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REGISTRATION MIX-UP INVOLVES DRAFT

Hundreds of Registrants May Face Serious Charge, It Now Appears

LOCAL BOARDS BLAMED

Official draft numbers from the War Department at Washington had reached the registration headquarters in Harrisburg at noon today, according to the statement of Col. Frank Sweeney, who is in charge. The colonel, however, has received a letter from the War Department, dated July 25, saying that the blanks have been shipped.

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Typical

To Keep Up Police Service

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EXCITING SCENES MARK RACE RIOTS IN THE STREETS OF CHESTER, PA.



TRANSIT PROGRESS NOW UP TO CONTRACTORS

Director Twining Expects Decision on Acceptance at Old Prices Within Few Days

Transit Director Twining expects to have definite word within a day or two from the three firms which were awarded the Broad street tube and the delivery loop contracts, whether or not they will be willing to undertake the work upon prices given in their bids of six months ago.

It will be necessary for these concerns to make known their intentions when they are called upon to sign the contracts awarded to them yesterday. The City Solicitor's Department today began preparing the contracts in legal form, and as soon as they are completed they will be given to the three firms to sign. If they sign without protest the work on both the Broad street tube and the loop will begin as soon as materials can be obtained.

A. L. Drum, chief engineer for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and Director Twining will continue their conferences on the transit lease today, and this afternoon William Draper Lewis, legal consultant and adviser for the administration, will meet the transit director. No particular conferences, however, are scheduled for today.

Mr. Lewis does not expect to return to Maine until the end of the lease, but he has agreed upon it and it is ready to be put into legal form. According to the present plans of the Transit Department Mr. Lewis will take a rough draft of the lease back to Maine with him and there put it into final shape for presentation to City Solicitor Connelly for the latter's formal approval.

The high record revenues and profits shown in the annual report of the transit company, which was submitted to the directors yesterday, is expected to have but little influence upon the lease negotiations. The regular monthly reports had shown in advance the consistent increase in the company's gross earnings, and the annual report only gave the summary for the year.

In a brief review of the lease negotiations the report contained the following paragraph, which is significant in view of the fact that the basis for a new lease, eliminating the 5 per cent guarantee, has been established: "The position taken by the subsidiary management has always been that the company should contribute its utmost to the joint undertaking, but if the burden which the city desired to impose upon the company was too great, then the company would be unable to join with the city in carrying out the city's plans. Speaking for this management, Mr. Stotesbury has said that if the terms offered by the city as a finality should preclude a reasonable return to the stockholders, he would not feel justified in recommending its acceptance."

Director Twining today awarded to the Keystone State Construction Company the contract for the concrete floor of the Frankford "L" line, between Callowhill and Dyke streets. This firm, which is Senator McNichol's concern, was the sole bidder for the work, the figure being \$97,400. The work is to be completed nine months from the time the department orders it to begin.

This makes five contracts awarded to McNichol out of seven in the last two days.

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The 8000 members of the uniformed force of forty-one units will be armed with night sticks similar to those carried by the regular police. This equipment has also been ordered from the factory.

U. S. OFFICERS HOPEFUL, SECRETARY BAKER SAYS

Denies Army Mission Made Pessimistic Report on War Situation

WASHINGTON, July 25.—A published statement representing United States army officers just back from a long visit of inspection along the western front in France as being pessimistic as to the outcome of the effort of the Allied armies to make headway against the German forces brought from Secretary Baker a formal declaration that no member of the military mission holds the views attributed to the mission in the publication.

Members of the mission preferred not to express their views for publication, but it is not violating any confidence to say that they did not look upon the outcome of the great war in any pessimistic way.

Secretary Baker's formal denial was given to the press through the committee on public information. That it was intended as more than an ordinary statement was attested by the fact that it was signed by the Secretary of War.

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Some of the questions discussed were the sanitation at the cantonment, ways and means of getting sufficient lumber to the site in order to carry on the work rapidly and the probability of ordering some of the "bookies" to the camp within the next two weeks. The first question was the principal one of the inspection. At the present time, except for an unusual number of mosquitoes, the sanitation is excellent, according to the commander. The men also complain that they are pestered with flies. Effective methods will be applied in the near future to get rid of these pests permanently.

Colonel Lawton also "looked over" the work done by the Pennsylvania company of engineers and the motor transportation corps. These men have now been placed on the work of making a survey of the properties adjoining the camp proper.

IF CITY GIVES WORD, DANIELS WILL MOVE

Navy Department Ready to Step in and Protect Men Against Vice

The Navy Department is ready to adopt measures which will protect every sailor and marine at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the moment the local authorities notify the Navy Department that they are unable to correct the present evil conditions.

This phase of the vice situation was outlined to the Mayor in a letter sent to him by Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

To a request to make public the letter sent to Mayor Smith, the Navy Department has issued the following statement:

In answer to an inquiry Secretary Daniels said today that he had received a letter from Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, with reference to the correction of conditions in the vicinity of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and that he had replied to the Mayor. In his letter Mayor Smith said several arrests had been made; that many of the persons mentioned in the Navy Department's report had been arrested previously; and that some had served sentences. He requested that the representatives of the Navy Department who made the investigation be directed to appear at the hearing to be held on the 27th of this month and submit testimony.

Secretary Daniels has advised Mayor Smith that the Navy Department does not feel that it can go further at this time than to call the attention of the authorities of the State of Pennsylvania to the prevalence of the conditions complained of; that this department cannot assume the functions of the police; the police officials and furnish evidence for the issuance of warrants, a duty which properly belongs to the police officials. The Secretary said, further, that the conditions were known to him as they were related to Governor Brumbaugh; that representatives of the department having found it possible to discover these facts, they also can be discovered by the police of Philadelphia, and that he believed with vigilance and action on the part of the city officials conditions can be corrected.

It is essential, however, he added, that a clean and wholesome environment of the men stationed at Philadelphia be established and maintained. If the governments of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia notify the Navy Department that they are unable to bring about this condition, the Navy Department will then have to adopt measures which will safeguard the young men entrusted to its care.

Mayor Smith has been advised that in such contingency the Navy Department will take what action may be necessary. Mayor Smith still refuses to divulge the contents of the communication received from Secretary Daniels.

The Mayor stamped as a "lie" the report that he had asked for a special Federal attorney appointed to represent the Government at vice hearings.

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ESPERANTISTA HOLDING THEIR DEKO KONGRESO

Philadelphia Doing Its Best to Provide Diverso, Including Preghego, Danco and a Teatrajhoj

The tenth congress of the Esperantista Association of North America opened today in the Chamber of Commerce, Widener Building. This is a low-brow way of announcing that the disciples of the universal language plan are holding their Deko Kongreso. In the absence of the president, Dr. J. H. Yeamans, U. S. A., the vice president, Dr. B. F. Simonek, presided, and introduced E. J. Cattel, the city statistician, who welcomed the Esperantists to Philadelphia—in English.

Followed the business of the day, with Henry W. Hentzel, of Philadelphia, in the chair. Reports from various societies all over the country were read, mostly in Esperanto; but one member resorted to English, in an eloquent appeal to the members to choose Green Acres, Me., for the next kongreso.

This was James F. Morton, of New York city, who very nearly moved his audience as tears when he told of the "cool and bracing breezes wafted from the lake" and the open-air meetings planned "on the verdant banks."

"We shall not have this oppressive heat—and intense humidity," he said with feeling. An agitated flutter of fans was the only interruption.

Members declared that Maine was doubtless more of a summer place than Philadelphia. However, Philadelphia is doing its best for the visitors.

For all its breezes Maine has no Valley Forge, and the Esperantists are going there on a Ekokurso, forlorn Windsor Hotelo (the unun hor' provide on Sabato. Dimanches there is to be Diverso, prechde St. Luke and the Epiphany. Other diversions are planned, including a danco at the Wynnefield Country Club and a Teatrajhoj at the Presser Building tonight.

GEORGE W. OCHS SEEKS NAME CHANGED TO "OAKES"

Petition Says German Title Has Become Obnoxious to Himself and His Sons

George Washington Ochs, former editor of the Public Ledger and manager of the Philadelphia Times, has petitioned Common Pleas Court to change his name to George W. Ochs Oakes, on the ground that his present name is German and will be obnoxious in this country on account of the crimes committed by the Teutons against humanity and civilization.

Mr. Ochs hopes to relieve his two sons of the name of Ochs and that after his death it will be dropped forever. The petition has been entered through Howard Benton Lewis, as counsel.

FINGERPRINT EXPERTS WANTED FOR U. S. ARMY

War Department May Make Records of All Soldiers in New National Army

The War Department is advertising today for fifty fingerprint experts through the Civil Service Commission, the first time in the history of the commission that such a request has come from the Government body.

It is surmised, although no one in the commission's office in the Postoffice Building admitted knowledge of it, that these experts will be sent to the various cantonments to take the prints of all soldiers before they leave for the front in Europe.

York Pastor Receives Call to Gap

LANCASTER, Pa., July 25.—The Rev. Howard Glewiler, of York, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at Gap, Lancaster County. He is a graduate of the Lebanon Valley College at Annville.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER advertisement featuring illustrations of people sitting in chairs and text: "We Have More Furniture for This August Sale", "The Sale Starts Next Wednesday", "The Furniture Will be Ready for Inspection and Comparison To-morrow".

BONWIT TELLER & CO. advertisement: "MISSIS' DEPT.—4th FLOOR", "STORE CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY", "The Specialty Shop of Originations", "Special for (Tomorrow) Friday", "Misses' Serge and Silk Dresses", "Two or three of a kind, 10.00 and 15.00", "Misses' Summer Dresses", "5.00 7.95 12.75 15.00", "Misses' Coats and Capes", "10.00 15.00 and 20.00", "Flapper Frocks", "5.00 8.75 and 10.75", "New Mid-Summer Fashions in Misses' Silk Frocks", "17.50 19.50 25.00 to 39.75".