

BROWN STANDS PAT ON OPINION SAYS BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS CANNOT BUY BONDS WITH SURPLUS FUNDS

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown yesterday refused to alter his decision against building and loan associations purchasing Liberty bonds. A meeting was held in his Philadelphia office, when representatives of the Building and Loan Association League of Pennsylvania and their counsel asked Mr. Brown to reconsider his decision. He told the men that he would determine finally within a week whether the legislative act of 1917 permits building and loan associations to buy Liberty bonds.

Joseph H. Sundheim, of the Perpetual Building and Loan Association, who was the chief spokesman, declared afterwards, "We didn't purchase any Liberty bonds during the first two campaigns because these were not any active drive, but we bought \$5,000,000 worth of the third loan. We want to make a great drive in the next campaign and will buy the bonds even if we have to go to court."

Mr. Brown said that the interests of the loan associations should be protected and taken care of. He realized that Liberty bonds should be purchased, but it would divert the associations from their purpose, and some hardworking man might come along and want to borrow money to buy his home and find that all the money was tied up in Liberty bonds," he said.

Mr. Brown was informed that the loan associations intend to make a business of buying and selling bonds but merely wanted to help the government in a crisis. Loan associations do not have a sum of money lying idle. Mr. Brown told, and borrowers have to give notice so that the money can be obtained.

The loan association men said that the act of July, 1917, allowing corporations to invest their surplus money in Liberty bonds included loan associations, but Mr. Brown did not think so. The loan association men thought that they had the right to invest their money derived from interest, fines and premiums in Liberty bonds. They said they did not want to buy bonds to give notice to opening wedge to allow them to make indiscriminate investments with their money.

Mr. Brown said he would be willing for patriotic reasons to allow associations to purchase the bonds, but that under the laws of Pennsylvania they are not entitled to do so. "It is true," he said, "that the enabling act of 1917 permits the directors of corporations to invest a certain amount of surplus moneys in Liberty bonds, but that act does not apply to building and loan associations. That is my opinion. It was reached after careful thought and study, for my only purpose is to protect the associations."

Forty members of the Central Committee of the Slovak League Meets. Instructions in drilling will be given fifty registrants of Class 1 by members of Company B, of the Steelton Reserves at the weekly drill of the company tomorrow evening at Cottage Hill. The draftees will be given preliminary military training with the reserves. The commissioned officers of the local reserves will go to Middletown Friday evening to drill the Class 1 men from that part of the county.

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RESORTS ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. CONTINENTAL. Tennessee near Beach; always open; private bath; running water in rooms; elevator; excellent table; white service; orchestra. Am. plan; \$2.00 up daily; \$17.50 up weekly. Booklet. Garage. W. WASH DUNN

Steelton News TRY TO CHECK BOOTLEGGING Campaign Against Lawbreakers Giving Liquor to Men in Uniform

Admitting that bootleggers were operating in the borough with a free hand, Chief of Police Grove this morning declared that drastic measures would be taken to break up this practice.

The chief said that the law breakers will be run down and turned over to the government authorities. As near as could be ascertained the chief said, the liquor was being furnished to soldiers by negroes. The negroes, the chief believed are not aware of the fact that they are violating the law in giving unformed men intoxicating liquors.

Chief Grove declared that the matter must be taken up with the dealers. In the opinion of authorities liquor should not be sold in bottles unless the consumer is known by the clerk. If an iron clad rule prohibiting the sale of liquor in bottles to purchasers unknown to the dealers, the bootlegging will be broken up authorities believe.

Another problem confronting the department is breaking up the operation of houses where liquor is sold unlawfully by negroes. The chief is under the surveillance of local authorities and arrests in short time are expected in a short time.

Two unformed men and a negro were taken into custody by the local police last evening supposed to be implicated in bootlegging but were released because of lack of evidence. The authorities claimed that they were unable to get sufficient evidence on the negro and he was released.

Veteran Eddie Plank Will Oppose Jeff Tesreau in Red Cross Game Saturday. Steelton's Steel League team will have a splendid chance to get back at Bethlehem for former defeats during the season when the clubs met Saturday afternoon on Cottage Hill in a big Red Cross game. To be sure, Eddie Plank will do the twirling for the local bunch, and declares he will wallop the big plant team for the defeat at Bethlehem several weeks ago. Pitted against Plank will be Tesreau, who is pitching a wonderful game of ball, and in all probability the game will be one of the fastest started here this season.

The game will not be figured in the league standing, both teams having an open date, the Saturday game having been played on July 4. Cross workers who have charge of arrangements declared this morning that they are placing five thousand tickets on sale and expect to dispose of every one. The tickets were distributed among girls and superintended at the various departments in the works. Not only will patrons be given a chance to see a ball game that will equal any in the city, but they will have the opportunity to hear the Steelton Band in a patriotic concert. The concert will be given before the game and the band will play between innings. Play will be called at 2:30 o'clock.

Large Blast to Be Put Off at Steel Plant Quarries. The largest blast in the history of the local steel plant quarries will be put off Friday or Saturday of this week, officials of the plant announced this morning. Officials say there will be thirty-four tons in eighty-one holes, ignited at once. This amount of explosives is considerable more than was put off earlier in the year when a large amount of rock was loosened in the quarries. The blast is expected to dislodge enough rock for use during the remainder of the summer.

TO CLOSE GROUNDS. Celebration of Romper Day on the Cottage Hill athletic field tomorrow afternoon will mark the close of the season. Supervised by the local grounds supervisor, T. T. Conner, said to-day all contestants were in the best of condition and from present indications there would be some first class events.

FIFTEEN MEN FOR CAMP. The local draft board this morning selected fifteen white men for the National Army, to be sent to Camp Lee, Va., on Monday morning at 11:50 o'clock. The men have been ordered to report on Monday morning at 9 o'clock in preparation for entraining and to receive final instructions.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION. Members of several local fire companies are making plans to attend the State Firemen's Convention to be held in Lancaster September 16 to 20. The companies which attend the affair will take with them a large number of uniformed men and their apparatus.

RAILROAD RUMBLES FRANCE GRIDIRONED BY "TOY RAILROADS;" MIDGET ENGINES BUSY

Announcement that all French engines in service in the United States had been recalled and would be sent to France, has caused much gossip in railroad circles. Every day the mill mongers originally intended for service abroad are passing through Harrisburg. Railroad men wonder what they will do with all the engines abroad. There is work for every locomotive and according to reports the supply over there is short.

Railroads have been a big factor in the victories of the Allies. Four-track systems have been built as close to the front as possible and connecting with the big lines and running almost to the trenches are hundreds of narrow gauge roads. "Toy roads" is the way some of the Yankee boys put it when they write home. Here is an interesting story about railroads, recently sent out from Washington, D. C.

Toy Railroads. "Uncle Sam's most playful thing in this war is his toy railroad. It isn't too much to say that the defeat of Germany hangs upon the skill and efficiency with which he operates it. Every moment of the day and night midget engines, boldly labeled 'U. S. A.' and drawing miniature cars over tiny tracks, puff their way along our rattling iron systems, piling up bit by bit the material by which the American army lives and fights. Jerky little things, with none of the smooth rhythm of the great locomotives that they nevertheless get through an enormous amount of work on the same plan of multiplied effort that the ants adopted several seasons ago.

No army to-day could exist without its light railroads. They are the immediate and necessary blood vessels which throbb below the skin of the fighting front. Easily operated and quickly laid, they follow the flag with the very pertinacity that George Ade in the bad old days once ascribed to rattling iron systems, piling up bit by bit the material by which the American army lives and fights. Jerky little things, with none of the smooth rhythm of the great locomotives that they nevertheless get through an enormous amount of work on the same plan of multiplied effort that the ants adopted several seasons ago.

Light Railroads. It was soon found that this wouldn't do. The "toy" engines, too big for permanent works of peace time railroads, for the cumbersome and permanent works of peacetime railroads. So the standard, or broad-gauge system, retreated from the trenches as it were, to make way for the nimble and more serviceable light railroads.

Now, back of the entire Allied battle line, there is a zone from four to five miles wide within which a perfect network of light railroads, running over two-foot tracks, performs almost the whole function of transport. Grown-up trains bring their freight—food, equipment, munitions and even men—to the "rail heads," just out of ordinary cannon range. There the toy trains pick it up and distribute it virtually into the trenches themselves, jostling along with charming sang-froid whether Fritz's shells be breaking in twos and threes or by the whole sky full.

America is not a pioneer in military light railroading. Our system is borrowed pretty liberally from French and British uses as we found them when we entered the war. Here and there, it is true, we have incorporated well-tested ideas developed in our own railroad or engineering experience, and in time passes we expect to embody other improvements. But we are using the French 67-centimeter tracks and in the main we have indulged in no "new-fangled notions."

Gas Locomotives. The "gas" engines are really only big motors geared to a locomotive drive. The 20-horsepower size weighs just four tons and the 50-horsepower just 14,000 pounds. They have a queer, squashed-together look, rather suggestive of the surface of the Philadelphia "stoops" that descend invariably in three steps, but their pilots say they are "some jack rabbits." Even the more dignified steam locomotive, smartly enough turned out, has a certain lean and hungry air, a faint flavor of the original Stevenson Rocket model. However, it has more pull than anything else in the army.

Such tools as these make enthusiastic workmen. Perhaps, if you pin him right down to it, you can't get an admiring engineer to admit point blank that the little engines he jumps through holes or sits up and beg. But he's perfectly willing to issue a blanket indorsement and affirm that "they will do anything."

Standing of the Crews. HARRISBURG SIDE. Philadelphia Division. The 118 crew first to go after 1 o'clock: 105, 135, 134, 113, 111, 110, 126. Engineers for 101, 113. Firemen for 113, 112, 118. Conductor for 112. Brakemen for 105, 110, 118. Engineers up: Swartz, Miller, Wider, Downs, Karr, Brodhecker, Mohr, Smith, Leonard, Andrews, Conway, Hall. Firemen up: Henry, Mogel, Folk, Snyder, Thompson, Clark, Brown, Grimsley, Brown, Webb, Stroh, Bralney, Craver, Northcutt, Fox, Howell, Stitzel, Giberson, Keefe. Brakemen up: Leya, Witmyer, McNeis, Etzweiler, Straw, Moats, Hoyer, Bentz, Belford, Wotchman. Middle Division. The 227 crew first to go after 1:45 o'clock: 225, 228, 248, 239, 18, 27, 19, 214. Fireman for 18. Conductor for 27. Engineers up: Snyder, Hawk. Firemen up: McLaughlin, Humphreys, Benson. Conductors up: Rhine, Leonard, Cori. Brakemen up: Shearer, Rhea, Watts, Brown, Hoffman, Manzello, Keister, Arndt. Yard Board—Engineers for 1-7C, 4-7C, 10C, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1. Firemen for 1C, 3-7C, 11C, 12C, 23C, 25C. Engineers up: Bartolet, Getty, Brady, Sheets, Bair, Eyde, Klerner, Rawford. Firemen up: Martz, Yost, Hilmer, Turner, Coates, Shant, Klinepeter, Williamson, Walborn, Matter, Jones, Wevodon, Bennett, Heckman, Lake.

ENOLA SIDE. Philadelphia Division. The 256 crew first to go after 1:45 o'clock: 248, 221, 220, 213, 254, 206, 241, 223, 207, 201, 234. Engineers for 201, 207, 221, 255. Firemen for 206, 213, 224, 223, 230, 255, 256. Conductors for 235, 206. Firemen for 230, 254, 234. Brakemen for 235, 248, 213, 254, 223, 234. Brakemen up: Shoemaker, Messer, Smith, Morris, Rees, Alick, Kelly. Middle Division. The 252 crew first to go after 3 o'clock: 238, 242, 241, 250. Yard Board—Engineers for 3d 126,

Firemen for 3d 126, 4th 126, 3d 129, 4th 129, 2nd 132, 1st 102, 1st 104. Engineers up: Lutz, Hanlon, Fennell, Blair, Brown, Zeiders. Middle Division—Engineers up: Alexander, Keane, Buck, Crane, Crimmet, Graham, Keiser, Crum. Firemen up: Zeiders, Sheesley, Gross, Yon, Fletcher. THE READING. The 22 crew first to go after 12:15

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ler, Yeings, Deckert, Raystone, Davison, Drace, Seasholtz, C. H. Seasholtz, Chne, Kline, Kuntz. Conductor up: Levan. Firemen up: Wampler, Casell, Shultz, Spangler, Carl, Sourbeer. Brakemen up: Will, Darrow, Troupe, Wolfe, Engle, Reilly, Lehman, Ney, Spies, Floyd, Stephens, Noggle, Ryan, Daugherty, Maxwell, Reeder, Ryan, Gilger.

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Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart Special Attractions For Thursday Morning Shoppers: Store Closes at Noon

Thursday Morning Specials Women's Slippers: Girls' Pumps. Women's \$2.00 red satin Boudoir Slippers, turned soles and low heels; sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 and 4. Special Thursday morning. \$1.00. Girls' \$2.50 tan calf and gun metal calf strap Pumps, welted soles with low heels; sizes 2 1/2 to 4. Special Thursday morning. \$1.39.

Thursday Morning Specials Infants' Brown Button Shoes. \$1.50 brown kidskin Button Shoes, hand-turned soles, with rubber wedge heels; sizes 3 to 6. Special Thursday morning. \$1.39.

Thursday Morning Specials Remnants of Curtain Goods. Remnants of 39c to 50c Serim, Madras and Marquissette. Special Thursday morning, yard. 15c. Remnants of light and dark Cretonne. Special Thursday morning, yard. 19c. Remnants of 65c and 75c Cretonne, slightly soiled from displaying in windows. Special Thursday morning, yard. 39c.

Thursday Morning Specials Miscellaneous Basement Offerings. Double Gas or Oil Stove Ovens—Metal Door Special Thursday Morning \$3.49. Glass Door Special Thursday Morning \$3.98. Four rolls 10c Toilet Paper. Special Thursday morning, 29c. Nickel-plated Ice Tongs. Special Thursday morning, 10c. Pot and Pan Covers, 9 to 12-inch sizes. Special Thursday morning. 5c.

Thursday Morning Specials Sheets and Pillow Cases. Bleached hemstitched Pequot Sheets, 81x90 inches. Special Thursday morning. \$2.00. Bleached hemstitched Pillow Cases, 45x36 inches. Special Thursday morning. 42c.

Thursday Morning Specials Boys' & Girls' Bathing Suits. Boys' and girls' \$2.00 Bathing Suits. Special Thursday morning. \$1.35. Girls' \$1.25 Bathing Suits, with belt. Special Thursday morning. 74c. 85c Baseball Outfits, consisting of catcher's mitten, cap, bat and ball. Special Thursday morning. 45c. Men's leather palm canvas Gauntlets. Special Thursday morning. 39c.

Thursday Morning Specials 6,000 Pieces Decorated China. Bread and Butter Plates, dozen, 80c. Pie Plates, dozen, 90c. Tea Plates, dozen, \$1.10. Breakfast Plates, dozen, \$1.40. Dinner Plates, dozen, \$1.70. Soup Plates, dozen, \$1.30. Cups and Saucers, dozen, \$1.80. After-dinner Coffees and Saucers, dozen, \$1.60. Chocolate Cups and Saucers, dozen, \$1.50.

Thursday Morning Specials Clearance of Rubber Hose. One thousand feet of black and red Rubber Hose in lengths of 9 to 49 feet, 15c and 17c grades, each piece coupled ready for use. Special Thursday morning, foot. 10c.

Thursday Morning Specials Women's Vests and Union Suits. 75c white lisle Union Suits, knee length. Special Thursday morning. 65c. 15c white cotton ribbed, sleeveless