

FIRST EXAMINATION OF LOCAL CONSCRIPTS



Actual work in the selecting of Philadelphia men for the new national army was begun today when forty men were ordered to report at the Twelfth and Pine streets police station for physical examinations. Above is shown the examination of the first men to respond. Below are (from left to right) John Ware, 266 South Van Pelt street, and Thomas Brink, 641 Markoe street, the two men who appeared first for examination.

SLAVS CHECK ENEMY NEAR BORDER LINE

Russo-Rumanian Blows in Putna Sector Menace German Advance

RETREAT IN GOOD ORDER

PETROGRAD, July 30.—The advance of the Russo-Rumanian army in the Moldavian province of Rumania has carried it to a point only seven miles from the Hungarian border, according to information from Jassy today. The Russo-Rumanians have entered Souvesha, it is reported, which is but five miles east of Otlos pass in the Carpathians. Souvesha lies between the Putna and Sughiza Rivers.

PETROGRAD, July 30.—Russian and Rumanian troops have put such force behind their offensive in the Putna sector that today the pressure of the German advance into Russia in the Tarnopol region noticeably lessened. In Galicia, the Russian troops, forced back at the outset of the breakdown at Tarnopol, have returned in good order across the Russian border.

Premier Kerensky is at the front today, conferring on the military situation. On account of the necessity of these conferences and the inability to gather together all elements for the All-Russian Assembly, the latter conference at Moscow, scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed. It will be held at a later date when all parties are expected to attend and all civic organizations can send delegates.

Extensive preparations are now under way for Russia's first constitutional assembly. A coalition cabinet is regarded as certain to result from the Moscow meeting. Re-entry of the Cadet party has been forecast and there will be complete adjustment of the ministerial power.

Premier Kerensky was today reported as ready to turn over the points of army chief and navy head to two army and navy officers. Today's news from the front indicated considerable improvement in morale of the soldiers—even of those most likely to be affected by the disgraceful retreat of the Eleventh Army. A straightening out of the Russian line to offset the wedge driven into the front around Tarnopol and thus relieve the dangerous situation there is under way.

GENEVA, July 30.—German troops southeast of Tarnopol have fought their way across the Zbrucz River, occupying the Russian town of Gusiati, according to advices from Vienna today.

Gusiati is just across the frontier from the Galician town of Husiatyn. It is at that point that the Germans have been making their advance.

NEW RECORD IN SUGAR

Maximum Opening Quotation, With Further Advances Likely

NEW YORK, July 30.—Wholesale prices of sugar from the refineries to jobbers have advanced forty cents since June 1. Closing today went to \$7.90 at the opening, a new record. Further advances, according to the American Sugar Refining Company, are not unlikely.

The price of raw sugar, controlled by conditions in Cuba, is responsible for the refinery advance, it was stated.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday; moderate winds, mostly southwest.

CITY QUOTAS MAY BE REVISED; FIRST MEN UP IN DRAFT TEST

Change in Allotment Likely, Clinton Rogers Woodruff Announces

TO GIVE RECRUIT CREDIT

Complete revision of draft quotas for the fifty-one Philadelphia districts will be ordered within a few days, in the opinion of the exemption boards.

Dissatisfaction in various sections of the city concerning the method by which the district quotas were fixed has forced the State military officials to give the protests serious attention. That these officials are ready to revise the quotas and give each district its full credit for the number of men already in the service was learned from a city official who has been active in the work of presenting the city's claim for a more equitable system of drafting conscripts.

That this action is necessary in order to comply with the draft laws is the opinion of Clinton Rogers Woodruff, an attorney, chairman of the Sixth District exemption board.

"Each district in the city should receive credit for the number of men recruited in the national service since the outbreak of war," said Mr. Woodruff today. "In many districts this system would reduce the quotas and in a few instances virtually eliminate them. Personally I fear that complications will arise unless this matter is adjusted, for it is plain that any man drafted can refuse service on the ground that the district in which he is listed has furnished his full quota."

"Let us assume that a district has been given a quota of 350 and that one of the conscripts who is No. 300 on the list of accepted men raises an objection concerning his eligibility. If he can show that his district has not been given full credit for the number of men already in the service and that the extension of such credit would reduce the quota of that district to a point below 300 he would be in a position to make trouble. As I understand it, the draft law provides that each district shall be given credit for the men enlisted."

Congressmen Costello and Vare carried the issue to Washington and are confident that the War Department will force the State military officials to act in the matter immediately.

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MERCURY TOYS WITH TOP O' THERMOMETER

Shins Up Fahrenheit Column to 96 Degrees in Hottest Day of Year—No Relief!

Table with columns for TEMPERATURES Today and Yesterday, and July 2. Rows show temperatures at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5 p.m.

The mercury bumped the 96 mark today on the hottest day of the year, and it is likely to go higher before the sun goes down.

Not only does the weatherman hold out no immediate hope of relief, but he has heartily predicted a more oppressive day for tomorrow. But he refuses to take the blame, for he gave ample warning on Saturday in his official report.

When Philadelphia's got out of bed this morning, their "inner beings" told them that this was going to be the hottest day of the season; nor were they mistaken. The mercury got up early and kept on going up. In fact, it did not slacken when the former high mark of the year, 92, made on July 2, was reached, but increased its upward climb.

Fortunately, the humidity today was slightly below normal, 67 per cent being registered at 8 o'clock. Tomorrow, however, the moisture in the air is expected to be greater and the temperature as high as 98.

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INTERVIEWS ON PEACE AIMED AT RUSSIA

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WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Pope has refused to intervene and use his influence for an early peace, a cable from Berne to the Italian Embassy asserted today. Emperor Charles, of Austria, through his Premier, had asked the pontiff to propose peace because the dual monarchy is in danger of disintegration, the cable said.

Simultaneous interviews from Doctor Michaelis, the German Chancellor, and Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, have given another spurt to the world's discussion of peace and are regarded as signifying the Central Powers' desire for an end of war.

These suggestions as to peace by "understanding," however, bring small response from Washington and London, where it is held that they were made chiefly with an eye to Russia.

There are rumors in Washington that the Administration may be led to make a more definite statement of its war aims, though Secretary Lansing's speech at Madison Barracks is regarded as a virtual answer to Berlin and Vienna.

London finds of "curious interest" the assertion of Doctor Erzberger, the German Centrist leader, that if he could talk with Lloyd George or Hallour an understanding could be reached. But a Rotterdam dispatch says his utterance has caused a sensation in Berlin.

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QUICK NEWS

PITCHER BACON PURCHASED BY ATHLETICS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., July 30.—The sale of Eddie Bacon, star twirler of the local Southern League club, to the Philadelphia Athletics was announced today. The price was not made public.

HARRISBURG, July 30.—The Governor today appointed Mayor Thomas B. Smith, John T. Windrim and Alfred E. Burk, Philadelphia, as members of the Delaware River Bridge and Tunnel Commission under terms of the Conner act.

GERMANTOWN WOMAN KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Word has just been received in this city that Mrs. M. Blanche Chapman, wife of William A. Chapman, a lawyer, whose home is in Germantown, was killed in a motor accident at Schroon Lake, N. Y., on Saturday. Mr. Chapman was seriously hurt.

U. S. TRANSPORT DAMAGED IN COLLISION

AN AMERICAN PORT, July 30.—The steamship Panama, arriving from Cristobal, collided with a United States transport while approaching her dock this afternoon. The transport, which was at anchor, was struck nearly amidships and seriously damaged. A fleet of tugs went to her rescue and took off all her men.

BULGARS DEPORT SERBIANS TO DESERTS

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Bulgarians are sending Serbian children, women and old men into the deserts of Asia Minor, according to press reports reaching the Serbian legation here today. Thirty thousand persons were driven from the Nish district alone, the reports stated. Doctor Ribar, a Slav member of the Vienna Parliament, is said to have protested against the deportations.

STEAMSHIP GOES ASHORE; PASSENGER SAFE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—The steamship Del Norte, bound from Crescent City to San Francisco, went ashore near Point Arenas last night and is believed to be a total loss. A brief wireless dispatch to the Chamber of Commerce this morning stated that all aboard were safe.

FIRST THIRTEEN MEN DRAFTED CLAIM EXEMPTIONS

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The first thirteen drafted Americans examined here today claimed exemption. They were among the fifty who lined up outside exemption board No. 5. A majority of the exemption claims, it is said, were because of dependents. There were two aliens in the first batch.

GERMAN SPY SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA

ROANOKE, Va., July 30.—Two men representing themselves as members of the Royal British Flying Corps were arrested here today. They are supposed to be German spies. They said they were en route from Canada to Florida on a "secret mission." The arrests were made by Government agents shortly before noon.

ITALY OFFERS \$20 FOR EVERY EXTRA TON OF CEREAL

ROME, July 30.—In order to increase the ground under cultivation, the Government has established a premium of \$20 for every extra ton of cereal raised in the kingdom. At the same time, the General Staff has taken steps to furnish the farmers with all the labor they need for harvesting. Agricultural leaves of absence are being granted to soldiers.

MARINE NOMINATED FOR PATENT OFFICE CHIEF

WASHINGTON, July 30.—President Wilson today nominated Richard E. Marine, Indiana, to be examiner in chief of the Patent Office. He nominated Walter H. Sholes, Oklahoma, to be consul of class 7.

U. S. PLACES LARGE MACHINE GUN ORDER

NEW YORK, July 30.—Savage Arms Company, which manufactures the Lewis machine gun, has just closed a large order for these weapons for the United States Government. The exact number of guns ordered cannot be learned, but it is understood that it is between 10,000 and 15,000. The amount involved, including extra parts, etc., is estimated at close to \$20,000,000.

ARMY BALLOON WRECKED; CREW SAVED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 30.—An army balloon was destroyed today after eight officers and men were forced to descend near this city because the bag was torn. The balloon traveled from St. Louis and was whipped by the wind so that big holes were rent in the bag. The bag caught fire after the men landed. No one was injured.

U. G. I. PAYS \$541,412.88 TO THE CITY

The city today received from the United Gas Improvement Company \$541,412.88 as its share of the sales of gas for the quarter ending June 30, under the terms of the lease by that company of the Philadelphia Gas Works.

U. S. ORDERS HUNT FOR DRAFT SHIRKERS

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Prompt apprehension of "thousands of draftable men who have escaped detection and prosecution for failure to register" was ordered by the Department of Justice today. Formal notices were sent to all United States attorneys.

POLICE OFFICIALS GET SEVERE SENTENCES FOR FRAUDS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 30.—Samuel V. Perrett, chief of police of Indianapolis, who was convicted in Federal Court of election frauds several weeks ago, was today sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$1000. Police Captain Roy Pope, Detective O'Stringer and Sergeants Sanders and Hulse got six months in jail and were fined \$50 each. Herman Adam, former city sealer, was sentenced to two years and six months in prison and fined \$500.

C. & O. SHOPMEN DEMAND RAISE, THREATENING STRIKE

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., July 30.—Chesapeake and Ohio shopmen have directed that a telegram be sent Secretary of Labor Wilson at Washington advising him that unless their demand for 30 per cent increase in wages is immediately granted they will walk out tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. This action, in addition to the 2500 men in the local shops, may involve 32,000 shopmen in the southeastern district.

FINLAND REDUCES LOAN TO RUSSIA

HELSINGFORS, Finland, July 30.—The Finnish Diet has rejected on the third reading the bill providing for a loan of 350,000,000 marks to Russia, and has authorized the Bank of Finland to advance only 100,000,000 marks as against an equal sum of Russian money.

MAYOR BLAMES TRADUCERS FOR CHESTER RIOTS

Declares Twisted Accounts of Two Happenings Stirred Up Whites

GIRL NOT ATTACKED BY BLACKS, HE SAYS

By a Staff Correspondent CHESTER, July 30. Mayor Wesley S. McDowell today put the blame for the Chester race riots back on the shoulders of his accusers. The men who say his administration is incompetent and too lenient toward negroes are really the ones who stirred up all the trouble, the Mayor says.

Besides passing the buck over to the complainants against him, the Mayor gave the administration's version of the affairs leading up to the riot.

The two stories that are cited as proof of the city's consideration for the negroes, the stories that have done more than anything else to rouse the whites to anger, are told in an entirely different way. The stories are:

First, that the two negroes accused of attacking a girl in the Crozer Park were given their freedom under \$300 bail, and second that the women who incited the stabbing of McKinney, the first white victim, also got free under \$300 bail.

By "twisting" these into the form given, says the Mayor, the men who complain against him have stirred the whites to riot. Of the first story, he says:

"The girl was not attacked, according to her testimony before Magistrate Leary. She told Magistrate Leary that she and her escort were in Crozer Park two weeks ago. Two negroes approached them. They said they were policemen and told the pair they were under arrest."

"The negroes then insulted the girl and told the man to move away. When he refused, they offered the whites their freedom for \$5. The man went to get the money. He brought it back an hour and a half later and gave it to the negroes."

"The girl says that she was not attacked while her escort was gone. She told the same story to Chief of Police Vance in private conversation. The only charges that could be made against the negroes on the girl's testimony were impersonating officers and extortion."

"Later, District Attorney John B. Hannum ordered another hearing, this time before Alderman Berry, and the negroes were held without bail. Hannum did this because so many people complained about the first hearing."

Magistrate Leary held the negro charged with the stabbing and the three negro women with him without bail. The same day an assistant district attorney, Leary, the law did not provide for holding material witnesses without bail and that Leary would have to admit the women to bail. Magistrate Leary told the assistant that he had already held them and that he would not reconsider the case.

"Alderman Berry was the man who advised the Mayor to take the case to the grand jury."

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"DRY" AMENDMENT IS BEFORE SENATE

Sheppard Measure Would Prohibit Any Form of Intoxicants Within U. S.

VOTE SET FOR WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Liquors, beers and wines came up for trial before the Senate at 2 o'clock today.

For the first time in the history of the country, the Senate is voting on a "dry" amendment to the Constitution which would prohibit the sale, gift or manufacture of intoxicants in any form.

If the amendment is passed by a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate it must then be ratified by three-fourths of the States in the Union. By agreement the Senate will vote on the amendment next Wednesday at 4 o'clock.

Twenty Senators were on the floor when Sheppard introduced his amendment. In support of his amendment Sheppard presented a petition in favor of national prohibition, signed by 13,000,000 people throughout the country, and deposited it before the Vice President's desk.

"This is a historic occasion," Sheppard began. "For the first time in its annals the Senate is to vote for the submission of a constitutional amendment for nationwide prohibition. The method ordained by the Federal Constitution for its own alteration is being strictly followed. If this proposed amendment should be adopted by three-fourths of the States the traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes would be forbidden anywhere within the American Republic. Prohibition would be imbedded in the organic law of the nation."

Sheppard during all of his address directed a mixed fire of medical facts and human sentiment against the liquor traffic. He began with a quotation from Lincoln and carried his quotations on through the American Medical Association, Adm. J. J. Hill, Richard K. K. and a host of others in a terrific indictment of alcohol.

He denounced appeals to labor to support the men employed by the 68,000 saloons and 2300 breweries, distilleries and wineries of the liquor-producing plants. Every other dollar invested in the liquor business, he said, gives employment to seventy-five men. A similar sum invested in the other industry, he said, would employ 100 men.

WIFE SUES DIVORCE WRITING

NEWARK, N. J., July 30.—Helen Scott, author of "Uniform Marriage and Divorce Act," and recipient of a divorce authority, is defendant here in a divorce action filed by her husband, L. Patton Scott.