LACK OF TEACHERS **BECOMING SERIOUS**

Philadelphia Schools Face Crisis and Hands of Education Board Are Law-Bound

Schools in Philadelphia are facing a real crisis and the problem of filling the ranks of competent teachers is a grave

The Girls' Normal School graduated about 137 students this term, a part of will be teachers next year cer-nevertheless trouble faces the chools in the prospects for next year. Only 100 applications have been sent a so far to the Normal School at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets rospective students. Formerly the ap-

Women are simply looking to othe professions for their livelihood. Many work and the many industries and oc-cupations which the war has placed at

The trouble reduces to the question of salary. Salaries which several years ago were perfectly satisfactory now appear wholly inadequate. A teacher after her years of preparation gets \$500 a year—that is, about \$11.58 a week. The second year she gets \$620. After she has been working ten years she gets \$1000.

At these times a woman can go into various sorts of war work beginning at a salary equal to or greater than tha receives in her third year as a "The salaries must be increased, and

increased enough to make it worth their while to give to a position where the work is well and their opportunities broader," said Eugene Baker, principal of the Girls' Normal School. "But that the Girls' Normal School. "But that a great deal easier to suggest than to

by their feelings, have attacked any one they could think of who might possibly be to blame. No one is to blame. The trouble, to be remedied, must be carried before the Legislature, where the old school code will have to be revised. That code says the Philadelphia school tax shall not exceed six mills.

"Outside of Philadelphia the tax in tion raises by that small tax—and it is only lately that it has raised that tax from five to six milis—it has to pay for the equipment of the schools and for other things besides the teachers. "We have considered cutting down on

-such as stationery and o forth-thinking it was better to have competent and satisfied teacher in a shabby classroom than an unsatisfac-tory teacher in a fine classroom. But that all effort must be centered on winning in the planning of the "unsinkable ship," all its plans being based on scientific deductions from actual experiments. He said it was certain the reset would be little we could save that way was merely a drop in the bucket.
"The Board of Education is as help-

less as we are. The additional amount of money which it raises by increasing the tax to its six-mill limit will enable it to add bonuses to the pay this year. "Here are some points to consider in regard to the Board of Education, which

ments. He said it was certain the ves-sel would be a success and would have all the virtues claimed for it.

upon war, the greater our need for ships, and the more of them we shall build. The more vigorously we fight the believe to be in the fullest sympathy principal part of the buffer cargo and will also be used for fuel in the torpedowith our dilemma: That organization has so much money a year from the taxes; everything must be paid out of that money; and if it borrows more money to meet, for example, such a sitas this, it must pay back principal and interest out of that small yearly income from the six-mill tax.

Resolutions were passed in a meet the other afternoon to carry a plea higher salaries to the Board of Edu-on. The Board of Education has to carry that plea before the State Legis There several problems con-The petition cannot be voted on until the fall; if it is passed, it cannot be acted on until next year. Further-more, the privilege of an appointed Board of Education may be taken away and an elected board be substi-This would be followed by a of political broils. On the other hand, the petition for the revocation of the school code may not be passed at

Mr. Baker was pessimistic about the lieved quickly if a serious crisis is to be avoided.

"So far it looks as if next year the few teachers we have will be second-rate ones, and, for that matter, we'll be glad to take even them. Unless some solution is reached, and reached quickly. next year will be one which will have far-reaching effects on the whole attitude of the children who are the next generation of the American people.

"After a meeting the other evening i newspaper man said to me: You will be accused of lack of patriotism for pressing this question at such a time.' ing this question at such a time. It told him that it was outrageous to suggest such a thing. At this time particularly, when the future good of millons of American children is in the balance, the question is one of the most patriotic

FIRST LIBERTY SING TODAY

National Music Movement to Be Inaugurated Here

Inaugurated Here

The home of the Deciaration of Ingependence will institute the National Liberty Sings, which are backed by the Federal authorities at Washington, and the first "sing" will be held round the Liberty Statue in Penn square at 30 o'clock this afternoon.

A thousand marines from the Philadelphia Navy Yard will march up Broad street singing war songs. They will assemble at the statue for half an hour of stirring music under the direction of Albert N. Hoxie, director of music at League Island. The public is invited to hear the popular war songs of the day.

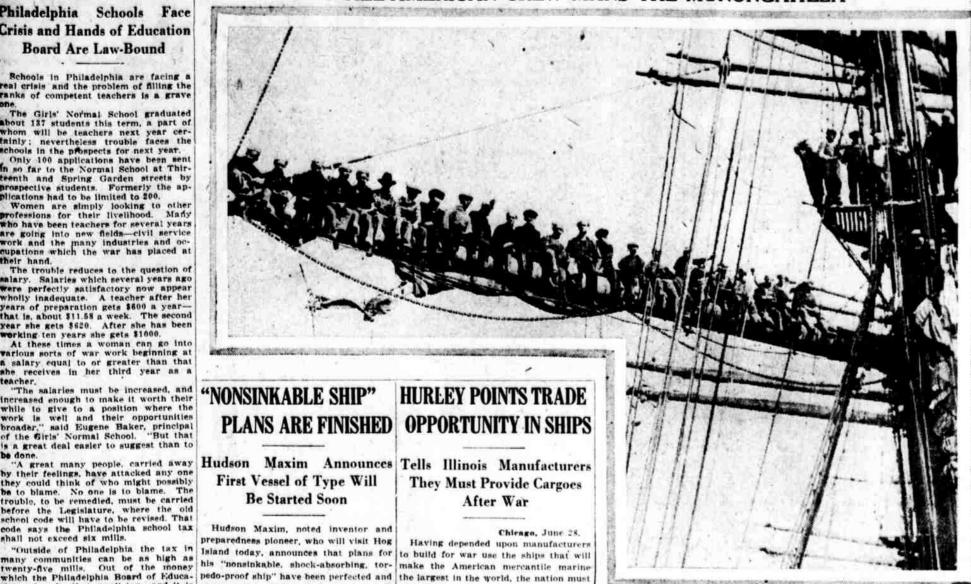
The program today will be under the auspices of the liberty sing commission of the war camp community service, of which Courtenay Baylor is director. The sing in this community will culminate in an immense chorus at Willow Grove Park July 31, when Governonent workers of shipyards, munition plants, factories and stores from all the outlying districts will participate.

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WHAT SHIPWORKERS ARE DOING TO WIN WAR WOMEN VOLUNTEER

ALL-AMERICAN CREW MANS THE MONONGAHELA



Mr. Maxim is going to the Hog Island man of the United States Shipping plant today to familiarize himself with Board, addresing the Illinois Manufac-

the work being done there and to get a fuller realization of the wonderful turers' Association in convention here

Members of the naval consulting board little impatient when we suggest plan-

to the torpedo by operation of a prin-trade and industry in other countries, ciple similar to that which operates in particularly the smaller and younger na-

lencer absorbs and "eats up" the smoke bent upon winning the war, and said lencer absorbs and "eats up" the smoke that the American people may know that

The coal will absorb the gasses and the war, not a hindrance."

war the more tonnage we shall have at

tions, will be a direct help to winning

Mr. Hurley pictured the President bent upon winning the war, and said

when it ends there will be a secure peace, with no repetition of the struggle. The President, he said, is taking part of his time in studying the ship situa-

tion, and approves the present method Incidentally he revealed that the Execu-

are expected to accompany Mr. Maxim ning for peace times. They maintain on his inspection tour.

speed with which the huge plant has today,

Pulverized coal will constitute the

will also be used for fuel in the torpedo-

and vibration of the gun explosion, Mr.

SHIPWORKER ARRESTED

When He Goes for Back Pay

As he was leaving the yard Charles Perry, timekeeper, recognized him and called Captain Fred C. Mumford, of the yard police force, who arrested him. On the way to the station the prisoner balked and declared he would not go any further, but changed his mind after glimpsing one of Mumford's hip-pocket persuaders, Alderman Leary held Minassian under \$200 ball for court.

ACTIVITIES AT SUN YARD

Quoit Champion and Social Lions En-

gage Workers' Attention

Since Bill Kane, president of the Sun Shippard Athletic Association, got to visiting Marcus Hook so frequently, the Sun Company has had to enlarge its

A. W. Ford, of the Sun Company's storehouse, is out for the quoit cham-pionship of the whole Delaware river shipbuilding district.

Boys in the Sun Company's main of-fice noticed, with not a little jealousy, at the recent dance of the office em-ployes that George Simmons monopolized Miss Bertha Smith's program and her company as well.

been completed

This all-American deep-water crew probably is the first to ship for service in the new merchant marine. The Monongahela, which formerly was the German vessel Dalbeck, has left San Francisco on a seven months' voyage, carrying before the mast thirty-six young Americans and the full quota of American officers. The photograph shows the sturdy crew on

This Will Be First, Then One brother

izing this tonnage after the war to deproof ship. It will provide resistance velop our own world trade and develop

Tank Originator Lauds Sun Yard Girl. Also a Briton

Nischon Minassian, an Armenian shipworker, called at the Chester Shipbuilding Company's offices yesterday for his
back pay and was arrested. Several
months ago he is alleged to have struck
his foreman while working in that yard.
A soldier guard arrested him and he was
discharged.

A warrant was sworn out later, but
the police could not find him. Yesterday
it was learned he had been working all
this time at the Sun yard, Chester, under
another name.

As he was leaving the yard Charles

HOG ISLAND LAUNCHING AUG. 4 she decided to stay. For years she lived in Swarthur makes her home in W. ome in Wallingford. A army and is in France.



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TO SAVE BABY LIVES

Ravages

Statistics showing an alarming rise in

inited States with the exception of Pittsburgh; that the death rate here is increasing, and that with the influx of people brought about by the war it is reasonable to suppose even worse condi-

and Charities, has obtained the services of thirty volunteer women workers who will assist in the campaign for prevenon of infant mortality.
With the assistance of these women

districts of the city, looking after food and housing of people in sections to districts of the city, looking after food and housing of people in sections to which they are assigned, and with the assistance of the municipal forces, it is hoped soon to check the passing out of bables and within a short time to greatly hander L. T. Kniskern and Works reduce the death rate in this community.

as welfare workers among the various

The great inrush of war workers and the lack of housing accommodations, which has caused the opening of buildings long idle, is given by the child wel-

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child welfare committee of the State committee of public safety and presi-dent of the Child Federation, attributes the conditions chiefly to that, and be-lieves that the rise of the death rate can be checked only by prompt action on the part of the United States Gov-Alarming Rise in Mortality
Prompts Move to Check

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Prompts Move to Check Charities and health and by an exten-sion of the organization of volunteer inspectors and nurses for baby welfare

Philadelphia's infant death rate and un-favorable comparison of this with other large cities in the matter of child hy-large cities in the matter of child hy-It is in the volunteer work that the large cities in the matter of child hygiene have roused the authorities and actuated women of this city to offer themselves as volunteer workers.

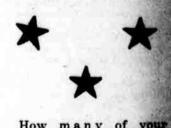
It was shown after an investigation of the statistics of the nation that Phila-every nationality. These files will fur-delphia's death rate among children less nish one means of investigating and arevery section of the city and among Greenleaf, Lytle, Ga. This than a year old last year was higher riving at the root of troubles which than that of any other large city in the are making the small members of houseriving at the root of troubles which

The volunteers are Mrs. Edward Russell Jones, Miss Kathryn Clark, Mrs. J. O. Marshall, Mrs. Joseph D. Wear, Mrs. W. S. Dreyer, Mrs. Mary Reifsnyder, Miss tions will obtain.

To circumvent these conditions Doctor
Krusen, of the Department of Health
Mrs. H. Grey Steele, Mrs. Minnie D.
Boller, Miss Anna Tinney, Mrs. Anna

Foremen Dine in Mold Loft

Shipworker Breaks Ribs in Fall which has caused the opening of buildings long idle, is given by the child welfare committee as one reason for health conditions among the children. Dr. Samuel McC. Hamill, chairman of the at the yard physician, is attending him at the yard hospital.



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Last Contingent of Pi

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425 entrained at the

and Ohio station, Twenty-fo

Chestnut streets at 9 o'clock for

was the last of a quota of 3001

The largest number sent away any one draft district today cam the list of Local Board No. 35, 7

eth and Federal streets, which of uted 160 men. In every instan-departure of the selectives was m

by parades and patriotic demon

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Cross chapters of their respective

Men leaving from the thirty-ninth as fortieth districts were accompanied the depot by officials of the two dra

boards and the Firemen's Band, the route they were showered we flowers by admiring friends and re

men called from eastern Pennsyl

the most recent draft,

supply of tobacco.

tives.

Starts Southward

How many of your friends are in the Class of 1918? In what order will they be called to camp?

This morning's PUBLIC LEDGER tells you. It contains the complete list of Philadelphians registered for military service on June 5 and the order in which they will be called, as determined by the numbers drawn yesterday in Washington.

The full list is given for each local board, so it is an easy matter to find the names of the young men of your neighborhood.

It was published only in this morning's PUBLIC LEDGER.

So much of the news Austria's beating on Piave has come in in form of fragmentary patches that it has I difficult to piece toge a connected account of

whole affair. The dispatch this m ing, however, from Ward Price, PUBL LEDGER correspon at Italian headquar gives a graphic bird's picture of the great as it swings back forth across the flo river. Mr. Price tells the Austrians sough the Italian plainsthey found-and what now be expected them.

What are the B doing? From their quarters in France, Robinson, PUL LEDGER correspo plainly indicates that present lull is mere calm before the store

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Is Nicholas dead? latest report of mer Czar's exe more circumstantial most of those that preceded it. from Geneva, Par sterdam, London a cow, in this PUBLIC LEDG cate the source rumor and its veracity.

Ship a Week

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First launching at Hog Island will be on August 4, one month after the "splash heard round the world" occurs on July 4.

This is the announcement of A. E. Van Bibber, superintendent of the production department, American International Shipbuilding Corporation.

Mr. Van Bibber also announced that there will be a weekly launching from that time forward. The ship to be launched August 4 will be the Red Jacket, a 7500-ton cargo carrier, whose keel was laid February 22.

Launching of the Red Jacket on that date will establish a record in American shipbuilding, 'Mr. Bibber said, He asserted the yard is so far ahead of its schedule that it is with difficulty that needed supplies are obtained, but declared that difficulties of repetition of orders have been overcome.

SWINTON PRAISES TYPIST

Man Who Struck Foreman Nabbed tive is a student of manufacturing costs and that he has kept personal account of the \$100,000,000 emergency fund

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