

SELECTION FOR NATIONAL ARMY PROCEEDS SLOWLY

VISITING BASEBALL PLAYERS IN ARMY DRAFT NET



DRAFT TESTS LAG; ONLY 500 TOTAL OF DAY

Creaking Machinery May Take Month to Fulfill City's Quotas

DOWNTOWN HARD HIT

Philadelphia's Small Ratio of Soldiers So Far

Philadelphia's draft machinery continued to creak and groan today, and at four o'clock when a majority of the draft boards closed their doors on the embryo soldiers, a little more than 500 men had been passed by the doctors for the day's work.

Of this number more than 50 per cent are eligible for exemption, coupled with the vast army of aliens who cannot be forced into the army unless they express a willingness, dampened the ardor of draft boards and emphasized the fact that more than four weeks will elapse before the city attains its quota of approximately 14,000.

ALIEN PROBLEM SERIOUS

Draft officials admitted that the alien problem is causing more trouble than anything else and voiced the opinion that drastic steps should be taken by the Government to force the aliens into the army.

HUMORS OF THE DRAFT

Despite the troubles of the exemption boards, many humorous incidents were recorded during the day. The exemption claims of many conscripts forced the boards to forget their difficulties with aliens and "married slackers."

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair to bright and Wednesday; cooler tonight; gentle northeast winds.

WHITE SOX TRIO ASK EXEMPTION

"Chick" Gandil, "Happy" Felsch and "Buck" Weaver Examined Here for Draft

"JIM" SCOTT WANTS TO GO

Three members of the Chicago White Sox, of the American League, were examined at the Twelfth and Pine streets police station today for the draft army. All three passed and asked exemptions.

MAYOR CALLS EXTRA SESSION TO CONSIDER NEWLY DRAFTED LEASE

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MAKING MINOR CHANGES

The City Solicitor will not get the lease until all these minor changes have been made, but as the lease is virtually in shape to present after incorporation in an ordinance, it is not expected that Mr. Connelly will require more than a day or two for his part of the work.

PENNSYLVANIANS KILLED BY SHELLS ON WAR FRONT

Whiteford and Allentown Men Meet Death While on Duty

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table listing baseball games for August 7, 1917, including American League and National League matchups.

SPECIAL COUNCILS FOR TRANSIT PACT

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TO SIT ON AUGUST 17

A special session of Councils to receive the new transit lease in the form of a city ordinance was called today for Friday, August 17, at the direction of Mayor Smith.

RUSSIA LOOKS TO TWO BIG K'S FOR TRIUMPH

Russia now looks to have two big "K's"—Kerensky and Korniloff—to lead her out of military and internal disorganization to stability and triumph.

WITT'S SCORE PUTS A'S AHEAD OF WHITE SOX

Jamieson's Single Pushes Whitey Over—Schauer and Faber Stage Close Argument

BY ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SHIRAZ PARK, Aug. 7.—The Athletics led the White Sox, 2 to 1, at the end of the sixth inning today, but they had an awful time in getting the advantage.

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SLAVS FORCED TO RETREAT ON FOCSANI FRONT

Forced Across Tyrladebus River by Foe's Attack, Petrograd Admits

1300 PRISONERS TAKEN

PETROGRAD, Aug. 7.—Russian troops were driven back across the Tyrladebus River in the region of Focsani, the War Office announced today.

BERLIN, Aug. 7.

Capture of 1300 Russian prisoners and storming of positions to the north of Focsani was reported by the War Office today.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT ILL AT KANSAS HOTEL

CLAY CENTER, Kan., Aug. 7.—Former President Taft, who spoke here last night in conjunction with a peace league meeting, is ill and under the care of physicians at his hotel.

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KING GEORGE CONFIDENT OF BELGIAN RESTORATION

By Agence Reuter. HAVRE, Aug. 7.—KING GEORGE of England was telegraphed King Albert of Belgium as follows: "I desire to express my confident belief in the restoration of Belgium."

LATEST SPORTS

A'S SEND WHITE SOX AWAY WITH DEFEAT CHICAGO . . . 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 4 1 ATHLETICS . . 0 1 0 0 0 1 6 0 X—8 18 0

Faber and Schalk; Schauer and Meyer. Connolly and Hildebrand.

NATIONAL LEAGUE NEW YORK . . . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 2 0—4 9 0 CINCINNATI . . . . . 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—2 4 3

Demaree and Bariden; Schneider and Wingo.

ATHLETICS PASS LAST YEAR'S RECORD ATHLETICS r h o a e CHICAGO r h o a e

Table comparing Athletics and Chicago White Sox statistics for the current season and last year.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CLEVELAND . . . . . 0 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 1—6 11 3 BOSTON . . . . . 0 1 0 0 0 1 4 2 X—8 10 1

Boehling and Billings; Shore and Agnew.

DETROIT . . . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—1 5 1 NEW YORK . . . . . 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 5 X—7 7 0

Cunningham and Yelle; Shawkey and Walters.

ST. LOUIS . . . . . 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—2 6 0 WASHINGTON . . . . . 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 X—3 5 1

Groom and Severid; Shaw and Ainsmith.

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS Sixth Saratoga race, maiden fillies, 2-year-olds, purse \$600, 5 1-2 furlongs—Smokey amp, 111, Knapp, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won; Rose d'Or, 114, Rowan, 2 to 1, even, 1 to 2, second; Tea Party, 114, McTaggart, 8 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 1-5. Hope, So Long Letty, Bow Bells, Porky O'Malley and Payment also ran.

EVENING LEDGER CRITIC ACCEPTED FOR NATIONAL ARMY

Bushnell Diamond, musical and dramatic critic of the Evening Ledger, was today accepted for service in the first national army by the examining board in the Twelfth and Pine streets police station.

JAPAN EXPECTS CHINA TO WAR ON KAISER

TOKIO, Aug. 7.—An official of the Japanese Foreign Office declared today that China will formally declare war on Germany and Austria in a few days.

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WAR WILL LAST TO END OF 1918 CAPITAL'S VIEW

Final Crash Will Come Next Year, Military Men Predict

DOUBT GERMAN PROFFER

President Discourages Talk of This Time of Ending Hostilities

ZURICH, Aug. 7.—An official dispatch from Sofia today quotes Premier Radoslavoff, of Bulgaria, as saying to Bulgarian journalists:

"Agitation of irresponsibles in countries among our allies will in no manner dissuade Bulgaria from keeping territory conquered in this war. I have their solemn word our conquests belong to us."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—American efficiency experts versus German efficiency, with strict conservation of Allied money resources, as well as food and other supplies, will bring an end to the great war by December, 1918, military men today predicted.

The American embargo will be further extended. The time will come late this fall, when Germany will "see the handwriting on the wall," military men said today.

Officials here admit this nation—and the world at large—would listen to a serious bona fide peace proposal now or any time, but from information in Government possession Germany has no intention of making any such proffer, and any she now makes will have a joker somewhere in it.

President Wilson discourages peace talk at this time. He has let it be known that America is in this business up to the hilt, and that even congressional peace debates now would only serve to cloud the issue and hamper war preparations.

BOND BUSINESS IS FINE, FOR MAYOR

Smith Company Surety for \$2,441,449.19 of City Work to June 30

LOST ONLY ONE CONTRACT

The municipal bonding business of Mayor Smith's private bonding company, the Thomas B. Smith Company, has steadily increased, according to reports filed with Controller Walton today.

During the six month ended June 30 last the share of the total municipal work done for the city by the Smith company, which underwrites the National Surety Company of New York, for which the Mayor's concern is the Philadelphia agent, amounted to \$3,414,449.19. This is the total of contracts and proposals for which the bonds were issued.

The contracts for transit construction are expected to be awarded during the next few months, and the bonds for this work, it is expected, will amount to well over the total of the Smith company's municipal business for the current year.

The city's business done by the Mayor's company during the first six months of this year was more than double that for the corresponding period of last year, when it totaled \$1,996,183.04. It also exceeds the total for the first six months of 1915, the year before Smith was elected Mayor, when his company wrote surety for \$2,009,027.88 on contracts and proposals.

The agent of the company who filed the report with the Controller today said that the increase to higher prices for material and supplies and a desire on the part of contractors and dealers to place their business through the Smith company unqualified.

Most of the surety written by the Mayor's concern for the first six months this year was on comparatively small contracts. The report shows that State Senator Edwin H. Vane and the contracting companies controlled by State Senator James P. McNichols are liberally patronizing the Thomas B. Smith Company. The Emmons Coal Company, which supplies the city with most of its coal, was a customer. Henry Dolinger, who frequently plays golf with the Mayor, and who supplies city institutions with milk, took out a \$50,000 bond.

The premiums received by the National Surety Company on this year's bonds amounted to \$40,000. The Smith company's commission as agent was about \$12,000.

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