

WAR GARDENS MADE READY

Ground Turned For City Man Who Wants to Help in War

Plowing for the war gardens to be developed in Harrisburg this summer began to-day. Following the plowing other preliminary work will be done, and the plots will be assigned to the gardeners. These final arrangements were completed at a joint meeting of the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce and the war garden committee of the Committee of Public Safety yesterday.

Shirley Watts will be in charge of the work this year. The school board has appropriated \$1,000 to the work and will encourage the campaign. The Chamber of Commerce will be asked to appropriate money for the war gardens. The price to the gardener will be \$1.50, the same as last year. The City Highway Department will be requested to furnish trucks to haul fertilizer from the cars in which it is shipped here to the various garden plots.

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Red Cross Notes

How many people in Harrisburg realize what is being done by the Red Cross Canteen Service Committee to make the city and the local Red Cross Chapter warmly remembered by hundreds of soldiers who pass through the city en route to camp or to France?

A telegram comes at noon to the chairman of the committee, Mrs. Francis J. Hall. It reads: "One hundred and ninety-five men arrive from St. Louis at 3. Remain half-hour. Light refreshments."

Then the members of the committee on duty for the day are notified. They are waiting when the train comes in—with pretzels, sweet chocolate, magazines and stamped post cards of Harrisburg, and a cheering word and good wishes that mean perhaps more to "the boys" than the small gifts.

If the train has been delayed, hours past mealtime, more substantial refreshments are provided, such as coffee, sandwiches and pie—and anyone who has traveled this winter will appreciate what this service means to a crowd of hungry and homesick men.

Work Well Done

In February alone the local committee met 2,386 men—from California, Michigan, North Carolina, Kentucky and Oklahoma.

The chapter receives letters and post cards after every train. "We sure do thank you for your kind treatment when we passed through your city." "The coffee was certainly good—the best we had on our trip." "Thank you for your kind treatment—the chocolate was fine, the coffee just right. The first and only thing donated by anyone since we left Frisco."

One grateful relative from Massachusetts wrote: "To the Red Cross Workers in Harrisburg, Pa. Dear Friends: Last week, Wednesday, my nephew, David Huntington, was transferred from Camp Dix to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He wrote the next day—'Red Cross nurses at Harrisburg gave to me, my wife and I, a very nice box of post cards, all stamped, and I gave one of them the post card I wrote, to mail.' A letter received from him from Missouri reads: 'Some of the fellows are playing penny ante; most are reading the magazines the Red Cross gave us at Harrisburg, Pa. the only ones we have seen.' May I express to you our heartfelt appreciation of what you did for 'our boy' and of what you are doing for many others? Gratefully yours, Alice H. Sherwood."

A Red Cross House will soon be constructed in each of the Army and Navy training camps. It is intended primarily to be a lounge and rest haven for convalescent soldiers. It will also be an administrative center for the field director of the Red Cross, and emergency lodging for seriously ill, and for Red Cross nurses and staff. One of the first of these will be at Camp Meade.

For convalescents, many new comforts will be provided by the Red Cross house. These will include a solarium, or "sun parlor," and a

NEW DIVISION BUILDING PLAN GREAT PROJECT

New Division Will Handle More Than One Billion Dollars

Washington, March 19.—With the creation of a construction division in the War Department to-day to handle the largest single building program in history—aggregating \$1,084,000,000—a board of eminent experts appointed by acting Secretary Crowder reported that the present form of construction contract is "practically perfect."

The new construction division will replace the construction division which did the preliminary work of building National Army camps, and will carry on an immense building program involving hundreds of thousands of workmen and extensive structures for the army throughout the country. It will be under the immediate direction of the Chief of Staff.

Headed by Professor A. N. Talbot, of the University of Illinois, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the board includes John Lawrence Mauran, of St. Louis, president of the American Institute of Architects; Charles T. Mann, of Boston, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; John R. Alpine, representing the American Federation of Labor; R. Goodwin Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; E. W. Rice, of Schenectady, N. Y., president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers; and Oscar A. Rheum, of Chicago, N. Y., president of the General Contractors' Association of New York, and Oscar A. Rheum, of Chicago, representing the Building Construction Employers' Association.

Start Work Early

Because of the hundreds of millions of dollars involved, the board was asked to examine the present form of contract and if necessary propose a new one. The board reported:

"The form of contract permits starting actual work, weeks and even months before the details are completely worked out and delineated, and permits the government to push the job at any speed it may select, changing at will its scope and plan, but paying only what the work actually costs, plus a fee which is so reasonable as to be above the reach of fair-minded criticism."

"This form of contract, so thoroughly approved, is known as the 'cost plus sliding scale of fixed fee,' in which fixed fees to contractors range from 7 per cent. on contracts of \$100,000 or less down to as low as 1 1/2 per cent. and 3/4 per cent. on the very largest sum.

The fee, according to this form, is fixed when the contract is let, and if the cost exceeds the estimate because of higher labor and material prices, the contractor receives no additional compensation whatever. Labor and material prices always will be subject to approval by the government.

No Day Labor

The board rejected the suggestion that the government embark on the day labor plan, because it was convinced it would entail inefficiency and delay and because the board believes the existing forces and organizations of contractors should be maintained as a public policy.

Furthermore it was thought that a central organization was undesirable because the work to be done was so widely scattered over the country.

A survey of the work to be done by the new construction division indicates the magnitude of the government's preparations to push the war to a successful conclusion. There are already under way in the United States eighty-two big jobs aggregating \$1,000,000,000 in prospect next year. In addition, there are forty jobs for housing troops, representing \$390,000,000. Existing hospital construction alone represents \$10,000,000.

The work in prospect includes storage terminals at Philadelphia, Boston and New York; a depot on the Atlantic seaboard; housing facilities for shipworkers at sixteen different points; tuberculosis hospitals at Denver, Charleston, S. C., a re-mount station at Charleston, S. C.; mechanical repair shops in Texas; three great office buildings in Washington; a hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas; an isolation hospital at Tenafly, N. J.; extensions of the Springfield, Mass., arsenal; gas-making plants and a shell filling plants at many points.

Contracts have not been let for the majority of the great projects and the definite resumption of all of them have not been so fully determined as to warrant announcements at this time.

Dollar Excursions to Shore Restored

Washington, March 19.—Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, has prevailed upon Director General McAdoo to restore the Atlantic City excursion schedules on the Pennsylvania and Reading railroad lines.

After leaving Mr. McAdoo's office Senator Frelinghuysen said he was authorized to say that the officials of both the Pennsylvania and Reading would be notified to resume the old excursion schedules. No announcement was made by the director general, although it is expected that notice of resumption of the service before Easter will be made by the railroads to-morrow or the day following.

Atlantic City businessmen feared that the elimination of the excursion service would work a serious injury to the city.

To-day's decision by Director General McAdoo will serve both to enliven the Atlantic City businessmen and cheer up thousands of persons in Philadelphia and other nearby cities who have made Atlantic City their Easter day goal.

WRECK VICTIMS IMPROVE

Only two of the twenty-four injured persons taken to the hospital following the railroad accident at Elizabethtown last week, remain at the hospital, and their condition is sufficiently improved to assure their recovery. The two men at the hospital are T. J. Shane, of New York City, and Ellsworth Edwards, 1624 Derry street, the conductor of the train.

High School Boys All Over Nation Enrolling For War Work During Vacation

Principals of all high schools in the state have been directly requested to aid in recruiting boys for farm service by Secretary William B. Wilson, of the United States Department of Labor. In a letter to the principals, Secretary Wilson makes this appeal:

"The United States Government, through the Department of Labor, is endeavoring to mobilize the strong and adaptable young men of the country for work upon the farms during the coming summer. If an adequate food supply, so vital to the winning of the war, is to be assured it is of the utmost importance that a reserve of young men, 16 years of age and over and under 21 years of age, shall be organized.

"The week beginning Monday, March 18, has been designated as National Enrollment Week for the nation-wide enrolling of boys into the Reserve. It is not possible for you to secure the names of all your pupils who are willing to enroll into the Reserve, and to obtain from the federal state director of your state enrollment cards, certificates and buttons so that they may be admitted formally into the Reserve?"

Pope Declares Martyr Archbishop a Saint

Rome, Sunday, March 17.—St. Patrick's day was celebrated at the Vatican by the reading by Pope Benedict of a decree for the beatification of Oliver Plunket, Monsignor O'Riordan, rector of the Irish College, delivered an address, in which he said Ireland was to-day paying to Plunket a debt owed to him for more than two centuries.

"The Irish in the end obtained religious liberty for their brethren in Britain as well as for themselves," he said, "although the struggle lasted until a time within the memory of some who are still living. It involved many sacrifices and the loss of life, while for Ireland itself it meant martyrdom of the nation."

Oliver Plunket, appointed by Pope Clement IX to the archbishopric of Armagh and primacy of Ireland in 1699, was accused of complicity in the Irish branch of the "popish plot." He was taken to London, and in 1681 tried on the charge of having conspired to bring a French army to Ireland. Accounts of the trial by English historians say that the evidence against him was flimsy, but he was convicted and was hanged, drawn and quartered.

Russian Prince Turns Bandit to Make Living

Amsterdam, March 19.—The following story is told by the Cologne Gazette's special commissioner in Petrograd. He says: "An automobile taking a rich Finnish family home was stopped in a Petersburg street by another auto whose driver occupied stripped the clothes from the travelers and stole half a million rubles' worth of property. A private detective in the robber band to earth and found it consisted of a Russian prince and his body servants.

"The prince cheerfully admitted that he had been living on the proceeds of highway robbery for a month. This he asserted was his only means of existence because he had been completely despoiled and ruined by the Bolsheviks."

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Look at the Calendar and Note the Advent of Spring

The "first robin" has already made his debut, and the calendar confirms it, which leads us to muse that housewives will soon be busy about the house, hanging curtains and putting things in shipshape for the new season.

Fine volle curtains in ivory and beige, some have dainty edgings and motifs, others show heavy embroidery with lace edge. Pair \$3.00 and \$6.75

Fine white marquisette curtains, linen, motifs and edgings. Pair \$9.00 to \$12.00

White Scotch madras curtains, allover patterns and lace trimmed edge. Pair \$3.00

New Draperies

New square mesh net, dainty figures through center, plain and lace trim edge, white and ecru. Yard \$3.00 to 5.00

Fancy net in all-over patterns, some striped patterns with small designs; 42 inches wide, white and ecru. Yard \$1.00 and \$1.25

Plain and fancy serim and marquisette, white or ecru, hem-stitched or plain edge. Yard \$2.50 and 5.00

Plain serim with hemstitched hem and open worked border, white or ecru. Yard \$3.00

Table Runners

A beautiful assortment of table runners in tapestry; 13 to 24 inches wide, 54 inches long. Each \$2.00 to \$6.50

Pillow Tops and Pillows

Tapestry pillow tops, 24 inches square \$2.00

Fine tapestry pillows, silk floss filled, 26 inches square. Each \$6.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Third Floor

Furniture For the Living Room--Handsome Suites

Comfortable furniture—good-looking furniture—substantial furniture.

High back golden oak rockers \$5.50

Three-piece mahogany living room suite, tapestry spring seat, 54-inch settee \$50.00

Three-piece fumed oak living room suite, genuine leather spring seat, 54-inch settee \$49.75

Fumed oak living room suite, imitation brown Spanish leather upholstery, chair, rocker, and bed davenport, including mattress \$65.00

Fumed oak bed davenports, imitation brown Spanish leather, mattress included \$45.00

Mahogany bed davenport, Colonial design, upholstered in mole skin, mattress included \$59.00

Queen Anne chairs and rockers in tapestry, with loose cushion spring seat \$35.00

Golden oak bed davenport, imitation brown Spanish leather, 74 inches inside, with good felt mattress \$49.00

Nine-piece Jacobean dining room suite, Queen Anne period, 48-inch extension table \$175.00

Three-piece walnut bedroom suite, bed, bureau and chiffonier; William and Mary period \$75.00

Three-piece cane davenport suite, tapestry spring cushion seat, mahogany frame, Queen Anne period, two extra pillows and roll, \$142.50

Three-piece living room suite, reception chair, fireside chair and davenport; cane back and ends, tapestry upholstery \$112.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Fourth Floor

March Sale of Hardwater Soap

Regular 10c cakes of hard water soap featured in this annual sale at 7c, or, dozen for \$75c

Most people buy a year's supply in March.

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Spring Gingham in the Basement Wash Goods Section

Hundreds of pretty patterns in the best grades of ginghams.

Dress ginghams in neat checks and stripes, fancy plaid and solid shades. Yard 22c, 25c, 28c and 35c

Fancy pongee, white grounds with fancy stripes. Yard 35c

Madras shirtings, colored stripes for men's shirts. Yard 29c

Percale, 36 inches wide, fancy stripe sand figures on white and colored grounds. Yard 29c

Poplin, in solid shades, mercerized finish. Yard 25c

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Basement

Silks For Sport Wear

Khaki Kool, a fashionable rough sport silk with a weight that can be tailored; 36 inches wide, solid colors. Yd. \$4.00

26 in. wide, printed designs. Yd. \$4.50

Ruff-a-Nuff, a plain pongee that is just rough enough to be stylish and heavy enough for tailoring. Khaki, tan, navy, black and white. 36 inches wide. Yd. \$4.00

New Kayser Jersey silks, for sport wear, 36 inches wide, all the newest Spring shades. Yd. \$2.50

Extra heavy Jersey for street and sport wear, 36 inches wide. Yd. \$2.50

Tussah pongee in oyster white and natural. Yd. \$4.00

Plain shantung pongee in natural shade; 33 inches wide. Yd. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00

White Silks

Plain white Shanghai, 36 inches wide. Yard \$1.75 to \$2.00

Imperial white Shanghai, 36 inches. Yard \$2.50

Oyster white pongee (not washable), 33 inches wide. Yard \$2.00

White La Jerz, 33 inches wide. Yard \$2.25

Solid sport shades of all silk pongee, 33 and 36 inches wide, yd. \$1.05 and \$2.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Street Floor

Women's Kid Gloves For Easter

Kid gloves, two pearl clasps, real kid, black with white \$3.25

Kid gloves, two clasps, white, self and black embroidery \$1.75 to \$3.00

Kid gloves, two clasps, black with white \$2.50

Washable kid gloves, one-clasp, tan, ivory and pearl \$2.25

Washable chamoisette gloves, two clasps, in white, \$1.00

Silk gloves, two clasps, double finger ends, black, white and colors \$75c to \$2.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Street Floor