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S. BUSINESS ON THE CREST OF PROSPERITY

Men Attending War Convention Tell of Unheard-of Conditions

EVERYTHING LOOKS ROSY

From the Great Lakes to the southern cotton belt, and from New England to the Pacific coast, members attending the great war convention of American business men, called together at Atlantic City this week, who were personally interviewed by a special representative of the Evening Ledger, had only one compelling note—prosperity, unbounded prosperity in every section of the United States.

Never before have there been such crops of every description, and never in the history of civilized man have such prices been paid for them.

Banks are bursting with money, industries of every kind running full time, many both day and night, with workers earning wages which a short time ago would have been considered incredible, and almost everywhere an insatiable demand for labor. Railroads are earning more than was ever dreamed they could earn, and carrying far beyond any capacity their builders and promoters ever thought possible.

Patriotism is rampant everywhere, the capitalist vying with the working man in devotion to the country's war call for help. Unanimity of opinion exists on the subject, and means already taken and to be taken by the Government to raise funds to carry on a successful warfare. And underneath and above all is a deep, serious uncertainty that the American business man and the American laboring man must get together soon for their common good and for the highest interests of the nation.

These are the opinions of the leaders of men from virtually every State in the Union. They were schooled from the gold mines of Colorado, from the stock yards of Kansas City and Chicago, from the steel works of Alabama and Pennsylvania, from the cotton fields of Georgia and South Carolina, from the great wheatfields of the Northwest as well as from the corn belt of the middle States. The fertile plains of Ohio had the same story to tell as the furniture factories of Grand Rapids, and the coal mines of Virginia, Kentucky and our own State. It was one great poem of prosperity and patriotism.

TWO MEN ARE INJURED IN A JOY-RIDE SMASH

Auto Running at High Speed Crashes Into Pole at League Island Navy Yard

Another joyride ended in a wreck early today. As a result, two men were badly bruised and lacerated, and an automobile was almost demolished. The whole party had a miraculous escape from death.

The two injured men, Harry Reisenbeck, 693 Wood street, and John Dorney, front street and Lehigh avenue, met Richard Lee, thirty-two years old, 722 1/2 Pine street, and John Ryan, thirty-five years old, 214 North Sixteenth street, the driver of the car, in the tenderloin early today. They proceeded south on the street until they reached the Navy Yard. They were running at a high rate of speed, according to a policeman of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station, who was standing on Broad street.

On coming to the Navy Yard entrance they tried to turn. The automobile hit an electric light pole. Reisenbeck, sitting beside the driver, was hurled through the windshield. Dorney received lacerations and contusions on the head and body. The other two men escaped uninjured. The force of the blow scattered an arc light on the pole. The injured men were hurried to the Methodist Hospital, where they were treated and later dismissed.

Ryan and Lee were held under arrest on the charge of reckless driving. They will be given a hearing today before Magistrate Baker, of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue police station.

BALKS A ROBBERY, BUT THIEVES ESCAPE

Uptown Man Recovers Loot Valued at Several Hundred Dollars—Boy Prisoners Give Him the Slip

It's a difficult task to hold two strenuous boys who have looted a house and telephone booth at the same time, says George Myers, of Eighteenth and Fontaine streets, tried to perform this feat, but found it impossible.

He deserves much credit, nevertheless, for preventing a loss of several hundred dollars from the home of Morrell Beerbohm, 1834 Diamond street. While passing the Beerbohm house, Myers noticed two youngsters about sixteen years old acting suspiciously with a large bag. He caught the boys and held them while he examined the bag. It contained jewelry, silverware, dresses, glassware and other articles. The boys refused to give any explanation and Myers held them while he looked for a policeman. There was none in sight. Myers then telephoned for the police, but while he was doing so the boys slipped away. The goods were turned over to a policeman who was sent in answer to the call.

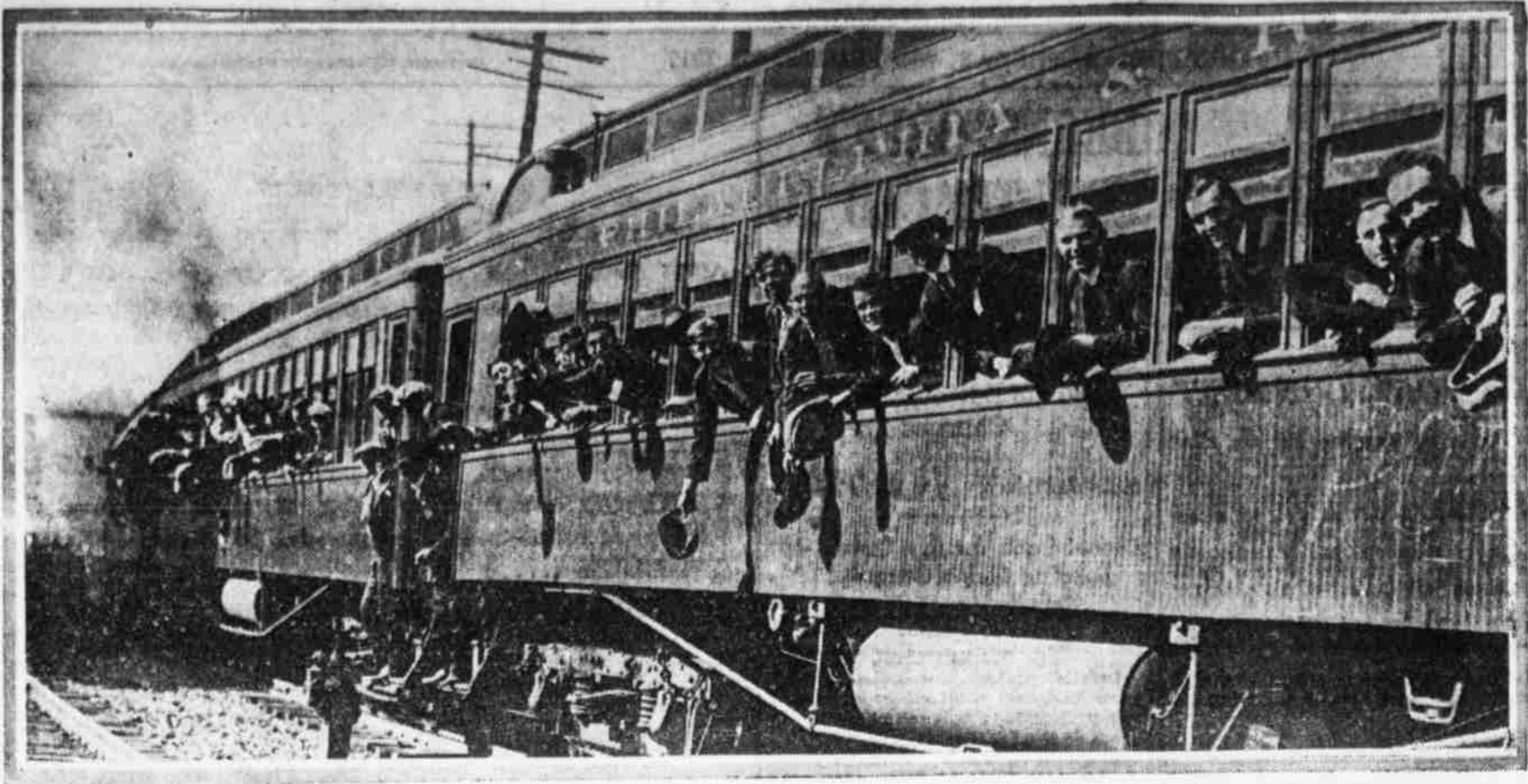
DRAFTED MAN STABBED

Wound Prevents Him From Marching Away With Comrades

A stab wound received during a fight prevented Harry Ford, of 1812 Ridge avenue, from marching away to Camp Meade today with the men selected from the Ninth District, the headquarters of which is the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets station.

Leg Broken by Automobile

"CAMP MEADE SPECIAL" LEAVING BALTIMORE AND OHIO STATION



Virtually one-half of Philadelphia's first quota of men for the National Army departed today from Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets. Approximately 3000 men, representing twenty-one districts, were included in the delegation. Many pathetic scenes of farewell, in which female relatives of the draftees participated, marked the departure of the train.

LOCAL MEN GET NOISY WELCOME AT CAMP MEADE

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As the boys marched by the barracks they were cheered by the civilian workers, but when they reached the Philadelphia section of the camp bedlam broke loose. For a moment the boys who arrived on Wednesday and yesterday forgot their military discipline and just yelled their welcome to the newcomers.

Major N. E. Borden, of Framingham, Mass., who had command of the men from Boards 2 and 35, was pleased with the spirit exhibited by the boys, and announced that they would make good soldiers.

Lieutenant J. E. Young, 417 North Forty-third street, Philadelphia, who for many years served as a reporter on Philadelphia newspapers, met the Forty-second District boys at the station. A score or more of the draftees received him and gave him a noisy greeting.

"Well, look who's here," said one of the South Philadelphians who had met Young when he covered police stations in that section of the city. "As I live," said a second, while an exuberant youth in the rear line gave vent to his feelings by exclaiming with Young on the job, the newspapers would get Camp Meade news right.

Five hundred and eighty-eight men from Draft Districts 8, 9, 39 and 51 arrived shortly before 2 o'clock.

Little work was done by the draftees today, but on Monday the men will begin their training in earnest.

Captain John M. Bonbrigit, of Philadelphia, was hit by a motortruck yesterday and is confined to the hospital.

TRAINING STARTS

Kensington, West Philadelphia and the other sections which arrived on Wednesday and yesterday forgot their military discipline and just yelled their welcome to the newcomers.

FIRST BIG CONTINGENT OF LOCAL DRAFT MEN MOVE ON MEADE

One, two, three, four; hay-foot, straw-foot. The first great contingent of Philadelphia's draft soldiers left today for Camp Meade. From early morning to mid-afternoon nearly 3000 men were assembling, dining and marching to the Baltimore and Ohio station for entrainment.

A greater but a sadder mass of people, the mothers, sweethearts, sisters and patriotic neighbors followed their heroes as best they might on foot, trolley cars and in automobiles to the last vantage point, where the soldiers entrained. They could not forgo the last wave of the hand, the vanishing picture of their loved ones that they would retain in their memory forever, or that would happily be refreshed by another, home-coming long months hence.

The great bulk of today's contingent was from the jurisdiction of District Appeal Board No. 1, embracing the northern part of the city, broadly speaking. The rest of Philadelphia's 40 per cent quota, totaling another 2000, mainly from the territory under District Appeal Board No. 2, entrain Sunday. The latter are from the southern portion of the city.

MAJORITY FROM DISTRICT NO. 3

The new draft soldiers left today from twenty-one local districts, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45. Among the earliest to leave, around 8 o'clock, were those from Districts 2, 34 and 41. They were followed

INDEPENDENTS' HEADS SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED

Name Expected to Be Given Out Today Following Conferences of New Party's Leaders

The chairman of the new Anti-Contractors party is expected to be announced today, following conferences of the men who are active in promoting the fight against the Vore-Smith Organization ticket at the general election on November 6.

The committee of prominent men who are acting as sponsors of the anti-Vore-Smith movement met yesterday afternoon, but failed to come to any agreement on the chairman. The names of Howard R. Shepard, former Councilman Thomas H. Armstrong, of the Thirty-eighth Ward, and Charles L. McKeehan have been mentioned and are being considered by the committee.

Pittsburgher Chosen to Aid Baruch

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Joseph P. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, president of the National Gas Association of America, and prominent in the petroleum industry of Pennsylvania, has been associated with the National Defense Council war industries board, it was officially announced today. Guffey will assist Bernard Baruch in oil purchasing.

Another large contingent left the B. & O. station at 2 o'clock. These men represented Ward Twenty-six in District No. 22. They had lunch at the station house at Eighteenth street and Snyder avenue, and assembled in time to march to their point of entrainment.

The Twenty-third District sent off eighty-one of its young men this morning from the station house at Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue. On the march to their train the men were led by Colonel Sylvester Bonaffant, a veteran of the Civil War, former colonel of the Baltimore and Ohio depot, Stacey H. White, chairman of the draft board; Hugo F. Geyler, clerk, and Dr. W. W. Hammer headed the column.

Reserve officers never tire of giving illustrations of the inimitable manner in which these boys from civil life treat the men who will confront them. Lieutenant Frank Brennan, whose uncle is a well-known Philadelphia newspaperman, recited several instances between his roars of laughter today.

He told how one of the lads from Bucks County lumbered up to the spick-and-span Colonel Pattison, who is commanding the regiment, and said:

"Say, Mac, how do you get to the post-office?"

Colonel Pattison gave the desired information, at which the jovial young warrior walked away with a "Much obliged, chief," to the man who will probably lead him in battle.

Captain Carlot had a similar experience. He had met an enlisted man in the regular army, but went through the first office of training camp with flying colors. He was standing watching the men when a tall chap sidled up and said: "Hey, Shorty, what time does the mail get in here?" The captain never batted an eye, but answered pleasantly enough. "Then the man walked away with a cheery 'Thanks, old top.' But this spirit will lend itself readily to discipline, the officers declare. The first arrivals have been in camp seventy-two hours, and a number of them were stopped by one of the company streets to ascertain just how they felt.

PROVIDED WITH AUTOMOBILES

The ninety-seven members of the draft unit from the Fifty-first District were provided with automobiles to take them to their point of entrainment at the Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets station. The machines left Dorrance street and Snyder avenue in a long procession, and received a vigorous farewell from the residents of the Forty-eighth Ward.

The Twenty-eighth District was scheduled to send its quota today, but it will not get off until tomorrow morning. So many men asked to go with this intake this morning that the 45 per cent quota of ninety-nine men has been increased to 130. They report for police and final instructions this afternoon at the Parish House, Coleman street, and East Cumberland streets, and again at 7 o'clock tomorrow.

MAY CHANGE WHEAT RATES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Readjustments in the differential on wheat from the northwestern States were promised a delegation of wheat growers this afternoon by Food Administrator Hoover.

The wheat growers complained that since their wheat did not go through Chicago, where the price was fixed at \$2.20, they were losing up to thirty cents a bushel under the differential scale worked out by the food administration. Mr. Hoover's promise today is the first made by any administration official looking to an alteration in the Government-fixed wheat scale.

SEEK SKILLED MEN IN TEXTILE FIELDS

Increased Registration at School Reflects Growing Demand of Trade

OTHER CITY NEWS BRIEFS

The increased registration of the Philadelphia Textile School, which has given rise to the belief that the freshman class this year will be 20 per cent larger than usual, reflects the widening of opportunity for skilled men in textile fields.

War conditions, with mills running full blast on Government work and civilian business increasing, have greatly emphasized the need for developing a greater number of skilled men for executive positions. Added to this is the growing appreciation of the value to manufacturing establishments of scientifically trained men, in contrast with those who have risen through the apprentice system.

More than a hundred graduates and undergraduates of the school are now in the service of the Government, the majority in the quartermaster and ordnance departments. Students and former students of the school have been in great demand for Government posts as inspectors of materials.

Mint Production of Coins

The Philadelphia Mint is working day and night in an effort to turn out a sufficient number of small silver coins to relieve the abnormal scarcity. John B. Evans, Assistant United States Treasurer, explained the conditions as being normal at this time, due to moving crops. The scarcity of the silver, he said, was due to the entrance of this country into the war and because of the payments made to soldiers.

Gets Contract for Gun Forgings

The Toga Steel and Iron Company, Fifty-second and Gray's avenues, has received a contract from the United States Bureau of Ordnance covering a heavy tonnage of rough machined and heat-treated forgings for four-inch naval guns. High shops to take care of the contracts are being erected at their plant.

Mrs. J. Fred Zimmerman, Sr., Recovers

Mrs. J. Fred Zimmerman, Sr., has left the Jefferson Hospital and returned to her country home, Villa Vesta, at Glenside. Mrs. Zimmerman was taken to the hospital several weeks ago to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

HIGHWAYMAN ROBS WOMAN

Suspected Assailant of Eaglesmere Guest Found by Posses in Pigeon

EAGLESMERE, Pa., Sept. 22.—Miss Elizabeth Prickett, of Atlantic City, a guest at the Ingham Cottage, was attacked by a highwayman as she was walking along the beach shore and, after being struck on the head with a heavy club, was robbed of \$35.

Miss Prickett did not lose consciousness and was able to give a good description of her assailant. A posse was organized and, after an hour's search, arrested a man who gave his name as William Harris and who was found in a pigeon on a farm a mile from the town.

Baker Asks Passage of Civil Rights Bill

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Secretary of War Baker "went to the front" today by asking Congress to pass a "vicious" bill for prompt passage of the soldiers' and sailors' civil rights bill. He urged the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee to make a favorable report on the measure at the earliest possible moment.

Advertisement for Strawbridge & Clothier, featuring 'Beginning Next Monday The Strawbridge & Clothier Autumn Fashion Expositions' and 'Our Fiftieth Autumn Season!' with a list of clothing items and store address.