...GTON DAY WAR EXERCISES SOLEMN

...y's Celebration Marked by Many Special Events and Ceremonies

...OLD BIG PARADE

...ator Hiram L. Johnson to Address Patriotic Sons' Meeting Tonight

TODAY'S EVENTS

Reunion Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, G. A. R. headquarters, 1523 Arch street.

Washington-Americanization exercises, public schools.

University Day exercises of University of Pennsylvania, Academy of Music.

Convention of National Society for the promotion of Industrial Education, Bellevue-Stratford.

Esperanto flag presentation and parade, Girl Scouts, Independence Square.

Poor Richard Club flag presentation to Miss Susanne Silverengs.

Flag raising at Hog Island and address by Admiral Bowles.

P. O. S. of A. exercises, Independence Hall.

Service flag raising and parade, Twenty-fourth Ward Patriotic Association, Thirty-seventh street and Lancaster avenue.

Lecture on Balkans, Houston Hall, University of Pennsylvania.

Graduation exercises, National Farm School, Bucks County.

EVENING

Knights of Columbus exercises, Metropolitan Opera House.

Patriotic Order Sons of America meeting addressed by Senator Johnson, Academy of Music.

Scottish Rite dinner, Arcadia cafe.

Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R., dinner, Union League.

Washington's Birthday—the 136th anniversary of the birth of the Father of His Country—was observed solemnly today by Philadelphia as thoughts turned toward the nation's sons on the battlefields of France and on the seas.

With renewed devotion to the principles of liberty for which George Washington fought, this city, seat of the first government of the United States, observed the nation-wide holiday. Flags fluttered from buildings and draped pictures of the first President in windows.

Many celebrations were on the program as the wartime holiday checked industry. Some events customarily held in honor of the day were canceled on account of the war. Banking houses were closed. Most of the big and little stores remained open because of the hardships undergone in the heatless Monday suspensions.

The theme of Americanization marked the Washington Birthday exercises in the public schools. Teachers urged a common language, common customs and common ideals for all Americans no matter what their racial origin.

A martial touch was lent to the annual University Day exercises of the University of Pennsylvania in the march of students in uniform to the Academy of Music for the graduation exercises. While the young men tramped the streets the last white-haired survivors of the Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery gathered for their annual reunion at Grand Army of the Republic headquarters, 1523 Arch street.

Big open-air patriotic demonstrations were held this afternoon in spite of the snowfall.

PARADE THIS AFTERNOON

A parade of several thousand persons and a flag raising to honor the 751 men of the Twenty-fourth Ward in the national service was held in West Philadelphia. The parade, starting at Forty-fourth street and Girard avenue, marched to the triangular city plot at Powelton and Lancaster avenues and Thirty-seventh street, where two 5 by 12 foot flags—one an American flag, the other a 751-starred service flag—were raised on a sixty-foot pole.

In the line of march were the Police Band and detachments of mounted policemen, G. A. R. veterans, P. O. S. of A., Knights of Pythias, public and parochial school children, Home Defense Reserve, Republican Club, Stonemen's Fellowship and others. Edward D. Mitchell was the grand marshal. A salute was fired as the service flag was unfurled by Lieutenant William A. Eckhart, U. S. A., and the national banner by Ebenezer Adams, G. A. R. Among the speakers were the Rev. John J. McMenimen, of St. Agatha's Catholic Church; Rabbi Max A. Klein, of Rodeph Shalom synagogue; the Rev. C. C. Scott, of Peterson Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Rev. H. Alfred Boggs, of Princeton Presbyterian Church, and Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell. A boys' choir from St. John's Orphan Asylum sang.

More than 500 Girl Scouts took part in the presentation of an Esperanto flag to the organization in Independence Square. The green and white banner of the universal language was presented to the Girl Scouts by Prof. Henry W. Hengel, of the West Philadelphia High School for Boys, in the name of the Universal Esperanto Association. Among the speakers were Field Executive John Getz, Jr., of the Boy Scouts; Commissioner Anna M. Mowbray, who established the Girl Scouts in this city, and Mrs. Pearl J. Parker, founder of the Esperanto movement among the Girl Scouts. After the exercises and salute to the Stars and Stripes the girls marched to the Betsy Ross House and transfer the flag for safe keeping.

Members of the historic First City Troop, which formed Washington's bodyguard, are scattered in the army, causing the time-honored Washington's Birthday parade of the troopers to be conspicuous through absence. The annual reception of the Sons of the Revolution at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania likewise was called off. Aside from individual troop celebrations, the Boy Scouts arranged no program.

The old campfires were kept burning by the Grand Army men, who held rallies at their posts. Meade Post, No. 1, will dine at the Union League.

Senator Hiram L. Johnson, of California, is the outstanding figure on tonight's program. He will address a great meeting of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at the Academy of Music. Senator Johnson is expected to arrive at 7 p. m., and the meeting will begin at 8 p. m. Among the other speakers will be William James Heaps, national president, Gabriel H. Moyer, State president; C. H. ...der, national chaplain; the Rev. William E. P. Haas, past State chaplain; Charles Brumm Reims, State secretary, and Auditor General Charles A. Snyder.

The Knights of Columbus will stage a ...g Washington's Birthday celebration ... the Metropolitan Opera House, with ...state Justice Thomas H. Dowd, of ... Massachusetts Supreme Court, as the ... speaker. The meeting, held simultaneously with similar patriotic meetings throughout the country, is open to the ... Invitations have been sent to ...g Protestants to attend.

... Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, ...nite in a Washington's Birthday ...t at the Arcadia Cafe, with 800 ... in attendance. Among the speakers ... be A. B. Donato, grand master ... Masons in America, as operatic concerts precede the dinner, the artists ... Martini, F. A. Gianinni, ... Rosenfeld and Miss Ella

WASHINGTON DAY ALSO BIRTH DATE OF 3 HERE

George W. Edmonds, J. Washington Logue and Michael Donchoe Have Natal Days Today

Three prominent Philadelphians are today celebrating Washington's Birthday as their own natal day. They are Congressman George Washington Edmonds, ex-Congressman J. Washington Logue and Michael Donchoe.

Mr. Edmonds has been busily engaged in his duties at Washington. However, today is a holiday and he is quietly celebrating by spending the day with his family at his home, 1514 North Thirty-third street.

The year has seen great changes in the life of Mr. Logue. He is spending the day with the members of his family, still at home in Atlantic City. He himself is a member of the "coalition speakers," or speakers' bureau, of the Committee of Public Safety. Thomas A. Logue, his eldest son, is a lieutenant at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.; his other son, Francis E. Logue, is a private in the marine corps, and his two daughters, Eleanore M. and Mary B. Logue, are actively engaged in Red Cross work.

Mr. Donchoe has so far resisted the call to Washington. However, he is reported to be wavering. His family says he is about to take up war work, but refused to divulge its nature.

Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Donchoe were born on the same day in 1862. Mr. Logue was born one year later.

DEMOCRATS YET HOPE M'CORMICK WILL RUN

Definite Action on State Ticket Planned at Meeting to Be Held Here Tomorrow

Democratic leaders of Pennsylvania, who are assembling in Washington preliminary to the conference in Philadelphia tomorrow, still cling to the hope that Vance McCormick will consent to accept the nomination for Governor, it was said today.

At tomorrow's conference it is expected that definite action will be taken on the State ticket. It was indicated today that an effort will be made at the conference to have Mr. McCormick reconsider his determination not to accept the nomination, he having expressed a desire to continue his work with the war trade board.

A. Mitchell Palmer, national committeeman; Vance McCormick, chairman of the National Committee; Representative John V. Lesher, of Sunbury, State representative on the national congressional campaign committee, and Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson are among the leaders scheduled to attend the Philadelphia meeting.

Joseph F. Guffey, of Pittsburgh, has arrived in Washington and his visit was said to have been due to the presence of E. Lowry Humes, United States District Attorney for the Western District. Mr. Humes conferred with Representative Bruce Sterling, of Uniontown, who is credited with being Mr. Sterling's choice for the nomination. Mr. Guffey said he had not conferred with either Mr. Palmer or Mr. McCormick on politics, but the general impression in Washington is that Mr. Guffey will not enter the race for the nomination until McCormick has definitely refused to make the race.

GLOUCESTER SHIPYARDS SHUT DOWN FOR HOLIDAY

Two Plants, Employing 5000 Men, Idle Because of Demand for Double Pay

Five thousand shipyard workers employed in the plants of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Companies, Gloucester City, are idle again today because the two companies could not see their way clear to pay double time for working on a holiday.

Demand was made by the union men the day before Lincoln's Birthday for double time on both Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, and the officials of the two companies after making an investigation and finding that other plants were not paying double time, decided to close the plants on both holidays. This means the loss of much time on ships for the Government.

The plant of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation, in South Camden, is working as usual because the employes feel that the company has treated them properly and they feel it is their patriotic duty to keep at work and rush the ships to completion to carry troops to France without making a demand for extra time. The two shipyards in Gloucester are union yards.

The plants of the Welsbach Company, Argo Mills Company and other manufacturing firms in Gloucester are closed today in observance of Washington's Birthday.

"S. O. S." APPEAL FOR $3000

War Conditions Increase Burden of Child Welfare Association

An "S. O. S." appeal for $3000 was made today by the Philadelphia Child Welfare Association. Conditions brought about by the world war have increased the work of the organization, according to the appeal. The contributions will be used in helping youngsters who are arraigned in the Juvenile Court.

Judge John M. Patterson, of Court of Common Pleas No. 1, today indorsed the movement of the Philadelphia Child Welfare Association, and urged Philadelphians to open their purses and send along a contribution.

"Many boys and girls who today might have been in prison cells," said Judge Patterson, "are leading useful lives through the efficient guidance and help given by the Philadelphia Child Welfare Association."

Contributions should be sent to Rowland Conly, treasurer of the organization, at 1418 Walnut street.

HOLIDAY AT POSTOFFICE

Washington's Birthday Observed in Curtailed Mail Service

The Philadelphia Postoffice observed the Washington's Birthday holiday. All foot deliveries of mail were canceled, one automobile parcel post delivery was made and special deliveries were made as usual, while collections were cut down.

The central office schedule was announced as follows: Money order and postal savings windows, closed; inquiry, registry and general delivery windows, open until 11 a. m.; stamp window, open 7 a. m. to midnight, after which stamps may be purchased at window No. 15. All substations were open until 11 a. m. for sale of stamps, money order and registry business, etc.

Hancock Funeral Saturday

Injuries received in a recent fall on the ice caused the death on Wednesday in the Germantown Hospital of Clinton C. Hancock, a prominent Methodist layman and manufacturer of neckwear, aged seventy-one years. His funeral will take place Saturday afternoon, with services in West York Street Methodist Episcopal Church, which grew out of a mission started thirty-five years ago by Mr. Hancock. For some time Mr. Hancock had made his home with a daughter in Cynwyd. He was a member of the Manufacturers' and City Clubs and of the Chamber of Commerce.

Accepts Viewers' Award

Former Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg will withdraw his appeal from the award of $19,000 on his former home, 214 West Logan square, made by the Board of Viewers, and within a few days a deed conveying it will be put on record. The award was made on April 12, 1917.

A WASHINGTON ENDS LIFE ON GEORGE'S DAY

Negro From National Capital Commits Suicide Here After Confessing Murder

This Washington's Birthday became Washington's deathday for Fernando P. Washington, a negro, from the city of Washington.

Washington, who was twenty-eight years old, came last night to a lodging house at 1351 Melon street, conducted by Mrs. N. Abrams. He was assigned to a room on the second floor, rear. Another lodger heard a shot in Washington's room this morning. He notified the police. They broke into the room and found Washington sprawled across his bed, dead, with a wound behind his left ear. The revolver was in his hand.

Washington had resolved that there would be no miscarriage in his plans. He had first stuffed all the cracks in the door and windows and turned on the gas. Then he had swallowed half a bottle of iodine. The half-empty bottle stood on a table by his bed. Finally, without awaiting for either the gas or the iodine to take effect, he shot himself.

Before [illegible] years explaining his suicide, he said that he had murdered his wife on February 1. In a restaurant at 1701 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, it was his account of jealousy. Two other men had been looked up suspected of complicity in the crime, but Washington exonerated. Detective McCartney, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets police station, is investigating the matter further.

Washington's body was taken to the Morgue.

WOULD-BE SOLDIER GIRL FEARS SIGHT OF BLOOD

Miss Dyner, Who Volunteered for Death Battalion, Balks at Being Red Cross Nurse

The young lady who volunteered to go to Palestine and lead a "Battalion of Death" of her Jewish sisters cannot even see service with the British army as a nurse because, according to her own confession, she "feels faint every time she sees a little blood."

Minnie Dyner is the name of this intensely patriotic miss, and she lives at 736 Master street. At a meeting Wednesday night, when recruits for a regiment of Jews was sought by Colonel St. George Loftus Steele, of the British recruiting mission, Minnie, who is twenty-two years old, marched down the aisle and volunteered.

The colonel, of course, rejected her for the army, but suggested she see service as a nurse. This was the thought to be a fine idea and immediately began planning to wear a white gown with the red cross until today, when she remembered how the sight of blood affected her.

BRICKLAYERS FOR FRANCE

Seventy-five Philadelphians in Regiment Soon to Sail

Seventy-five Pennsylvania bricklayers, part of a regiment of 1000 of their tradesmen, all of whom are of draft age, have been training in a southern town and are now waiting to be shipped to France, it was learned today. These men were all called under the selective service act, the first call for labor the Government has made.

In addition to calling 1000 bricklayers, seventy-five of which were supplied by the 248 draft boards, in this State, a call was made recently for accountants who came within the selective service act. It is not known just how many were taken, but some draft boards in this city sent men to New York, whence, it is assumed, they sailed for France.

MANY QUALIFY AS COPS

Police Eligible List Shows 115 Candidates Available for Appointment

An eligible list containing the names of 115 men who have qualified for the position of patrolmen was made public by the Civil Service Commission today. At present there are twenty-eight vacancies on the police force, but it is expected that the new list will be used to fill up the hundred or more places that will be vacated by men taken for the draft.

A second eligible list published today contains twenty-nine names for the position of battalion chief, Bureau of Fire. There is only one vacancy for this position.

CAPT. ROUNTREE DISCHARGED

Philadelphia Officer Relieved From Command on Account of Illness

Because of long-continued illness, Captain William L. Rountree, of Philadelphia, commanding Company K, 109th Infantry, has been honorably discharged from service at Augusta, Ga.

Captain Rountree has twenty-nine years of active service to his credit, having enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Infantry, January, 1889. He is fifty-one years old and the veteran of his regiment in length of service. He was much affected on receiving word of his discharge.

MAYOR EXTOLS PRESIDENT

In Address to Orangemen He Likens President to Lincoln

Mayor Smith spoke at the entertainment and dance of the Loyal Orange Legion last night in Lu Lu Temple and paid tribute to President Wilson and denounced his critics and those of the Administration.

He said that while he himself was a Republican, his sympathies were with the Democrats in this crisis of national affairs. He likened Wilson to Lincoln and said that it was a crime to force the Administration to tell its war plans when everything told the public was cabled immediately to Germany by spies.

ENEMY ALIEN A SUICIDE

Worry Over Registration Regulations Believed to Have Prompted Act

Worry over the alien enemy registration is given as the cause of John Bader, sixty-two years old, a farm hand, hanging himself this morning. Bader worked on the farm of Edward Price, Keyserstown road above Welsh road. Paul Engleman, another farm hand, found Bader hanging from a rafter in a wagon shed. He was dead.

Bader was a native of Germany and had been on the Price farm for about six years. He registered as an enemy alien, but had worried of late over the war and the regulations regarding enemy aliens.

Navy Auxiliary's Dance a Success

A substantial sum was realized for the Navy Auxiliary fund at the card party and dance given last night at the Hotel Normandie. The affair was in charge of Mrs. B. T. Stoteslury, Mrs. Thomas Griffin, Mrs. George Cooper, Mrs. Clarence Carr, Mrs. Albrey Gray, Mrs. J. J. Moffett and Mrs. Robert Morris.

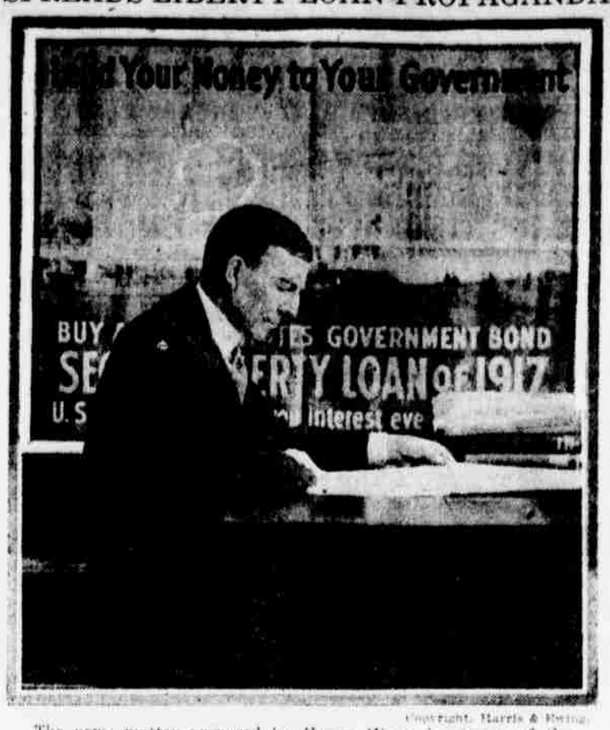
Find Man Dead, Gas Tube in Mouth

Aroused by the smell of gas fumes, occupants of a house at 2113 North Eighth street broke into a room occupied by Jacob Hackett, fifty years old, this morning and found Hackett lying dead in bed with a gas tube in his mouth.

U. of P. to Have Laboratory

The establishment at the University of Pennsylvania of a government laboratory for the study of the causes, prevention and cure of all communicable diseases of horses, mules and other animals has been authorized by Surgeon General Gorgas.

SPREADS LIBERTY LOAN PROPAGANDA



Copyright, Harris & Ewing

The news matter prepared by Henry Minor, in charge of the Liberty Loan publicity bureau, appears in thousands of newspapers throughout the country. He already is busy spreading the good word about the third Liberty Loan campaign to begin in April.

8 INJURED IN FATAL FIRE ARE RECOVERING

Two Boys Burned to Death, Woman Dies of Shock as Result of Blaze

Each of the eight persons who were injured in the fatal fire in the home of Martin Mullin, 235 East Allen street, that caused the death of his two young sons and an aged woman who dropped dead of excitement and fright, is recovering today in St. Mary's Hospital.

Although the father's condition is improved—he was badly burned and overcome by smoke while trying to rescue his boys—he is by no means out of danger, physicians at the hospital said, his condition being made more serious by his grief. Strangely enough, his wife died just one year ago, almost at the same hour the fatal fire started.

The child victims of last night's blaze were John Mullin, eleven years old, and Thomas Mullin, eight years old. Their charred bodies were found in a hallway on the third floor after the fire was extinguished.

Mrs. Annie Doeble, sixty-four years old, a sister of one of the injured women, succumbed to a heart attack at her home, 1328 East Oxford street, when she learned of the tragedy.

The injured were all taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment. They are Martin Mullin, a teamster; William Dressler, his wife, Margaret Dressler; their children, Lillian, sixteen; Thomas, five, and Pearl, one; Margaret Mullin, five, sister of the dead boys, and Marcella Gormley, the three-month-old daughter of Mrs. Rose Gormley, an employe of the Municipal Court.

Lillian Dressler saved her life by leaping out of a second-story window to the street. Her leg was broken and she is suffering from shock.

The fire started when an oil stove exploded on the second floor. The blaze spread so quickly that the two families who were on the second and third floors became terror-stricken and ran from room to room, finding all means of escape cut off by smoke and flame. Neighbors turned in an alarm, but by the time the engines arrived the two boys had perished in a hallway, and all the others, except Miss Dressler, who had leaped from a window, were caught in the burning room.

A ladder was placed against the front of the house and several firefighters hurried into the building and gathered Mrs. Dressler and the baby up in their arms. Mullin, who was temporarily blinded by smoke, was led to the ladder and carried to the street.

HOG ISLAND ACCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION

Coroner Probes Cause of Trestle Collapse in Which Four Were Killed

Photograph illustrating this article on pictorial page.

Coroner Knight today began an investigation to fix the responsibility for the accident on the Hog Island extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad in which four men were killed and three seriously injured. The dead are:

LEWIS SHALSIAGE, forty-two, 6155 Glenmore avenue.

ANGELO CRANOMICO, 5417 North Sixty-first street.

NICHOLAS FEDRICO, thirty-eight, 6405 Carlton street.

NICHOLAS DI CRASCO, fifty, 6415 Carlton street.

The injured men are Anthony Pereso, 519 North Sixty-fourth street; Sadalina Carman, 645 North Sixty-fourth street, and Michael Crane, 5632 Anderson street. The three injured men were taken to the University Hospital.

All of the dead and injured were workmen at the Hog Island shipyards. The accident occurred on a wooden trestle at Sixtieth street and Eastwick avenue, which collapsed under the weight of a string of cars loaded with dirt. The men killed were all buried under the load of dirt thrown from the cars.

Lieutenant Ewing and Detectives Printz and Quigley, of the Sixty-fifth and Woodland avenue station, today aided in the investigation of the causes of the accident. They quizzed Thomassio Mashoby, the foreman of the gang that fell with the bridge. He was unhurt, although buried beneath the dirt with the rest. The police are trying to find out if the timbers of the piling that held up the bridge were rotted as was rumored, but so far have not been able to corroborate this rumor.

It was said that the cars were loaded more heavily on one side than the other to facilitate the easier dumping of them, and that this threw too much weight on one side of the piling and frame work, which gave way.

The Pennsylvania Railroad announced today that entire responsibility for the accident rested on Thomas F. Riley, contractor on the filling job of which the temporary trestle was a part. Officials of the railroad said that the trestle was merely one for a narrow gauge track for hauling dirt to make a fill on the Hog Island branch.

ASKS FOR A MATCH, GETS CUT IN ABDOMEN

Victim Dying in Hahnemann Hospital—Alleged Assailant and Seven Others Held

"Assassination Alley" was the name given to Twelfth street by the police today, following the many killings there recently, and added to early today by the stabbing of James Truesdell, of 705 Vine street, done, it is said, by Abner Pollard, twenty-three years old, of 2606 South Twelfth street, at the corner of Twelfth and Vine streets.

Pollard was held without bail by Magistrate Watson at the Central Police Court this afternoon to await the result of Truesdell's injuries. Robert Davis and Harry Larsen, of Fifteenth and Porter streets, were held as witnesses.

According to Detective Ernst, of the Eleventh and Winter streets police station, Truesdell identified Pollard as the man who stabbed him.

Truesdell is dying in the Hahnemann Hospital from a four-inch cut in the abdomen. Pollard, with Davis and Larsen, barricaded themselves in a bathroom on the second floor of a house at 1507 Race street, where Detective McCullough and Policeman Riley, of City Hall, broke down the door and arrested the three men after a battle. A blood-stained sailor's knife was found on Pollard, the police say, although he refuses to admit the stabbing.

Five persons, who were with Truesdell when he was stabbed, are held as material witnesses in the case.

They are Patsy Young, 674 North Eleventh street; John Gross, 2018 Hemberger street; John O'Keefe, Jr., 5616 Walter street; Joseph Pollard, 705 Vine street, and Mary Mack, 1302 Quarry street. Joseph Pollard is no relation to Abner Pollard, said to have done the stabbing, but is a pal of Truesdell and lives in the same house at 705 Vine street.

They are agreed that Truesdell asked Abner Pollard for a match while the latter was passing them on Twelfth street with two girls, who escaped, and the two men held with him. In some unknown manner they got into a scuffle and it is alleged Pollard drew a knife and stabbed Truesdell in the stomach. The latter was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital in a taxi. Joseph Pollard ran to McCullough, who was a few blocks down the street, and told him the story and that the men were hiding in the Race street house, whither McCullough went with Policeman Riley. They found the three men barricaded in the bathroom and had to smash the door to get them.

RAISE AMERICAN FLAG AT HOG ISLAND YARD

Special Patriotic Celebration at Big Ship Plant—Admiral Capps Sees Bowles

The birthday of the Father of His Country was commemorated at Hog Island today with a special program of patriotic exercises, in which Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles participated. Fifteen thousand workmen stood with bared heads as an American flag was raised, and joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner." An inspection of the plant was one of the features of the Washington's Birthday celebration.

In an address Admiral Bowles called attention to the fact that Hog Island shipyards are close to the scenes of the greatest triumphs of George Washington. He pointed out that steadfastness was one of the features of the first President's character, together with steadfast devotion to his country and the welfare of his countrymen. He urged upon those engaged in building ships and shipyards to follow his example in this respect. He told the shipworkers that they are "now in the first line of attack," and they should "drive every nail home and make every rivet sound."

Admiral Bowles personally conducted a party of visitors, including newspaper men, over the shipyards and explained to them the work that is being done at the big plant. The progress that has been made since the shipbuilding operations have been under the supervision of the Government was obvious, and a spirit of enthusiasm and intense patriotism on the part of the workmen was plainly evident.

Rear Admiral W. T. Capps, formerly general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has had a conference with Rear Admiral Bowles, the nature of which has not been made public, and has made a personal visit of inspection to the plant at Hog Island. It is supposed that the two naval officers consulted regard the "speeding up" program for building ships.

Whether or not the visit to Philadelphia of Admiral Capps was made at the instance of the Senate committee now investigating conditions at Hog Island is not known, but the fact that he came here without notice, made a hurried trip over the shipyards, conferred with Admiral Bowles and left without giving any intimation as to the purpose of his visit, left in the minds of those who have been watching developments in the Hog Island case the impression that his visit was not without official significance.

PROUD OF NATION'S CARE OF WAR HEROES

Insurance Bureau Official Tells Educators How Broken Men Are Rebuilt

AID OF PRACTICAL SORT

Trained in Lines of Work That Will Keep Them From Humiliating Want

This nation's provision for the care of its disabled soldiers and sailors and their dependents, and the failure of European nations to provide similar care for theirs, were pointed to with pride today by Richard B. Jones, executive commissioner of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, who described and explained the so-called soldiers' and sailors' insurance law to the eleventh annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education in the Bellevue-Stratford ballroom.

Mr. Jones gave to the public for the first time the information that the Government will not stop with paying total disability insurance and compensation to men maimed in the war, but will provide for the re-education of those men in trades or professions which they may be able to follow despite their injuries. He said a bill for a law providing for such education is on its way to Congress and will undoubtedly be passed.

"It should make every man and woman who is an American proud of his country," said Mr. Jones, "to realize that there will never be in this country disabled soldiers and sailors sitting on the street corners and begging as they are to be seen in Europe."

Mr. Jones's statement followed close upon addresses by F. W. Merchant, director of technical and industrial training of the province of Ontario, Canada, and Douglas C. MacMurtrie, director of the Red Cross Institute of New York, in which the work Canada, England and France are doing for crippled soldiers was described.

Mr. Jones spoke proudly of the stupendous task performed by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in communicating with 1,600,000 American soldiers and arranging for proper payments of Government allowances and salary allotments to their dependents. When the letters were sent out, the men were scattered all over the country and some were in France already, yet the Bureau has communicated with and made proper financial arrangements for 1,300,000. A bureau that had to start with a force of thirty persons, all unfamiliar with the work, has been developed and organized into one of 2000 persons that in one day was able to dispose of 26,000 cases.

One flaw in the law has been discovered, he said. If a soldier is killed no compensation can be paid to his mother unless she is widowed. There have been many pitiful cases in which women, though not widows, had been entirely dependent for support upon their sons who were killed or died in the army, yet the bureau was powerless to pay them any compensation. He urged the society to help in a movement to correct this flaw.

WANTS HER HUSBAND

Mr. Jones told an amusing story of a woman who wrote to President Wilson to ask that the Government return her husband to her instead of paying her an allowance while he was in service. She said she would rather have his companionship than any amount of money, and asked the President to talk over her request with Mrs. Wilson, "as she can understand this matter better than you can." She went on to say that she was too poor to be able to give the President any reward for returning her husband to her, but she was a fine lacemaker and would be glad to make a nice lace collar for Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Jones predicted a chain of hospitals all over the country for the care of men wounded or sick as a result of going to war and vocational training schools operated in conjunction with the hospitals. He would have the hospital and school service free to soldiers and sailors, but would admit men trained in industry and all others willing to pay a small fee. He said industry is maiming probably 200,000 men a year in this country, and these men should be helped to learn new trades.

Out of 400,000 Canadian troops that have gone to the front, only forty men have come back totally disabled, said Frank W. Merchant, director of technical and industrial training in the province of Ontario, Canada, but 20,000 men have returned with some form of physical disability. Canada, he said, is making a tremendous effort to train these men in occupations which will enable them to support themselves.

TRAINING WOUNDED MEN

Something, said Mr. Merchant, can be done for nearly all of these disabled men. It has been found. Canada is meeting the problem by dividing it into three phases—the study of each man as an individual, to ascertain his desires and capacities; the ascertainment of when to commence the man's training, whether in hospital or after his convalescence is complete; and the establishment of training classes for the men.

Although solutions of none of the three phases have been worked out wholly, great advance in each has been achieved, said Mr. Merchant. Throughout the country "Disabled Training Boards" have been established, each consisting of three men. One physician and two men familiar with industrial training, one of whom must be familiar with methods of teaching, constitute each board. The disabled men are taught in two stages—either while they are convalescent in the hospital, where some slight preliminary training is given them to fit them for their chosen work, or, later, in vocational schools.

It has been found that the vocational schools affording training to boys are the best for the men, although it has been found best to teach the men in classes separate from the boys'. The service to be rendered to the men requires that the instructors shall know how to handle men, as well as being thoroughly conversant with the trades they teach.

The entire system of pensioning returned soldiers has been found to be a failure and will die out in Europe shortly, said Douglas C. McMurtrie, director of the Red Cross Institute, New York. The pension system, said he, does not provide a man with enough money to live on, but with only enough money to encourage him to shirk work which would support himself. In its place, he urged funds for the training of disabled soldiers and for their maintenance only until they can support themselves should be provided by the Government.

The vocational education of disabled soldiers began early in the war in France, he said, but was not taken up until a year later by England. In France vocational training schools for disabled soldiers were supported by municipalities or provinces, but the earliest disabled soldiers who returned to England found little provision for their assistance except that extended by private charitable organizations, which, although willing, were not equipped for the work.

Commissions for Philadelphians

A captain's commission plus an appointment as divisional athletic officer have been awarded at Camp McClellan, Ala., to Benjamin V. Ogden, of Philadelphia, a U. of P. alumnus with an athletic record. A divisional order has also been issued appointing First Lieutenant George Scott Stewart, Jr., as aide to Major General Morton.

MR. HENNESSEY, OF TOLEDO, RECUPERATING

Ohio "Policeman-Killer" in Temporary Retirement After First Go With Philadelphia Bluecoat

An ambition to whip the Philadelphia police force brought Clarence Hennessy here from Toledo, O. Clarence is not as mild as his name. He approached Policeman Davis on Germantown avenue and demanded to know the quickest route to Market street. The policeman answered him briefly and then boarded a passing car.

Hennessy was not satisfied with the information. He ran after the car and pulled the policeman to the street with the announcement that he had "licked" the police force of Toledo and would do the same right here.

When Hennessy left the Samaritan Hospital about an hour later he was somewhat subdued. His wrath broke out again, however, on the way to the Germantown avenue and Lycoming street police station. He jumped from the patrol wagon as it neared there and started for Toledo.

He was caught after a chase and the remaining fight germs in his system were quickly eliminated. In view of his strenuous experience, Magistrate Wrigley permitted him to rest for ten days in the County Prison.

RIVAL PARTY CHIEFS WHACK EXTRA SESSION

R. S. Bright Fiercely Assails Project; David H. Lane Does So by Indirection

Robert S. Bright, militant Democratic reformer, and David H. Lane, militant Republican Old Guardsman, each took a whack today at Governor Brumbaugh's rumored plan to call an extra session of the Legislature. Mr. Bright attacked the proposed call specifically and by direct method. Mr. Lane by indirection.

Said Mr. Bright: "Yes, you may quote me as saying that I am opposed to calling the present Legislature in extra session for any purpose whatsoever, and it is my hope and prayer that neither this nor any other Republican Legislature will sit in Harrisburg again for a long, long time.

"If reports from Harrisburg in the Philadelphia newspapers are true, or even near true, it would be more to the point to call Senator Penrose and Senator Vare in extra session to vote proxies for the members of the Legislature. The result would be identical, and just think how much mileage and other expense would be saved the State. I read some of the reports of the last legislative session, and on local option and all other matters which came up, I never observed that members of the Legislature thought this or that, but I did read many reports as to what Senator Penrose thought or Senator McNichol thought or Senator Vare thought. And the votes invariably registered these thoughts. So, what's the use of an elaborate extra session? Why not let George do it?

The same applies to many previous Legislatures.

"It might be illuminating, too, if Governor Brumbaugh would find some way of calling his would-be successor in extra session to get his views on the prohibition question. I refer to Senator Sproul, and am wondering if his attitude wouldn't be very like that of Governor McCreary on a momentous period in his career. The Governor was pressed to take a stand as to whether he was for a proposition or against it, and his answer meant votes.

"I am," immediately responded Governor McCreary, of Kentucky."

Mr. Lane said that he would be glad to discuss the proposed extra session if he had the remotest idea that Governor Brumbaugh intended calling it.

"In the absence of any proof that the Governor has such an idea," Mr. Lane concluded, "I decline to express a view upon the advisability or lack of advisability of it."

SUSPECT PLOT IN FIRE AT OLD CUSTOMS HOUSE

Government Agents Investigating Queer Early Morning Blaze on Second Street

A mysterious fire at 5 o'clock this morning imperiled the old Custom House, 121 South Second street, now used as a quartermaster's store, damaged the fourth and fifth floors and destroyed a considerable quantity of uniforms and other supplies.

Government officials are making a rigid inquiry. They express the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin. The loss is estimated at $1800. A German plot is suspected.

Harrison Seabrook, a watchman, noticed smoke issuing from an elevator shaft at the fourth floor and turned in an alarm. He tried to fight the flames, which were sweeping through the fifth floor, on which they started.

By the time the firemen arrived the fourth floor was ablaze and they experienced considerable difficulty in saving the building.

The firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the fourth and fifth floors.

22,000 RED CROSS "JUNIORS"

School Mobilization Committee Reports Juvenile Patriot Army

Latest reports from the School Mobilization Committee, which will make its final tally next Tuesday, show that in Philadelphia 22,000 children are taking part in Junior Red Cross work. These workers are divided among seventeen schools.

Other Philadelphia schools will soon be started on the work, the time depending upon the size of the task and the mass of detail attending the collections of money to buy materials with which to carry on the work.

LONGER WORK DAY AHEAD

Railroad Mechanics Face Extended Hours to Speed Locomotive Output

Railroad mechanics will have to work longer hours, according to a report from Washington. With the speeding up of railway work on locomotives, the men will be asked to give more of their time on patriotic grounds.

At the Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the men now work ten hours a day and five on Saturday. Most of these are on the piece basis. A longer working day seems the only solution for speeding up, says the company, as it is impossible to obtain more mechanics.

PRINCETON FOR PRESIDENTS

Italian Seeking Citizenship Evidently Inspired by Students' Song

"Where must a man be born to be eligible to the Presidency of the United States?" asked Clerk Theodore L. Colbaugh in the Naturalization Court of a young Italian candidate for naturalization.

"Princeton," was the startling reply, but after explaining that United States was the correct answer, the young man got his papers.

CHESTNUT STREET PERIL

Water Shortage Menaces Buildings, Association Says

The shortage of water menaces the safety of many Chestnut street buildings, the Chestnut Street Association says, and in a communication to Councils requests that provision be made for a more adequate supply.

The association says many complaints have been received that it is impossible to draw water above the first floor.

BOND PROBE WELCOMED, AVERS MAYOR SMITH

Couldn't Have Better Advertising for Business, He Declares

VARE MEN FOUGHT PLAN

Thought They Had Resolution Tabled, but It Was Carried by Bare Majority

Mayor Smith today voiced his attitude on the subway bond situation as follows:

"The forces which tried to charge me with murder are back of this bonding agitation. I am not in the bonding business. If the contractor can't get his bond, that is up to him.

"I am absolutely impervious to newspaper criticism and you papers can go as far as you like. I think you are barking up the wrong tree.

"There is no responsibility until contracts are executed and approved. It is true these contracts were awarded to the Keystone State Construction Company, but it is up to the contractor to furnish his own bond, and if he fails in that, that's his lookout. You want to get your story from the contractor. As Mayor of the city I am naturally very much interested in these contracts for the Broad Street Subway, but only as Mayor of the city.

"If for any reason the bonding company objects to these bonds, that is a matter which is entirely up to the contractors themselves. As to why the contracts have not been executed, you will have to ask Director Twining, of the Department of Transit. I cannot keep all these contracts in mind, and I am not going to discuss the reasons for delay.

"You tell me there is trouble with the bonds. I have nothing to say about that. I am not going to discuss any bonding business until the councilmanic committee gets started. Then I'll give them all they want."

MAYOR ON BONDING PROBE

"This is the best advertisement my business can have.

"No investigation will be more welcome.

"I would be quite willing to have the District Attorney investigate me or some person selected by the newspapers or whoever is behind this scheme."

The question heard on all sides in political circles today, was this:

Will Councils Committee on Municipal Government grant Mayor Smith's wish and allow his connections with city bonding to be investigated, or will it turn down a resolution calling for a systematic probe into how the Mayor's company has increased its city business from 17 to 70 per cent in three years?

No answer could be found, nor, apparently, will the query be answered until a meeting of the committee is held.

Today being a holiday, Frederick Schwarz, Jr., Common Councilman from the Forty-fifth Ward and chairman of the committee to which the probe resolution was referred, took no action. He is expected to call his committee together some time between now and the next meeting of Councils on March 1, and if Mayor Smith retains his present attitude the request for an investigation may be granted.

When the Mayor was told that Common Councilman Charles H. Von Tagen, of the Forty-second Ward, and thirty other members of the lower branch of Councils were anxious to investigate his bonding connections, he declared such a probe would be the best kind of advertising and that he would welcome it.

MAYOR WELCOMES PROBE

Speaking of the planned probe, the Mayor said, "This is the best advertisement my business can have. No investigation will be