

NURSES URGED TO STICK TO PRESENT POSITIONS

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 impulses 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' Association, the National League of Nursing Education and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, in their executive session at the Bellevue-Stratford today.

"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 peace organizations and join organizations for war duty."

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 convention.

ABNORMAL CONDITIONS
She pointed out that abnormal conditions are bound to exist at home in times of war, and urged the nurses to remember their responsibility to the nation and turn the tide of opinion against having whole hospital corps existing 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. 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 convocations 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 twentieth 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 National 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 rooms, all big meetings 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.

Special trains arrived this morning at the Pennsylvania stations with nurses from Chicago and at the Baltimore and Ohio with nurses from St. Louis and vicinity. Two cities, Cleveland and Providence, are 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 organization who are to attend the executive committee meetings.

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

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.

TESTIFY AT INQUEST INTO EDDYSTONE DISASTER



Then members of the probe jury questioned him.
DESCRIBES EXPLOSION DETAILS
Captain Wilhelm said that the last warning he received came from a private detective agency employed by the Eddystone corporation, on Washington's Birthday. He went on by saying:

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

"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 the fire doors between the pellet room and the vibrating room. This belief, he asserted, 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 uncracked shells lying on the pellet tables where the kirk employees were located would, under the heat of a heavy flame, explode almost instantly.

ALBERT R. GRANGER, a member of the jury, then asked Captain Wilhelm to tell 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 lying on tables in front of each girl who worked in the pellet room. He admitted that it was possible that these shells would have exploded almost instantly and shattered the brick wall that separated the pellet room from the shaking room.

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.

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 called.

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matches three days before?" Attorney Schaeffer asked Dunn.
Foreman Johnson came to me with three 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."

The explosion occurred on Tuesday. Dunn declared that Eddystone loading room was the most safely arranged shop of its kind in any munition factory in America.

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

John B. Shepherd, 2856 Bridge street, Bridgeport, foreman of No. 1 loading room, took the stand.

He told of finding in a shrapnel shell a steel tap about the size of a temporary nail. Such taps are not used in the building, he said, adding that it could have been placed in the shell only in the loading room.

"It was a miracle that the shell did not explode when it was being worked on," he declared.

Jerry Fisher, of 510 South Front 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 Dunn, that the pellet room was the scene of the first explosion.

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

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

SUGGESTIVE GARDEN PLAN

Table with columns for plant types (Apparagus, Rhubarb, Artichoke, etc.) and their suggested planting positions (East, West) and heights (6 ft, 4 ft, 3 ft, etc.).

This plan is modeled for a garden 50 by 75 feet. Larger areas may 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 perplexes the home gardener. Early planting is to be avoided by the amateur. One of the best indications for planting time is the blossoming of the trees. It's nature's token of safety.

Smooth peas, sweet peas and onion seeds can be put out when the maples show their buds.

rod and later, wrinkled peas until peach is about half past. Vegetables may be divided into two classes, "warm temperature" and "cold temperature." Smooth seeded peas and onion seeds can be planted in full rows in full rows.

When cherry and plum trees are in bloom it is safe to sow in open ground things as lettuce, radish, parsley, rips, cabbage, carrots, peas and onion seeds, wrinkled peas should be planted until later, in full rows, as they are more liable to frost than are the smooth varieties. The apple trees bloom it is time to plant heat-loving vegetables, such as wax and string beans, sweet corn, and squash. When pears are about usually safe to set out eggplants, and peppers and to plant lima bean seedlings.

The following table will be found helpful. It groups common vegetables according to their ability, if planted in the open, to stand spring frosts. These directions, however, do not apply to the planting of plants in hotbeds or seed boxes to obtain early crops. These should be transplanted. Plants not injured by a light frost may be planted when heavy frosts are over or usually as soon as the soil can be put in good condition. Cabbage, potatoes, early peas (smooth types) and eggplants, when they are not distinguished from wrinkled, onion sets and crops, such as kale, spinach and mustard. Vegetables to be planted after hard frost: Lettuce, radishes, early carrots, beets, wrinkled peas, early corn.

To be planted after danger of frost. String beans, sweet corn, late varieties of early tomato plants may also be sown, but care should be taken to protect them from a sudden chilly weather by planting a shelter of newspapers, straw, etc. This group should not be planted until danger of frost is past and the ground has begun to warm up. Included in this group are cucumbers, melons, squashes, pumpkins, lima beans, tomatoes, eggplants, and plants of tomatoes, eggplant and pepper which have been grown in boxes or hotbeds should be ready to set in the open at this time.

In order to insure a steady supply of vegetables, crops like peas, beans and lettuce may be planted every three or four weeks, whenever the space is available. Some of these can be planted in the garden made available by removing the other crops.

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED

Uncle Sam's Potato Books
F. G.—Information regarding the preparation of soil and cultural requirements of potatoes is given in the following Farmers' Bulletin, No. 245, "Farm Management in Northern States," and Bulletin No. 402, "Potatoes as a Food Crop." Also, "Good Seed Potatoes and How to Get Them," 544. "Potato-Tuber Diseases," 545. These may be obtained free from the Station, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply for free distribution lasts.

From a Late Garden
J. T. W.—From June 2 to the end of October you should be able to bring a large amount of things to maturity, provided you get busy with the planting as soon as you arrive. I am of the view that you will have some of the best of the season's crops. The strawberries, wax beans will give a late crop, and so will the Valentine beans, chard, carrot and beet. You should be able to have a couple of crops of cucumbers at least. I fear it will be too late to get in the mushrooms, but you might get local advice on this. You should also put in some tomatoes, but you will not buy plants. Even on the plot 25 by 100 feet you should be able to provide for your family.

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