

**POWER, TRIGG COUNSELS**  
Regional Adviser Confers With Major MacLaren on Situation Here

**NO OCCASION FOR ALARM**  
Declares War Industries Board Representative Has Authority to Adjust Matters

Ernest T. Trigg, regional adviser in Philadelphia for the war industries board, conferred today with Major Malcolm MacLaren, of the power division of the board, and made this statement to newspaper men:

"Major MacLaren, while not having official authority to adjust and solve the power situation here, has the power to do so through the authority of the priority committee of the board, and he will do so. If people will just conserve power and not get excited or alarmed, everything will be all right. There is no occasion for alarm."

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Business men are manifesting eagerness to have the situation straightened out. They want to know when lighting restrictions will be lifted. They are losing money steadily, they say, and are unwilling to pay for the most excessive of a patriotic necessity.

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Every business, every citizen and every household depending on this service shall have full consideration during this crisis.

capacity will be absolutely necessary for the 1919-20 winter.

"Looking forward, therefore, to its increasing requirements next year, provision for the new facilities should unquestionably be made. Because the companies' usual sources of financing themselves have been shut off by the war, and the Government has refused to lend the necessary assistance to start work on this project as promptly as possible."

"Since completing a plant condition survey of manufacturers having war contracts in this district, and realizing, as a result of the survey, the necessity for some official expert representative of the Government to make such local readjustments of power supply as a result of the survey, I have suggested the appointment of such a representative."

"Last week Major Malcolm MacLaren was assigned to this work, and is now in the city. He will be here to handle the situation through the application of priorities, as designated by the priority committee of the war industries board."

"This should be of great benefit to the local situation and help materially to clear up the situation and make the war effort more satisfactory for every one concerned."

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**ELECTION OVERSEERS, NAMED**  
OF PLUCKFELDER

**Sixth Ward Democrats to Present Petition to Mayor Today**

**DEMOCRATS END STRIFE**  
Bonniwell's Former Foes Cheer as He Denounces Vane as City's Kaiser

A petition signed by Sixth Ward residents, demanding the removal of Lieutenant Harry P. Pluckfelder from command of the Fourth and Race streets station because of alleged political activities, will be presented to Mayor Smith today.

Lieutenant Pluckfelder is accused of using the police of his district to further the candidacy of Walter J. Littleton, Vane leader of the Sixth Ward, who is seeking election to Select Council.

"See me some rainy afternoon and I may talk," was Pluckfelder's comment on the petition.

The petition was prepared by Democratic voters who allege violations of the registration and draft laws by the lieutenant. Two letters outlining the charges against Lieutenant Pluckfelder and the police under him have been sent to Mayor Smith by James M. Dobson, counsel for the Democratic city committee.

**Blasphemy Feared**  
The undersigned citizens of the Sixth Ward, the petition reads, "desire to enter with you a protest against the political activities of Lieutenant Pluckfelder, of the Fourth and Race streets station, who has directed through the ward using his position as lieutenant of police in behalf of Walter J. Littleton, candidate for Select Council."

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**DRUGS SEE CAMDEN FACTORY**  
Majority of 1000 Against License Tuesday. Is Leader's Prediction

**HISTORIES RANSACKED**  
Saloon Men Drag General Grant, Caesar and Even Dante Into Campaign

The forces of decency, righteousness and good government are so solidly behind the prohibition cause in this city that next Tuesday they will win a sweeping victory against the liquor interests. It is the first time in history that Camden voters had an opportunity to register their opposition to the saloon trade. Tuesday they will carry the vote of 1000 to 100 against the saloon trade, for every day we are winning new recruits.

That statement, which epitomizes the feeling of no-license workers in the city across the Delaware River, was made today by Arthur E. Aronson, secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A. in Camden and a prominent figure in the prohibition fight.

The contest conducted by the Anti-Saloon League overshadowed every other issue in the field of Camden politics, and is giving the city a live-wire brand of campaigning that is unique for New Jersey.

Business men, ministers, manufacturers and professional men are waging an active fight against the saloon, and until next Monday night they will flood the homes of voters with anti-booze literature and appeal for a dry city at scores of open-air rallies.

"It is a fight to make Camden a clean city," said Charles M. Leichter, manager of the campaign, "and not a thing will be left undone that will in any way aid our cause. We are conducting a campaign of the men of General Potts drive in France and giving the labor men no time to rest and organize their ideas. They are waiting and making a list stand, but the odds are against them."

**Can Trust Citizens**  
Camden citizens are awake and can be trusted to remove the saloon cell. For two weeks the "dry" element have been fighting, but in the last days of the campaign the "dry" element has delivered some telling speeches against the liquor interests. There are more than 200 of the latter, and they are descended on the polling place and a free-for-all fight occurred. The mob finally was forced back to their ships and the election was held. That did not stop the "dry" element from organizing a bill for a riot act in the assembly.

Essentially, among the candidates for mayor is the election of a "dry" element. The names of the candidates are: William B. Harris, James Morris and John Kinney.

**Wanamaker for Sproul**  
Merchant Says Senator "Keeps Faith" in Pledge of Support

John Wanamaker has endorsed the candidacy of Senator William C. Sproul, Republican candidate for Governor.

Wanamaker wrote a personal letter to Senator Sproul and his friends, expressing his support of him and his friends.

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**NAVY ELECTRICIAN DIES**  
John Tessen, Formerly at Capo May, N. J., Radio Station

**CROWD ATTACKS AN ALLEGED SPY**  
Man Accused of Having Made Anti-American Remarks

A man alleged to be a German operative was attacked early this morning by a crowd of a hundred or more indignant citizens at Fortieth and Market streets.

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