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First Contingent of New National Army Preparing to Go

INITIAL QUOTA IS READY Philadelphia's 45 Per Cent Will All Depart for Camp Meade by Sunday Night

Philadelphia's First Drafted Men Are Ready

PHILADELPHIA'S first contingent of 362 men for new National Army scheduled to leave for Camp Meade, Md., tomorrow.

Men from three West Philadelphia districts the first to go.

By Sunday all but three local boards will have sent 45 per cent of their quotas to the Maryland camp.

Pink slips summoning the men to the colors sent out by local boards late yesterday.

District Appeal Boards announced that the work of certifying men for the 45 per cent of quotas to be finished today.

Farewell ceremonies being arranged in several sections of the city.

The assembly call for Philadelphians who are to join the new National Army is about to be sounded.

Philadelphia's first contribution is scheduled to leave tomorrow for Camp Meade, Md. The contingent includes 362 men.

Every assurance has been given by the District Appeal Boards that the initial 45 per cent quota will be certified for duty today.

Nearly 3000 names have been certified back to the local draft boards and to the Adjutant General of the State by District Appeal Board No. 1 up today.

The appeals filed with District Appeal Board No. 2 will be taken up after the present 45 per cent of certified men is out.

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The 362 men scheduled to leave tomorrow are from three districts in this city—the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth, and the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fifty-first.

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HIGHER REALTY TAXES FOR 1918

Discussion Is Taboo in City Hall Until After November Election

GAFFNEY IS OPTIMISTIC

Being on what the tax on realty will be in 1918 is a favorite pastime with financiers familiar with the muddled condition of municipal finances in the closing months of the second year of the South administration.

Every municipal bureau and department is now engaged in preparing budgets for 1918, but first consideration will have to be given ways and means of tiding over the government until January 1.

Joseph P. Gaffney, who for two years has guided the destinies of the Finance Committee for Mayor Smith, is optimistic in that he believes the city will be able to make a good bluff at the "pay-as-you-go" act without any increase in the tax rate and without temporary loans mortgaging the 1918 budget.

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Before the tax rate muddle is taken up the municipal financiers will receive Controller Walton's statement showing just how much income can be derived under the old plan of borrowing money for the year.

The action of Mayor Smith and Chairman Gaffney in advocating the taking of more than \$2,000,000 for the support of soldiers' dependents and placing the expenditure of such a vast sum in the hands of a councilman committee is taken by many to be the opening move in a plan to blame any future tax increase on war-time needs and expenditures.

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POLICE CHECK UP REGISTRY LISTS



Patrolmen today began a canvass of "river wards" and other designated sections of the city in a search for fraudulent names on the registration lists.

CAMDEN'S TAX RATE SWOLLEN

Huge Increase Announced by County Board in Effect October 1

Attributed to NEW LAWS

Abnormal increase in the tax rate for Camden and vicinity is shown in the announcement today by the County Board of Taxation of the rate which will go into effect October 1.

The school tax in many districts is especially greatly increased. According to William Schmidt, president of the board, this is due to a general advance in the State's educational system.

The fixed taxes are: County budget, thirty-eight cents; State school tax, twenty-three cents; new State highway tax, ten cents.

Table with 4 columns: District, School, Local, and Grand Total. Lists various districts like Camden, Gloucester, and Haddonfield with their respective tax rates.

'ATTACK WILL RE-ELECT ME,' SAYS RICKARDS

Prospect Park Justice Expresses Gratitude for Charges Made by Auto Club President

Gratitude was expressed today by J. Scott Rickards, Justice of the Peace of Prospect Park and candidate for re-election, for the attack made upon him by John H. Weeks, president of the Automobile Club of Delaware County.

The pay-as-you-go act was given full force and effect a year ago when, it was declared, the city would in the future live within its income.

Asked if he would take any action against Weeks on account of the charges, the "Judge" said the matter would be taken up tonight at a meeting of his supporters.

Detective George W. Armstrong, of Baltimore, who, according to Weeks, arrested Rickards for the alleged offense, said that about twelve years ago he arrested a C. Scott Rickards in Baltimore and later, when called to Lansdowne, Pa., identified a man pointed out there as the one he had arrested.

Twelfth Death From Infant Plague LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 18.—The twelfth death from infantile paralysis during the present outbreak in Lancaster County has occurred in Christian Warfel's family, Conestoga Center. The victim is Mildred, his seven-year-old daughter. There have been fifty cases of the disease.

CHALLENGE MAYOR IN HIS OWN WARD

Twenty-eighth Wants Him to Debate Issues With George Sterr, Jr.

HIS OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT

The fight to overthrow Mayor Smith in his home ward, the Twenty-eighth, will be taken directly to the voters of the ward tonight, when an open meeting will be held so that the Mayor can personally appear on the platform and answer the attacks that have been made on him.

The Twenty-eighth Ward Republican Committee, which is leading the battle against the Mayor in the ward, has sent a challenge to Smith to appear on the platform at the meeting and debate the issues of the ward fight with George Sterr, Jr., who has marshaled a strong element in the ward against the Mayor.

The meeting will be held in Students' Chapter Hall, Susquehanna avenue below Broad street. The letters challenging the Mayor to debate the issues were sent by special delivery yesterday to his home in Glenside, to Atlantic City and to City Hall.

Should the Mayor fail to appear, Sterr has promised the voters of the ward that he will take the platform and tell some "hot stuff" dealing with Smith and the present administration.

CHALLENGE TO MAYOR The challenge in part follows: For some days the newspapers of Philadelphia and the mail have notified you of the intention of the Twenty-eighth Ward Republican Club, located at 2114 West York street, to have you meet on the platform a representative of their club and debate the issues of the ward in the night which are to be voted for in the Twenty-eighth Ward on Wednesday, September 19, 1917, and particularly to answer certain allegations which have been made in a circular letter under date of September 3, 1917, which you have repudiated in public interviews given at Atlantic City, and at your office in City Hall, in which you made a positive statement that said allegations were a "mass of falsehoods from beginning to end."

U. S. Alleges Investment Brokers Sold Worthless Gas and Electric Stock

DUNKARDS THEIR VICTIMS

Chasmon Bachman, of East Johnson street; Joseph T. Hayden, of East Chelton avenue; and Amos H. Nisley, of Steelton, Pa., are on trial today before Judge Dickinson in Federal court, accused of fraud.

The three men were members of the firm of Bachman & Co., investment brokers, and promoters of the International Gas and Electric Company, a defunct Delaware corporation. It is alleged they obtained large sums by the sale of worthless stock of the corporation and several subsidiaries, which had a face value of several thousand dollars.

The defendants owned and controlled a majority of the stock of the International Gas and Electric Company, were its financial agents and were in control of seven subsidiaries, gas, electric, street railway and water works companies.

By a series of manipulations, Bachman and his co-defendants, comprising the firm of Bachman & Co., received all of the common stock of the International Gas and Electric Company of a par value of \$500,000, and \$60,000 in preferred stock in exchange for a franchise to operate a street railway in Lancaster, Pa.

During the five years the scheme was in progress from 1911 to 1915, the three men received nearly all of the \$1,200,000 capital stock of the International Company, and during that time paid out cash dividends amounting to about \$57,000, and a stock dividend of about \$20,000, and the balance they had for themselves.

Numbered among their alleged victims were Dunkards and Mennonites of Lancaster County.

Following the finding of an indictment by the Federal Grand Jury, December 9 last, Hayden and Nisley surrendered to the authorities, but Bachman disappeared. After a search of five months he was located in Canada and by a ruse of former Postal Inspector Frank W. Smith, now attached to District Attorney Kane's office, with an official designation of special expert assistant, Bachman was put over the border in New York State, where he was arrested and brought to this city for trial since then all three defendants have been out on bail.

MASS-MEETINGS TO END CAMPAIGN

Gatherings in All Larger Wards Tonight Will Precede Primary

COUNCILS FIGHT CENTER

The desultory "war primary" campaign for the election of row officers, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, members of Councils and Magistrates will come to a close tonight with mass-meetings in all of the larger wards in the city, where the two factions of the Republican Organization are fighting for control.

With the Republican Organization now united behind a slate for the row officers to be filed, for the re-election of the present eight Judges and behind four candidates for Magistrates, the principal interest in the campaign centers around the fight for ward control and for the election of Councilmen.

The Independents have placed candidates for Councilmen in the field in many wards, especially in the Forty-sixth and Twenty-second, the two largest wards in the city. In other wards, particularly the Twenty-eighth, Mayor Smith's home ward, the Twenty-ninth, the ward adjoining it, the Penrose forces have launched a bitter fight against the Mayor's personal selectors for office.

The regular Republican ward organizations in all of the wards will meet to perfect their arrangements for bringing out the vote tomorrow.

The Democrats, who as yet have not decided upon any slate for magistrate, will meet at the headquarters of the Democratic City Committee, Tenth and Walnut streets, tonight, and decide whether to unite, holding a complete ticket. They will make their final arrangements for the election.

Enlistments in Quartermaster Corps The following enlistments in the Quartermaster Reserve Corps were announced today: Carl W. Heavers, 22, 220 S. 50th st.; Walter M. McQuinn, 25, Washington, D. C.; Walter W. 22, 2224 A. terrace, W. 22d st.; and J. W. 22, 2224 A. terrace, W. 22d st.

HALL ENGLS LEFT \$246,867

Accountant Reports Balance of \$212,538 for Disbursement to Heirs

An account of the estate of Hall Engle, who died in August, 1916, filed with Register Sheehan today, shows that the testator left effects valued at \$246,867.45. The accountant claims credit for disbursements amounting to \$24,329.25, including the payment of a legacy of \$10,000 to the Polio Clinic Hospital, leaving a balance of \$212,538.20 awaiting distribution among the heirs.

An estate valued at \$11,000 is disposed of in private bequests by the will of Mrs. A. Strittmatter, 925 North Sixth street, which was probated today.

Advertisement for EL PRODUCTO cigars. Features a large illustration of a cigar with a '10¢' price tag. Text includes: 'Are Cigars a Habit With You or Do You Really Enjoy Them? Most men smoke—few men enjoy. If you smoke just because you've done it for years—and continue because you never thought of stopping—quit, by all means. But if you like good tobacco—if you like it in the form of a cigar—try EL PRODUCTO and experience real enjoyment. Only the finest Havana filler and carefully selected shade-grown wrappers are made into El Producto. Only the most skillful craftsmen are employed in their manufacture. El Producto, in the shape that suits your fancy, costs 10¢ straight or two for a quarter. The G. H. P. Cigar Co. Philadelphia