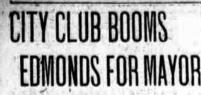
# EVENING. PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1919



**Testimonial Dinner to Lawyer** and Y. M. C. A. Worker Urges Him as Candidate

PLANS FOR LEDGER BUILDING A boom for Franklin Spencer Ed-monds as 'the reform caudidate for mayor was launched by Albert E. Turner, a director of the City Business Club, at a dinner given in Mr. Edmonds's bonor at the club light night.

Following an address 17 Mr. Edmonds, just returned from France, where he had been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, Mr. Turner, who presided, exwork, Mr. Turner, who presided, ex-pressed the wish that Mr. Edmonds might be a candidate. His words were beared and senduded by the 200 mm cheered and applauded by the 300 men and women present. Homer Rodeheaver, song leader for Billy Sunday, also caused an outburst of enthusiasm when he announced that he and Billy Sunday would come to Philadelphia to aid Mr. Edmonds's campaign.

Plans for the construction of the new Public Ledger Building were ex-plained to the diners by Cyrus H. K. Curtis. After giving an idea of the new building project, Mr. Curtis said :

"In the auditorium it has been planned to have the largest, latest and best organ in the world. The idea is to give entertainments to the masses of people who get nowhere near the Academy of Music.

The idea is to have a program suited to the masses, helpful and uplifting in every way; to give spring and autumn musical festivals, Christmas oratorios and organ recitals every day and ou Sunday.

"I want to try out the experiment that has been tried in Portland, Me.. where in the city hall they have one of the finest organs. The idea was that the city should give so-called sacred concerts there, admission free.

## Let People Participate

"But I advised them not to do that, 'Call it a song service,' I said, 'and give the people a part; give them something to do.' "'What would you advise?' they

asked me, and I said, "Give them at least three well-known hymns so that they can take part in it."

"I then suggested that a minister de liver a ten-minute talk and then to ge on with the organ recital and the regular program. The thought behind this was to forestall criticism some kind of people might make.

"This has been done now for five years and the place has been crowded bour before time each Sunday. Th ball has a seating capacity of 4000. and an average of 2000 are turned away each week. The municipal or-ganizers have told me that the foreign-born have learned and begun to love the

born have learned and begun to love the American bymus." Mr. Edmonds, after describing the Y. M. C. A. leave areas, in whose or-ganization, both in France and in Ger-many, he took a major part, answered criticism directed against the "Y." In a general talk toward the close of his discourse he came out as a strong sup-porter of charter revision for Philadel-phin and as a stanch advocate of Sun. phia and as a stanch advocate of Sun-day recreation and music.

### A Philadelphia Enterprise

are now Tartarians. Chapmans and Burbanks, all from the extensive or- finest in the world is brought right-A Philadelphia Enterprise "The leave areas." said Mr. Ed. monds. "were largely a Philadelphin enterprise. Such men as Colonel John C. Greome, J. Franklin McFadden, for-merly captoin of the First City Troop, and John K. Mitchell, who was in hand, then neatly packed by girls were the officers' leave bureau at

LAIRD SUGGESTS The 'Y' has made mistakes, and avoidable mistakes, too. "Now, some of the criticism comes from the fairest man on earth — the American doughboy. If he tells you has been his own experience, believe

'Y' has done," he said, "is foolish.

ACTION NEXT THURSDAY the increased street traffic resulting from

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**Approves Charter Revision** 

clared necessary by Dr. Warren P. In connection with charter revision. Laird, architectural adviser of the Mr. Edmonds declared it was one of the best pieces of news he had heard upon his return to Philadelphia. Laird, architectural adviser of the result of the pennsylvania and New Jersey Delaware discharged at an outside point conve-niently related to the central business-

his return to Philadelphia, "In these days of reconstruction." he said, "it is indeed heartening to have a bright outlook for better government. Anything that will cut waste and add after a further meeting of the Penn-Governor Sproul and the Legislature in Mayor

The architect's ideas about the bridge were discussed by the commission yes-"I have no sympathy for the men "I have no sympathy for the men who desire to close the parks to whole-some recreation for the masses on Sun-days," he said. "The puritanical con-science has proven itself to be one of the greatest assets of the doughboy in the war: but this puritanical con-science should be applied to self and not to others; reform must be sub-identical con-science should be applied to self and not to others; reform must be subterday and it was considered that his ideas would form the basis of any plan delphia terminal of the bridge be a present zone of street congestion, which he says extends between Walnut and

jective, not objective. "In France and also in Germany we found large, beautiful recreation halls teenth. He suggests the advisability of for the masses. The time has now come in the United States when the saloon has passed out of the life of the people and should be substituted by people's streets.

#### Plan as Suggested

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Deborah Degart

K EEPING good natured and cheerful is not easy, but it would be were there always a

A traffic plaza, which would distribute

the Philadelphia-Camden bridge, is de-

clubs." Mr. Edmonds afterward said that he "A great consideration in locating had learned that the new PUBLIC LEDGER building was to be the realiza-tion of just such an idea. Mr. Curtis was then called upon by Mr. Tarner to outline the project. An area of distribution was then called upon by Mr. Tarner to outline the project. Mr. Edmonds was introduced by Ed-ward Bok, who said that the most im-portant noucorbatant work in the war bad been done by three Philadelphians --Brigadier General Atterbury, Colonet John C. Groome and Mr. Edmonds.

who so cheerfully and gallantly undertook our defense. The heart of Chestnut street is stirred to its depth with gratitude for the sacrifices

made; and though outward signs of appreciation may be few, in each and every one of the Chestnut Street Shops the "boys" will find a cor-

dial welcome awaiting them. After all the grimness of the past year,

how much they will enjoy the many new and beautiful articles dis-played, and how proud they will be to see that these shops keep not only abreast but ahead of those of "Gay Paree"!

R. Hallowell & Son's, Broad street pleasant distraction at home from below Chestnut, and being more which to draw fresh inspiration.

plentiful are becoming less expen-sive. Instead of one variety there porser, a diversion equally enjoy-

Would Relieve Congestion

the bridge. This traffic plaza thus gestion of the central business district. serves to prevent that congestion at This would require a position either bridge terminals which otherwise, with north of Arch street or south of Wal- Recruiting Stations Opened in the growth of traffic to the maximum capacity of the bridge and tributary thoroughfares, would become an intol. fic by ferry, both of vehicles and pedeserable evil, without adequate remedy. trians, measured by arrivals and de-"A further and supremely important partures on the Philadelphia side of

bood of the Delaware river. Within

ume of traffic which should not be directed into this congested region.

district

it has been his own experience, believe him. If he has it 'second hand.' take what he says with a pinch of sait. "But the truth is that if the sum total is conned the Y. M. C. A. ren-dered a retable service to the A. E. F. The 'Y' had a bigger job than is ap-preciated over here. If its record is not as big as that of other organiza-tions, it was because the 'Y' was every-where. consideration is that of preserving a the river, is much heavier at South parts of the country. Donaldson.

hood of the Delaware river. Within this area the congestion of traffic is a great and steadily growing problem, and city the terminal is near the subway velopment of this section. The pro-posed bridge will gather up and carry to and from Philadelphia a hard carry routing system. Thus it would be pos- cantonment. This is generally the consible to extend either subway or survincing argument

face lines from Philadelphia or surface lines from Camden to a loop terminal on duty in the United States and are And in any case a taught the aviation trade, so that ou in the other city. bridge shuttle trolley can be carried their discharge from the service they between loop terminals at either bridge are capable of filling highly paid meend. These loops may be arranged chanical positions. Those who enlist either on the surface or below it, as the for the full term of three years are

BOOST AIR SERVICE

"The Philadelphia terminal should nature of the traffic plaza may indicate given preference for duty in the Phil-so located as to relieve the con- or the transportation system require." ippines, Cuba and the Canal Zone.



# Ship after ship is returning to our shores, bringing back the heroes







swamp, mice and rats.

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charge of the officers' leave bureau at wearing gloves, in standard size and re-created the elusive soul of charge of the officers' leave bureau at Paris, were chiefly instrumental in their establishment and development. "More than 500,000 men will have received leave by July 1, when the areas will be closed. To form an idea of what these huge recreation centers with their finely equipped casinos meant to the doughbors, you must bear in mind that to the soldier devastated France was nothing but mud, mush, swamp, mice and rats.

ing to possess.

PPARENTLY, in spite of mod-Answers Y. M. C. A. Critics After describing the leave areas on the Rhine and the soldiers' recreation of Y. M. C. A. criticism. "The man who defends everything the RADUATION Gifts! The time

they have plenty of helpful sugges-tions to make. "Pinkie," or little some of the loveliest rugs at Pritz of they have plenty of helpful sugges-La Rue, 1124 Chestnut street, such tions to make. "Pinkie," or little as the Pilgrim, Palatine and Log Cabin Rugs, are machine made, but graduate are au fait. Generally they what suggested the quaint designs are circlet rings of platinum, set with and color harmonies, the borders of diamonds, but the marquise rings and color harmonies, the borders of dainty flowers, leaves or stripes? Great-grandmother's sampler, of course. And the charming hand-crocheted rugs of basket weave, made by Marion Scott Key, descend-or tor the immortal Francis; or the or semiprecious stones. Two year ant of the immortal Francis; or the or semiprecious stones. Two very and of the immortant relation of semiprecious stones. Two very hand-braided cretonne rugs, some looking like trellises with roses climbing over them—whence came for semiprecious stones. Two very sardonyx, both in dull oxidized gold mountings of Egyptian design, with inspiration? From Greatlotus blossoms or sphinx carved on grandmother again. the shanks of the rings.

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