

### SAFETY BOARD STILL IN RACE

#### Public Defense Committee Does Not Abate Activities

#### WAITING YET FOR FUNDS

#### State Government's Refusal to Finance Work Fails to Affect Policy

In spite of the refusal of the State government to allow the Safety Board to continue its work until the exact program of the Federal Government is learned, no curtailment of the committee's activities has been ordered.

General Wharton Pepper, chairman of the committee, was out of the city today, but it was said at the headquarters of the committee, in the Finance Building, that no cut had been made in any of the lines of work.

Requests for financial aid which were turned down at a meeting of the Public Service and Defense Board, headed by Governor Brumbaugh, were for the following purposes:

- First. For stimulating registration and recruiting in the Army, Navy and National Guard.
- Second. For handling the food problem.
- Third. For paying executive secretaries of each of the seventy-eight local committees of Public Safety.
- Fourth. Three thousand dollars for advertising the Liberty Loan bonds.

The first three requests were contained in the Pepper letter. None of these specified any amount of money, but the Governor said it had been requested that the defense board supply the \$3000 for advertising.

The mention of the Pepper letter was the first intimation that it had been received here. The Governor had Mr. Ball, his private secretary, read it.

"We intend to co-operate with the Public Safety Committee," he said, "but do not desire any duplication of work, either by the State, the Federal Government's agents or the committee."

#### PEPPER'S PLEA FOR CASH

The Pepper letter is as follows:

Dear Governor Brumbaugh—Your communication of May 22 was duly received. I should be glad of an early opportunity to confer with you and the other members of the commission in regard to such features of it as can better be dealt with in conference than by correspondence. In the meantime, there are at least three pressing matters which require action.

You have called upon the committee to render service in aid of the approaching legislation. The plans made by our Department of Military Service for giving aid to the work of the Federal Government require immediate expenditure. Your communication advises us that the commission has appropriated \$50,000 for general organization purposes and expenses of executive committee. We feel that this appropriation should not be used except for such purposes and we think that a specific appropriation should be made for immediate use in carrying out the objects of the proclamation of the Governor in connection with the approaching registration.

In view of the emergency, we have assured General Andrews that we will appropriate out of the general fund if necessary for present urgent needs to enable the Department of Military Service to respond to the call made upon it. We believe there should also be a specific appropriation to assist the Government in promptly recruiting to full war strength and for immediate service the quota of Pennsylvania troops required for the army, navy and the National Guard.

We are strongly impressed with the absolute necessity of prompt co-operation with the national and State officials in the solution of the food problem. The commission is not, of course, informed respecting the work that is being done and the plans that are being matured by the department of our organization, of which Howard Helm is director. To be successful, he must be authorized at once to incur expenses in securing indispensable skilled executive assistance and in other ways to enable Pennsylvania to respond to Mr. Hoover's expectations of what a great State can accomplish.

#### ASKS PAID SECRETARIES

It is further essential to the success of the work of the Committee of Public Safety in general, and of the Department of Food Supply in particular, that we should have a sufficient number of paid secretaries to handle the work within the limits of reasonableness and economy, each local committee of public safety with a paid executive secretary. It occurs to us as wise that engagements of paid executive secretaries for local committees should be for a limited initial period, as, for instance, three months.

Our executive committee hopes that affirmative action will be taken by the commission on each of the three points above specified.

As to the general question of relationship between the committee and the commission, I appreciated that any seeming differences of opinion are verbal rather than substantial. We shall no doubt be able to work out an administrative arrangement which will prevent duplication and waste and obviate the necessity of having two equally intelligent groups of busy people wrestling with the same problem at the same time.

Very truly yours,  
G. W. PEPPER, chairman.

#### U. S. ARMS DONATED BOAT

Guns Placed on Sea Gull, Gift of Edwin A. Bookmeyer

Guns are being mounted on the Sea Gull, a 165-hp motor cruiser, bought by Edwin A. Bookmeyer, insurance broker, for presentation to the Government. The boat as part of the United States coast defense patrol will guard the mouth of the Delaware.

### A BIT OF FUN "ON THE FRONT"



Herbert W. Crowhurst, of Philadelphia, master mechanic of the American Red Cross in France, sparring with a French poulu who knows no English except "cuss words."

### U. S. WAR ENTRANCE INVIGORATES ALLIES

#### "Bert" Crowhurst's Son Herbert, With Red Cross in France, Writes of Welcome

#### EAGER TO SEE ARMY OVER

The entrance of the United States into the war has put new life into the Allies, according to a letter from Herbert W. Crowhurst, of Philadelphia, a master mechanic of the American Red Cross in France.

"This means unlimited financial assistance and, what is more to the purpose, reinforcements of a superior calibre of troops," writes Crowhurst, who is a son of "Bert" Crowhurst, assistant manager of the Hotel Walton. "Everybody here is anxious to see the Americans get into action. The splendid work and unselfish bravery of the Americans—aviators, Red Cross members, Foreign Legionaries and physicians and nurses—have brought about a feeling that they are almost invincible. On every side is seen the Stars and Stripes. While the excitement among the Allies is at its highest, there is a corresponding depression among the Germans. What a reception awaits the first troop ship bearing American soldiers that reaches a French port! History will be rewritten when United States soldiers stand shoulder to shoulder alongside the Allies and tear up the German lines in most approved fashion."

Young Crowhurst comments upon the "singular thing, this coincidence of act of divine providence, in the destruction of churches, that the paintings, sculptures and carvings of Christ on the cross are seldom disfigured by the German artillermen." He reports fighting of the fiercest character on the French front, where he is stationed, and promises that after the censorship is removed many blood-curdling and thrilling tales will be related.

"Work has been very exacting on the members of the American Red Cross," his letter reads in part. "Not that they have suffered in this respect more than the French soldiers. It was particularly hazardous and dangerous removing the wounded from the lines in the Avocourt woods and from Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) and Hill 304. These posts are dangerous, because they play an important part in the protection of the city of Verdun, just to the west. We were in plain sight of the German lines and all our roads were under fire."

"Many of the Americans have distinguished themselves by special acts of valor and bravery. It is especially unusual for Americans to be specially mentioned in dispatches. Several of us have been named for decoration. Among the lucky men is Houston, of Philadelphia. He received his cross for driving me to get two broken-down cars, which it was necessary to repair before we could bring them back to our hospital base. I know the trying circumstances and conditions under which he was placed and can testify to his coolness and bravery under fire. We had to drive up right in the shadow of Dead Man's Hill to put a new axle in the car."

#### Wilmington Tax Rate \$1.35

WILMINGTON, Del., June 1.—At its meeting last evening the Wilmington City Council fixed the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on July 1 at \$1.35, assessment being at full value. The rate has been kept at the same figure for several years. This is due to the increased assessment from new buildings.

## Mawson & DeMany

1115 Chestnut Street  
(Opposite Keith's)

### Close Out Saturday 200 Hats

For Women and Misses  
Formerly 8.50 to 25.00  
now

**2.50 5.00 7.50**

Included in this sale are Sport Hats, Suit Hats, Tailored Hats and Dress Hats of the newest and desirable materials.

### Very Special Values In Summer Furs For Saturday

Wolf and Fox Scarfs 24.00 Very Special.	Choice Fox Scarfs of Superb Quality 38.00 Value Unprecedented.	Mole, Ermine or Kolinsky Scarfs 68.00 Extra Special Value.
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Trappe, White, Red, Kamohaha, Slate, Battleship Gray.

### EIGHTEEN SALOONS QUIT WHEN LICENSES EXPIRE

#### Growing Sentiment Against Liquor and Brewers' New Policy Principal Causes

Eighteen retail liquor dealers, eleven wholesalers, two bottlers and one brewer automatically went out of business at midnight by failing to pay their license fees and to deposit the necessary bonds. This is a record-breaking number to quit the liquor game in this city in any one year.

Reasons given for the unusual falling off are numerous, but the one said to be responsible in the most instances was the decision of brewers to continue the custom of backing saloons in neighborhoods where they have failed to yield sufficient profits to enable the proprietors to make good their annual payments to the city. Another reason given is that the sentiment against liquor during the war has caused a noticeable falling off in profits in many localities.

The license year dates from June 1, and all dealers who failed to pay before midnight went out of business at once. Saloonkeepers who have reasons other than a desire to quit the business for failing to pay may apply to the License Court for renewal.

The retail licenses in operation during the year just ended numbered 1915. New certificates have been issued for 1857. The same falling off is indicated in the wholesale business. During last year 281 licenses were issued and this year only 279. Last year seven saloonkeepers allowed their licenses to lapse, while thirteen wholesalers failed to produce their fees.

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### GOVERNOR VEToes BILL TO AID STATE FIREMEN

#### Kills Measure Providing for Surrender of Tax Proceeds on Premiums

HARRISBURG, June 1.—Governor Brumbaugh today vetoed the Sprout bill appropriating the entire proceeds of the tax levied by the State on premiums of foreign insurance companies to firemen's relief associations in the cities of the Commonwealth, giving among his reasons that the Legislature has neglected to provide for revenue with which to replace that which the Sprout bill would have given to the firemen.

The governor points out that half of the \$400,000 now collected goes to the firemen's relief associations and the remaining half to the State Insurance Fund, whereby the State hopes in the course of a few years to create a fund amply large enough to protect it in case of fire and will therefore gradually cut down the annual levy upon the revenues of the Commonwealth for fire insurance purposes. If this money is taken away the State will be left without adequate funds with which to replenish and build up this fund.

The Governor says in his veto message that he will gladly sign a measure that provides both for adequate relief for the firemen and revenue with which to keep up the insurance fund.

#### Scouts to Sell Bonds

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 1.—The Hazleton Boy Scouts have decided to canvass the entire Hazleton district on June 11, 12, 13 and 14 to boost sales of Liberty Bonds.

### WILL LINK PETTY'S ISLAND WITH NEW JERSEY SHORE

The industrial activities of Petty's Island have warranted its connection with New Jersey by rail and the Pennsylvania Railroad will therefore span the channel with a bridge.

The structure will be equipped with a single track and a footwalk from Thirty-sixth street to the island. There will be a wooden trestle with an eighty-foot draw and two fifty-foot girders spans on either side. The branch road connecting with the bridge will run from Thirty-sixth street. The work is now under way.

The island, which consists of about 250 acres, is now occupied by plants of the Crew-Levick Company, the William Cramp and Sons Ship and Engine Building Company, and two Philadelphia electric companies.

### Gifts for the Ushers

An unusually large assortment of suitable articles for the groomsmen.

Belts	Link Buttons
Tie Clasps	Watch Chains
Scarf Pins	Pocket Knives
Dress Sets	Cigarette Boxes
Silk Wallets	Cigarette Holders

S. Kind & Sons, 1110 Chestnut St.  
DIAMOND MERCHANTS—JEWELERS—SILVERSMITHS

# The One Club Where You Get Your Dues Back, and Interest Besides!

Buying Liberty Loan bonds is easy—any bank will help you, or you and your friends can work it out for yourselves.

Any group of people (like those working together in an office or a factory, or those living in the same block, or those belonging to the same lodge or church) can band together. A treasurer is elected. Each member signs a card agreeing to pay \$1 or \$2 a week and enough bonds are bought through the bank to give every member what he agrees to pay for. The bank puts up the money to buy the bonds outright and will turn them over to you as fast as you pay up.

We need 4755 more such bond-buying clubs in Philadelphia—will you start a club yourself, or see that some one else starts the one you want to join? and do it now!

Don't wait for the other fellow to start his club—you start yours now. We will send a skilled organizer and explainer to you, if you will carefully fill out the coupon below. But give us all the facts we ask for, so we can be sure to send the right man the first time.

The complete list of clubs will be printed in about a week, and we can publish only the names of clubs which are fully organized.

## Get Busy

Liberty Loan Committee  
108 S. 4th Street, Philadelphia.

I want to see a Liberty Loan bond-buying club organized among  
state whether working together or how associated.....

There are about..... of us, and I have already secured.....  
state number

verbal promises to join our club.

Please have your Club-explainer talk to me at.....  
address of place

.....on.....day, and I will arrange to have  
of employment

other people hear how we can form a club.

My name .....

My home address .....