

MAYOR SNUBS DWYER ON DRAFT ACCUSATION

Merely Says Dwyer's Book Charging "Pull" in Exemptions "Beneath Notice"

MAY TALK WHEN BETTER

"The statement isn't worthy of a reply."

This was the comment today of Mayor Smith regarding criticisms made by John P. Dwyer, secretary of local draft board No. 2, in a history of the selective service law in Philadelphia.

In this volume, which tells of the obstacles confronting the draft boards, Mr. Dwyer said the Mayor did not suggest him (Dwyer) with a view of aiding in the draft work.

"His idea, as stated by himself," wrote Mr. Dwyer, "was that he had the power to designate men for the service, and that those whom he designated dare not refuse. He gave as his reason for my selection that he desired to snub me."

Mayor Scorns to Reply
Mayor Smith, who is ill at his home in Glenside, made this reply to Mr. Dwyer:

"I would not dignify such a statement by comment. I may have something to say when I am able to get about."

Mr. Dwyer also asserts in his book that wealthy men gave the draft board more trouble by trying to save their chauffeurs and other servants exempted than parents of drafted men.

The book also contains criticism of former Governor Brumbaugh, and United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane for their alleged "lack of enthusiasm."

Writes of Incidents

In part Mr. Dwyer writes concerning the Mayor:

"He seems to have had the impression it was going to be a disagreeable job, and desiring to use a power he thought he had, to give me a few unpleasant moments, he proceeded on that line. As he is a man of few ideas, this was likely to be the one that came closer to me than any that came from within. There have been a number of unpleasant moments during the last two years. It is some satisfaction that all of them have not been mine."

Of the efforts of politicians and policemen to influence members of the local board, he says:

"One of the most active spirits in the effort with the other members of our board was one of the professing reformers of our neighborhood, who, unlike two policemen of the district, who sought to influence us in several cases where they used the method of pulling the strings was unsuccessfully employed, failed to realize he was dealing with men who, having taken an oath to perform a public service, regarded the obligation seriously."

Fling at Kane

Taking a fling at United States Attorney Kane, he writes: "As a result of the fight we made to deal justly and protect the interests of the government as well as the rights of every registrant in our district, Federal Grand Jury, upon evidence supplied by us, indicted the members of District Board No. 2, indicted them against the personal plea of the United States attorney, who finally saved them from trial by refusing to permit their cases to go before a jury. The district board finally was dismissed from office by the President of the United States."

"During this period of trial we were not only subjected to indignities by registrants and their relatives, but were constantly under investigation by agents of the Department of Justice and the American Protective League."

"We managed to relieve the strain at times by almost convincing the agent of the Department of Justice or the amateur sleuth of the American Protective League they had caught us in the act of pretending to be unwilling to exhibit the questionnaire of the registrants they were sure had been kept out of the army contrary to regulations."

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SOLDIER MEETS BABY BOY

Cresswell Barrett, Jr., Wounded, Sees Child for First Time

William Cresswell Barrett, Jr., of Perkasie, Bucks county, is a happy little lad since the return of his soldier "daddy" from overseas several weeks ago. To the father the little chap was a stranger, as "daddy" had been overseas several months when William was born.

William's father was a member of Company A, 100th Infantry, and was severely wounded. The mother was Miss Esther Trumbore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trumbore, of Perkasie. The couple first met when early in the war the soldier warrior was a guard at the Reading Railway tunnel at Perkasie. His home is in Bristol

ENEMY ALWAYS RAN, SAYS LIEUTENANT

Sound Reason Given by Carl H. Trik, of Queen Lane, for Lone Casualty

HOME WITH PART OF 332D

Lieutenant Carl H. Trik, 502 Queen Lane, Germantown, arrived in New York aboard the Duca d'Aosta yesterday with part of the 332d Infantry, made up of drafted men from Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

The regiment had a unique record he said, only one casualty having resulted during more than a month of service along the Italian front, chiefly because "the enemy always ran."

The 332d Infantry got the first baptism of fire on October 1, when it was brigaded with the Thirty-seventh Italian Division, Duca d'Aosta's army, and on October 6 was assigned to the Tenth Army, under General Lord Caven, which was composed of three British divisions, two Italian and the American regiment.

"We didn't see much fighting," Lieutenant Trik said today, "for the most of the time we were chasing the Austrians. The only time that the enemy offered any resistance was when we reached the Tagliamento River, the day before the armistice went into effect. The only reason why they attempted to hold that line that I can give is they realized the end was near and they hoped to retain as much land as possible."

"During the engagement, which only lasted fifteen minutes, we lost one man killed and three wounded, but we forced a crossing and by the next afternoon, November 4, at 6 o'clock, we had advanced a considerable distance. The Italian cavalry, which always moved so rapidly that we never were able to

maintain communications, was thirty miles beyond us.

"We took about 10,000 prisoners while at the front. Few of them resisted capture. They were an ill-fed, poorly clad lot of disgruntled men. They were glad to be free of the yoke of the Austrian chiefs and didn't hesitate to make the fact known."

The lieutenant said that the 332d had done a good deal toward giving the Italians confidence in the Americans, and when the war ended they were all prepared to shower them with laurels. The regiment paraded through the streets of Genoa before an admiring throng and after the march they were presented with a flag of the city and a gold medal. They carry numerous other trophies that were given them by the people.

\$81,300 ESTATE TO CHURCH

Catholic Institutions Benefit by Will of John D. Ward

The bulk of an \$81,300 estate is left to Catholic institutions by the will of John D. Ward, who died March 24 in St. Agnes's Hospital. Mr. Ward lived at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The will bequeaths the sum of \$13,000 for the celebration of masses for himself and members of his family. Mr. Ward's personal effects are left to Margaret J. Haggertz and the instrument provides that the remainder of the estate is to be given in equal shares, to the Misericordia Hospital, this city, and the Catholic University, at Washington.

Other wills probated today were: Walter W. Carlie, who died in Luxembourg, \$12,000 to relatives; Mary P. Donnan, 929 Clifton street, \$10,200 to relatives; John P. Robinson, 916 North Twentieth street, \$6800 to relatives.

Appraisals of estates made today follow: Charles A. Brinlay, \$142,601.34; George B. Jenks, \$29,019.48; Mary P. Mendenhall, \$17,316.38.

DEATH TAKES AGED WIFE

Mrs. Eliza J. Fry Leaves Partner of 63 Years and 7 Children

Mrs. Eliza J. Fry, wife of the Rev. Jacob Fry, of Mount Airy, who died on Saturday at the age of eighty-six years, will be buried tomorrow in Reading, Pa. Funeral services will be held at the Fry home on the grounds of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mount Airy, at 10:30 a. m.

Dr. and Mrs. Fry were of the same age and were married sixty-three years ago. Doctor Fry is still active at the Lutheran Seminary as professor of homiletics and pastoral theology and as pastor of the Seminary Memorial Church.

Mrs. Fry was born in Gettysburg,

Pa. During the Civil War she and her husband lived in Carlisle, Pa.

She is survived by her husband and seven children, two sons being ministers. They are the Rev. Charles A. Fry, Philadelphia, and the Rev. Frank F. Fry, Rochester, N. Y. The daughters are Mrs. Philip S. Zieher, Reading; Mrs. William Beuhow, Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mary, Kate and Jenny Fry, who are living at home.

TALK OF WAR DEEDS

Alumni of C. M. T. S., '96 Includes General Briggs

The war record of the class of '96, Central Manual Training School, was the principal subject of discussion at the reunion dinner, the first in seventeen years, last night at the Adelphi. Among the members of the class who served with the armed forces are Brigadier General Raymond W. Briggs, who, after service abroad, is now in command of Camp Knox; Captain Dudley Saul, formerly attached to Base Hospital 48, now at Camp Dix, and Frank Strong, now a division engineer for the Southern Pacific Railway, who lost a leg in the fighting.

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