

HARANGUES AGAINST DRAFT

Tells Board Will Not Fight for America, Which Is Free Country

EXEMPTION DENIED

Alexander Berner, a Russian living at 120 North Tenth street, was considered a disturbance today before the Thirtieth district draft board at Eighth and Jefferson streets by declaring that America is a free country and that he would not fight for it.

"Put me against the wall if you want to," said Berner, "but you won't put me in the army. I left Russia because I refused to fight and I won't fight for America."

Berner had passed the physical examination, but was denied an exemption blank when he admitted that he had obtained his first citizenship papers. Despite his protests the draft board refused to aid him and announced that he would be listed in the new army.

CREATES DISTURBANCE
The Russian, who is a big, brawny chap, created such a disturbance that a score of men waiting to be examined rushed toward him. Board officials saved them back.

When Berner had finished his harangue, James R. Horban, a hunchback, who had been rejected, stepped toward the board and pleaded for another chance. "I am strong enough to do something," said Horban, "and want a chance." The board denied this request, and Berner, shamed by the conduct of Horban, slipped out of the room.

That married men who are childless will have considerable trouble evading military service was made plain by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, 1720 Pine street, today.

This board continued to hear exemption pleas, but at the outset Mr. Woodruff made known his intention to serve in the army. Governing the exemption of married men, "Any married man whose wife will not be compelled to suffer hardship because of her husband's army service will not be exempted by this board," said Mr. Woodruff.

Alfred H. Loe, whose case was to be considered today, said that he should be attached to one of the noncombatant units of the regular army. "I have no conscientious objections to war, but I do not wish to evade service," he said.

Oscar T. Marshall, member of 1405 French street, claimed to be a divinity student. The board declined to exempt him until he furnishes an affidavit from the dean of the theological seminary of which he claims to be a student.

SIXTH DISTRICT QUOTA COMPLETE
At 2 o'clock, Mr. Woodruff announced that the district's quota of 4.5 had been reached and ample allowance made for the 10 per cent overcast as prescribed by the War Department.

"We have 466 men," said Chairman Woodruff, "who are ready to don uniforms. Our quota is 412, but as we must carry an additional 10 per cent to allow for desertions at Camp Meade we have certified 466 men."

The exemption claim of Frank L. Morris, 414 South Tenth street, who filed a claim on industrial grounds, was referred to the district board.

Draft officials of the Thirty-second District today announced that they would hear exemption claims tomorrow night. The board is sitting in a freestone at Sixty-third street and Lancaster avenue.

Although the Forty-third District board in the Branchway police station is not ready to hear exemption claims, W. R. Margesen, chairman of the board, anticipating a flood of claims, issued a warning to married men. "Many men have fled claims," said Margesen, "and the stork is hovering over their homes or because their wives are ill. Such claims must be supported by affidavits from reputable physicians or they will receive little consideration."

The Second District Appeal Board, which has the final say as to whether any one of about 25,000 Philadelphia youths shall or shall not fight for democracy, will meet tomorrow for organization.

The board has received about 1000 appeals for exemption on industrial grounds. The organization is being delayed for some word from the Government as to how to proceed. Finally the members queried Harrisburg and were ordered to organize and legal authority to proceed will be received from the War Department.

Walter Willard, an attorney, 49 Carpenter street, Germantown, is chairman of the board. The other members are Ellis A. Gimbel, 1830 Rittenhouse square, head of Gimbel Brothers; James E. Ryan, 1130 North Fortieth street, a retired builder and contractor; J. C. McDonald, 4615 Old York road, a railroad man; and Dr. Frank C. Hammond, 3311 North Broad street, who is a surgeon in civilian hospital.

United States Marshal Noonan, of this city, is to provide the members with the necessary Government warrants to make their actions legal. He had not received orders from Washington today to grant these warrants, and this may be what was holding up the work of the board.

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matically on January 1 this will be increased to twenty-five cents on each dollar. It is the extra five cents that public-spirited citizens are now seeking to have the city yield so that users of gas may have a more equitable rate and at the same time contribute by indirect taxation the same proportion as during the present year.

Necessarily the increase in the city's profits by this indirect tax will make a much greater difference than is shown by revenues this year by Controller Walton's estimate. The value of the controller's estimate is shown by the fact that for 1917 when revenues at the present rate will exceed \$2,500,000, he estimates a total income of \$1,909,093. These figures would seem to indicate that in 1918 the city will derive nearer \$3,000,000 than \$2,500,000 from the sale of gas.

No matter what grand total is reached in 1918 the city's citizens will receive more than \$200,000,000 from this indirect tax on consumers of gas who, in most instances, are least able to pay, since the least amount of gas is used for domestic purposes. Profits already made, the advocates of a cheaper rate of gas to the small consumer assert it is an injustice to continue the high prices so that the city treasury can be enriched. They also contend that the increased sales of gas would in a large degree make up for the loss in revenue.

On the other hand are city officials who contend that the city must have the additional gas revenue or add additional burdens on really owners. In discussing this phase of the question Controller Walton today said: "Why, the small consumer of gas likes to see that he is not indirectly a taxpayer. He likes to feel that he is a part of this great city government and I have yet to see any one propose the payment of the present gas rate. The matter of fact, the city must have the money or get it by reducing rates. This indirect tax makes every one a taxpayer and to this end, interested in the municipal govern-

Men Accepted, Refused, Drawn and Exempted

Local boards throughout the city are running their work of giving physical examinations to the national army...

District 4

- ACCEPTED
Sam Goldberg, 509 S. 30th st.
Harold Caruso, 725 S. Schell st.
Harold Hancock, 419 S. Frank st.

District 6

- ACCEPTED
Benjamin Goldberg, Morris Hotel, Atlantic City
Franklin E. Rhine, 330 Pine st.
Charles Ernest, 2022 South st.

District 8

- ACCEPTED
Benjamin Polinsky, 457 7th st.
John Bauer, 212 11th st.
Anthony Pappas, 903 Wood st.

District 11

- ACCEPTED
William S. Huot, 1125 E. Palmer st.
Alexander L. Hertz, 1525 Market st.
John F. Meyer, 2562 Belmont st.

- William S. Cox, 253 S. 18th st.
Cecil Collins, 1042 Lombard st.
William E. Schmitt, 435 E. Chestnut st.

District 14

- ACCEPTED
Marvin Siegel, 100 Dawson st.
Frank M. Goodrow, 1230 Chestnut ave.
Peter Anagnostich, 155 Carson st.

District 17

- ACCEPTED
Edward N. Ketchum, 329 Harvey st.
Stanley W. Pearson, 313 Newbold st.
William J. Hertz, 321 W. Locust st.

District 19

- ACCEPTED
Benjamin Polinsky, 457 7th st.
John Bauer, 212 11th st.
Anthony Pappas, 903 Wood st.

District 21

- ACCEPTED
William S. Huot, 1125 E. Palmer st.
Alexander L. Hertz, 1525 Market st.
John F. Meyer, 2562 Belmont st.

- Thomas J. McAnally, 423 W. Queen lane.
David S. Hobbins, 451 W. Reed st.
Richard H. Parn, 5115 Wayne ave.

District 24

- ACCEPTED
Marvin Siegel, 100 Dawson st.
Frank M. Goodrow, 1230 Chestnut ave.
Peter Anagnostich, 155 Carson st.

District 27

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District 31

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Alexander L. Hertz, 1525 Market st.
John F. Meyer, 2562 Belmont st.

- Frank Burpell, 258 W. Queen st.
Augustus Leone, 183 Logan st.
Donald Ruberford, 62 Queen lane.

District 34

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