

\$12,750,000 LOAN BILL IN COUNCILS

Measure Allots Millions to Sewer and Highway Work \$550,000 WATER ITEM

Plan to Start Work on Municipal Court Building in Spring

A bill authorizing a loan of \$12,750,000 for public improvements was introduced into Common Council by Joseph P. Gaffney this afternoon, and referred to the Finance Committee.

By this ordinance \$10,275,000 of the proposed loan will be given to the Department of Public Works; \$400,000 of this will go to the Bureau of Streets for new bridges.

An item apportioning \$37,000 to the highway bureau for construction of the Parkway is included in the public works section. This bureau is also to receive \$1,000,000 for maintaining and improving streets.

\$1,000,000 for repaving streets, \$100,000 for repairing country roads, \$800,000 for grading work and \$175,000 for the improvement of sidewalks.

The Bureau of water will get \$30,000 for the improvement of water supply and \$250,000 for extending service and distribution.

The Department of Public Safety is mentioned for several big items. The Police Bureau is to get \$2,000,000 for new uniforms, \$3,000,000 for motor launches, and to share jointly with the Fire Bureau a \$500,000 appropriation for erection and maintenance of police and fire stations.

The Department of Health and Charities is to be provided with \$450,000 for the Children's Hospital and completing the power plant at the Philadelphia General Hospital. Three hundred thousand dollars is to be provided for hospital improvements to the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases.

\$400,000 Asked for Court Building

Work on the proposed Municipal Court Building on the Parkway probably will be started during the coming spring.

A bill providing for an appropriation of \$400,000 for preliminary construction on the proposed structure was introduced by Joseph P. Gaffney and referred to the finance committee.

The bill was introduced at the request of Judge Charles L. Brown, of the Municipal Court. The money for the building is available through the loan of June, 1915. Plans for the building have been made by architect Charles Judson Brown.

Judge Brown will set the contract as soon as he gets authorization to spend the money. The building will be erected on the Parkway, between Twentieth and Twenty-third streets.

Judge Brown also asked for a new item of expenditure in the proposed \$12,000,000 loan. This additional amount is to complete the court building.

A resolution providing that 1918 deficiency bills be paid out of 1919 appropriations was passed by a vote of 100-0.

The following bills will be paid: To Glen Mills Reformatory for support of juveniles, \$14,531; to the Eastern Penitentiary for support of prisoners, \$40,000; and to the Huntingdon Reformatory, \$18,900.

Park Commissioners Meet

Before the session of Council members of the Fairmount Park Commission met to take up the question of changing the name of the Northeast Boulevard to the Roosevelt Boulevard. This proposition has the backing of many Council members and various business and civic organizations of the city.

MEAT PRICES DECLINE

Market Bureau Reports Receipts Moderate, Demand Fair

The following report on the fresh meat trade in Philadelphia is furnished by the local live stock and meat officers of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture:

FRESH BEEF—Receipts, moderate; bulk medium to good; demand fair; price lower on better grades; cows steady; demand fair; muttons, moderate; market steady; demand fair.

PORK—Receipts, moderate; market active at \$12.50; demand fair.

LAMB—Receipts, moderate; market on strictly choice; price 21c; demand fair; market steady at 21c to 22c; demand good.

REMARK LEADS TO TRIAL

Army Officers Hale Reserve Patrolman Before Police Board

"The army isn't running the Police Department," was the remark which led to the trial of a Reserve Patrolman James J. Higgins, in which he was charged with the homicide of a woman named Mary Potts.

BILL BARS ANARCHY'S BANNER

Senate Committee Drafts Measure to Prevent Red Demonstration

Washington, Feb. 20.—Legislation to prohibit the display of flags or other symbols of violence was recommended today by the Senate Judiciary committee.

The committee drafted and ordered favorably reported a measure combining the "red flag" bill of Senator New of Indiana and the daughter of Frank Ferguson, a brewer of Buffalo, N. Y.

The report said that Mrs. Dick spent no part of the income from her estate in the hands of her children.

BRANDLE FUNERAL SATURDAY

Candy Manufacturer Will Be Buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery

The funeral of Henry Brandle, candy manufacturer, will be held from his home, 817 Carpenter's lane, Germantown, on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Brandle was president and treasurer of the Brandle Bros. Candy Company, 2300 North Eighth street.

He was a member of the Manufacturers and Merchants' Association, the Credit Men's Association and the Manufacturers' Association.

TAFT WOULDN'T TRUST LEAGUE'S FOES OVERNIGHT

Denies Contention Constitution Stands in Way of World's Peace

San Francisco, Feb. 20.—The gentleman in the Senate who are setting out to defeat this league of nations are those I would not trust overnight, William Howard Taft said at a luncheon given in his honor by civic organizations as a part of the program of the Pacific Coast Congress of the League to Enforce Peace.

"They are citing the Constitution as an argument against it," continued Mr. Taft. "I revere and worship that great instrument, and it is a new story to me if the constitution prevents this people from playing its part in bringing peace and order and happiness to ourselves and the other peoples of the world."

This is not a political question, God forbid, he said. President Wilson went to Europe, because he went bearing a promise of a league of nations.

"The application of this time of the League of Nations is not a political question, it is a question of the world peace for 100 years. The question at this time is whether the whole great plan of the league of nations is to be defeated because we can't get a two-thirds majority of our senate for its ratification."

U. S. TO GET LINER IMPERATOR

Giant Ship Among 8 German Vessels Allocated to This Country

Washington, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—Definite information reached the War Department today that eight German vessels, including the liner Imperator, had been allocated to the United States for transporting troops from France.

The Imperator is a German liner, which has been inspected and examining boards reported they were ready for immediate service. They will be ready to sail from New York in May, 1919.

The closing of the stations, following on numerous other impositions on the traveling public, has all the earmarks of a deliberate attempt to discredit the national administration of the railroads, and this association believes an inquiry by the congressional committee investigating the subject of railroad administration will develop the fact that a large number of the changes made by the national railroad administration were promoted by the old railroad management, which has never ceased to control the service in its departments.

Our association is prepared to submit a report to the committee on the subject of changes calculated to win public approval has been made by the railroads to the national railroad administration. It has been of a nature that has further angered the traveling public and led to the closing of the stations. We therefore demand that an investigation be made as to the source of these unpopular changes.

SHARPLES MUST PAY \$8000

Jury Gives Verdict in Dr. Kane's Libel Suit

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 20.—By a verdict of a jury here this forenoon, Philip M. Sharples, million-revenue owner of the Sharple's Separator Company, will pay to Dr. Kay Kane, Democratic county chairman, the sum of \$8,000 as damages for libelous articles published in the West Chester News and Courier, which attacked Dr. Kane personally and officially in connection with his work as a health officer.

TWO BURGLARIES IN OGONTZ

Summer Homes of Philadelphians Robbed in Their Absence

Cheltenham police are trying to establish the amount and value of prominent Philadelphians who have summer homes in the Ogontz section of the city.

The verdict was rendered in the presence of an audience that crowded the courtroom to see the trial.

OPERATE FOR OLD INJURY

Charles Randolph Wood Able to Leave Hospital

After undergoing an operation for a long time on the Princeton University team, Charles Randolph Wood, a prominent clubman of Richmond, N. J., has been discharged from the hospital.

NEW JUDGES DINED

McNichol and Bartlett, of Municipal Court, Guests

Judge Charles E. Bartlett and Justice Thomas F. McNichol were guests of honor at a banquet given last night by prominent lawyers and jurists to celebrate the elevation of the two judges to the bench of the Municipal Court.

LECTURE BY ROBT. VONNOH

Instructor-Artist Gives Gallery Talk at Academy

ALLEGED ILLICIT STILL RAIDED IN CITY



An alleged moonshine still at 1221 North Third street was raided by revenue agents. All the paraphernalia necessary for the manufacture of whiskey was found on the premises, the United States agents say. It was confiscated and taken to the Front and Master streets police station.

JERSEY COMMUTERS ANGRY AT P. R. R.

Almost All Stations South of Trenton Close at Seven o'Clock

With a few exceptions, stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad south of Trenton, N. J., New Jersey, beginning tomorrow will be closed about 7 p. m., and passengers must wait for trains on the platforms and buy tickets on the trains. Since the war nearly all the night station agents have been women, and these have all been discharged.

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7 WOUNDED HEROES FROM HERE RETURN

Seven Philadelphia heroes, three of them "devil dogs" and four, came to the transport Pocahontas at Newport News, Va. They were among 299 marines and 2500 other troops from France.

The casualties are Patrick Dougherty, 1665 North Fifty-sixth street, Headquarters Company, Sixty-second Coast Artillery; First Lieutenant Henry C. Cheney, 450 North Walnut street; William F. Wells, 1210 North Hutchinson street, and Clinton H. Maher, 5236 Walnut street.

ALLEGED ILLICIT DISTILLERS HELD

Three Caught by Revenue Raiders Must Stand Trial as Moonshiners

Three alleged moonshiners were held in \$1000 bail each this afternoon by United States Commissioner Manley, in the Federal Building. A fourth man arrested was discharged.

The alleged owner of the still, Kuka Krachum, together with Duncan Fordow, George Maroniski and William Tonick, who were found in the building were arrested. The latter was released.

The reason given for this change is to offset economies. In an appeal to the United States Senators and Representatives from New Jersey the South Jersey Commuters' Association says:

"The closing of the stations, following on numerous other impositions on the traveling public, has all the earmarks of a deliberate attempt to discredit the national administration of the railroads, and this association believes an inquiry by the congressional committee investigating the subject of railroad administration will develop the fact that a large number of the changes made by the national railroad administration were promoted by the old railroad management, which has never ceased to control the service in its departments.

WILSON WILL LAND MONDAY

Radio From Steamship Says Vessel Will Arrive at Boston 1 P. M.

Boston, Feb. 20.—The steamship George Washington, on which President and Mrs. Wilson are returning, will arrive at Boston Monday afternoon, according to a radio message from the vessel received at the Naval District headquarters today.

The steamship will anchor in Fresh Bay at the lower harbor, and the President and party will be transferred to the coast guard cutter Osage, in which they will be brought to this city. The George Washington then will return to the New York harbor.

The general method followed in this test shooting is as follows: The gun is aimed at a certain field at a particular distance away. In the field are men protected by a barrier of iron plates, and a diagram of the hits. They go out and dig up the shells which are imbedded in the ground. This is a very dangerous part of the work. The men are called retrievers.

FAVOR PARDONS FOR SIX

Board, However, Does Not Approve of General Jail Delivery

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—The new State Board of Pardons, headed by Lieutenant Governor Biddleman as chairman, who has gone on record as saying the board while he is on it would not countenance any general jail deliveries, has recommended pardons or commutation of death sentences in six cases and it refused to grant applications for pardons.

The board recommended a pardon for Ada Bayard, of Philadelphia, serving three to five years for manslaughter. The board also recommended a pardon for Harry J. Jenkins, of Philadelphia, counsel for Preston Yates, Philadelphia, serving from five to eight years for burglary, made a plea that did not refuse to grant applications for pardons.

JOINT TRANSIT RATES

Bill Links P. R. T. and City's Proposed High Speed Lines

Provisions for linking the city's projected high-speed lines with the lines of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit by the establishment of joint rates of fare are included in a bill to be sent to Senate for introduction in the Legislature.

Edward A. Noppel, president of the United Business Men's Association, is the sponsor for the new measure. The Public Service Commission shall be given authority to order the establishment of joint rates between the municipally built lines and existing street car and trolley lines.

PLAN SOLDIER-SAILOR "Y"

Campaign for \$200,000 Memorial Building Under Way

Chambersburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—J. B. Chambersburg, president of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Association, announced today that the campaign for the \$200,000 memorial building for soldiers and sailors memorial "Y" plans to be opened here on Monday.

The Rev. Harold S. Laird, newly elected pastor of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1435 Third street and Lansdowne avenue, will be publicly installed this evening. Doctor Laird comes from Bethlehem, Pa., where he was pastor for six years.

ENGINEERS SEE BIG GUNS WORK

Philadelphians Guests of Government at Aberdeen, Md.

PUT COTTON IN EARS NEXT SESSION WILL ACT

Great Achievements of War Shown to Visitors at Proving Grounds

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Feb. 20.—With cotton stuffed in their ears and airplanes and observation balloons overhead, members of the Philadelphia Engineers' Club today saw some of the greatest achievements of the ordnance department under the impetus of war's extreme demands.

The plugging of their ears with cotton permitted the guests to stand quiet at the time of firing the larger guns, and they could observe the results of the shooting. In the case of the biggest cannon the shells could plainly be seen as they sped on their way through the sky.

In what is perhaps the largest general demonstration before the gradual curtailment of the activities at this proving ground nearly every type of gun and ammunition employed by the United States Army was tested for the benefit of the visitors.

The government has its largest proving ground here. Achievements in American ordnance development were revealed which will rank our own experts on a par with the most experienced ordnance specialists of Europe. There were several types of guns of various size and of the most modern technical improvement.

Among the tests which were especially impressive was that of the two forty-five caliber medium howitzer, the most modern and high-powered howitzer which the war has brought out. It is the most difficult piece of artillery this country constructed during the war. It throws a 350-pound projectile an expected range of 17,000 yards, compared to a similar British range of 10,000 or 12,000 yards.

Another was an eight-inch howitzer of British design built solely in the Middle West. It was used by our coastal artillery from France. It weighs ten tons and has a range of 10,500 yards. Its projectile could be plainly seen.

A three-inch antiaircraft gun fired ten shots in twenty-nine seconds. Three contrasting types of the famous seventy-five were demonstrated. These were the French, British and American designs. The range of the American gun exceeded the French by 250 yards. The projectile traveled in a range of about 10,000 yards.

Several high-powered rifles were shown also. The hundred and fifty-five howitzer revealed the most powerful range of nineteen thousand yards. It is used as a weapon to counter-attack other batteries and the enemy's line of communication. It is not used against personnel.

Many other interesting tests were shown. The guests enjoyed luncheon in the large mess hall, which was filled to its full capacity of six hundred. Immediately afterward they continued their tour.

Special interest was taken in the fuse tests. The fuse is used to cause the shrapnel to function at a certain distance from the muzzle of the gun. One fuse was tested which acted in fifty feet from the muzzle. In actual combat this would result in the bursting of the shrapnel at that distance. It is employed to repel an enemy about to attack a caisson or other target.

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The details of the demonstration were explained to the engineers by the general officers. The program was divided into four parts. In the main proving battery there were tests of ammunition and tests of the mechanism of the guns. The following are some of the tests: Seventy-five millimeter model eighteen ninety-seven French, seventy-five millimeter model nineteen sixteen American, seventy-five millimeter model nineteen seven British, four point seven gun model nineteen eight six one fifty-five millimeter howitzer, forty-five millimeter gun, eight-inch model twenty-two millimeter, six-inch model twenty-two millimeter.

Secretary Daniels Wants Guilty Officers Adequately Punished

Washington, Feb. 20.—(By A. P.)—All parts bearing on military discipline in the Philippines, under the name of military discipline, were given and accepted by the military officials. The arrangements, on the behalf of the club, were made by Louis H. Kenny.

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In the tank field class on S. P. eight-inch model twenty-two millimeter, six-inch model twenty-two millimeter, six-inch model twenty-two millimeter, six-inch model twenty-two millimeter.

In the railway artillery range group were the fourteen-inch model 112, twelve-inch sliding mount and twelve-inch mortar, eight-inch railway mount, seven-inch railway mount.

In the trench warfare range group were the three-inch Stokes mortar, four-inch Stokes mortar, three-inch Stokes mortar, three-inch Stokes mortar.

The Rev. E. Yates Hill, moderator of the evening, said that the evening was a very successful one.

Pastor Installed Tonight

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Warren A. Evoms Dead

Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 20.—Warren A. Evoms, 65 years old, died this morning at his home in Lebanon.

CONGRESS DROPS RAILROAD ISSUE

Senate Committee Suspends Inquiries Into Problems of Administration

NEITHER U. S. OWNERSHIP NOR CONTROL UNTIL 1924 DUE FOR APPROVAL

Washington, Feb. 20.—Congress will attempt no legislative solution of railroad problems until the next regular session, members of the Senate Interstate Commerce committee said today.

Chairman Smith announced that the committee might hear other witnesses, but that none was expected. He said no action was contemplated on the bill before the committee until 1924 to prevent relinquishment of the roads before Congress acts.

The House Interstate Commerce committee held hearings on the proposed legislation this session and does not plan to do so before December.

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NEARING ACQUITTED OF SEDITION CHARGE

Socialist Organization, However, Is Convicted on Two Counts

New York, Feb. 20.—Scott Nearing, one-time professor in the University of Pennsylvania and Toledo University, a Socialist candidate in this city in the last congressional campaign, was acquitted of seditious writings by a Federal jury here yesterday.

The American Socialist Society, co-defendant, was found guilty on both counts in the indictment. The jury was given the case at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon and returned its verdict after deliberating approximately twenty-nine hours.

The indictments were based on publications by the Rand Book Store, operated by the American Socialist Society, of Nearing's pamphlet, "The Great Madness," in which he discussed military matters.

The two counts on which the society was convicted charged the society and Nearing individually with having attempted to cause insubordination and refusal to perform duty in the army and navy, and with having attempted to interfere with enlistment in the army.

The other counts charging Nearing and the society with conspiracy in the publication of the pamphlet, had been dropped before the case was given to the jury.

Improved Train Service SCHUYLKILL DIVISION

Effective February 23

LEAVE BROAD STREET STATION 10:50 A. M. week-days, extended to 10:50 A. M. Saturdays only. New train to Reading.

4:10 P. M. week-days, express leave Philadelphia 11:30 A. M. Potomac 7:10 P. M. Potomac 7:10 P. M.

8:09 P. M. week-days, extended to arrive Potomac 11:30 P. M.

10:30 P. M. week-days, new local train to Narrowsburg, arrive Reading 1:07 A. M.

ARRIVE BROAD STREET STATION 9:58 A. M. week-days, new express arrive Potomac 6:00 A. M.

1:55 P. M. week-days, leaving Reading to Philadelphia, arriving at Broad Street 5:40 P. M.

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