Then something fell on the un-capped shells and they started to

burst in all directions.

I was blinded and burnt by flames and flying shrapnel. I fell, then crawled on my hands and knees and was painfully hurt, but I reached

In making my way I saw between the buildings. I did not see a flash from the pellet box. Andrew Murphy, of Chester, a survivor, who was thrown off his feet by the blast while he was working, was asked by Cor-

oner Drewes, "Where did the explosion come "It came from the vibrating room," Mur-

were found by a private guard just outside of the building several days before the ex-

Thomas J. Keefe, 5303 Haverford avenue, Philadelphia, safety engineer of the Eddystone plant, testified he had completed a careful inspection of old F building ten minutes before the holocause there. It was in "perfect condition," he said.



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be "farmed" by increasing length of rows.

FRUIT TREES' BLOSSOMING INDEX FOR SAFE HOME GARDEN PLANTING

Nature's Rule Old and Reliable-"Warm Temperature" and "Cold Temperature" Vegetables Grouped-Succession of Periods for Putting Seeds in Open Ground

By JOHN BARTRAM

SAFE planting time is a problem that is the blossoming of the trees. It's nature's token of safety. planting is to be avoided by the amateur. Smooth peas, sweet peas and onion one of the best indications for planting time can be put out when the maples show

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begun to warm up. Included in this we begun to warm up. Included in this we be cucumbers, melons, squashes, pumpilima beans, tomatoes, eggplant, per Plants of tomatoes, eggplant and persyntich have been grown in boxes or hold should be ready to set in the open at time.

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From a Late Garden

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