

WOULD JOIN COAST DEFENSE FORCES



Miss Pinckney Lee Estes, of Columbia, S. C. (left), and her classmate at the University Law School, Miss Rose Lerner, of 120 South Thirty-fourth street, today offered to join the Naval Coast Defense Reserve.

U. OF P. PORTIAs FIGHT TO JOIN NAVAL FORCES OF UNCLE SAM

Miss Rose Lerner and Miss Pinckney Lee Estes Eager to Enlist in Yeomanry and Do Their Little Bit

By M'LISS
The only two girl lawyers at the University of Pennsylvania—Miss Pinckney Lee Estes and Miss Rose Lerner—are having a difficult time in trying to do their bit, but believe them, they are going to do it. Such a little experience as they had yesterday will not be allowed to stop them at all.



G. T. CONRADE

SELECTMAN G. T. CONRADE VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

Fifth Ward Representative in Councils Had Held Several Public Offices
Select Councilman George T. Conrade, who represented the Fifth Ward, died at his home, 626 Spruce street, this afternoon.

MILTON STOCK WIVES PAT MORAN HE'S COMING SOUTH

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 23.—Late this afternoon Manager Moran received a wire from Milton Stock, who is in Mobile, Ala., saying that he would be here as soon as possible. No word has yet been received from Niehoff.

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RAILROADS SEEK BIG RATE INCREASE

Advance of 10 to 15 Per Cent in Transportation Charges Asked

ADAMSON ACT SEQUENCE

WASHINGTON, March 23. A general increase from ten to fifteen per cent in all freight and passenger rates to cover the increased cost of operation under the Adamson law is asked by all the railroads of the country in a petition laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission, the receipt of which was announced today.

REA STATES RAILROADS' CASE

In presenting the case for the railroads, President Rea, of the Pennsylvania, said: "We realize that the condition of the railroads today presents a menace to the country, not alone to the owners of the property, but affecting directly the national situation. It is absolutely essential that the railroads shall be in splendid working order, not merely workable physically, but in a position to fulfill their duties to meet what we all believe is coming, a crisis in our history, and to do it effectively and properly."

Mayor Would Have Rally, but After Congress Acts

MAYOR SMITH, in defining his attitude toward the suggested patriotic rally in Independence Square, was emphatic in saying how great he thought it was, but added that he did not believe it advisable until after Congress has heard what the President has to say in April.

Streets Business Men's Association—"It would be a source of inspiration for the United States if we of Philadelphia should hold such a meeting in the shadow of Independence Hall. It would arouse patriotism. It would be felt throughout the country. By all means, let us have the meeting."

J. E. TRAVIS, vice president Sixtieth and Market Streets Business Men's Association—"Let nothing prevent a big patriotic mass-meeting for Independence Square. It is a most excellent idea, for such a meeting would stir up patriotism as nothing else would."

JOHN T. PEDLOE, president Woodland Avenue Business Men's Association—"It is a commendable undertaking. If we are to have war, let us have it with all our might. We can have war with all our might only if the patriotism of the nation is aroused to a high pitch. An Independence Hall meeting would be just the thing to do this. Let this meeting be the first of a series to arouse the patriotic fervor necessary. I pledge the support of my organization to the meeting. The bigger it is the better will be the results. I am glad the suggestion was made. It shows the wide-awake spirit of the Evening Ledger."

THOMAS BURKE, president Fortieth and Market Streets Business Men's Association—"The idea is excellent. This meeting should be held by all means. It would bring to the notice of the nation the Philadelphia, great as a historical and commercial center, is ready to do its part. One result of the meeting would be to increase recruiting."

MICHAEL BROWN, president Lancaster Avenue Business Association—"Of course my organization will back such a meeting. We had intended having one ourselves, but this city-wide idea is much better. We will canvass the residents to get the residents down to the meeting. It will arouse patriotism as nothing else in the world would. Let us have it as soon as possible."

THOMAS A. MCCAFFREY, president Belmont Improvement Association—"It is most commendable. I should like to see it postponed until Congress takes action. In the meantime I suggest that there be neighborhood patriotic gatherings, which would culminate after Congress's action in a mammoth meeting in Independence Square to indorse whatever Congress has done. Such a mass-meeting, coming on the heels of action by Congress, would make itself felt in Europe. Our organization will do all in its power to help the project along, holding patriotic rallies ourselves until Congress meets April 2. I am glad the meeting was proposed."

HENRY L. LAW, general manager of the tailoring department of the Army and Navy Co-operative Company, 1123 South Broad street—"I believe the EVENING LEDGER's suggestion of the birthplace of the patriotic rally in Independence Square is a most timely and patriotic suggestion. I believe it should be held in Independence Square, and I believe it should be held in Independence Square. I believe it should be held in Independence Square. I believe it should be held in Independence Square."

EMANUEL KOEHL, of the Kolb Real Estate Company, southeast corner Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue—"I am heartily in accord with the suggestion of the EVENING LEDGER. It is altogether fitting that Independence Square should be selected as the place in which to hold it. To insure the complete success of this valuable suggestion I feel that the co-operation of every patriotic organization should be solicited."

COLONEL GEORGE PENROSE, depot quartermaster of the Schuylkill Arsenal—"I believe such a meeting at this time would accomplish a lot of good, and I would be glad to see it take place as soon as possible."

AUGUSTUS F. DAIX, State Senator—"A meeting to arouse the patriotism of our citizens, as suggested in the editorial columns of the EVENING LEDGER, would have not only my hearty approval, but the approval of every American. The time is indeed ripe for such a movement. It is altogether fitting that Independence Square should be selected as the place in which to hold it. To insure the complete success of this valuable suggestion I feel that the co-operation of every patriotic organization should be solicited."

WILSON TO BLAME IF WAR COMES, TEUTONS ASSERT

Lokal Anzeiger Says President's Policy One of "Careless and Criminal Errors"

BERLIN, March 23.—The policy of President Wilson since breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany has been characterized by careless and criminal errors, says the Lokal Anzeiger. The paper adds that if President Wilson rashly went to war he should start it and then he will have it. It concludes: "The monstrous guilt for a German-American war, should it come, would fall alone upon the President and his Government."

Holland to Bar Armed U. S. Ships

LONDON, March 23.—The Dutch newspaper Handelsblad is quoted in a dispatch from The Hague today as authority for the statement that the Government of the Netherlands has decided to bar armed American and British merchant ships from the ports of Holland.

Giltinger C. H. S. Ball Captain

Oscar Giltinger was elected captain of the Central High School baseball team this afternoon in Doctor O'Brien's office. He is eighteen years old and has been the varsity catcher for two years. He is a sophomore.

Mahan Elected Drexel Captain

A. J. Mahan was elected captain of the Drexel Institute baseball team for 1917. This is his first year on the team. He is a junior in the lower school.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs. 1. Epitaph, 119. 2. Laska, 10 to 1 1/2 to 1 2 to 1. 3. James G., 104. 4. Merrimack, 10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1. 5. Phoebe, 10 to 1 4 to 1 2 to 1. 6. Time, 1:14. 7. Quina, Cousin Bob, Dore, First Bay, Saucy, Bunting, a lot of good, and 1. 8. Second race, four-year-olds and up, selling, 5 furlongs. 1. Sister Susie, 102. 2. Hoag, 6 to 1 2 to 1 1 to 1. 3. Detroit, 113. 4. Murphy, 6 to 1 2 to 1 1 to 1. 5. Time, 1:07. 6. Mering, Ellen Smythe, Frank and Abner also ran.

Hot Springs Entries for Tomorrow

First race, maiden three-year-olds, 6 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Second race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Third race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Fourth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Fifth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Sixth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Seventh race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Eighth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Ninth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10. Tenth race, three-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs. 1. Wadsworth, 108. 2. Dobbins, 107. 3. Sweep, 106. 4. Free, 107. 5. Duntroon, 109. 6. Fulford, 109. 7. Arctic, 107. 8. Stealy, 109. 9. Green Legend, 108. 10.

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MEN GET PATRIOTIC RALLY AT ONCE

Resolution Favors Great Meeting in Independence Square

GAINST POSTPONING PROPOSED BY MAYOR

Enthusiasm Displayed at Luncheon of the Business Science Club

DON'T WAIT ON CONGRESS

Philadelphia Should Send Out Traditional Message of Inspiration

No place should come before Philadelphia in quickening the country's patriotism, was the sentiment today at the luncheon of the Business Science Club in the Adelphi Hotel.

A resolution was adopted urging that a great patriotic rally be held in Independence Square, as suggested in an editorial yesterday in the EVENING LEDGER.

Mention was made of the fact that Mayor Smith favored such a rally, but not until President Wilson addressed the special Congress called to meet next week. The whole spirit of the club was against any such postponement, and was so expressed in the resolution. Immediately after the luncheon the resolution was dispatched by special messenger to the Mayor.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

This was the resolution adopted: "Be It Resolved, That the Business Science Club proposes a great patriotic rally to be held in Independence Square before April 2, and urges Mayor Smith to take the initiative in calling this meeting."

And Be It Further Resolved, That a committee be appointed to secure the co-operation of other associations and offer its services to the Mayor.

In introducing the resolution, Walter Lee Rosenberger, of Smith, Kline & French Company and vice president of the Business Science Club, mentioned the fact that other countries are criticizing the United States rather disparagingly for the apparent lack of patriotic enthusiasm shown, and that Philadelphia ought particularly to be ashamed to think that such patriotic messages as have gone out to the whole country have come from New York instead of from Philadelphia, whereas by all past rules and customs this city ought to be the leader in such things.

He said he was glad Mayor Smith was in favor of holding a patriotic rally in Independence Square, but thought the Mayor was using poor judgment in wanting to postpone it until Congress meets.

"What we should do," Mr. Rosenberger said, "is to let Philadelphia send a message to the country that will have its influence as long as it may send its throes and its editorial from yesterday's EVENING LEDGER which suggested such a meeting."

INSPIRING EDITORIAL

The editorial said: "In this time of crisis, when the bonds of loyalty must be knit closely and the floods of patriotism drawn into a common channel, it is right and proper that from the birthplace of independence there should go out to the country and to the world evidence of national coherence, mass loyalty and complete indorsement of the purposes and course of the Government."

We suggest that a great patriotic rally of citizens from this city and from surrounding States be held in Independence Square, that national leaders speak and resolutions formulating the purpose of the nation be adopted in order that once more the enthusiasm of this people may send its throes and its editorial from yesterday's EVENING LEDGER which suggested such a meeting."

EVERY ONE PATRIOTIC

After Mr. Rosenberger read his resolution a half dozen men jumped up to second it, and West C. Boyd, who was presiding, said he guessed it had been more than seconded; it had been "thirded and fourthed and fifthed." He spoke his approval of the action taken, and the applause was hearty.

A. L. Atkins got up to say that the club should be proud of the action taken; that, as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, could announce their decided approval.

Dr. H. Evert Kendig, secretary of the club, suggested sending immediately a copy of the resolution to the Mayor, and this was done. He also made a brief address, touching off some of the previous instances when Philadelphia had been in the center of the country's tide of patriotism, and asked that it be kept there. "We must have this meeting and send out this message to the country before Congress meets," he said.

The committee appointed to consider ways and means and to act with other associations is as follows: Mr. Rosenberger, chairman; Alexander Lawrence, Jr., Jennings Wood, William J. Eldridge, William Cope and Purber, William T. Holmes, Jr., Doctor Kendall, Mr. Atkins, E. A. Wright, Jr., Cyrus Emerson and Wilson A. Streeter.

At the luncheon was William H. Metcalf, president of the City Business Club, who announced that his organization would pass a similar resolution at its luncheon next week.

Citizens who commented on the suggestion unanimously agreed with the spirit of it. They felt it would be a fine thing for men and women to assemble in the square and let national leaders speak their thoughts to them, thus quickening the spirit of patriotism and loyalty that they feel but do not know how to express. The time to do it is now, they said.

There was a feeling voiced that messages of patriotism by right should be coming from Philadelphia, the birthplace of the nation. New York has had several rousing meetings to stir patriotism, one man said. "The others ought not let any one in all country say that Philadelphia lags behind when the question is one of love of the country."

The spirit of the suggestion was appreciated by Mayor Smith and Dr. E. B. Rosen and James E. Lennon, councilman of the city. The Mayor was enthusiastic of the idea, but thought it ought to be postponed until after Congress meets in April. The councilman who is in charge of the committee, thought the Mayor should take the initiative in anything and toward holding such a meeting.

ACTION, CITIZENS SAY

The citizens picked up the suggestion and they are now taking it up.

TELL JURY BRIBES WERE PAID TO PREVENT STRIKES

Twenty Cleveland Contractors Say Graft Money Made Work Possible on Bridges

CLEVELAND, March 23.—The Cuyahoga County Grand Jury today was told by nineteen building contractors that \$20,000 in graft was paid to prevent strikes on bridges in the course of construction prior to the lockout of 20,000 men by the building trades employers' association. It was testified Jacob Rabin, builder of the new Olmstead Hotel, paid \$8000 in weekly installments to insure continuous work on the hotel. Union men say the stories are untrue.

Flag Raising at Eddystone Postponed

The flag raising and patriotic celebration which was to have been held at the close of work tomorrow at the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation has been postponed until after Congress meets and hears the President's message. The committee in charge thought it better not to bring the great crowd together until the country's policy is determined upon. The employees, including those of the Remington Arms Company, number 20,000.

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Advertisement for CHILDREN'S Easter Shoes, \$2.29.

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Advertisement for 2600 Pairs Men's Easter Shoes & Oxfords, \$3.45.

Through Service To Boston



Hell Gate Bridge

The Hell Gate Bridge route will be opened on April 1, when the Federal Express, through night train, will be re-established in each direction between Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New Haven, Providence and Boston via Pennsylvania Station, New York City.

By the construction of a connecting railroad from Sunnyside Yard, Long Island City, to Port Morris in the Bronx, the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad System have been joined with the lines of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad System, and the South and West directly connected with New England by an all-rail route through New York City.

The Hell Gate Bridge is the connecting link. It is a steel-arch structure with a span of over 1000 feet, and carries the standard four-track connecting railroad over the famous Hell Gate channel of the Upper East River.

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