

SELECTIVE DRAFT SPURS RECRUITING

Men "On the Fence" Anxious for Distinction of Volunteering

MARINES REACH GOAL Army and Navy Enlistment Officers Rushed With Work

Recruiting began with a bang today. With selective draft virtually assured, men who have been "on the fence" east of the day and applied for enlistment. When the recruiting stations opened for business this morning long lines of men stood outside waiting for the chance to enlist.

By noon fifty-four men had enlisted in the army and twenty in the navy, with the recruiting officers working like mad. The rush for the Naval Coast Defense Reserve, usually an afternoon occurrence, began with the day.

For the month Philadelphia has furnished 174 marines, 832 soldiers and 695 sailors, exclusive of the men enlisted directly on the ships, which brings the navy's total to nearly 1000.

The enthusiasm of the volunteers was typified by seventeen-year-old James W. Lee, of 406 North Fifty-fourth street, who applied for the honor of being a private in the army for the sixth time today.

Members of the National Guard, whether in Federal service or not, who have been approved for appointment in the reserve corps, will be discharged in order to enable them to accept such appointment and go to the training camps, according to a War Department order today.

MARINES AT FULL STRENGTH The United States Marine Corps has been recruited up to its full authorized strength of 17,400 men, according to word received at the navy yard from Major General George Barnett, commandant of the Marine Corps.

Preparations for the sham battle of marines tomorrow afternoon have been completed. It will be fought amid the ruins along the Parkway between Broad and Fifth streets. Two companies of marines and a battery of machine guns will participate in the defense and assault. The skirmishing is scheduled to start at 2 p. m.

General Barnett has suggested that if the authorization is given for the increase of the marine corps to 20,000 men the week of June 10 to 14 be called "Marine Week" all over the country, so that a well-organized effort can be made to get the corps to the full 20,000 strength.

Philadelphia officers in the Reserve Corps have received orders to report for duty to Governor's Island, New York, as follows: Second Lieutenant Spencer Roberts, engineers; Captain Robert Bowen, signal corps; Captains John H. Lang, Herman A. Hawkins and Robert Tolson, quartermaster's corps; and Captains William H. Thomson, John S. Rodman, David H. Berger, George M. Boyd, Stillwell C. Burns, Ross V. Patterson and William M. Sweet, medical corps.

First Lieutenants in the medical corps ordered to report are Edward B. Hodges, Francis B. Packard, Burton Lanes, Walter E. Charles D. Hart, George M. Pierson, Henry B. Ingie, James T. Hugh, Norris W. Vaux, Samuel R. Skellern, Jr., Joseph D. Aronson, George H. Clapp, Henry K. Dillard, Charles F. Mitchell, Arthur Lewis, David Riesman, Nicholas G. Le Shillier, James R. Wells, Rutherford L. John, Charles A. Day, Frank Husted, George A. Knowles, George N. Laws, Joseph Leidy, John A. McKenna, Oliver H. P. Turner, John H. Musser, Jr., and John N. Henry.

Philadelphia officers ordered to report at training camp are as follows: Major Alfred R. Allen, Captain Albert Dodge, John L. Evans and Francis V. Lloyd; First Lieutenants Samuel C. Cohen, J. Walter Keller, William S. Williams and Second Lieutenant Robert Kauch. The following enlistments were announced today:

UNITED STATES ARMY Paul Menhart, 33, 2810 Cottrell st. Joseph P. Aronson, 21, 1717 E. 13th st. John C. Single, 21, Chester. William H. Brown, 21, 418 E. 4th st. William H. Peterson, 21, 622 E. Indiana ave. Carter C. Staley, 21, 1410 E. 13th st. Frank J. Schwartz, 18, 1653 Orthodox st. William D. Kegan, 20, 4632 Paul st. George A. Perkin, 18, 1414 Walnut st. George R. Stillman, 22, 208 N. Canal st. Harry Kaplan, 21, 28 N. 20th st. Polentay Wisniewski, 18, 24 Jasper st., Camden. Joseph H. Hill, 17, 1220 E. 13th st. William H. Graham, 25, 3421 N. Front st. Philip Babin, 19, Point Pleasant, Pa. William Zull, 24, 1320 McCall st. Andrew P. Shuster, 20, 1202 Adams st. Harry O'Connell, 19, 2400 Devonport ave. Robert E. White, 19, 1825 Orthodox st. William E. Leonard, 18, 1414 Walnut st. Jules Scarpello, 22, 2137 Lincolnton st. Tony Provenzano, 18, 1120 E. 13th st. John G. Walter, 18, 1120 E. 13th st. Adolph K. Scheller, 20, 2139 N. 27th st. Harry Schaeffer, 19, 483 E. 13th st. William Bevan, 21, 238 E. Elk ave. Albert P. Klein, 22, 2400 Devonport ave. Thomas J. Hason, 22, West Conshohocken, Pa. George D. Hart, 22, Conshohocken, Pa. James N. Keating, 21, 28 N. 20th st. David J. Papp, 18, 2038 Arlington st., Camden.

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FIRST INFANTRY, N. G. P. Albert L. Linke, 19, 2208 Clearfield st. Raymond Johnson, 19, 2208 Clearfield st. THIRD INFANTRY, N. G. P. John E. Crowe, 18, 602 Carpenter st. Arthur D. Cannon, 18, 522 Locust st. Arthur D. Davenport, 18, 345 Railroad st., Anshobek. Patrick P. Dowdell, 21, 2027 E. 80th st. Harry A. Schmidt, 19, 1228 Schuylkill st.

DIES IN EXPLOSION TRYING TO SAVE COMPANIONS Man Rushes to Door With Acetylene Tank About to Burst and Is Mangled

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 30.—George Wagner, thirty years old, died here today in an explosion of an acetylene tank at the Buffalo Drydock plant. Friction followed an accident to the testing tube. Aware that an explosion was imminent, Wagner picked up the tank and rushed to the door with it in an effort to escape.

BABY-SAVING BATTLE WILL OPEN TOMORROW

Campaign Includes Siege of Councils for Appropriation of \$100,000

Better babies as a wartime asset and an appropriation of \$100,000 a year to make them better are the battle cries of Philadelphia's Baby Week, which, in answer to the call of Washington that the whole nation set its mind to the mighty matter of baby conservation, launches its campaign tomorrow.

The appropriation which is to be asked of City Councils will be for the employment of 100 more municipal nurses and for the establishment of more health centers. It is estimated that 50 per cent of the babies who now die could be saved if further city care were extended to them.

Last year in Philadelphia more than 6000 babies and children died before their fifth birthday. About 200 of these deaths were caused by infantile paralysis. Special stress this year will be laid upon any known preventative measures that will make for the keeping down of this disease.

Virtually every citizen of Philadelphia will be reached during Baby Week by means of propaganda. College students, business men, mothers, fathers, big sisters and brothers will be individually spoken to by means of printed cards.

Each week has been set aside for a particular phase of baby saving. Tomorrow, which will be Mothers' Day, prominent physicians will address gatherings of mothers in various health centers.

Wednesday, Fathers' Day, fathers exclusively will be gathered together in factories and in police stations to be told of their duties toward the little ones. In the evening, at a general meeting in the Academy of Music, a scenario, written by Mrs. Otis Skinner and Mrs. Wilfred Lewis, will be presented.

Thursday, Public Health Day, the public will be invited to attend addresses at the health centers. There will be "live baby clinics." Friday school children will take active part in the week's campaign.

Each day an automobile parade of babies has been planned. On Sunday churches will celebrate as "Baby Day." Daily exhibitions at 36 South Eighth street showing the best methods of caring for infants, with daily address by specialists from Philadelphia hospitals, will be given under the auspices of the Equal Franchise Society, the Woman's Suffrage party and the Philadelphia Housing Association.

So alarmingly has the mortality among infants and small children increased that it is said the nation is confronted with a danger that ranks in seriousness with the war in this country 10 per cent die before the end of their first year.

"Contributions to the cause of child saving have fallen off alarmingly in face of the sweeping patriotic movements on foot." Albert Cross, secretary of the Child Federation, said today, "and yet there is no single work that means more to the nation as a measure of preparedness than the equipping of babies to be healthy, red-blooded citizens."

Baby week is under the auspices of the Department of Health and Charities. Dr. John D. McLean, Louis Lehfeldt and Chandler & Co. form an executive committee.

British Attack Near Ypres; Push Battle

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Velle's concerted offensive, the War Office statement today revealed soon in the Chamber of Deputies when the Ministry will make formal reply to questions regarding the recent offensive waged by General Nivelle.

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JOFFRE BOARDING THE MAYFLOWER



The famous French General is shown going up the gang plank at Washington to sail down the Potomac to Mount Vernon where, with the other members of the French and British missions, he paid tribute to the memory of George Washington.

INSIST ON PLOT THEORY IN BLAST AT EDDYSTONE

Sleuths Continue Investigation, Despite Verdict of Coroner's Jury

CHESTER, Pa., April 30. Department of Justice representatives and agents of the Eddystone Ammunitions Corporation are continuing their investigation of the explosion which on April 19 resulted in more than a hundred deaths.

J. Barton Weeks, Assistant District Attorney, is in charge of the firm's investigation and has several detectives working under his supervision. Two hundred witnesses have been examined by Mr. Weeks, 150 of whom are survivors of the explosion.

Thomas J. Keefe, safety engineer at the plant, and William Doeller, are assisting the attorney, Mr. Weeks. A list of eighteen questions is asked each witness.

"From what we have learned as a result of our investigations I am convinced that the explosion was not the result of an accident," Mr. Weeks said today. Information of value obtained by the firm's investigators is immediately turned over to Department of Justice agents.

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MOTORCARS TOUR CITY IN ANTI-FLY CAMPAIGN

Co-operative Committee Distributes Proclamations in Four Languages

"Fly Week" opened today under the auspices of the co-operative committee for fly extermination. Officially this is designated as fly-destruction day, and a flock of automobiles is touring the city with circulars in Russian, Yiddish, Italian and English.

Department stores on Market and Chestnut streets have arranged window displays of fly-destruction apparatus, and the business associations have offered to co-operate in extending the campaign to their neighborhoods.

A talk on the fly as a disease carrier and its relations to infant mortality was given before the continuation classes of the McCull School this morning by Chief James McCullough of the Division of Housing and Sanitation. Tonight he will discuss the same subject at the Children's Hospital, Eighteenth and Bainbridge streets.

Members of women's clubs are asked particularly to assist the committee and are invited to attend the weekly meeting tomorrow in the Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock.

SHOOT SAILORS IN RIGGING

GERMANS IN SUBMARINE SAID TO HAVE MASSACRED TWO FISHING CREWS

PARIS, April 30.—Twenty-one members of the crews of two French fishing boats who were refused entry to the port of Philadelphia, has been discharged from the Chester Hospital.

ROBBERS MAKE SECOND RAID ON POSTOFFICE Unsatisfied With \$15 on First Visit, They Return, Blow Open Safe and Steal \$300

LEBANON, Pa., April 30.—For a second time in four days postmen last night robbed the Prescott postoffice, two miles east of here.

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