

GARBER'S TEXTBOOK

FIGURES ARE DENIED

Secretary Merchant of Education Board Says Total Would Be \$200,000

HOLD UP REQUISITIONS

Present Books Stored in Closets by Superintendent's Orders, Is Claim

The breach over the installation of the new English course in the public schools of the city was widened today when Superintendent Garber's denial of extravagance was answered by Edward Merchant, assistant secretary and solicitor of the Board of Education.

All spelling books in the present English course have been stored in the closets of the schools on orders from the superintendent. Mr. Merchant said. Requisitions have also been received by the supply department from a large number of schools which show the average requirements for each school to be more than \$1000, he explained.

As there are more than 200 schools, this would total well over \$200,000. In a contention of the superintendent's department that it was planned to take three years to introduce this new course, Mr. Merchant said.

"We have requisitions here now for the new books for all grades. No instructions have been sent out to the principals of schools as to what grade or grades this course is to be started in. They apparently have not had time to believe that all grades are to be changed over from the old course.

"It is figuring the cost of the change we have to take into account the value of the English books purchased within the last year and are still in perfectly good condition. The superintendent mentions \$50,000 as the sum spent on new English textbooks each year. He then goes on to say that he wants only \$50,000 a year for installing the new course.

"I do not know where he got these figures. We have no figures on the subject in the supply department. It would take up two or three days to figure them out from our records."

MYRON T. HERRICK SEES AMERICA VICTOR

Ex-Ambassador Says Doubt-ers Are Enemies or Dyspeptic. French Spirit Indomitable

"To doubt that the United States will be victorious against Germany is a symptom either of un-Americanism or dyspepsia."

This was the reply of Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to Germany, to a question as to the result of the war. Mr. Herrick had lunch this afternoon with Judges Joseph Buffington, John B. McPherson and Victor B. Woolley, of the United States District Court at Philadelphia. Tonight Mr. Herrick will speak at the Scotch-Irish dinner in the Bellevue-Stratford, at which Judge Buffington will be the guest of honor.

Others at the luncheon were Admiral Washington Lee Capps, former head of the United States Shipping Board and chief of the Navy, and the United States Commissioner of the Navy Department, and William Hodge, the actor.

The luncheon was served in the private chambers of the judges in the Court of Appeals in the Federal Building. "To ask such a question would indicate that there is some doubt as to the result," the former ambassador said. It was commented that there are those who do doubt.

"Well, then," he replied, "I say that they either are not true Americans or are troubled with their stomachs—have dyspepsia."

"There can be no doubt as to the result of the war," he added. "It is only a matter of time until Germany will be worn out. It really cannot see how she can hold out much longer. I cannot see personally how she can continue to bear the burden of expense and finance her continuance of the war."

Mr. Herrick could not say too much in praise of the spirit of the French under the strain of war. He said there was nothing but cheer in the face of trouble among the citizens of France. As an example he showed a letter from Major Philippe Bunau-Varilla, who was one of the chief engineers of the Panama Canal under the French regime and who negotiated its sale to the United States under the Roosevelt administration.

The letter described the blowing off of the major's right leg during the battle of Verdun last September. He was in charge of the water supply of the French army at Verdun. He was walking along a road with an artillery officer when a German airplane dropped four bombs in the road ahead of them.

"My friend was killed instantly," the letter reads. "I was thrown into a ditch filled with dirty water."

The major's right leg was crushed so that it had to be amputated above the knee and his left foot and thigh were wounded severely.

Through all the letter, however, runs the hum of cheerfulness without any thought of the effects upon the wounded man. It ends:

"This, I have won." "This is the spirit of the French. In every word that is uttered, whether it come from a man of any type in the country, is shown the feeling that death is preferable to peace without French victory. I have had many letters from my friends in France. Major Bunau-Varilla is only one of them. He, like the war, is now with his brother of the Paris Marlin. Major Bunau-Varilla further tells of the capture of his son, Etienne, by the Germans and the cruel treatment accorded him as a prisoner. He was one of the first of the French aviators to succeed in downing German flyers. He was captured and sentenced to twenty years of solitary confinement. His health broke and he has been returned to France. He is now in Switzerland recuperating.

"The major's son-in-law, Count de Raanquer, is also a prisoner in Germany."

RECEDING SCHUYLKILL LEAVES CANAL BOAT ON ISLAND



Torn from its moorings at the wharf of the Montgomery County Almshouse, near Phoenixville, a canal boat began its journey downstream on the crest of the flood in the Schuylkill. After floating a distance of three miles, during which it passed over a dam and made its way under two bridges, the boat was left high and dry on an island when the waters receded today.

U. S. TAKES OVER HUDSON RIVER TUNNELS

Action, Unknown Since Jan. 1. Explains Sudden Rise in Company's Bonds

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Those who follow the price movements of bonds noticed yesterday unusual strength in Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company's first refunding 5 per cent bonds. Quotations for that issue moved up 11 points within a month and nearly 12 points from the low figure of last year.

The agency of the upward movement was reached Monday, when the bonds changed hands at 61, compared with 50 in January 11. Yesterday there was only one transaction, and the price paid was 60.

In an effort to determine the cause for the sudden rise in the price, it was learned that the Hudson and Manhattan had been taken over by the Government at the first of the year. This means that the Government guarantees the bonds during the period of the war.

It was also learned that the Government had taken over the Staten Island Rapid Transit Company, which is a part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad system.

SHIPYARD STRIKE PERIL ALONG DELAWARE ENDED

Carpenters' District Council Votes to Accept 70-Cent Wage Scale Pending Negotiations

Danger of a strike among the carpenters and joiners of the shipyards along the Delaware River melted away when the Carpenters' District Council voted at the first of the year to accept a wage scale set in Washington, pending the negotiations now in progress in the shipyard.

The men had expressed discontent over the rate because workers on the Pennsylvania Railroad were getting thirty cents an hour for the same work. The question of an open shop is one that has bearing on the problem.

Thomas Heiley, general organizer for the carpenters, said today that the men had decided to do nothing until the negotiations in Washington between Government officials and officials of the national union had been ended.

JACOB C. DAUBMAN DIES

Sheriff of Camden From 1874 to 1878

Jacob C. Daubman, sheriff of Camden from 1874 to 1878, died yesterday at the home of his son Charles, in Chews Landing, N. J., where he had lived for some years.

He is survived by his son Charles and a daughter, Mrs. Benjamin F. Stout, of Camden. Funeral arrangements have been completed. Mr. Daubman was a glass blower before entering politics and a real estate operator in recent years.

HOUSE VOTES FOR BUCHANAN STATUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House voted 215 to 130 this afternoon to accept the gift of a statue of James Buchanan, erected at the home of his son Charles, in Chews Landing, N. J., where he had lived for some years.

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CHAZEN WINS EXEMPTION

Draft Board Reverses Decision in Case of Synagogue Worker

District Draft Board No. 1 has decided that a chosen in a minister, there by exempting Benjamin Kamel, of 418 Spruce street, chosen of the Shalom Temple, Ambassadorial, one of the most popularly known, "Heilschever Chesa," one of the largest Hebrew congregations in the city. Fourth and Market streets.

COOK DENIES CHARGE MADE BY BUILDER

Contradicts Statement He Asked for Silence Concerning Sharswood School Mishap

Flat contradiction of statements made by P. J. Hurley, a builder, in his suit for \$1180.30 against the school district, to the effect that J. Horace Cook, superintendent of school buildings, had told Hurley that the reason for the collapse of a part of the Sharswood Public School must be kept concealed from the public, was made today by Mr. Cook.

Mr. Hurley, in his testimony in the suit in Judge Cavers court, which ended yesterday in the award by the jury of the entire amount of Hurley's claim, had said that Mr. Cook came to him immediately after the accident to the wing of the school building under construction at Second and Wolf streets and had said:

"My God, Hurley, I didn't know this was only a three-inch wall. This matter must be kept quiet. The public must not know anything about it."

"I never said anything of the sort," vehemently asserted Mr. Cook today. "Mr. Hurley's statement is absolutely false."

Mr. Cook added that it made no difference if the jury had apparently accepted Mr. Hurley's statement as correct. "A jury usually finds in favor of the plaintiff in a suit against the city," he said.

Mr. Cook also denied vigorously that there was any truth in Mr. Hurley's assertion that the delay in building the school was due to Mr. Cook and that Cook had asked him to award a subcontract for concrete piling to the Simpson Concrete Piling Company. "That is as false as Hurley's other statements," said Mr. Cook, "and I would not wish to be found in or out of it."

The suit won by Hurley was for \$4120 in penalties imposed upon him for delays in completing the work and for \$2500 interest. Mr. Cook today reiterated that he had never hampered or hindered Hurley in any way in the execution of the contract, asserting that the cornice broken in the Sharswood wing had fallen from carelessness and nothing else.

ARDMORE AVIATOR HURT BY FALL IN FRANCE

John Finney Woodruff, of Ardmore, is recovering in a French hospital from injuries received in a 200-foot airplane crash. Woodruff, who is twenty-three years old, was among the first of the young men of Ardmore to go into the war zone. He succeeded in getting into the American ambulance corps, then drove an ambulance truck. Later he became an aviator with the rank of lieutenant.

"My face is all bunged up," he writes in a letter to his father, W. W. Woodruff, purchasing agent for Strawbridge & Clothier, in Philadelphia. "I have a torn ligament in my foot and bruises all over my body. The letter said that the cornice broken in the Sharswood wing had fallen from carelessness and nothing else."

BILL FAVORS DEPOSITORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A bill requiring receivers for national banks to file accounts in the district courts of the United States, introduced by Congressman Crago, of Pennsylvania, was today referred to the committee on banking and currency.

Under the present procedure a depositor never knows what happens to his money, the accounts being filed with the controller of the currency. The bill makes the accounts of the receiver a public record.

CAMDEN FLIER WOUNDED

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The cablegram announced that Lieutenant Truscott is in a hospital "somewhere in France" and that his wounds are not regarded as serious. He enlisted two years ago at Montreal, Canada, and has seen a year's service flying in France for the Canadian army.

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FINANCE CORPORATION BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

Materially Amended, Measure Provides \$500,000,000 Government Concern to Back Contracts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate Finance Committee today reported favorably the Education Loan Finance Corporation bill. The bill has been materially amended and some portions of it entirely rewritten.

Its chief provisions, however, remain practically the same as in the bill as originally presented. It provides for a major portion of the Government finance corporation with a capital of \$500,000,000, all of which is to be subscribed by the Government. This money may be used in making loans to persons and concerns engaged on war contracts. The corporation also is given supervision of the flotation of all securities in excess of \$100,000. No concern can issue such securities without governmental approval.

WILLIAM INNES FORBES MAJOR IN REGULAR ARMY

Philadelphia Banker and City Troop Officer Gains Commission in U. S. Cavalry

William Innes Forbes, son of the late Dr. William S. Forbes and long prominent in banking and public activities in this city, serving for twenty-two years as first lieutenant in the First City Troop, has been commissioned major in the regular army. He has been assigned to the 20th Cavalry and will leave in a short time for Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex.

Major Forbes is associated with the banking firm of Williams, Bonbright & Co. He is active in club and athletic circles, having been commodore of the Schuylkill Yacht Club, and a member of the Philadelphia Club. He married Miss Daisy Cox Wright, daughter of William Tunnesson Wright, of Philadelphia. His father, the late Dr. William S. Forbes, was professor of anatomy at the Jefferson Medical College.

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HOLIDAY SHOOT AT COLWYN TRAPS

Clearview Club Lists Target Competition Tomorrow for Local Gunners

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated at the traps by local target shooters. The Clearview Club of Colwyn and the Southwark Shooting Association have announced special holiday events. With only the above clubs staging blue rock shooting, big fields undoubtedly will compete.

Secretary George Perry-Ferry, of the Clearviews, has a fifty and a hundred target event listed as the holiday program. With a vast army of some 200 target shooters around Philly, the two sets of traps at the Colwyn organization should be taxed to their utmost strength, even though only 30 per cent of the local gunning talent decides to enter.

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Advertisement for J. B. Van Sciver Co. featuring a large sale of furniture and bedding. Text includes: 'As the Days of this February Sale Grow Less—the Number of Patrons Grows Greater', 'Reductions of 20 to 33 1/3% on Floor Coverings Valued at Over \$250,000', and a list of items like 'Tapestry Brussels', 'Seamless Velvets', and 'Royal Wiltons'. It also features an image of a chair and a table.

Advertisement for 'The Tree of Heaven' novel by Miss Sinclair. Text includes: 'A vivid and stimulating novel. Miss Sinclair is superb.', 'The TREE of HEAVEN May Sinclair's New Novel', and 'A Big Sale—Women's COATS DRESSES'. It features an image of a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for Hirsch's clothing store. Text includes: 'PURCHASING ORDERS ACCEPTED', 'Just for Friday A SPECIAL GROUPING OF Spring Dresses', 'Spring Suits \$15', 'New Lingerie WAISTS', 'BARGAIN BASEMENT A Big Sale—Women's COATS DRESSES', and 'Women's SILK DRESSES'. It features images of various clothing items.