

BETHLEHEM GETS LARGE U. S. LOAN

War Finance Board to Advance \$20,000,000 to Steel Corporation

FOR PLANT EXPANSION

Improvements Include Plate Mill at Sparrows Point to Aid Ship Work

The war finance board has agreed to advance \$20,000,000 to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for expansion of its plants at Sparrows Point, Md.

In making this announcement officials said the agreement was reached upon the request of J. Leonard Replege, director of steel supply.

Expansions contemplated include a plate mill, and it is probable that this will aid in relieving the steel situation in many shipyards where there is a shortage of supply.

The general question of steel with regard to the advance of general production throughout the country and the shipping of it in proper sequence of fabricated parts of ships, was discussed yesterday by Replege, vice president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, Admiral Bowler, assistant director of shipping and prominent officials of the International Shipbuilding Corporation.

A statement by Admiral Bowler recently in which he made known the fact that work at Hog Island was advanced only half as far as it should be, because of the lack of steel, resulted in an explanation by Mr. Cooney of the distribution of steel orders as they come from the shipyards.

According to Mr. Cooney, the "routing" of a steel order follows a certain order of procedure. It is first received by the Emergency Fleet Corporation from a shipyard and is passed upon by the requirement department, then is sent to Mr. Replege, who distributes the order among steel plants ready to handle it.

Mr. Cooney said the steel supply throughout the country is now more than adequate for the first half of the year. This is due, according to Mr. Cooney, to inadequate transportation facilities. He was optimistic about the future and declared that in a few months the situation will be "well in hand."

He declared he recently made a visit to Hog Island—the first land made in a month—and was surprised at the progress being made.

"It was simply amazing to see the ship on the first day with almost all its plates on and entirely enclosed," he said. "I doubt very much whether anything will be able to hold up progress at Hog Island."

Admiral Bowler made a tour of the big yard on Sunday, and declares he has verified his previous announcement that lack of steel is holding up the situation and is convinced he was right.

The responsibility for the shortage of steel is upon the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, according to Admiral Bowler.

AGAIN HEADS EMERGENCY AID

Shore Organization Re-elects Mrs. Elwood Bartlett

Mrs. Elwood S. Bartlett has been honored with re-election after a year of effective work as president of the Emergency Aid to National Park, 38, J. was forthcoming at the meeting last night of the council of that place. A large crowd was on hand. Among the interested parties were the owners and occupants of the places criticized.

No concrete evidence was produced, either by the constable or the ministers who had originally made charges.

Foundations are indignant at the lack of substantiation of the accusations, while the clergymen are inclined to accuse certain trouble-makers of getting into the question and then losing interest in their charges. The Rev. W. Southwick of the M. E. church protested at being made a "cat's paw" in the affair.

The matter of Sunday baseball was left until next meeting, after a petition had been presented to play ball on Sunday for the benefit of the Red Cross.

FEAR TAX RATE RISE

Springfield Township Will Need Money to Pay Water Charges

Springfield township property owners and taxpayers are confronted with a rise in tax rate if the proposed new rates of the Springfield Water Company, as allowed by the Public Service Commission, are ultimately effective.

Officials of the district, which lies immediately north of this city, say the new conditions are thirteen miles of highways within the township limits on which fire hydrants are placed, and the proposed new rate permits a charge based at the average of \$335 per mile, in addition to the annual rental figure of \$7 for each fire hydrant.

WANT POSTOFFICES UNITED

Consolidation of Elkins Park, Ogontz and Ashbourne Urged

Inspectors from the Philadelphia post-office have been preparing a report as related to the suburban district, in which are located the suburbs of Elkins Park, Ogontz and Ashbourne, with the probable result that consolidation of the three suburban postoffices will be effected.

Philadelphia living in the three towns favor the consolidation, believing that if the business now being handled in these offices could be centralized in one, free delivery will be granted.

SAY WOMAN KILLED MAN

Gets Hearing Today on Charge of Stabbing Companion

Albert See, twenty-nine years old, of Horner's court, near Thirteenth and Vine streets, was stabbed and almost instantly killed during a quarrel with his common-law wife, Alice Seez, according to the police.

The woman was arrested a short time after the murder and a hearing this morning was held for the coroner.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN IN SERVICE-STAR PARADE HONOR MEN IN SERVICE



Thirty-five stars were proudly carried by the youngsters living near Tenth and Huntingdon streets in honor of relations and neighbors who are now in the military service of the United States. This "service-star parade" was unique in the patriotic annals of Philadelphia.

LIGGETT COMMANDS CORPS IN BIG DRIVE

Pennsylvania General Directs Part of U. S. Forces Against Germans

Unless the alignment of the American front in France has been changed recently, units of the newly organized First Army Corps, commanded by Major General Hunter Liggett, are leaving the front of the latest German offensive. The marines who have fought northwest of Chateau-Thierry are part of the Second Division of regulars, one of the two regular organizations which, with four National Guard divisions, make up the corps.

Besides the Second Division, the corps includes the First Division of regulars, Major General Robert L. Bullard, the Forty-second National Guard Division, known as the Rainbow Division, and in command of Major General Charles T. Manchester; the Twenty-sixth Division, made up of guardsmen from the New England States; the Sumner (Forty-first) Division of Guards, from the Pacific coast; and the Thirty-second Division, organized from National Guard regiments from Wisconsin and Michigan, and trained at Camp MacArthur, Tex.

If the concentration of these troops in corps formation was effected prior to the beginning of the Pershing expedition into Mexico, the marines have already shown their ability to whip the Germans, and the flower of the American army is opposed to the German onslaught. The First and Second Divisions are made up of veterans of the Pershing expedition into Mexico, the marines have already shown their ability to whip the Germans, and the flower of the American army is opposed to the German onslaught.

General Liggett, in command of the first corps, has been credited with being the first American officer to prepare our troops for trench warfare. In 1914, while he was stationed on the Texas border, he kept the Fourth Brigade of regular infantry busy burrowing into the sand near Texas City. He is sixty years old, a Pennsylvanian, and was graduated from West Point at the age of twenty-two. He served under General Miles in the Sioux Indian campaign, was in Cuba and the Philippines, and in 1913 was made president of the War College. He is the senior major general on overseas service.

RENT-GOUGE HEARING TODAY

South Philadelphia Realty Man to Be Questioned by Council

Nickola Perrella, head of the Perrella Realty Company, Sixteenth and Moore streets, is scheduled to be the star witness at the rent gouging investigation to be held this afternoon by a special committee of Councils. Perrella is accused of raising rents on an entire block of little houses in South Stanley street.

Mrs. Jennie Russell, 1321 South Stanley street, and fifty of her neighbors will tell how the rents of their homes have been jumped from \$11 last year to \$13 this year, and how the tenants have been served with a notice that they mean to get \$25 a month for the houses before the end of the year.

Evidence already before the committee is to the effect that many of the houses are in bad repair and that already some tenants are being forced to pay \$14 for four-room houses. Nearly all of the fifty women have been served notice to pay or move, and say they have been warned that the entire block will be put out in the street on August 1.

Perrella will be given an opportunity to explain his methods of doing business. Many of his present tenants are families of soldiers and sailors. A petition, signed by forty-five tenants on Carpenter street between Fifth and Sixth, charging their landlord, Charles T. Hallowell, with threatening them with eviction unless they agreed to large increase in rental, has been received by Congressman Darrow.

FIREMEN BEST POISON GAS

Chemical Mixture Boils Over in West Philadelphia Drug Store

Firemen of Engine Company No. 57 successfully went through a barrage of "poison gas" at 2 o'clock this morning when they answered an alarm at 14 South Fifty-second street, and were enveloped in great clouds of dense smoke, heavily laden with a nauseating odor, issuing from the store of the Liggett Drug Company at that address.

A clerk, in closing the store last night, left burning a small gas stove on which a chemical mixture had been boiling. The pot soon boiled over, causing the store to be filled with the odoriferous gas, which attracted the attention of passersby, who sounded an alarm. There was no blaze.

The whole neighborhood this morning smelled much like a western front trench after a German gas wave had passed over.

HITS RENT PROFITEERS

Lewis Bans Coal Removal From Cellars Without Permit

Backing up his recent statement that he would break up rent profiteering in this city, Francis A. Lewis, Philadelphia County fuel administrator, has issued two important coal orders.

Hereafter coal may not be removed from one property to another without a permit. Such permits may be applied for at the bureau of distribution, 1518 Walnut street.

Before purchasing or renting a house the person intending to purchase or rent is advised to learn whether that house will be permitted to receive coal. This information can also be obtained at the bureau of distribution.

BRITISH ARMY OFFICER HERE NOT SURPRISED AT MARINES

Captain W. F. P. Latham Says It Is Not Exceptional That "Devil Dogs" Are Giving Good Account of Themselves in France

"No, I do not believe that Germany's 'final drive,' the captain answered a question. 'The final drive will shake the world with its immensity. I think the Germans were planning a drive for the latter part of the month anyway and it was hastened by our drive in the Balkans.' 'Their fine physique, their excellent discipline and military bearing, their display of soldier-stuff and their grand esprit de corps makes me think the American marines are our own men here and their splendid work reminds us of the Canadian boys in 1915. Only the Canadians had no gas masks.' 'Certainly our American comrade are distinguished themselves as we have expected them to be devoted today. They are holding the line at one of the most important points, Chateau-Thierry, and their splendid work reminds us of the Canadian boys in 1915. Only the Canadians had no gas masks.'

SINGERS SCORE HIT AT CAMP STEWART

First Infantry Through Vocal Efforts, Increases Efficiency, Death Invades Mt. Gretna

By Staff Correspondent Camp Stewart, Mount Gretna, July 16. The "Singing First" is what they call it now. Philadelphia and others in the First Infantry, Pennsylvania, and serve militia, probably are getting more real benefit from the camp than the members of any other organization here, and it is all because they go about their work cheerfully, the officers say.

Lieutenant Colonel William R. and Captain McClay, both of whom are Philadelphia men who had experience in the regular army and the old guard, sponsored the singing in the First. The men took up the idea enthusiastically, and as a result, this unit is able to march earlier and faster than any other in the camp. The evidence of the songs selected is such that the soldiers, naturally swing into it and march with less effort.

Captain McClay's Company B is one of the best units in the regiment, many of the men being former guard members, and every one of the noncommissioned officers being either a former guard or army man, discharged from these services because of age or other honorable reasons.

The first death since the opening of the camp occurred this morning, when James Rhodes, quartermaster sergeant, Company F, Third Infantry, died. He was fifty-six years old and married. His home was in Waynesburg, Greene county, where the body was shipped this afternoon for burial.

Rhodes was ill of diabetes when he reported at camp on Saturday, when he pluckily stuck at his work until last night, when his condition took a sudden turn for the worse. He was taken to the Lebanon hospital in the regimental ambulance, the run of nine miles being made in fifteen minutes. The reached the hospital too late to help him, however.

Private Samuel Key, Philadelphia, a member of Troop A, was kicked while saddling a horse last night. His injuries are not serious.

SENDS "BULLET" TO BAKER

Boy Scout Wants It Used to Shoot a German

Philip Klein, a Boy Scout, 431 Main street, Manayunk, wanted to do his bit. With a letter he sent a "bullet" to Secretary of War Baker to be used in shooting a German. The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Baker: I am a Boy Scout, and as the scoutmaster told us not to shoot anything with powder in it I am sending you a bullet. Send it to France to shoot a Hun." This reply, signed by Ralph A. Hayes, private secretary to Mr. Baker, was sent to young Klein. "The Secretary of War received your letter inclosing the bullet for use in France. While it may not be the proper size for use by the American army, the Secretary will see that your act in sending him this material will contribute to the cause you help."

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Two and Four Wheel Types 1/2 Ton to 7 Tons Capacity BENEVOLENT DISTRIBUTOR JOHN W. ADAMS, Distributor 1427 Melon Street

Galvanized Boat Pumps

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15 PHILADELPHIANS WIN COMMISSIONS

Eight Are Enlisted Men in Marine Corps—Awards at Quantico, Va.

Fifteen more Philadelphians have been awarded commissions in various branches of the service. Eight of them are enlisted men of the United States marine corps, who have been awarded second lieutenantcies at the marine training station at Quantico, Va. Following is the list of these commissions:

National Army

Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, John G. Economou, Belmont, and M. A. Philadelphian, City of Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, William G. Yates, Nicetown, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, M. A. Philadelphian, City of Philadelphia, Pa.

Second Lieutenant Marines

Private Paul S. Borty, former Lewis P. Borty, 243 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, Robert H. Moore, 243 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, John Edward Green, 102 Harrison building, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, Joseph A. Young, brother, Green, 243 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, Joseph John father, Francis M. 243 North Twelfth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, Robert H. Moore, 243 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, John Edward Green, 102 Harrison building, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Lieutenant, permanent and temporary, Joseph A. Young, brother, Green, 243 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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SEEK U. S. ACTION IN HOUSING WAR

Tacony Companies Buying Homes and Ejecting Employees of Others

500 BUILDINGS NEEDED

Government May Step Into Controversy and Build Accommodations

The shortage of homes in the northwestern section of the city and numerous industrial plants are engaged on war contracts, has led to a housing competition in Tacony that may cause the government to step in and order construction of at least 500 houses.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Industrial Housing Bureau of the Department of Labor at Washington and it will take steps to remedy conditions.

John Hilder, a secretary of the Philadelphia commission, said today the trouble was due to the fact that no provision had been made for supplying houses for the new men who were brought to work in industrial plants in the Northwest. The men who went to the shipbuilding plants at Cornwells and Bristol retained their homes in Frankford, he said, and there were not sufficient dwellings to house the men who came to the industrial plants.

At present three big firms and a number of small manufacturers are waging a housing war. Each has an agent or the other of buying houses for its employees and serving notice on the temporary employees of the other plants to vacate.

According to realty experts, at least 500 homes are involved in the transactions, and the outlook for "peace" is hopeless, unless either the government or the municipal authorities intervene.

Henry Disston & Sons, the L. H. Gillmore Company and Gillinder & Sons are the principals conducting the "hostilities."

Two solutions, both from Disston, have been proposed. One is to build barracks for 1000 workers and the other is the construction of homes on a big tract of land three and a half miles from the Disston plant, with a factory line connecting the homes and the workhouses.

Joseph S. Disston, a director of the Disston plant, said the situation is reaching a climax. He explained that the influx of workers from all parts of the country has thrown housing conditions into chaos and radical measures will be needed to provide for the men.

Whitman's Palm Beach Suits advertisement with image of a man in a suit.

Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co. Jewellers and Silversmiths advertisement.

Zimmerman's Sale Men's Oxfords advertisement with image of a shoe.

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Summer Clothes for Summer Comfort advertisement.

Light-Weight Woolens Perry Blue Serges advertisement.

Suits of "Breezewe" Quiet-Color Mohairs advertisement.

White Basket-weave Serges advertisement.

And All at Prices that make them Big Values Today! advertisement.

Sensible Hot-Weather Clothes for Men advertisement.

Palm Beach Suits \$7.50 to \$15 advertisement.

Every one of a Genuine Palm Beach fabric, every one soundly tailored, stylishly cut, and sized; and all of grades and qualities that are costing much more elsewhere than our prices today! advertisement.

"Breezewe" Suits \$10 and \$12 advertisement.

A delightfully cool summer fabric in attractive, desirable shades and patterns. Big values at \$10 and \$12. advertisement.

A Bull's Eye, for sure! advertisement.

Blue Serge Suits \$25 advertisement.

Have had the cloth in our possession over two years—and it's advanced a lot over the price we paid for it. You're the gainer! advertisement.

Suits of Summer Flannel \$18 advertisement.

In Brown, Green and three shades of Gray. advertisement.

Suits of Summer Woolens \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 advertisement.

Cool wool crashes, tropical weight worsteds, light cassimeres and homespun mixtures. advertisement.

Outing Trousers, \$6.50 to \$10 Sports Coats, \$8 to \$12 advertisement.

Perry & Co. "N. B. T." 16th & Chestnut Sts. advertisement.