

# SCHOOLS TO FIGHT TEACHERS' DRAFT

## Officials Roused by Germantown Board's Work-or-Fight Rule

### EXECUTIVES AFFECTED

#### Taking of 900 Men Would Demoralize Educational System, They Declare

School officials of this city are confident that the "work-or-fight" rule applied to male teachers by a Germantown draft board will be set aside.

The Board of Education probably will make a formal protest to Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The Germantown board ruled school teaching a nonessential employment and ordered several teachers of draft age to obtain other essential employment or go into the army.

The extension of the draft age limit to forty years already passed by the House of Representatives, will affect virtually every male teacher and principal in Philadelphia's public schools, as well as several of the higher executives.

Superintendents Affected

The associate superintendents of schools who will be affected are Louis Nusbaum and Theodore L. MacDowell. Four of the nine district superintendents come within the forty-five-year limit, as does Henry J. Gidycz, chief of the bureau of compulsory education. Nearly all of more than 100 male principals also will be hit by the draft.

There are approximately 900 men employed in the city's school system as high executives, district superintendents, high school heads, supervisors, principals and teachers. It will be difficult, school officials say, to replace them with women, because even vacancies caused by the resignations of women are hard to fill.

The "work-or-fight" ruling places the school authorities in a delicate situation, declared Associate Superintendent Nusbaum today. "There is certainly no inclination on the part of any of the officials to shield men from military service. And yet the educational system is of fundamental importance and would be greatly handicapped if our male executives and teachers had to seek other employment."

Sees Blow at Democracy

"Many of those who would be affected by the ruling are democrats. They would be given deferred classification because of dependency and yet would have to give up their school work and obtain other positions regarded as essential. After all, education is one of the fundamental principles of democracy, and a blow at education would be a blow against democracy."

"I would like to learn President Wilson's opinion of the 'work-or-fight' rule as applied to educators."

"May I refer to my own case as an example? I come within the provisions of the new draft measure. In my position here I have charge of all the Liberty Loan campaign work in the schools. We sold more than \$100,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds in the last drive. And yet, that Liberty Loan work would not be regarded as essential under the board's ruling."

William Rowan, a member of the Board of Education, investigating the ruling, found that several boards in the Kensington district upheld the rule that school teaching is non-essential employment. Mr. Rowan immediately communicated with other members of the board and the elementary school committee, of which he is chairman, will discuss the matter September 4, he said today.

Seventy-five graduates of the School of Pedagogy, who were expected to aid in overcoming the shortage, will be lost to the schools under the draft board's ruling, according to Mr. Rowan.

## SIX-ALARM FIRE SWEEPS BUILDING AT SIXTH AND VINE



This building, occupied by four firms, stood at the northeast corner of Sixth and Vine streets. Fire destroyed it this afternoon. One thousand girls, employed in the building, fled to safety.

only about a minute, being forced to descend for air.

Surgeon Revives Firemen

The firemen overcome by smoke were carried a block away where ambulance and police surgeons revived them. Hoseman Cahill, one of those carried away, insisted on hurrying back to the fire. He dived into an alley to evade the policemen, but was caught, brought back to a patrol wagon and taken to a hospital.

Heavy smoke clouds were rolling over Vine street and projecting themselves over Franklin Square as the high-pressure service got into action. The powerful streams battered at the blazing paper and cloth, rendering the smoke denser. Nearly a hundred "park sparrows" loafing in Franklin Square had to leave their benches as the acrid smoke rolled through the park.

A sudden veering of the wind at 4:30 o'clock apparently sent gusts tearing through the second and third floors. The flames that had been spurting from the Vine street side of the building suddenly burst from the Sixth street side as well.

While the fire was at its height the roar of an airplane engine sounded above the din of the fire. Through the smoke clouds an airplane, several thousand feet in the air, flew over the burning structure and circled about in a wide swing.

Sixth street, opposite the Crowman Building, is occupied by rooming houses. Nearly every room in each house contained a family. As the flames leaped over Sixth street, terrified women with screaming children carried out some of their household effects.

The flames punched out dozens of windows on both sides of the building and showered glass on the firemen. About a dozen firemen were cut by glass, but remained at work with bleeding faces and hands.

The Crowman Building formerly was occupied by the Junger Maennerchor. The basement was fitted up as a gymnasium and an upper floor, during the Maennerchor's occupancy, was used for meeting rooms and offices.

## POWER NEED HERE SHOWN BY COOKE

### Hog Island and Other Plants Require More Electricity

Morris L. Cooke, formerly Director of Public Works of Philadelphia, appeared before the House Interstate Commerce Committee at the Capitol today, as the Washington representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and presented an urgent plea for providing additional electric power for the Hog Island shipyard and other shipyards working on Government contracts.

The proposed emergency power bill to provide \$200,000,000 for establishment of new power plants by the Government and assistance to private power concerns, to increase their output, should be passed without delay, Mr. Cooke said, to enable the shipbuilding plants to provide additional power against the prospective demands of 1919-20.

In answer to a question by Congressman Bewell, of Allentown, a member of the committee, Mr. Cooke said that the bill should provide for regulation by the Government of the charges to the consumer in order to avoid discrimination.

The average price charged for electrical power in the Philadelphia district, Mr. Cooke said, is two cents a kilowatt, the price ranging from seven-tenths of a cent charged the P. H. R. of the Pennsylvania Railroad and other big consumers, to seven cents to the small user.

While the Emergency Fleet Corporation has the money and authority to build a big power plant to supply its own needs, it would be far better to have the Government assist the present power companies to extend their plants and increase their power in order to furnish the shipyards, army and navy with all they need than to have each Government branch construct a plant for its own use, Mr. Cooke said.

Philadelphia is one of the weakest points in the country when its power requirements and amount of power production are considered, Mr. Cooke asserted, and Government assistance should be given at once to assist the present power companies to increase their production to the point of furnishing all the power needed.

When asked by Congressman Parker, of New Jersey, whether the Government would use its own power plants in a pinch, Mr. Cooke said:

## WANT OFFICE MEN TO ENLIST

### Chance for Clerks of Draft Age to Enter Military Service

Expert office men and other clerical workers within the draft age and now included among the deferred classes were offered an opportunity today to enter the military service voluntarily for special duty in Washington.

Under a call issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder, an unlimited number of good stenographers, court reporters, and expert file clerks and statisticians of the deferred classes will be accepted for this special service.

Applicants should apply in person tomorrow at Room 490, City Hall, between 5 and 7 o'clock p. m., prepared to establish their standing in the draft and their qualifications for the work required of them. No examinations will be given.

Those accepted will be detailed to duty in the offices of the provost marshal general.

## PROMOTER HELD FOR LIBEL

### Real Estate Man Accused of Defaming Rival

R. F. Hutchinson, real estate promoter, 661 Lincoln Building, was held in \$1000 bail for court by Magistrate Boston today on the charge of sending a libelous letter through the mails.

The letter, written to Frank D. Powers, Philadelphia, Mont., spoke disparagingly of the character of the character of Watson D. Rulon, another real estate dealer in the Lincoln Building, who signed the warrant for Hutchinson's arrest. Rulon declares the letter said he "had proved himself a crook" and advised Powers to "get rid of Rulon."

## ACCUSED AS BOGUS COP

### Police Say Fake Patrolman Broke Captain's Jaw

Posing as a policeman Charles Brooks, 3244 Irving street, today "arrested" a Hog Island workman, the police allege, and then broke his jaw with his fist.

The workman is Alexander Williams, fifty years old, who lives in the barbers at Hog Island. He is now in the Jefferson Hospital. Brooks was held in bail for court.

Motor Crash Victim Dies

George Lippincott, twenty years old, of Paulboro, N. J., died this afternoon at the Cooper Hospital, Camden, as the result of injuries received Sunday, when he was knocked from a taxicab he was driving by another automobile. The driver of the vehicle which struck him has not been found.

## 1000 Girls Escape From Factory Fire

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Started on First Floor

The blaze is believed to have started on the first floor. The flames leaped rapidly through piles of cardboard and finished boxes.

The fire alarm in the building was rung and nearly a thousand young girls ran down the two interior fire escapes. Heavy smoke was pouring into the fire escapes as the employees of Mark & Block reached the ground floor. Several of the young women were made ill by the smoke.

As the first billows of smoke poured into the first floor, a patrolman ran to the fire alarm box at Sixth and Vine streets, but the alarm failed to sound. Another patrolman, Alkinson, of the Eighth District, ran to a box at Vine and Marshall streets and sounded an alarm, while Julius Burke, 2842 Germantown avenue, jumped on the foot-boards of an automobile and hurried to a third box at Eighth and Willow streets. Firemen of the first companies to arrive tried to drag these lines into the building, but were forced back by the heavy smoke. They retreated, gasping to the sidewalk. Platoons of firemen then worked from ladders raised against the structure. Each platoon could work

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## PHILADELPHIAN DIES IN SEAPLANE ACCIDENT

### Quartermaster John J. McVeigh, Merchant's Son, Victim in France

John J. McVeigh, this city, quartermaster of the second class in the United States navy, died August 23 as a result of a seaplane accident in France.

He was the son of James P. McVeigh, merchant, 704 Master street. Before enlisting he was chief probation officer of the Municipal Court. He was twenty-six years old.

McVeigh enlisted in the Department of Naval Aviation in November, 1917. Just two weeks after the death of his mother, for two months he trained at Bay Shore, L. I. and then was sent to France.

Thomas Pentony, an attorney, 2226 Poplar street, a lifelong friend of McVeigh, enlisted with his comrade, and they were detailed together in France. The father is anxiously awaiting a letter from Pentony to give the details of the accident.

Quartermaster McVeigh was graduated from Mount St. Mary's School at Emmettsburg, Md., where he was prominent in football and baseball. Judge Charles Brown refused to accept McVeigh's resignation when the boy gave up his work as probation officer to enlist, and, instead, gave him leave of absence.

"John was the last of my boys," declared the father today. "Of the three one died years ago, and the second was killed in an automobile accident last year. John's two sisters, Miss Martha McVeigh and Mrs. Joseph C. Hutchinson, Jr., survive him."

Quartermaster McVeigh was a member of the Philonian Club and of the Church of the Jesus.

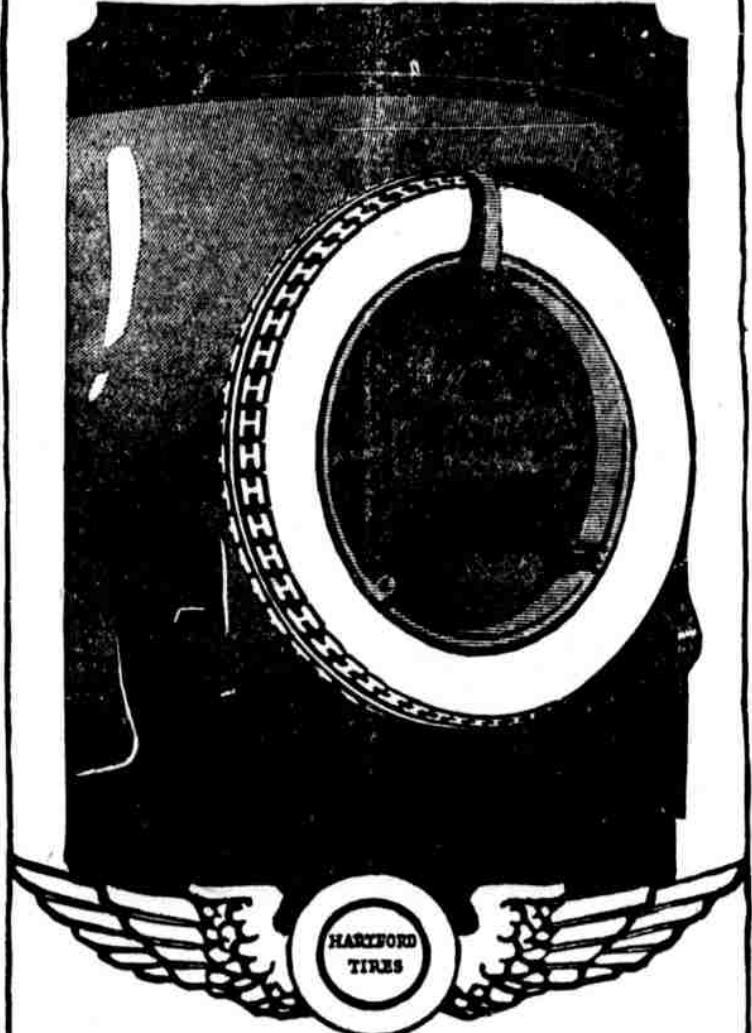
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