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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One. A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to section one, article eight of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:

That section one of article eight, which reads as follows: "Section 1. Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact."

"First. He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. "Second. He shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

"Third. He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election. "Fourth. If twenty years of age and upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election."

Be amended so that the same shall read as follows: "Section 1. Every citizen, male or female, of twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections, subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact."

First. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month. "Second. He or she shall have resided in the State one year (or, having previously been a qualified elector or native-born citizen of the State, he or she shall have removed therefrom, and returned, then six months) immediately preceding the election.

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Fifth. Wherever the words "he," "his," "him," and "himself" occur in any section of article VIII of this Constitution the same shall be construed as if written, respectively, "he or she," "his or her," "him or her," and "himself or herself."

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1. ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two. A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to section eight of article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, or the reclamation of land to be used for the construction of a system of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained, so that it shall read as follows:

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tive department, office, or officer, shall be transferred to such other departments, offices, or officers of the State, now or hereafter created, as may be directed by law. A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4. ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Five. A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth in accordance with provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, that it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth (XVIII) article thereof:

Laws may be passed providing for a system of registering, transferring, insuring of and guaranteeing land titles by the State, or by the counties thereof, and for settling and determining adverse or other claims to and interests in lands the titles to which are so registered, transferred, insured, and guaranteed; and for the creation and collection of indemnity funds; and for carrying the system and powers hereby provided for into effect by such existing courts as may be designated by the Legislature, and by the establishment of such new courts as may be deemed necessary. In matters arising in and under the operation of such system, judicial powers, with right of appeal, may be conferred by the Legislature upon county recorders and upon other officers by designated. Such laws may provide for continuing the registering, transferring, insuring, and guaranteeing such titles after the first or original registration has been perfected by the court, and provision may be made for raising the necessary funds for expenses and salaries of officers, which shall be paid out of the treasury of the several counties.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 5. ROBERT McAFEE, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Six. A JOINT RESOLUTION. Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Section 2. Amend section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, which reads as follows: "Section 8. The debt of any county, city, borough, township, school district, or other municipality or incorporated district, except as herein provided, shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law; but any city, the debt of which now exceeds seven per centum of such assessed valuation, may be authorized by law to increase the same three per centum, at any one time, upon such valuation, except that any debt or debts hereinafter incurred by the city and county of Philadelphia for the construction and development of subways for transit purposes, or for the construction of wharves and docks, as public improvements, owned or to be owned by said city and county of Philadelphia, and which shall yield to the city and county of Philadelphia current net revenues in excess of the interest on the annual installments necessary for the cancellation of said debt or debts, may be excluded in ascertaining the power of the city and county of Philadelphia to become otherwise indebted: Provided, That a sinking fund for their cancellation shall be established and maintained, so as to read as follows:

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Province Taken From France by Germany in 1870 is Repossessed by the French—War Office Congratulates Kaiser's Men Now Advancing on Town of Namur

Reviewing the progress of the great war for the week it appears that the Germans have captured the city of Liege, Belgium, but not the forts, of which there are twelve. They are pressing on to Namur, where they will probably engage in a great battle against combined Belgian, French and British forces.

The German general commanding at Liege asked for a twenty-four-hour armistice in which to bury the Teuton dead. It was refused. Germany has lost 25,000 killed and wounded at Liege.

The French invasion of Alsace has been successful, they having captured the important towns of Altkirch, Muehlhausen and Colmar. The German loss in these fights is placed at 30,000, while the French claim to have lost but 15,000. The French war office congratulated General Joffre, the chief of staff.

A decisive naval engagement, so far as is known, has occurred. It is officially announced that a state of war exists between France and Austria-Hungary.

Among the Germans captured in the attack on Liege was Lieutenant Baron Von Forstner, the young officer whose haughty treatment of the French inhabitants of Zabern, Alsace, brought on the disturbances there last year which were aired in the reichstag and resulted in Baron Von Forstner being sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment in a fortress.

Germany lost one of her biggest Zeppelin dirigibles. The airship was at tempting to pass over the fortifications on the Herve plateau when the Belgian gunners got the range with a gun especially designed for air craft. An explosive shell crashed through the envelope and the gas bag exploded, the dirigible falling a crumpled mass, her entire crew, believed to number twenty-six men, being killed. The wreckage landed on the Herve plateau just a little way from the fortress.

Almost immediately after the Zeppelin was wrecked an aeroplane rose from the German position and attempted a flight over the Herve fortifications in the direction of the main fortress at Liege. The aeroplane also was wrecked by the aero gun from the Herve fort.

This last demonstration of the accuracy of the Belgian fire discouraged the Germans and their aeroplanes for the rest of the day contented themselves with flights above the Germans. Two regiments of German cavalry attempted a night surprise of the Belgian position at Liers. The Belgian artillery entrenched behind the strong fortifications at Fort Liers, repulsed the invaders with heavy losses.

The mobilization of the Russian army is virtually completed. News from the front is confined to brief notes of unimportant skirmishes by cavalry scouting on the frontier.

The belief is growing that the German plan is to put her entire force across the western front of the country. In that case Russia does not propose to delay her attack to suit the German program.

The London Times says: "On Germany's eastern frontier the armies of Russia are mobilizing more rapidly than was first expected. Twenty days from last Sunday were allowed before the aggressive advance can begin, but the Russian railways are working well and the main lines are said to be giving forty trains a day.

"If this rate can be kept up the Russian army, which we assume to be concentrating behind the Vistula, will be able to advance. We do not know the Russian plan of campaign, but as Berlin is the center of gravity, it is likely that the main Russian attack will be directed upon it and that the campaign against Austria will be defensive in principle."

The government of France has commandeered every means of transportation from bicycles to autos. Every one hands over his property without the slightest complaint. The river Seine is almost desolate except for an occasional steamboat laden with flour. They are generally guarded by a single infantryman or by a motorboat carrying a few army officers.

Paris is being provisioned enough to withstand a siege, if necessary, and there is no anxiety on the score of the food supply. Vegetables are arriving at the central markets in sufficient quantities for all purposes and a supply of drinking water is assured.

The syn-cate of provision merchants has warned all of its members and adherents not to increase prices. The municipal council demands that any tradesman increasing prices of necessities of life be court-martialed.

133 BRITISH DROWN. Cruiser Amphion Strikes Mine and 133 of Her Crew Perish. It is officially announced that the British admiralty that H. M. S. Amphion had been sunk after striking a mine in the North sea.

One hundred and thirty-three men were drowned. The paymaster, seven officers and 135 men were rescued.

Reserve Board is Completed. The nominations of Paul M. Warburg of New York and Frederick A. Delano of Chicago to be members of the federal reserve board under the new currency law were confirmed by the senate and the board was organized this week. Charles S. Hamlin was selected by the president to be governor of the reserve board.

WAR PARAGRAPHS. The German government is using its utmost efforts to bring about a change in Italy's attitude in the present European situation. Appeals have even been made to King Victor Emmanuel, but all in vain. It is asserted that Italy, having declared her neutrality, intends to maintain it.

The force of Russian cavalry which tried to break through the German frontier guard was repulsed near Soldau, in East Prussia. The German steamer Koenigin Luise was sunk by the destroyer Lance in six minutes. The Lance fired only four shots.

The British government has requisitioned all air craft in the kingdom and is mobilizing them at the Hendon aerodrome. Forty-seven German merchant ships having a total value of about \$75,000,000, have been captured since England and Germany went to war.

The British cruiser Diana brought the German schooner Elise, from Rio Grande, into Falmouth. The British admiralty announces that the steamers Iceland and Elder, from Bremerhaven, report that North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse has been painted black and converted into an armed cruiser with guns and a searchlight.

A German trawler was captured by a British warship near the Orkney Islands, to the north of Scotland. She is believed to have been engaged in spying, as carrier pigeons were found on board.

Portugal's decision to support Great Britain in the general European war was announced after Germany had demanded information of her intentions.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Tientsin says that the Russian cruiser Askold and the German cruiser Emden have both been sunk after an engagement off Weihaiwei, China.

King George has resigned his commission as honorary