

DRAFT OF LABOR MAY BE NECESSARY

Commandeering or Conscriptio Discussed Here by Shipbuilders

SPEED VITAL TO VICTORY

The immediate necessity for conscription and commandeering of labor in order to aid the Government's shipbuilding program was discussed this afternoon at a conference of the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association in the Bellevue-Stratford at 4 o'clock.

The need of prompt action was emphasized by Lord Northcliffe, speaking before the Chicago Chamber of Commerce last night. The head of the special English mission to this country said that unless we speed up the shipbuilding program all our recruiting and all our war preparation will have been in vain.

Choosing news came to the shipping men from Washington this morning in the form of an announcement that skilled workers needed in shipyards and other war industries would be placed in a special class in the next selective draft. The shipping men, however, said it was not the fear of losing the men they now have which is causing worry, but it is the inability to get skilled artisans they need immediately.

The warning of Lord Northcliffe, shipping men admitted here today, is of great importance to Philadelphia, for, as Secretary of War Baker told the war convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Atlantic City recently, Philadelphia has become the shipbuilding center of America and as this is a war of ships, it has become in a sense Philadelphia's war.

Frankly admitting the grave situation, the New York Shipbuilding Company official said that the shipbuilding program was facing partial failure, first because of lack of cooperation at the beginning between the army heads and the shipping board, and second, because the shipping men themselves made their calculations of what they could do in the line of building ships upon the basis of what they considered had been doing and without considering that their force of trained men would be greatly depleted by the establishment of new yards and plants.

WOULD GET SKILLED LABOR Illustrating how this would work out in a specific case he said that by conscription of labor the Government would gain control of all classes of artisans and mechanics and next would come the actual commandeering.

"For instance, we will assume," he said, "that the Federal authorities decided it was not essential to the proper prosecution of the war for the plant of some big non-war company to be continued at full force, and we will assume that there is a certain class of skilled mechanics at this plant which could be used in the building of ships. The Government would then take these men as a group, transfer them to the shipbuilding plants, where their efficiency would be a hundred per cent greater than the average workman picked up anywhere.

"The shortage of labor is not so serious as is the shortage of trained labor. Take for instance a plant employing 1000 trained men who understand their work. With the erection of the big new establishments for shipbuilding it is likely that this plant lost fully 50 per cent of its men. But that is not all. With the imperative demand for speed this plant doubled its force and instead of having a ratio of one trained man to every two you would have one to every four."

NORTHCLIFFE SURPRISES TRIGG The answer of Mr. Trigg to Lord Northcliffe's criticism followed.

"The statement made by Lord Northcliffe in his speech before the Chicago Association of Commerce last night to the effect that he saw no signs of concerted effort to build the 4,000,000 tons needed to transport our army to France is received by the people of Philadelphia with considerable surprise.

"The need for ships to act as transports and to carry munitions and supplies to the army which the United States is to send to France was clearly seen by our Government when entering upon the present war program. One of the first acts after the declaration of war with Germany was the creation of a War Shipping Board.

"This board, through the Emergency Fleet Corporation, is now at work upon a construction program involving a total of 1029 ships. Of these 353, with a total dead weight tonnage of 1,253,900, are wooden ships; fifty-eight, with a total dead weight tonnage of 207,000, are composite; 228, with a total dead weight tonnage of 1,663,800, are steel; while 403 vessels of various types above 2500 tons, building for private account, both foreign and American, and aggregating 2,800,000 dead weight tons, were commandeered in course of construction, and nearly all of these will be completed by the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

"This gives a total dead weight tonnage under construction at the present time of 5,954,700 tons.

"It is to be regretted that Lord Northcliffe did not come to Philadelphia before he made his speech in Chicago. Had he done so, he would never have said that he saw no signs of the required 6,000,000 tons by 1918. We, in Philadelphia, know that the shipyards along the Delaware are now working to their utmost capacity and new yards are springing up almost overnight. This city has for many years led the country in the construction of ships. To the great plants here have for years lined the Delaware there have been added since the beginning of the great European war, seven new yards.

"For obvious reasons, figures cannot be given which indicate the amount of tonnage that is now being built in the great shipyards of Philadelphia; but it is a source of just pride to every Philadelphian to know that a large percentage of the great emergency fleet which is now being built by the Government will, within the next few months, be launched from the shipyards of Philadelphia."

PHILADELPHIANS NAMED TO TAKE HANCOCK VOTE

Governor Brumbaugh Also Appoints Commissioners for City at Camp Meade

HARRISBURG, Pa., Oct. 25.—Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon appointed the following Philadelphians to take the soldier vote at Camp Hancock: General James B. Corryell, Twenty-eighth Division headquarters; George W. Henry, 149th Regiment Infantry; Harry R. Howland, 108th Regiment Infantry; C. G. A. Baldy, 103d Regiment Infantry; Charles H. Grakelov, 103d communication train; J. Lew Goode, Fifty-sixth and Sixty-sixth Infantry Brigade headquarters; Fifty-third Field Artillery headquarters and Sixty-third Depot Brigade headquarters.

Camp Meade commissioners for Philadelphia were named as follows: Philip Steuting, division headquarters, including headquarters troop; military detachments and officers assigned to division headquarters; Harry T. Bauerle, 311th Field Artillery; James Franklin, all electors of Pennsylvania in the military service of the United States at Camp Meade; not specifically named in the Governor's list, John T. Smith, of East McKeesport, was appointed to take the vote at League Island Navy Yard.

Governor Brumbaugh named in all today these commissioners from all parts of the State to take the soldier vote in the Philadelphia area.



DR. F. DE SALES TUCKER A graduate of St. Joseph's College and the University of Pennsylvania, who has been commissioned first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps. Doctor Tucker, who lives at 922 North Sixty-third street, has been assigned to Camp Merritt, Tenafly, N. J.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO END "MURDER RULE"

John C. Winston, Chairman of Town Meeting Finance Committee, Issues Call

John C. Winston, chairman of the finance committee of the Town Meeting party, today issued an appeal for funds with which to conduct the fight against the government-by-murder organization. Mr. Winston's appeal follows:

"The great movement to redeem Philadelphia from the domination of a political faction and minister contractor rule has been overwhelming public sentiment behind it. Public sentiment to be effective, however, must be organized so that it may be expressed at the polls. This requires work, money, and we want your help.

"No better candidates have ever been presented. All over the city hundreds of workers are volunteering their services unselfishly to secure their election. It is absolutely essential, however, that the Town Meeting committee shall have money for necessary and legitimate expenses. Watchmen on election day must be secured and paid. We have recently witnessed the methods by which our opponents undertake to carry elections by fraud and intimidation, by the use of the police and officeholders, resulting in murder.

"We must be prepared to guard the polls and see that citizens may cast their votes and have them counted. There are more than thirteen hundred voting places which must be manned on election day. Each division must be canvassed to bring out the vote. Many will do this work without pay, but very many can less afford to lose their wages than perhaps you can afford to contribute money.

"The amount of money required for these proper and necessary expenses is large, and should be freely and liberally contributed by those who desire to see the criminal political conditions which disgrace our city ended. If independent citizens wish to reassert control of this movement they must support it now in earnest.

"A number of public-spirited citizens have volunteered contributions in amounts from \$100 to \$1000, and we are sure others will do likewise, but we have not nearly enough and must ask your help. Do not hesitate to send a small contribution if you cannot send a large one. Be as liberal as you can and remember election day is November 4. We have little time and set time enough to win if you respond immediately.

"Please send your check to Theodore J. Lewis, treasurer, 1527 Chestnut street."

Lecture on Man's "Palate" The "Palate of Civilized Man and Its Influence on Agriculture" will be the subject of an address by David Fairchild, Sc. D., agricultural explorer in charge of the office of foreign seed and plant introduction of the Department of Agriculture, at the Franklin Institute tonight at 8 o'clock.

Wear our Clothes and prove your right to be called "well dressed"

The importance of being correctly attired is recognized by most men. A scrupulous regard for the niceties of dress affords satisfaction and assurance.

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ALMOST A BILLION SOLD LIBERTY DAY

Treasury Department Believes Total Tabulations Will Show \$3,500,000,000

ENTIRE COUNTRY AROUSED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan on Liberty Day totaled nearly one billion dollars.

Treasury Department officials believed this afternoon that the minimum total for the loan—\$3,000,000,000—was oversubscribed by half a billion dollars yesterday. This statement was issued:

Many careful observers believe total subscriptions now approximate three and a half billion dollars, although there is no official basis for this. They estimate, however, that official returns from the three missing districts will bring the total to the neighborhood of \$3,500,000,000 and added to this amount there would be subscriptions made before yesterday which have not been reported to the Federal Reserve banks and subscriptions since the closing of business yesterday. Under ordinary circumstances it would be safe to calculate that the official figures now would be \$1,000,000,000 less than the unofficial amount. At all events the sale is a tremendous success.

The success of yesterday's bond selling offensive shows that no section is any longer asleep to the country's needs.

The Dallas and Atlanta districts, which had given officials a great deal of concern, came through with colors.

St. Louis reported today that it had passed its maximum quota of \$120,000,000 in the face of pro-German preachments, and is now feeding in to its allotment of \$100,000,000. The lower part of Illinois, Arkansas and Mississippi, where apathy had hindered bond sales, reported subscriptions in excess of expectations.

The President of Panama, his cabinet and many other officials of the Government have subscribed to American Liberty Bonds, the American Minister to Panama reported to the State Department today.

\$1,000,000 has been subscribed by members of the military establishment at Panama, the Minister reported, and more than \$400,000 by canal-zone employees.

The District of Columbia this afternoon reported subscriptions totaling \$12,000,000.

GAS RECEIPTS OF CITY SHOW DECIDED INCREASE

Beginning January 1, Approximately \$700,000 More Annual Revenue Will Be Forthcoming

For gas sold during July, August and September the city will receive \$501,532.10, as compared with \$468,814.06 during the corresponding period last year. Sales during the quarter totaled 2,510,387,000 cubic feet, according to a statement submitted by the United Gas Improvement Company this afternoon to Controller Walton.

The total revenue derived by the city from the sale of gas during the first nine months is \$1,314,838.02, as compared with \$1,118,832.22 during the same period last year. Sales of gas so far in 1917 total 8,091,291,900 cubic feet, as compared with 7,481,052,290 during the first nine months of 1916.

Today's report indicates that the total city revenue from the sale of gas in 1917 will be several hundred thousand dollars in excess of the \$2,014,360.77 realized from the same source last year. The city receives twenty cents on each thousand feet of gas sold by the company. Beginning January 1, 1918, the city's share in each thousand feet will be increased to twenty-five cents. This will increase the city's revenue from this source approximately \$700,000 yearly.

POSSE GETS BANK BANDITS

Masked Robbers Fail to Loot, but Shoot Official

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Oct. 25.—Two masked bandits this afternoon entered the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank, at Edison, eight miles from here, shot and perhaps fatally wounded Patrick J. Moran, an official of the bank, and then fled without obtaining any booty.

An armed posse of citizens pursued the robbers. A report reached the sheriff's office later that both bandits had been shot and captured and were being brought to Mount Vernon. One of the robbers is said to be fatally wounded.



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AMERICAN HERO FIGHTS DEMOCRACY'S BATTLE

New Yorker, Dubbed "The O'Reilly," Helps Struggling People Oust Autocracy

One of the most thrilling chapters in all history is the struggle of the Cuban "Insurrectos" against the oppression and tyranny of Spain before the United States came to the aid of the "island patriots." It is now an acknowledged fact that most of the money and arms and many of the fighters came from this country.

Among the fighters was "The O'Reilly," a dashing, debonaire adventure-loving young man, who solved the secrets of the Varona treasure at the same time that he helped defeat the Spanish tyrants. He is the hero of "Rainbow's End," the new novel by Rex Beach, which will run in daily installments beginning in Saturday's EVENING LEDGER.

In this story you will meet Rosa Varona, "Pearl of the Antilles," for whom and with whom O'Reilly battled his way through the thick of the Cuban revolt; Esteban Varona and his American sweetheart, Norine Evans, the "rebel angel"; Leslie Branch, "El Fenomeno Americano," who fought to foil the "creeping death"; Pancho Cuetos and Cobo, "the baby killer," determined to thwart O'Reilly in his struggle for the girl and the treasure—all these and more are to be found in this new novel of love, mystery and adventure by the author of "The Spoilers," "The Barrier," "Heart of the Sunset" and "The Never-Do-Well."

"Rainbow's End" begins in Saturday's EVENING LEDGER. Soldier Gets Five-Year Sentence CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 25.—Dishonorable discharge from the National Army, forfeiture of all pay and allowance, and confinement at hard labor for five years was the sentence imposed by military court-martial upon Eno R. Larsen, selective service man from San Francisco, for failure to submit to physical examination for contagious diseases. The sentence was approved by Major General H. A. Greene.

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