

LEADERS
HORSE BUREAU

President Wilson's Plan Is
Favored, if Politicians
Are Kept Out

A BENEFICIAL STEP

Political Men Should Be Put
in Charge. It Is
Contended

President Wilson's plan for Federal
control of labor, that men may be mobil-
ized for work in war industries, received
indorsement today of prominent
men.

They said the establishment of a cen-
tral labor recruiting agency for the pur-
pose of directing the energies of un-
employed laborers in war work service
would be a beneficial step if it were
directed by practical men.

The organization of a United States
employment service, they said, would
yield good results if politics were com-
pletely eliminated from the proposition.

Among those who favored the plan
was James C. Brown, president
of the Central Labor Union and now
resident of the Molders' Union.

"This plan would be a godsend to the
laborer," said Mr. Brown, "if such an
agency were conducted by men thor-
oughly qualified for the work. Some-
thing should be done to protect the
workmen. Many of them have been
wrecked."

"During the last few months at least
50,000 men were attracted to this city
by advertising agencies which offered
jobs at the Hog Island shipyard. When
they reached here they found there
were about 20,000 jobs for the
50,000 men. Many of them, who paid
for railroad fares, were here, were
sent penniless and drifted about."

"No politician should be placed in
charge of such an agency. It should be
run by men who are acquainted
with labor conditions and laboring men.
It would be a sad mistake to place
such an agency in charge of fancy ad-
vertisers and others of that kind. If
the right men are chosen to direct this
important work I favor it heartily."

Several other labor leaders expressed
similar views.

Threat of Dismissal
for Draft Boards

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No hinted at further revelations in
connection with the draft, but declined
to be specific. The major said he was here
to investigate draft conditions "and
other things."

He declined to say what the other
things were, but said that he had
been told that there would be a lot of things before
I'm through," was the major's somewhat
vague comment.

He refused to discuss the report that
there were open hostilities between the
State draft officials and United States
District Attorney Kane.

Went Discuss Special Jury
Asked if the grand jury probe was
ended at the investigation of the State
draft authorities, Major Murdock re-
plied to discuss the matter.

A special grand jury has been em-
panelled for the investigation and will
begin its work on Monday.

United States Attorney Kane, in de-
claring that the probe will not extend
to the corner of draft boards
throughout the city, urged every person
with knowledge of draft irregularities,
including improper classification, ap-
plicants of favoritism being shown by
al or district boards, political influ-
ence or grafting, to present the evidence
to the Federal grand jury, so that it
may be gone into thoroughly.

Indictment of "blackers" and draft
sneers will also be asked of the grand
jury.

To Delve Into Political Influence
One of the most important things to
be investigated, according to Federal au-
thorities, is the political influence exist-
ing in many draft boards. It is said
that draft registrars have suffered be-
cause of their political affiliations, and
presence of at least one flagrant viola-
tion of the law is said to be in the pos-
session of a local attorney. In this case
the registrant was sent to a
rec because he did not "vote right".
The politicians had "fixed him up" by
having him placed in Class 2.

Lawyers who have received fees from
draft registrars are also to be subjected
to an investigation, the purpose of which
is to determine what the fee was for, ac-
cording to Mr. Kane.

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FOUR WOMEN REGISTER

"Allen" Registrants at Gloucester
Are American-Born

U. S. MAY SEIZE WIRES

Cabinet Considers Difficulties Be-
tween Companies and Union

PHILADELPHIAN DIES;
3 INJURE DIN WRECK

Thirty-two Soldiers Are Vic-
tims of Railroad Accident
Near Waco, Texas

Private Hans August Shoemaker, of
this city, a member of a field artillery
unit stationed at Camp McArthur,
Tex., was killed and at least three other
Philadelphians were injured last night
when a troop train was wrecked near
Waco, Tex.

Philadelphians injured are Jacob
Greenblatt, 325 Cross street, Harry Hy-
att, Private Brannell
Greenblatt, who was also a private in
a field artillery unit, is in the base hospi-
tal at Camp McArthur and is said to be
dying. The extent of the injuries of the
other Philadelphians is not known.

Military authorities at Camp Mac-
Arthur stated that thirty-two soldiers
were injured in the wreck. The list in-
cludes Lieutenant James E. Robbins, of
Lawlorsburg, Pa.; Corporal James Heitz,
Redington, Pa.; Private Alfred Larson,
Perth Amboy, N. J.; and Private Huber
R. Tarbett, Georgetown, Del.

The names of the others made public
by the military authorities follow:
Sergeant Clarence D. Hill, Union
City, Mich.; Frank P. Ford, Napaoh,
N. Y.; Fred W. Keisley, Starbuck, N. C.;
Thomas N. McNamee, Cleveland,
Ohio; C. Huls, Cincinnati; Albert
Barner, Indianapolis; Edward B. Bur-
ler, Philadelphia; Thomas C. Ashburn,
Detroit; William B. Donoune, New
York city; I. D. Hanrahan, Quincy,
Mass.; John Holland, Amsterdam, N. Y.;
Arthur L. Leighton, Littleton, N. C.;
Joseph W. McVey, Snow Camp, N. C.;
Edward Sterman, Cincinnati.

Charge Four Stole
PLANS FOR GERMANY

Three Men and Woman Held
for Riffing Several Muni-
cipation Plants

New York, June 19.
Charged with stealing plans and
blueprints valuable to the United
States and Allied Governments from
munitions plants throughout the coun-
try, three men and a woman are under
arrest here. The formal charge is
violation of the espionage act.

Gus L. Lindquist, draftsman; Leo
Burt, stationary engineer, and Franz
Strohmer, said to be an enemy alien,
were the names of the men as given
by the authorities. Pending further
investigation they would not identify
the woman. She was brought here
from Worcester, Mass. The men were
arrested here.

Lindquist is said to have declared he
was going to Mexico to sell his booty
to German agents.

According to the authorities, both
Lindquist and Burt admit the thefts,
which it was said, covered a period of
four years. The men are charged with
getting employment in airplane, munitions
and arms factories, working in them
for a brief time and suddenly
decamping with the stolen plans.

One of the alleged stolen plans was
identified by an official of the Remington
Arms Company, of Bridgeport,
Conn. as a Browning gun blueprint,
which had been stolen from the Remington
plant.

Lindquist and Burt, it was charged,
had rifled also among other places the
drafting rooms of Allen & Boone, De-
troit; the Simpax Motor Company
and the Mehl Manufacturing Com-
pany, of Rochester, N. Y.

Strohmer, whose real name is
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enemy alien.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeSimone,
4837 Lancaster avenue, have an-
nounced the engagement of their
daughter, Genevieve, to Joseph La
Vecchia, 266 South Marine street.

Mr. La Vecchia is a member of
several clubs, among them the
Madonna and Gaiety Clubs. Miss
DeSimone is active in church and
charitable work.

LOYALTY REAFFIRMED

"As Democrats we reaffirm our devo-
tion to the old-time Democratic prin-
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MILITARY NOTE PREDOMINANT AT PENN COMMENCEMENT



From Mercantile Hall to the Metropolitan Opera House, the graduating class of "Old Penn" made its way in solemn procession today. At the front Old Penn was carried, and in the ranks of the marchers many men in uniform were notable, as were the young women graduates.

GREAT ATTAINMENTS
WIN PENN DEGREES

Colonel Henry Page and Dr. James
Hosmer Penniman Hon-
ored by University

Colonel Henry Page and Dr. James
Hosmer Penniman, who received hon-
orary degrees at the University of
Pennsylvania commencement today, are
men who have achieved unusual distinction
in their special fields of endeavor.

Doctor Penniman, who received the
honorary degree of doctor of letters,
was graduated from Yale with the de-
gree of bachelor of arts in 1884 and in
1914 received the degree of Litt. D.
from Franklin and Marshall.

He is the author of numerous educa-
tional works which have a wide cir-
culation. For several years he has been
making a study of the life of George
Washington from original sources, three
sections of which, "Washington as Man
of Letters," "Washington as Command-
er-in-chief" and "Some Mistakes About
Washington and His Times," have al-
ready been published.

Founded Memorial Library
In honor of his mother Doctor Pen-
niman founded the Maria Hosmer Pen-
niman Memorial Library of Education,
which is the departmental library of
the department of education of the Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania. It now num-
bers about 10,000 volumes, many of
which are rare and some are unique.
In addition to the memorial library are
constantly being made. For many
years Doctor Penniman made frequent
trips to Europe, where he purchased
educational books.

He is a life fellow of the American
Geographical Society, a life member of
the Pennsylvania Historical Society and
member of the Yale Club of New York.
Colonel Page, who received the hon-
orary degree of Doctor of Public Hygiene,
was born September 1, 1870, in Prince-
Anne, Maryland. He was graduated
from Princeton in 1891 and received his
master's degree in 1894. Colonel Page
entered the service in 1897, and at the
outbreak of the Spanish-American War
was assigned to the Philippines.

From 1914 until the present time he
has been instructor in medicine and
chief of the department of State health
for the Government in the States south
of Virginia and east of the Mississippi,
during which time he has also been in-
structor in the department of Public Hygiene,
Fort Oglethorpe (1912), Poly-
technic, Pa., and Raleigh, N. C.

Besides three trips to the Philippines
Colonel Page has made he was also
instructor in medicine at Fort Oglethorpe,
for three years, and the same length of
time on the Texas border. Perhaps the
greatest work for which the Medical
Department should be indebted to him
was his propaganda for the United States
Medical Reserve Corps. Just before
going to Fort Oglethorpe Colonel Page
organized the United States Ambulance
Corps, obtaining a capable staff, and
many recruits.

Genius at Organizing
In him and under him Camp Green-
leaf at Fort Oglethorpe had its begin-
ning and flourished. It stands forth a
signal proof of the wisdom of the
constitutional system, should gravely
hesitate before it approves a tendency
which may destroy it. Every specific
declaration in the Constitution, as well
as every ratified amendment, is declara-
tory of a human right. It is proposed
by the pending amendment, for the first
time in American history, to deny a
heretofore unchallenged personal right.
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all rights may be brought within the
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To enjoy the full measure of our
boundless wealth, population and re-
sources, there are many matters of im-
portance to the people of our Commonwealth
which require the support of the
people of our Commonwealth. I deem it
my duty to support the amendment
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The uniform primary law having
supplanted State conventions, and there
existing no recognized body within the
Commonwealth authorized to enunciate
the issues of a campaign, it therefore de-
volves upon the nominee for Governor to
state the rule of conduct by which, if
he shall be elected, his official action
will be regulated.

The worst conflict for human lib-
erty and progress, in which the United
States is now engaged, demands of every
citizen the absolute dedication of all
that he has to the support of our
Government, to the end that com-
plete and lasting victory may be se-
cured for our ideals, and I deem it
my duty to say that to this degree of
patriotic devotion I believe that my com-
patriots of different political faiths are
equally willing to pledge themselves to
our country's cause. I pledge myself
to the most earnest and untiring sup-
port of the worthy compeer of Wash-
ington, Jefferson and Lincoln, the leader
in words and action of our great
President, Woodrow Wilson.

"Our first care, therefore, should be to
see that the whole strength of the Com-
monwealth of Pennsylvania shall be
in co-operation with the United
States Government to secure the triumph
of democracy in its present death grip
with autocracy and tyranny.

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BARNETT CALLED

"SWIVEL CHAIR HERO"

Proposal to Make Marine
Commander Lieutenant Gen-
eral Fails in House

ACCUSED OF LOBBYING

Congressman Suggests Court Mar-
shal for Officer Accused of
Seeking Promotion

Washington, June 19.
Major General George Barnett, com-
mander of the Marine Corps, who has
brought that famous organization up to
its present high standard of efficiency
sat with his wife in the speaker's gallery
of the House yesterday, and was sub-
jected to a fusillade of charges by
sharpshooters who charged him with
having tried to use social influence to
gain an undeserved promotion.

It was during a hot debate on the
conference report on the naval approp-
riation bill, by which the navy per-
sonnel permanently increased to 141,-
485. That Barnett was accused specifi-
cally of lobbying for the Senate amend-
ment proposing to confer upon com-
mander of the Marine Corps the rank
equivalent to that of a Lieutenant Gen-
eral in the army.

The amendment was rejected by a
vote of 75 to 44 after an acrimonious
discussion in which such terms as
"swivel chair warriors" and "swivel
chair heroes" were applied to General
Barnett and two of his staff officers,
whom the amendment proposed to ele-
vate to the rank of Major General, and
who were present in the House gallery
during the verbal bombardment.

The denunciation reached a climax
in a suggestion by Representative Keating,
of Colorado, that Barnett be brought
to court martial for failing to
observe the wishes of his command-
ing officer, Secretary Daniels, who had
expressed disapproval of the proposition
to create the new rank for the com-
mander of the marine corps.

Representative Butler, Republican,
of Pennsylvania, said the promotion
of General Barnett would be unfair to
the men who were fighting in France
brilliantly, and that if promotions were
deserved anywhere it was there, and
not far "swivel chair officers" who would
never get outside of Washington.

"The splendid morale of the marine
corps will be broken if Congress con-
firms this unfair promotion," he said.
"Secretary Daniels has gone on record
that no military necessity is served by
this promotion."

"Has he done anything by which Con-
gress rightly should single him out for
promotion in this legislation?" asked
Representative McKelvie, Republican,
of Illinois, referring to Major General
Barnett.

"He has not," replied Mr. Butler. "I
admit his ability and I admire the work
he has done in the marine corps, but
I insist that it is unfair to our fighting
marines in France that these bureau-
crats should be promoted when they
are not at the front."

Representative Oliver, Democrat,
of Alabama, insisted that Major General
Barnett wanted to go to the front, and
had requested to be sent there, and that
it was unfair to criticize him when he
obeyed orders by remaining in Wash-
ington.

Representative Keating, of Colorado,
asserted that General Barnett and his
associates were "rocking chair warriors,"
and told the members of the House they
would make "laughing stock" of them-
selves if they voted for the increase
in rank.

"If you do this thing," shouted Keat-
ing, "the words will go forth that the
way to win promotion in the marine
corps is not to go to the front, but to
stay here in Washington and exert
social and political pull to get it over."

Keating charged that Barnett had
personally appealed to members of Con-
gress to support the amendment pro-
moting him after it had received the op-
position of Secretary Daniels.

"I am a living witness to that fact,"
shouted Representative Butler, "and I
can prove it."

'DRY' SENATORS SPLIT
ON JONES AMENDMENT

Canvass Raises Doubt of Pas-
sage of War Prohibition
Measure

Washington, June 19.
Prospect of an immediate "bone dry"
prohibition throughout the country for
the period of the war dwindled today
when disension broke out in the ranks
of the Senate "dry" over the Jones
amendment.

Many Senators who supported the
Sheppard resolution submitting the pro-
hibition question to the states in the
form of an amendment to the constitu-
tion declared they would not support the
Jones amendment. Canvass of the Sen-
ate indicated that it was doubtful
whether the measure would receive a
majority vote, despite the fact that the
Sheppard resolution was supported by
more than two-thirds of the Senators.

Among the arguments put forward
by the "dry" themselves are:
It is unconstitutional to give the
States the right to legislate on the
subject. It should not be tacked as a rider
on an appropriation bill as proposed by
the Sheppard resolution.

It would seriously upset the nation's
revenue program.

Palmer does not take seriously the
threat of Judge Bonniwell to organize
an independent State committee of his
own, and stated that the party had
an excellent chance of success in No-
vember.

The Democratic party invariably
wins the election, and it is supposed
to be torn and divided, and on the other
hand, the Republican party is always
defeated when it is supposed to be har-
monious.

Sees Republican Kefauver
The harmony exploited at the Republi-
can State Committee was described by
Palmer as "the mere camouflage."

"The Republican factions in this
State," he added, "are faction-ridden and
intend to do a lot of mischief. I also
see James M. Fox, Eastern, brother of
Edward J. Fox, recently appointed to
the Supreme Court bench, headed a dele-
gation here to seek for an indorsement
of Justice Fox for election at the No-
vember election. They asked the sup-
port of Judge Bonniwell, who carried
Northampton county by a big majority, but
he is said to be committed to Henry Budd,
Philadelphia.

The Palmer-McCormick leaders are
not disposed to indorse any candidate
for the Supreme Court at this time, and
probably will refer it to a special com-
mittee. Such action would be counted
on not to displace a number of other
prominent Democrats who plan to be-
come candidates for the minority place
on the Supreme Court Bench, which will
be filled next November.

Big Crops in France
Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger
Paris, June 19.—Agricultural reports
from southern France indicate that there
will be much more wheat than in the
last year.

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SHORE WAITRESS TOO

Hotel Women Demand \$40 a Week,
Same as Men

Atlantic City, June 19.—Em-
boldened by the action of waiters in
shore hotels, who have filed an ultimatum
for a 25 per cent wage increase, waitresses
in the Boardwalk Caravan have com-
pleted an organization and have pre-
sented their case to the Hotelmen's
Association.

Files of \$5 a week and upward
the women, like the men, are asking \$40
a month with meals or \$60 monthly
without. They also are requesting
sleeping quarters and the conveniences
of bathing facilities in connection.

ARMY MAN ARRESTED
IN WAR ORDER FRAUDS

Twelve Local Firms Raided,
300,000 Contracts in Seventy
Cities Involved

An army officer has been arrested,
twelve local firms have been raided and
more than 300,000 Government contracts
in seventy cities throughout the country
are under fire in the nationwide war-
order fraud exposed by B. A. Bittan,
head of the Quaker City Raincoat Com-
pany, of this city.

Lieutenant James C. Staley, a Reserve
officer, has been arrested in New York
on a charge of ordering the purchase of
the Truefit Raincoat Company for a
contract he had promised them.

He is said to have made a full con-
fession of the transactions and has given
Federal agents valuable information on
which they expect to make other arrests.

Lieutenant Staley is fifty years old. He
was a member of the Federal Reserve
Board, and was a member of the
Attorneys, business men, and even a
few secretaries to Congressmen are said
to be implicated in the conspiracy.

Many of them were amateurs, the Fed-
eral agents say, and had no pretense
to exert what influence they had with
army officers and Government officials,
for which they were to be compensated
if a contract were given to the firm
with which they had been dealing. These
persons will not be prosecuted, the
agents say.

In the raids made here the Federal
agents confiscated evidence of the con-
tingent fee plan and, forwarded it to
Washington. Besides the twelve raids
conducted in the plants in Fuller-
ton, and Bordentown and Camden,
N. J., were also raided. Local Federal
agents were made as to more raids in
this district.

Evidence gathered in the raids indi-
cates that while in some instances there
was no organized plot, there were other
cases where evidence of a carefully
planned campaign.

Mr. Bittan, whose evidence resulted
in the indictment of four Boston men
for alleged fraud in the purchase of a
war contract, declare the agents would
have made millions of dollars had they
been allowed to continue their contin-
gent fee plan. He said that his local
firms were victims of these men.

Democrats See
Hope of Peace

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carry out the Wilson policies in Penn-
sylvania.

The Palmer-McCormick forces show
a disposition to