

SOLDIERS GUESTS OF JERSEY TOWN

Wildwood Entertains Members of Battery D, Trench Mortar Battalion

HOMES OPENED TO MEN

Military Drill and Flag-Raising Features of Exercises at Shore

Wildwood, N. J., April 2.—All roads in Cape May County led to Wildwood and every means of conveyance was put into use to bring persons here to take part in the reception and entertainment of Battery D, Trench Mortar Battalion, which left Fort du Pont early yesterday by Government boat for Salem and thence by special train to Wildwood, arriving here shortly before noon.

The City Commissioners, the reception committee and hundreds of citizens, including relatives and friends of members of the battalion from all parts of Cape May County, met the battery at the station and, headed by the City Band, marched to the Hotel Seacrest. Here ranks were broken and the men dispersed by automobiles to homes of citizens who had volunteered to entertain them until their departure this morning.

The men assembled at headquarters at 1 p. m. and, headed by J. Albert Harris, chief marshal, and his aides, the city police and the military band of the United States Marine Corps, were guarded by a police squad of sixty men from the same barracks. The battalion marched to the Hotel Seacrest via the route to Maple, to Pacific and south to Andrews avenue, where it counter-marched on Pacific to a massed band of the Wildwood High School. The procession was joined by nearly 1000 school children.

At the City Park, after the invocation by the Rev. I. W. Fisher, of the First Baptist Church, a flag-raising took place, under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M. A large American flag, as well as a service flag containing 209 names, was unfurled to the strains of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the combined bands.

A military drill then followed by the battalion, in command of Captain Leslie Caldwell and First Lieutenant Lloyd J. Brown. The men made an excellent showing.

The opening address was then delivered by J. Thompson Baker, former secretary of the day, the Rev. Thomas J. Cross, who represented the State, as Governor Edge and Adjutant General Gilkison, on account of war orders, were unable to be present. William H. Cross, chairman of the Cape May County war-savings committee, made a plea for contributions for the purchase of a Red Cross ambulance.

Following the address, the boys were entertained with a dance at the Holly Beach Yacht Club. It is estimated that more than 3000 persons witnessed the military drill and exercises.

The committee on arrangements consisted of Chairman Robert G. Clermont; Vice Presidents George Banks, C. G. Eldredge, Glenn I. Poulos, John J. Keating, Frank D. Colson and Samuel J. Keating; Secretary H. C. Schlichting; Treasurer Jed Du Bois and O. I. Blackwell; J. Albert Harris, W. H. Bright, George N. Smith, Robert J. Kay, G. H. Huppert, L. P. Coney and W. Cross.

CITIES HAVE MONTH TO FIGHT HIGH FARE

Jersey Utilities Board Allows Municipalities League Time to Prepare Protest

Newark, N. J., April 2.—The League of New Jersey Municipalities has been granted one month to prepare its case to the fight against the Public Service Railway Company's application to increase trolley fares in New Jersey from five to seven cents, with two cents extra for a transfer and one cent for a transfer on a transfer. Marshall Van Winkle, counsel for the league, asked for two months. April 20, at Newark, was set for the next hearing.

The Utilities Commission announced that it would hear argument at Trenton today on the application of Jerome T. Congleton, city counsel for Newark, for a reopening of the commission's order granting the Public Service Gas and Electric Service Electric Company leave to raise its rates on February business. Mr. Congleton's contention is that the board exceeded its authority in allowing the company to increase rates on business done prior to the hearing down of the decision. The manufacturers' counsel of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce is going to contest the electric company's application.

It became public that the Public Service Railway Company had an application of its property made in 1915, on which to base an application for an increase in fare. Questioned by L. Edward Herrmann, counsel for the commission, Mr. McCarter, president of the corporation, said this application was made by Dean Cooley, of the University of Michigan, and fifty engineers, cost \$150,000 and took a year to complete.

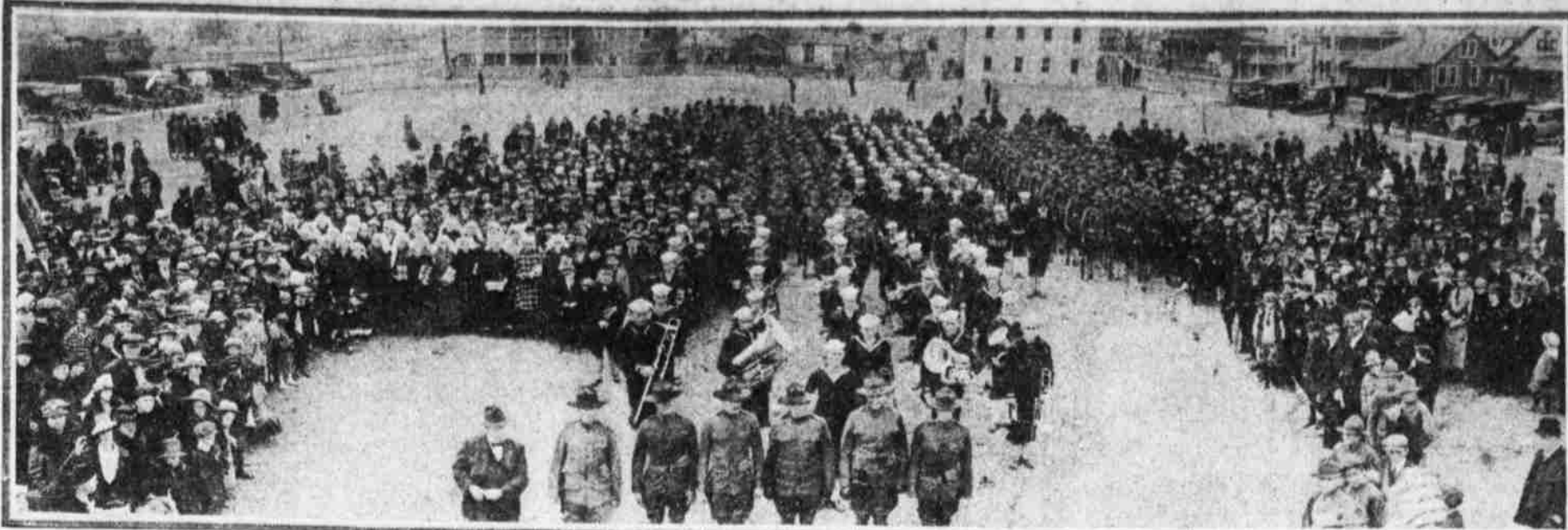
WOULD REOPEN SUIT

Cramps Ask U. S. Supreme Court for Rethinking on Empire Patent

Washington, April 2.—William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company has petitioned the Supreme Court of the United States for a rehearing of its case involving the use of patented designs in destroyers for the navy, recently decided in favor of the patentees. The International Curtis Marine Turbine Company.

The shipbuilding companies offered a letter by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, dated March 27, in substantiating whether, as in the case of the Empire patent, the Government contractor lawfully to add the Government in operations that may require the use of patented inventions. Mr. Roosevelt held that a clear determination of the Government is the "ultimate importance in the

WILDWOOD'S NATIVE SONS ENLIVEN DAY IN "OLD HOME TOWN"



Company D, Trench Mortar Battalion, from Fort du Pont, mustered in service at Wildwood a year ago, returned yesterday by the courtesy of Governor Edge to enliven things up under the admiring eyes of the "Home Folks." The boys had a last chance to see their relatives and friends and say a last farewell before "going across," which, it is expected, will be a matter of a few days.

EDGE TO SEEK FULL U. S. SENATE TERM

Senator Baird Is Expected to Come Out for Hughes's Chair

Atlantic City, April 2.—In a statement following a conference with Governor Edge at his shore home, United States Senator David Baird indicated he will be a candidate to succeed himself for the "short" term.

In explanation of the attitude of Senator Baird, it is said that, although reluctant to enter the contest, he had consented to do so should it be necessary to carry out the plan of Governor Edge to continue in his present position as long as possible.

The question of who will become Acting Governor in the event of Governor Edge's election was also touched upon at the conference yesterday. When it was agreed that by seeking only the full term Governor Edge may be able to continue to serve as Governor for some time after March 1 next, unless there is a special session of Congress. Ordinarily, the candidate elected would not be required to take his seat until the following December, and it is regarded as within the range of possibilities that this might prove true in the case of Governor Edge if so, he could continue as governor until within a few weeks of the expiration of his term.

Members of the Senate, and the Governor if his engagements will permit will be the guests of Senator McGraw at a dinner at the Hamilton Club, Patterson, next Friday. The party will assemble at Newark at noon and after moving to Patterson will inspect the silk industries of that city.

Governor Edge had a conference yesterday with Edward S. Crain, of East Orange, who, it is understood, is to be named, with John S. Smith, of Atlantic City, and W. E. Cann, of Elizabeth, to constitute the new boxing commission.

The appointment of Mr. Smith has been definitely decided upon by the Governor, an affirmative decision is believed to have been made certain by the appointment of Mr. Crain. Mr. Cann, the third prospective member of the commission, is physical director of the Elizabeth Y. M. C. A. and a member of the boxing committee of the A. A. U.

ATLANTIC CITY GAS RATE HEARING ON

Public Utility Commission Hears Consumers' Protest Against Rise

The New Jersey Public Utility Commission will resume in Camden today its hearing of the application of the Atlantic City Gas Company for an increase in its rates.

The company asks permission to increase its rates from \$1 to \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet. The application is being opposed by Attorney Carlton S. Godfrey and Harry B. Wootton, for the consumers.

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America's "Best" on Way to Battle

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This, they say, is a mathematical certainty. And they point out that the faster the Allied strength is increased now, the more serious and the quicker will be the blow against the Teuton.

How to get additional shipping for troops transport is a problem of the first magnitude. Men in touch with the American transport problem say that for the present the only additional tonnage the United States can furnish is a few ships from the Dutch fleet and a few cargo carriers now being converted into troopships.

Hence it is up to the Allies to provide the means of carrying the added human cargo, they declare. England's announcement points out that this is being done, hence it is assumed that she herself is draining an already depleted tonnage for the sake of extra men.

Will Shorten Rations That the Allies will have to shorten the rations temporarily seems certain, for at present there are not enough ships to carry the wheat allotted.

Whatever extra sacrifices are needed, however, will tend to shorten the war, the authorities point out. With added strength the Allies will slaughter more Germans and the whole struggle now revolves itself into a question of making such heavy inroads in Teuton man power as to cause Germany to quit.

It is pointed out that where Germany suffers four casualties, she takes four men out of the Empire direct, but where the Allies suffer four casualties, the burden is distributed between England, France, Italy and the United States. Multiply this by thousands and Germany stands an uneven chance against any single ally, it is pointed out.

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INGERSOLL AGAIN IS JUDGE AT SHORE

Former Recorder and Sheriff of Atlantic County Takes Judicial Oath

Atlantic City, April 2. Robert H. Ingersoll, former City Recorder, former Judge of the District Court and former Sheriff, Atlantic County's new Judge of Common Pleas, by appointment of Governor Edge, took the oath of office without ceremony before Edward A. Parker, County Clerk, at Mays Landing. He entered upon his duties at once.

Judge Ingersoll is to receive a salary of \$5000, \$2000 more than was paid to former Judge Shinn, his Democratic predecessor. The bill to raise the Judge's pay and that of Prosecutors from \$4000 to \$5000 caused a protest from the City Commission and allegations of legislative extravagance. The commission's objections went no further, however, and Governor Edge approved the bill. Retiring Prosecutor Moore declined to accept the bonus due him under the salary raise and turned it over to the Red Cross as a free will offering.

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Loan Campaign Begins in the Schools

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The Marine Band furnished music for the meeting, which was opened with the "Star Spangled Banner." The Liberty Loan song, "What Are You Going to Do for the Boys?" was sung by the entire audience, led by Mr. Stotesbury from the stage.

Addresses were made by Simon Gratz, vice president of the Board of Education; William Brown, chairman of the elementary schools committee, and A. G. Neary and Christian Hagen, of the Liberty Loan committee. Dr. John P. Clark, Superintendent of Schools, presided.

Arrangements for the opening of the drive next Saturday have been completed by the committee. Secretary McAdoo will be met at Broad Street station by Mayor Smith, E. P. Passmore and Lewis H. Parsons. At 12:20 he will lunch at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel with Governor Brumbaugh. The unveiling of the replica of the Statue of Liberty on South Penn Square by Secretary McAdoo's granddaughter, four-year-old Nora Martin, will officially start the campaign at 2 p. m.

At noon 1500 high school girls in Liberty costumes will start a parade at Broad and Jackson streets. Five thousand sailors and marines also will march from League Island. Boy and Girl Scouts will participate. The parade will line up on Broad street, making a solid phalanx from Broad and Locust streets to City Hall.

Following the parade, a meeting will be held in the Academy of Music, with an overflow meeting on Broad street. Addresses will be made by Governor Brumbaugh, Mr. Passmore, Mr. Parsons and Secretary McAdoo.

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1716 SHIPS BUILT OR UNDER ORDER

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Washington, April 2.—Official figures made public by the statistical department of the executive and administrative division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation show 1716 vessels completed or under construction, with a total deadweight tonnage of 10,404,288. This does not include thirty-eight tug boats, but does include vessels contracted for, keels for which have not yet been laid.

These figures represent the grand total of all construction undertaken by the Fleet Corporation for the shipping program of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Officials are confident the total tonnage for 1917 will reach 4,000,000, which will double the prospective British construction for the year.

Of vessels included in the total, 1188 are cargo carriers of 6,522,580 tons, contracted for by the Fleet Corporation. Among these are seventy-five combined cargo and transport ships of 616,000 tons deadweight and twenty-seven tankers of 241,500 tons, making the total of contract vessels 1236 with a deadweight tonnage of 7,394,680. Of the thirty-eight tug boats, which are contract vessels, twenty-four are of steel and fourteen of wood.

Vessels under requisition, including colliers, combined passenger and cargo carriers, refrigerator vessels and transporters, total 225 in number, with a deadweight tonnage of 2,255,542.

The requisitioned ships will be the first placed in commission. All the old yards in the East were filled with them when the Fleet Corporation started to distribute its contracts and many were already under construction.

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Star Athlete Promoted Hasketon, Pa., April 2.—Ward has been received here from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., that Lieutenant Donald Markle, of the ordnance department of the army, has been promoted to captain. He was halfback and star punter on the Yale football team and was also a star athlete in other sports. He is a mining engineer and son of Alvin Markle, Sr., local banker and chairman of the Committee on Public Safety. Two brothers of Lieutenant Markle are army lieutenants.

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