

STATE WILL ACT ON SCHOOL CASH

Committee Named by State Board of Education Will Have an Early Meeting



Plans are being made for an early meeting of the committee named by the State Board of Education to prepare legislation for the commonwealth to appropriate twenty-five per cent of the cost of teachers' salaries in the school districts of the state.

The subject will receive attention at the annual meeting of the State Educational Association which will be held in this city and it is probable that action will also be taken by various directors organizations.

Information is being gathered in regard to rural schools with a view to working out a plan for consolidation in districts where some schools show a falling attendance and where transportation can be arranged for children.

Commissioner Ready.—The commissioner for Altona, who is to make a study of aerial defense in European cities, has been prepared for Governor Brumbaugh's signature which will be issued within a few days.

Superior Court.—Returns from all counties in Pennsylvania except Luzerne show that Superior Court Judge W. D. Porter received \$28,289 and Stephen H. Huselton 156,966.

Couler Known Here.—William J. Couler, the new chairman of the Lancaster county Democratic committee is well known to many here. He was elected yesterday.

No Hearing.—The Public Service Commission to-day gave formal notice of the postponement of the Derry township grade crossing cases until June 19.

Bids Opened.—Deputy Commissioner Joseph W. Hunter to-day opened bids for state highway construction in Butler and Chester counties. No awards were announced.

T. H. Gill and Company, of Whitney Point, New York, were the only bidders on the Butler county project, which calls for the construction of that section of State Highway Route 72, extending from the Allegheny-Butler county line to a point near Cooperstown, about 15,774 feet in length, the type of construction to be reinforced concrete. Their bid was \$127,586.20.

The Chester county project is located in Pocopson township, on State Highway Route 124, and calls for 17,049 feet of reinforced concrete construction, the surfacing of the roadway to be sixteen feet wide. Dunlevy Brothers, of Coatesville, were the only bidders, their price being \$123,842.20.

Want Him to Operate.—The Scranton Railways Co. to-day filed an unusual complaint against William Mil-

Technical High School Boys Ready For Their Annual Commencement



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Forty-eight Lads Will Receive Their Sheepskins Thursday Evening; Five Class Orators to Discuss as Many Phases of the War

Five different phases of the war will be discussed by the commencement orators at the Technical High school Thursday evening. This quintet of speakers, representing in thought their classmates who have attained an age when they will be used as the manpower of the country, will give their ideas as to how and why the Hohenzollern dynasty should be eradicated.

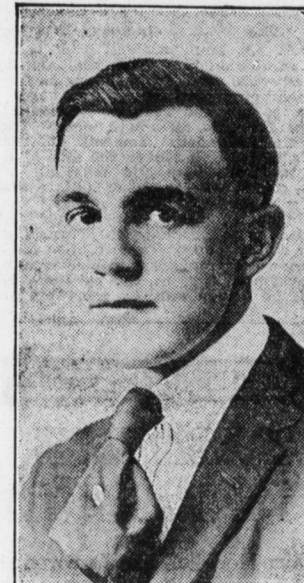
Each one of the speakers has selected a theme pertaining to the war. Maurice Glenwood Beard, as valedictorian, will speak on "Military Training in the High Schools." The salutatorian, Gordon G. Holland, has for a subject "Liberty and Sacrifice." "This One Thing We Can Do" will be discussed by Fred Henry. Fred Essig will talk on "They Gave Until They Died." Winfield S. H. Loban will have for a subject "Keeping the Home Fires Burning."

Just forty-eight lads will receive their sheepskins Thursday evening at the commencement exercises. Less than four years ago the freshman enrollment of this class was 128. That all of the speakers should select martial subjects for their themes is all the more tribute to the eighteen members of the class who have entered some arm of the service. Each one of the boys enlisted as privates, but in many cases they have worked their way to positions where they have covered themselves with honor and spangles.

The 1918 honor roll is: Edgar Batten, U. S. Destroyer, Cassin. Royal Beckley, 25th U. S. Aero Squadron. George Bell, first class private, hospital service. Henry Cocklin, Battery F, 108th Field Artillery. Raymond Hall, 413th Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps. Donald Heicher, U. S. flag ship, Pennsylvania. Clarence Hempt, 263rd Aero Squadron. Corporal Dwight Jerauld, Eighth Pennsylvania Infantry Band. James Lane, 303rd Field Signal Battalion. Sergeant Bruce Longacre, 493d Construction Squadron. Corporal Harold Moore, Company



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A, 112th Infantry, Keystone Division. Harry Nell, Company A, 112th Infantry, Keystone Division. Alfred Osman, Second Company Coast Artillery Corps. Willis Patterson, Quartermasters Corps. Corporal Fred Ramey, Company A, 112th Infantry, Keystone Division. Herman Rhoads, Company D, 413th Telegraph Battalion, Signal Corps. Edgar Steward, Company G, 112th Infantry, Keystone Division. Newton Heishley, National Army. While several of the ex-students are still in training camps in this country, practically all of the Maroon lads are "over there" fighting for their Uncle Sam. When the graduating class has its final program Thursday evening, the memory of all will turn back and think of those who have already gone forth to make their service for their country. The memory of such fellows as "Hennie" Cocklin, taking a long forward at left end, will linger forever in the minds

of the 1918 class. Then there is "Pat" Patterson, manager of the football team; Clarence Hempt, wrestler and football player; "Pete" Moore, champion pole vaulter; Osman, a member of the first wrestling team; "Bud" Jerauld, drummer for the Maroon orchestra and band; Royal Beckley, former captain of the champion Forney school track team, and a member of the Tech eleven squad; "Mutt" Ramey, going in at quarterback down at Lancaster, in his first tryout and winning the game for the local high school. It will be the memories of former days of the boys who might still be in Harrisburg to receive their sheepskins that will fill across the minds of the graduates. But with the remaining members of the class thinking of those who have already gone, and fired by the patriotism of the speakers of the evening, little wonder that that more of the class would follow their classmates to the front to put into service that which their teachers have inculcated within them, the idea of

BOLSHEVIKI ARE DRIVEN BACK BY SEMENOFF'S MEN

Russian Troops Meet Reverse in Hot Battle in Siberia

Harbin, Manchuria, Friday, June 7.—General Semenoff, leader of the anti-Bolshevik forces in Siberia, has driven back the Russian troops which had crossed the Onon river, in trans-Balkalia. Advice received here from the fighting zone, however, say that Semenoff is facing heavy odds.

Admiral Kolchak, former commander of the Russian Black Sea fleet and now commanding the forces protecting the Chinese Eastern Railway in Manchuria, has joined forces with those of Colonel Orloff, and has massed his battalions at Pogranitchnaya for an offensive movement against the Bolsheviki troops on the railroad running to Vladivostok.

Admiral Kolchak had 1,200 Russians and 600 Chinese and also a Chinese independent command of 2,500 men guarding the frontier. General Kalmakoff, with 200 Russians, is co-operating with Kolchak at Pogranitchnaya.

The Bolsheviki troops are massed at Grodokov, five miles from Pogranitchnaya. It is reported their forces include 300 armed Teuton prisoners, and that they are supported by a large force at Nikolsk, near Vladivostok. The Chinese troops will not take an active part in the offensive, confining their operations to guarding the railroad.

Bolsheviki soldiers are stopping westbound trains at Grodokov and are removing men, 18 to 35 years of age who are without foreign passports.

War Note Discloses Premonition of Fate

Pottsville, Pa.—Mrs. James R. Firth has received news from the War Department that her son Joseph had been severely wounded at the French front just as she received a letter from him which indicated that he had a premonition of his fate.

"Mother, you do not need to be concerned about my spiritual status," he wrote. "I have put myself right with God, and to the whole I go out there on the firing line I will be prepared to meet any fate that awaits me."

He also wrote that the Germans were assailing the Americans in the trenches with hundreds of devilish inventions.

Women Braver Than Men, Fight Munitions Fire

London.—The House of Commons was thrilled recently by a recital of heroism by London women munition workers who saved their plant from destruction by fire.

A shed filled with live cartridges and cartridge paper was burning. Twenty women workers who had received some fire drill training rushed to their posts, though warned by a number of men of the danger and urged to leave. They kept the blaze down until city firemen arrived.

Defied Law to Save Her Ancestors' Graves

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Ida B. Conley, a descendant of the Wyandotte Indians, was fined \$100 in a police court in Kansas City, Kan., on a charge of destroying city property.

The specific charge against Miss Conley was that she removed surveyors' stakes set in Huron Cemetery for an improvement provided for by a congressional appropriation. Miss Conley insisted the improvement would be desecration of her ancestors' graves.

25 YEARS FOR MENNONITES WHO OBJECT TO WAR

Court-Martial's Sentence Was For Life, but General J. P. O'Neil Reduced It

San Antonio, Tex., June 11.—Sentences of life imprisonment were imposed by a court-martial yesterday upon forty-five conscientious objectors who had refused to wear Army uniforms.

The sentence was reduced to twenty-five years each by Brigadier General J. P. O'Neil, who reviewed the records.

General O'Neil designated Fort Leavenworth, Kan., prison as the place of confinement. The men will be sent immediately to prison.

Nearly all the men are Mennonites from Oklahoma. Some Mennonites who have refused to bear arms put on the uniform and accepted work in noncombatant units. The men who were tried refused to put on the uniform and refused to work in any capacity connected with the Army.

The trials were held on Friday and Saturday. No evidence was offered by the defense beyond the statement that the men were of a faith objecting to physical force. None of the defendants offered any explanation of his failure to obey the command to put on a uniform.

Hall Decorations to Be Clothing Now For Huns

New York.—The scarcity of clothing in Germany has resulted in an order that all municipalities negotiate with societies for the utilization

of materials used for hall decorations, says the Berlin Tageblatt. The imperial clothing board has been forced to deny the applications of communities for the delivery of clothing and linen for city children sent to the country because of the scarcity of supplies. Worn footwear and old leather may be sold only to persons and boards designated by the imperial body for shoe supply. The same holds good as to all finished goods in whole or in part of leather, such as trunks and hat and helmet boxes, footballs, dice boxes, saddles, school knapsacks, harnesses and card cases.

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