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GATHER DATA ON PLAN FOR LABOR DRAFT

State Organizations Begin Wide Investigation of Subject

QUESTIONNAIRES FOR ALL MANUFACTURERS

Conscription of Workmen Advocated to Eliminate Shipyard Strikes

REDISTRIBUTE SUPPLY

CONSCRIPTION OF LABOR

The Committee on Public Safety of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce have united in an investigation to show the necessity of conscription of labor in Pennsylvania.

Questionnaires are to be sent to employers of labor throughout the State to find their labor difficulties.

Returns from these questionnaires will be followed up by investigation to find remedies for labor troubles.

Use of women in men's places is to have special attention.

The necessity of conscripting labor for the war industries of Pennsylvania is the subject of an investigation that has been started by a joint committee from the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety and the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

The work is in the hands of a committee of six members, two each from the industrial and educational committees of the Chamber of Commerce and the Committee on Civilian Service and Labor of the Public Safety Committee.

The first step in the investigation will be the sending out of a questionnaire to all the manufacturers and employers of labor throughout the State. The questionnaire is now in preparation and will be ready for mailing within a short time. The committee has worked for several weeks in compiling the questions and it is said to cover every phase of the labor question that could possibly arise.

MANY CONFERENCES

The completed form of the questionnaire is the result of many conferences with employers and with educators throughout the city and State. Educators were called in on the points involving child labor and other questions.

Returns from these questionnaires will give a foundation for a complete investigation and remedial campaign for labor problems that are confronting munition manufacturers, shipbuilders and all other lines of industry directly and indirectly connected with helping the United States win the war through their products.

The first purpose is to find out if there really is a scarcity of labor in the State. Compilation of the answers to the questions will show just exactly what class of labor is plentiful and what class is needed. It will show if a redistribution of labor would end the difficulties now said to be confronting the employers of labor.

SEEK COMPLETE DATA

Answers to the questionnaires will show the number of employes needed to run a plant to capacity, the number at present employed, the number needed to gain 100 per cent efficiency in production, the kinds of labor employed, the lines of trade in which men are scarce and the lines in which they are plentiful.

One of the most important questions is that of how women can be used to fill the places of men. Each employer will be asked if he can use women for such a purpose. If the answer is "yes," investigation will then be made to what extent women can be employed where men are scarce. Steps will then be taken to obtain women to fill the places for which men cannot be found.

Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said this morning that his organization would wait until after returns from the questionnaires had been received before placing itself on record as to the necessity of conscription of labor.

"It would be unwise," he said, "for the Chamber, at this time, to take any stand in regard to the labor situation.

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NAVAL BATTLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FOUGHT

London Newspaper Gets Dispatch From Gothenburg, Which Is Near Scene of Jutland Engagement

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Belief that a naval engagement has occurred is expressed in a dispatch received in Stockholm from Gothenburg and forwarded to the Morning Post. The dispatch reports the recovery of many bodies of German sailors, who apparently belonged to a warship.

Gothenburg is on the west coast of Sweden. It is near the Skagerrak, one of the bodies of water connecting the North and Baltic Seas. Several fights have taken place in this vicinity. The battle of Jutland was fought there.

SPRING-RICE BURIED

U. S. and French Officials and J. P. Morgan at Funeral in Ottawa

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 16. — Funeral services for former Ambassador Cecil Spring-Rice, who died here this week, were held today in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church. Representatives of the United States and French Governments and members of the staff of the British embassy at Washington attended. J. Pierpont Morgan, banker, a warm personal friend of the dead ambassador, also was among the mourners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson today attended the memorial services of the British embassy for the late Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, former British Ambassador to this country, who died suddenly Thursday morning. The services were held at St. Alban's chapel in Washington.

Secretary of State Lansing today received a cablegram from Arthur James Balfour, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, expressing his appreciation of Secretary Lansing's message of sympathy for the death of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice.

U-BOAT ATTACKS DOVER; ONE CHILD KILLED BY SHELL

Three Men and Women and Three Children Injured in Brief Bombardment

LONDON, Feb. 16.

An enemy submarine bombarded Dover this morning, killing a child and injuring three men and women and three children, Lord French, Director of Home Defense, announced today.

The U-boat appeared off Dover at 1 o'clock. The bombardment lasted only three or four minutes, in which time about thirty shells were fired. Several houses were slightly damabed.

The submarine attack follows by about twenty-four hours the German destroyer raid on British submarine patrols in the Straits of Dover, which resulted in the sinking of a trawler and seven "drifters." Both the submarine and the destroyers are believed to have operated from German naval bases on the Belgian coast.

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 16.

The destruction of "strong forces guarding the English Channel" was reported today by the German official statement.

"Thursday night German torpedo-boats, commanded by Captain Heinicke, surprised and attacked strong forces guarding the English Channel," the statement says. "The forces consisted of a large guardship, numerous armed fishing boats and several motorboats, which were forced to give battle. The major part were destroyed. We suffered no losses and no damage."

SHIPYARD HOUSING BILL AGREED UPON

Conferees Accept $50,000,000 Measure Substantially as Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The shipyard housing bill today was agreed to by the Senate and House conferees substantially as it passed the House.

The measure appropriates $50,000,000, with which the Government purposes providing housing facilities for shipyard labor. Lack of such facilities has been given as one of the principal causes of labor shortage at these yards.

COLD SNAP HERE, RAIDS ON COAL TRAINS BEGIN

Five Raiders Arrested by Policeman Are Sent to House of Correction

The approach of another cold spell caused a coal raid today on cars on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at American and Diamond streets.

Five of the raiders were arrested by Special Policeman Green. They were Andrew Hirsch, Joseph Sitel, Andrew Malici, Albert Chusick and Caroniza Canfow, all of Second and Diamond streets. They were sent to the House of Correction for thirty days by Magistrate Glenn.

WAGE BOOST FOR TRAINMEN

Railway Brotherhood Heads Look for Increase in March

CLEVELAND, O., Feb 16.—Railroad brotherhood heads here believe that increases in wages will be granted to all employes of railroads by March 1.

"A wage increase is virtually certain," said Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

"The increase will affect clerks and other office employes as well as union men," said W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

At the office of W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, it was said the wage increases really went into effect January 1, and the Government will pay the men the difference between their present wage and the new scale from the first of the year.

7000 SHIPYARD WORKERS CALLED OUT IN NEW YORK; WILSON TO ISSUE APPEAL

Workers Insist Action Was Forced by Refusal of Government to Consider Demands

President Prepares Definite Proposal to End Trouble Menacing Nation

Crowder Threatens to Revoke Draft Exemptions if Walkout Continues

Washington, Feb. 16.—Increased wages, improved working conditions and overtime pay for all shipyard workers in the Delaware chain of yards, including Philadelphia and Baltimore workers, will be recommended by the Shipping Board wage adjustment board, it decided this afternoon. No reference was made to the striking carpenters, but the pressure of the recommendations was expected by officials to bring the woodworkers into line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

The Department of Labor this afternoon detailed commissioner J. L. Hughes as the joint representative of the department and the shipping board to work among the strikers at Staten Island and other points in the vicinity of New York harbor. He will endeavor to prevail upon the men to return to work pending the adjustment of their difficulties by the shipping board. It was said at the department this affernoon that this is the only action that it has taken in the strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has decided to ask President Wilson to intervene in the strike of shipyard workers engaged upon Government contracts.

EDGEWATER, N. J., Feb. 16.

Employes of a big shipyard here returned to their work today after having walked out when their employer offered to pay them the $6.60 asked by the unions. This scale, he said, would be adjusted to the Government scale if the Government reached an agreement with the workers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

AS FAST as the men can be called from their work by agents of the Marine Woodworkers' Union, shipyards in the district of the port of New York are being denuded of their woodworkers.

According to John Stuart, secretary of the union, between 6000 and 7000 men have laid down their tools.

Word received here from Washington this afternoon that Provost Marshal Crowder will put the strikers who were granted draft exemption into the army unless they

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Demands of Striking Shipyard Workers

EIGHT-HOUR DAY between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., with a 5 per cent increase for any eight-hour day covering other hours of the twenty-four.

Saturday half holidays during June, July and August.

Double time instead of time and a half for overtime.

Entire holiday New Year's Day, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Christmas and general election day, with no work of any kind on Labor Day, except to "protect life and property."

Weekly payments, with not to exceed three days' wages held back.

Men sent to work outside of home ports to receive wages, transportation and expense allowance of $2.50 per day from the time of leaving home until their return.

Union agents to have access to yards at all times.

Grievances to be mediated without lockouts or discharge.

Wage scale of $6.60 a minimum day for shipwrights, joiners, boat builders and mill men; $7.10 a day for caulkers, and $3.25 a day for laborers and helpers.

Closed shop to be adopted, the brotherhood agreeing to furnish all men wanted.

FISCHER PARTNER TRACED TO ZURICH

U. S. Agents Believe He Gets Mail There in Woman's Name

INTERCEPT POSTCARD

A postcard and a letter found among the effects seized by the Federal authorities from Adalbert Fischer's home and offices are thought to show that Ad Koerting, known to be close to the Kaiser, is getting his mail and answering it under the name of Miss Hedwig Schaad, at Zurich, Switzerland.

A postcard signed by Mrs. Fischer was taken before it could be mailed, addressed to Miss Hedwig Schaad, Zurich, Switzerland, saying "Bertram interned." Other letters were found signed "Hedwig" and coming from Switzerland. Many other letters in German are being translated under the direction of Frank Garbarino, agent of the Department of Justice, and it is thought possible that these may connect Fischer with Boy-Ed and Von Bernstorff.

Koerting being well known to be close to the Kaiser, it is thought that Fischer has therefore by means of these letters been in close touch with the Wilhelmstrasse.

United States District Attorney Kane today said that he wished to deny most emphatically that there was anything found among Fischer's papers to lead any one to believe that there had been any plot to blow up the Schutte-Koerting plant in this city.

It is thought that Koerting has been in direct communication with Fischer by means of the Zurich address and the mail forwarded on to him in Berlin. The contents of other letters coming from Zurich and signed "Hedwig" is still unknown until the translations are complete.

The German-owned plants of the

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TROOPS TO STAY ON EAST FRONT

Germany Countermands Orders to Transfer Army to France

STILL WARS ON RUSSIA

Southwestern Slav Republics Forming Union to Drive Bolsheviki From Their States

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16.

Warsaw has been placed under martial law by the Germans, as a result of the high feeling of the Polish population against the Central Powers, dispatches received here today declared.

ROME, Feb. 16.

Germany has countermanded her transfers of troops from the east to the west front because of failure of the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations, according to a dispatch from Russia published in the Idea Nazionale today.

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Negotiations at Ekaterinoslav to form a union of all southwestern republics against the Bolsheviki are reported to have reached a successful conclusion. It was also agreed to form a joint army to clear south Russia of Bolshevik troops.

Leon Trotsky declared Russia's withdrawal from the war was a real withdrawal and the throwing away of all agreements with her former allies in reporting to the All-Russian Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils (the Soviet), on the result of the Brest-Litovsk conference, according to a Russian wireless dispatch received here.

The Government, M. Trotsky states, was reserving for itself complete freedom with respect to both sides in the war.

The dispatch says the Councils approved the whole policy of the Brest-Litovsk delegation.

"All parties, including the opposition groups, recognized," says the dispatch, "that the decision taken by the commissioners was the only correct and dignified outcome of the newly created international situation.

"The question of the possibility of a German offensive against Russia was discussed. Nearly all present were of the opinion that it was very improbable, but uttered warnings against unlimited optimism in this direction, be-

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SIGNAL CORPS MOTOR MECHANIC DIES OF HURT

Captain Zimmerman Succumbs in Base Hospital to Injury Suffered at Camp Hancock

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Feb. 16.—Captain A. L. Zimmerman, signal corps motom mechanic, stationed at Camp Hancock, died at the base hospital here today from injuries received Friday night in a motorcycle collision.

The accident occurred on the Milledgeville road, a mile or so from camp. Captain Zimmerman was returning to the camp from the city on his motorcycle, running at a pretty rapid rate o fspeed. He failed to see a buggy driven by a negro ahead of him and crashed into it from behind. He was hurled several feet by the impact. Passersby rushed him to the base hospital, where an examination showed a fractured skull and other injuries. He died early this morning.

Another tragedy in the camp occurred this morning when Fred R. Fox, first-class private, 103d Engineers, was crushed to death under a heavy army truck when it turned turtle. Companions removed the body from beneath the truck, but life was extinct. Private Fox's home is in Altoona, Pa.

This is the third tragedy at Camp Hancock in as many days, the other one being the death of Private H. C. Rothenberger from an exploding hand grenade.

FOUR AMERICANS DIE IN ACTION IN FRANCE

One Wounded, Two Missing as Result of Four Days of Fighting

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — Four Americans have been killed, one wounded and two are missing as a result of fighting January 30 and February 8, 9 and 14 General Pershing reported to the War Department today.

The dead are:

PRIVATE FERDINAND SAUERS, February 8, 1822 Eighteenth street, Washington, D. C.

PRIVATE JOHN J. WHITE, February 8, general delivery, Epworth, Ia.

PRIVATE JAMES NOVASCONI, February 9, Ouray, Col.

PRIVATE LOUIS W. STACEK, February 14, 601 Choctaw street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The missing:

PRIVATE EDWARD ROBERTS, February 8, 247 West Sixteenth street, New York.

PRIVATE JOHN W. HILL, January 30, Berry Ala.

The slightly wounded:

PRIVATE MARSHALL R. FARNUM, February 8, Inkster, N. D.

P. R. R. RESUMES SCHEDULE

The "heatless Monday" order having been withdrawn, the Pennsylvania Railroad will, until further notice, operate the usual weekday schedules of local and suburban trains on Mondays. Freight stations will also be kept open during the usual hours on Mondays for handling inbound and outbound freight.

Havana Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs:
Big Lumax, 106, Taplin.....3 to 1 6 to 5 8 to 5
Jose de Vales, 102, Collins.....5 to 2 even 1 to 2
Elizabeth McNaughton, 107, Dwyer.....10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1
Time, 1:14. Kindle, Ayers, Rebel, Milton Campbell, Dremi, Proctor and Hedge Rose also ran.

SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs:
Highland, Lassie, 107, Frunt.....2 to 1 4 to 5 2 to 5
Mad, 115, Murphy.....6 to 5 3 to 5
Confiscation, 94, Bullman.....6 to 5
Time, 1:13. Scratched—Choctaw.

THIRD RACE, 5½ furlongs:
Yorkville, 99, Smith.....3 to 5 1 to 3 out
Jalam, 97, Bullman.....4 to 1 2 to 1
Norvic, 109, Klesser.....1 to 2
Time, 1:06 2-5. All started.

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

TRADES	29	17—46	TRADES 2D	8	9—17
GERMANT'N H.	18	14—32	GERMANT'N 2D	6	8—14
SWARTH. PREP	20	24—53	SWARTH. HIGH	27	28—55
FRANK. & MAR.	9	9—18	TEMPLE PREP.	7	9—16
GIRARD COL.	24	— —			
CATHOLIC HIGH	6	— —			

GIRLS'

NARBERTH H.	3	14—17	LANSDALE H.	4	8—12

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Havana race, 3-4 mile—Orestes, 110, Crump, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, out, won; Sparkler, 104, Smith, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Golden Soldier, 103, Murphy, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1.12.

DENIES START OF RUSSIAN DEMOBILIZATION

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—The „Weser Zeitung„ announces it has received confirmation that Russian demolization has not begun.

FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SENT TO PRISON

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Arnold Lupton, former member of Parliament, today was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for distribution of "political leaflets."

PIEZ HERE FOR HOG ISLAND PROBE

Charles A. Piez, general manager and vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, arrived at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel late this afternoon to conduct an inquiry into Hog Island affairs. He refused to make any statement at this time.

RUMANIA IN THE WAR TO THE END

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Dr. C. Angelesec, Rumanian Minister to this country, said today that "Rumania would continue in the war to the end, cost what it may."

THIRTY-DAY LIMIT ON FLOUR SUPPLY

Householders Must Return All Excess, Food Administrator Rules

JAIL FOR DELINQUENTS

LATEST HOUSE FOOD RULING

Every housewife in Philadelphia must register all wheat flour, including whole wheat and graham flour, in excess of a thirty-day supply.

Purchasing of more than forty-nine pounds of wheat flour forbidden.

Leniency offered to all householders registering; hoarders not registering threatened with fine of $5000, two years' imprisonment, or both.

The first step in ascertaining the quantity of wheat flour stored in private homes and an additional guard against the hoarder was made today by Jay Cooke, Federal food administrator for Philadelphia, when he issued a flour supply card to be filled in by the housewife.

Every patriotic family is urged to fill out and mail one of these cards to the administration in the Bulletin Building. Every householder is permitted to have not more than a thirty-day supply of wheat flour on hand. If she has, the administration asks return of the excess quantity to the dealer from whom it was bought.

If the excess has not been returned, the person holding it is required to register the same with the administration under penalty of the law. The Lever bill, constituting the food administration, provides a fine of $5000, two years in prison, or both, for violation of the food regulations.

FORM FOR REGISTRATION

The form for registration is as follows:

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION
FLOUR SUPPLY CARD

Under the law, no private consumer in Philadelphia County is permitted to purchase in excess of forty-nine pounds of wheat flour or to have in his or her home more than a thirty days' supply.

Consumers who have not returned to their dealers all wheat flour in excess of their requirements for thirty days are directed to register their holdings of wheat flour in

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Archbishop Prendergast Improves

The condition of Archbishop Prendergast, who has been confined to the archiepiscopal residence on Vine street for the last two weeks suffering with a severe cold and the infirmities of old age, is reported improved today.

START ANOTHER SHIP AT BRISTOL

Chester Company Lays Its First Keel at Up-River Town

END SUNDAY WORK

SHIP PROGRAM MOVES SWIFTLY

The first keel at the yard of the Chester Shipbuilding Company, at Bristol, will be laid this afternoon.

Beginning tomorrow there will be no more Sunday work at Hog Island, Bristol or Newark shipyards.

Rear Admiral Bowles sent an appeal to Washington urging that ship fabricators be placed in the same priority class for oil fuel shipments as the shipbuilders themselves.

There were many important developments today in the shipbuilding campaign directed by Rear Admiral Bowles. After announcing that the first keel would be laid this afternoon at the Bristol shipyards of the Chester Shipbuilding Company, the Admiral sent an appeal to Washington urging that fabricators and subcontractors be placed in the same priority class for oil fuel shipments as the shipbuilders themselves. If this is not done, and these men supplied with oil fuel, our entire program must fail, he declared.

OIL SUPPLY ESSENTIAL

"The fuel administration has issued a priority order regarding the distribution of oil," he said, "and in this order the Government shipyards are sixth on the list and number one on all industrial activities. In contrast with this the subcontractors who are working for the shipbuilders, are eleventh, or next to last on the list. The men engaged in assembling the parts are entitled to the same consideration as the shipbuilders themselves. It would be just as ridiculous to say that a retail drug store has priority but that the drug wholesaler should not."

Admiral Bowles also announced that, beginning tomorrow, all Sunday work at the yards under his jurisdiction, would stop. Only emergency work, such as unloading of cars and other absolutely

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Newcomb Wins S. S. White Shoot

Charles H. Newcomb, former national champion and recent winner of the mid-winter handicap shoot at Pinehurst, N. C., won the monthly S. S. White Club shoot this afternoon at Holmesburg Junction, breaking his 50 birds straight. There were 42 competitors.

The next of the six highest scorers were: Thompson, 49; Wolesncroft, 48; Pratt, 47; Clark, 47; Lodge, 47; Griffith, 46.

PIEZ DUE TODAY TO BEGIN PROBE OF HOG ISLAND

Conference With Bowles First Move in Wilson's "Personal" Inquiry

DAVIS GATHERING DATA

Solicitor General Preparing Details for Gregory's Scrutiny of Plans

Charles A. Piez, vice president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, is on his way from Washington to Philadelphia to begin his investigation of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation and its ship fabrication project at Hog Island, investigation of which has been ordered by President Wilson following severe criticism of the American International.

Piez's first move will be to confer with Admiral Bowles and other Government officials tomorrow morning. As he left Washington he refused to say that his visit would result in the Government's taking the project out of the hands of the American International.

"We are not prepared to take that step just now at least," he said. "We are conducting an investigation and it would not be advisable nor sensible to take judgment and make a decision before the evidence is in."

Solicitor General John W. Davis, of the Department of Justice, is making the preliminary preparations for the department's Hog Island investigation, Attorney General Gregory having gone to Mississippi to attend the funeral of his mother. The investigation will not be actually begun, however, until the Attorney General has returned and gone over the plans. Mr. Davis is gathering all the data available in Washington and elsewhere on the Hog Island case.

KANE NOT TO BEGIN PROBE

Mr. Davis flatly denied that United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane, of Philadelphia, and Frank L. Garbarino, special agent in Philadelphia for the department, had been instructed to begin an investigation. He contradicted the report that Assistant Attorney George Carroll Todd would conduct the investigation here.

Whether or not the Senate Commerce Committee, which has been investigating the Hog Island case, will come here to get further facts is not decided, according to Senator Fletcher, chairman of the committee, who said it would not be decided until the committee met Monday. He said he thought the committee would decide to come here. Senator Vardaman, a member, wants the committee to come, and said he would whether the committee did or not. Later, however, he said he had thought it over and would do as the committee decided.

Admiral Bowles is ready with much data for Piez.

When questioned as to the investigation at Hog Island he declined to discuss the matter. He said that General Manager Piez, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, would arrive here tonight and confer with him tomorrow.

The housing program for employes of the shipyard is still more or less "up in the air." Nobody seems to know just how many houses will be built or when the actual work of construction will begin.

COMPANY WELCOMES PROBE

Charles A. Stone, president of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, is quoted as stating that the company welcomes the prospect of the most searching probe and will gladly place at the disposal of the investigators all its books, records and other information in its possession that may throw any light on the transactions of the corporation and its expenditures of Government money.

CITY CONGRESSMEN AID SOLDIER PARADE PLAN

Will Make Effort to Have Meade Men Here Memorial Day—McAdoo Kills Original Plan

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

Efforts to have the Pennsylvania troops from Camp Meade parade in Philadelphia on Memorial Day will be made by the Philadelphia delegation in Congress.

The present state of transportation is such that no effort will be made to have the decision of Mr. McAdoo, refusing cars to bring the troops here, reversed, but the members from Philadelphia see no reason why it cannot be held Memorial Day.

Representative McFadden, secretary of the delegation, said:

"We will have a meeting of the delegates in May and make a concerted effort to have the troops parade on Memorial Day."

After a week of silence and delay, Director General of Railroads William G. McAdoo has refused cars to transport the 3000 Philadelphia selected men to the city. He said the transportation situation throughout the east prohibited the "additional burden" of hauling the troops.

Mr. McAdoo expressed his views in a letter to Major General John M. Biddle, acting chief of staff. Although the letter was not made public, it is understood he expressed an opinion favorable to such a demonstration at a time when the acute transportation conditions are relieved. It is also understood he favors the parade for Memorial Day, or about that time.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Generally cloudy and continued cold tonight and Sunday, with lowest temperature tonight about 25 degrees, gentle northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises.. 6:53 a.m. Sun sets.. 5:26 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES
CHESTNUT STREET

Low water, 12:12 a.m. Low water, 12:44 p.m.
High water, 5:29 a.m. High water, 5:51 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
25	25	26	27	29	30	30		

PICKET 'DEATH LEGION' WILL KICK AND BITE

Girl Strikers to Organize on Russian Model as Defense Against Police

Girl shirtwaist and dress goods strikers today began the formation of a "Legion of Death," according to one of the girl pickets, who said that their leaders have issued orders that they are to "kick, bite, scratch, strike and pummel" policemen who offer any kind of violence.

Pickets declare that they will return blow for blow if any of them are attacked during their activities as pickets and that they will "hit to hurt."

FOURTEEN GIRLS ARRESTED

Police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station this morning arrested fourteen girls charged with creating disturbances while performing picket duties. After hearings before Magistrate Grelis, at the station house named, twelve of these pickets were discharged with reprimands and warnings.

One of the remaining two, a girl who gave her name as Reba Feld, 645 Mountain street, was fined $7.50 on charges of disorderly conduct.

Charges of assault and battery were preferred by Jennie Beaslie, 215 Gaskill street, against Ethel Miller 3816 Cambridge street, the remaining member of the squad of fourteen arrested this morning. The complainant alleges that she was "beaten up" by Ethel Miller on refusal to join the strikers. Jennie Beaslie is an employe of Rosenbaum & Co., 718 Arch street, and asserted that Ethel Miller attacked her this morning after an argument in which she was urged to quit work in sympathy with the strikers. The belligerent picket was arrested by Patrolman Burns, of the

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THE BUSINESS CAREER OF PETER PAN, a thrilling story of salesmanship, begins on Page 13.

ROBERTSON RESIGNS AS CHIEF OF STAFF

Sir Henry Wilson Will Succeed to High Position in British Armies

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Sir William Robertson, Chief of Staff of the British armies, has resigned, it was announced this afternoon. He will be succeeded by Sir Henry Wilson.

The official press bureau announced that an extension of the functions of the permanent military representative at the Versailles Inter-Allied War Councils limits the special powers of the Chief of Staff. The Government offered Robertson his choice between permanent representative at Versailles or his present position under the new conditions.

Both propositions were refused.

ENGINEERS VISIT CITY

Red Cross Feeds 250 Soldiers En Route to the Front

A company of about 250 soldiers passed through the city this afternoon en route to the front in "No Man's Land." They are engineers and will be engaged in digging trenches and laying mines, etc., for the boys in khaki at the front.

The Oak Lane auxiliary of the Red Cross, in charge of Mrs. E. S. Newbold, met the boys, who were right royally provided with coffee, sandwiches, cigarettes and fruit at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad station this afternoon as they halted for a brief while in the city.

Clegg Leads Clearview Shoot

Billy Clegg was leading in the weekly shoot of the Clearview Gun Club this afternoon at Olney. Clegg broke 44 of his 50 targets, one better than Eilber, the second man. Shields was third with 40. The leader was off form on his first 25 targets, missing 5. On the second round he showed his true ability by smashing 24 of the 25 birds.

GERMANY BELITTLES AMERICA'S STRENGTH

People Told U. S. Can't Send an Army of More Than 200,000 Men

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in France

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE FIELD, Feb. 15 (delayed).

German prisoners captured by the French told American officers today that the German Government is informing its people that the United States would be unable ever to send more than 200,000 troops to France on account of the submarines.

These captives, who were interviewed by American officers, also declared that Germany is little benefited by the present Russian situation. Russia, they said, ceased its role as a military antagonist a year ago, so that its present action gives no advantage to Germany. The real opponents of the Kaiser are France, Great Britain, America, Italy and Rumania, they said, adding that this fact has been recognized in Germany for some time.

American gunfire today drove off boche aviators that attempted to penetrate behind the Sammees' line to drop bombs. The futile try for a successful air raid followed close on last night's two-hour bombardment with gas shells, in which there was only one casualty, a wounded Sammee.

Last night's gas attack came when there was a shift in the wind that favored the boche design. For three hours the Sammees were compelled to use their gas masks, impatient for the expected infantry attack that never came. During the gas bombardment the Yankee artillery responded with a vigorous fire from 75s and six-inch shells. The Germans also used heavy artillery.

One type of gas shells sent over by

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