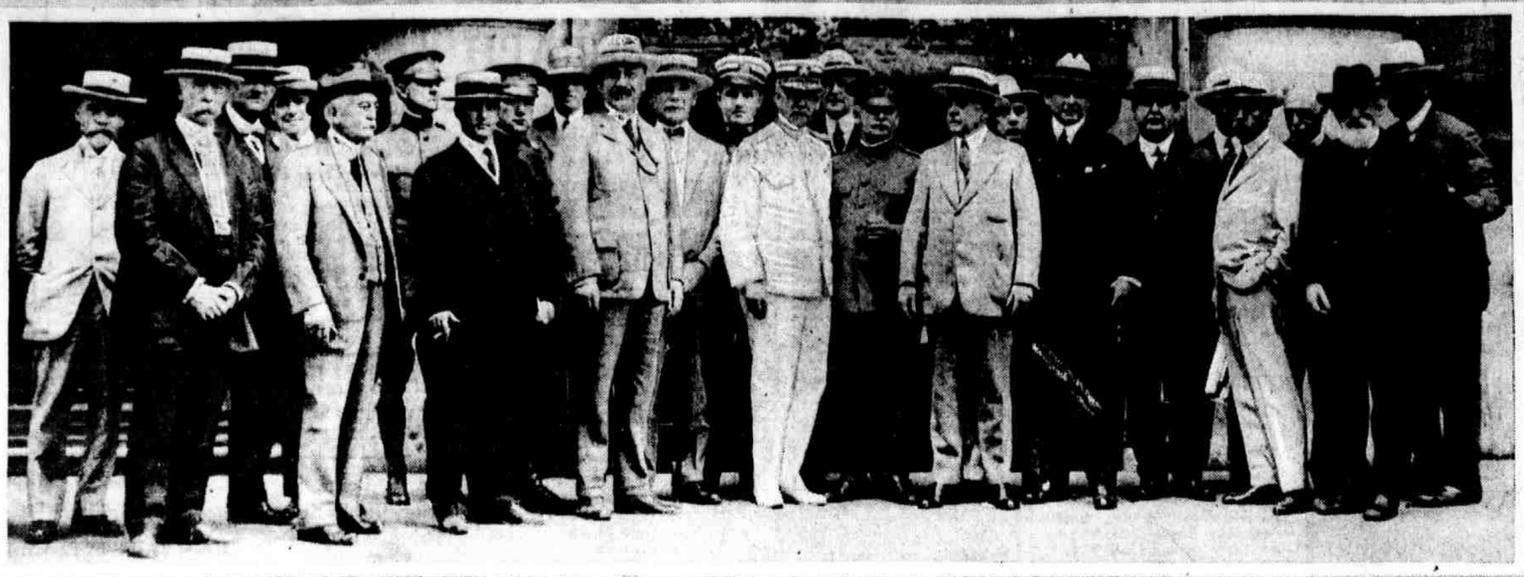


NAVAL CONSULTING BOARD HERE TO INSPECT DELAWARE RIVER SHIPYARDS



Noted scientists are included on the naval consulting board. The second figure on the right is Hudson Maxim

WOMEN'S HOMES EARLY FINISHED

Twenty in Fortieth Ward Will Be Ready in Ten Days

RUSH WORK ON OTHERS Henry P. Schneider Completing Houses Three Weeks Ahead of Contract Time

Seventy houses in the big building operation in the Fortieth Ward that is being rushed to completion for Hog Island workers will be ready for occupancy within a week or ten days.

These homes are in Sixty-first street near Woodland avenue and are being constructed by Henry P. Schneider. He has a contract for 414 houses, of which Taylor and Crawford, who are building 416 houses in the western section of the Elmwood tract, will also have seventy houses ready for the shipworkers early in August.

This early completion of the first batch of the houses is far beyond the most sanguine hopes of officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. When the contracts were awarded, a little more than ten weeks ago, a stipulation was made that the first of the houses must be completed within ninety days from the time work was begun.

Three Weeks Ahead of Time Schneider got an early start and broke ground a few days before the other contracting firm when the buildings he has been finishing, such as poor building weather and inability to obtain equipment as fast as needed, even though priority orders were granted for all supplies, were for the most part to show further the wonderful progress made.

The houses that are nearing completion are not the only signs of the intensity with which the builders are pushing the work. Cellars have been dug and foundations laid for nearly all of the 960 houses included in the operation. Schneider has foundations up for more than 250 houses, and the foundations for the houses in the western end of the tract number more than 300.

Quality Doesn't Suffer Although the work is progressing at a rapid rate, every care is being taken to see that the specifications are being followed closely. Although speed is the slogan of the builders, quality workmanship has not suffered in the least.

Early next week, the city will begin paving the section of Sixty-first street included in the operation, so that by the time the shipworkers are taken into their new homes, they will not be inconvenienced by a dirt street.

All of the houses are two stories high. They have six rooms, a bath and a fireplace for a good-sized lawn in the front and rear.

WILSON DRAFTS WHEAT VETO Bill Likely to Be Re-enacted With Clause Eliminated

Washington, July 12.—Members of Congress were told today that President Wilson has begun drafting a message to Congress vetoing the \$28,000,000 culture appropriation bill, which the amendment providing for increasing to \$2.40 per bushel the Government's minimum guarantee for wheat.

Although an attempt may be made by members from wheat-producing States to override the veto, it is generally believed the bill will be enacted with the wheat amendment eliminated.

PAY IN INSTALLMENTS Insurance on Soldiers After Death Not Met by Lump Sum

Washington, July 12.—Widespread impression that insurance of men in the military service is paid in lump sum at their death, has been corrected by a report to make the announcement today that payments of benefits under the war-risk insurance act are made over a period of twenty years.

The insurance is payable on the death of the insured, on the basis of \$5.25 per month for each \$1000 of insurance for 240 monthly installments. For the maximum of \$10,000 of insurance, the insured would receive a payment of \$57.50 per month for twenty years.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES Emanuel Nash, 1340 N. Perry st., and Florence Murray, 1340 N. Perry st.

LIFTS MAY RUN IN DANCE HALLS

Fuel Administrator Also Exempts Banks and Night Schools

MEETS HOTEL MANAGERS

Dance halls and other places of amusement, banks and night schools, were today exempted from the elevator curtailment order recently promulgated by the fuel administrator.

William Foster, State fuel administrator, today declared the exemption of places of amusement was in line with the President's desire to have these places kept in operation, in order that the public may find moments of diversion from the pressing problems of the day.

Exemption of night schools was at the suggestion of the Department of Labor. Banks were exempted because many have a deposit vaults on upper floors of their buildings.

All these places, however, will be asked to exercise strict economy in lighting, in line with the fuel conservation plan.

The elevator curtailment plan as it applies to hotels and apartment houses was discussed by managers of apartments and hotels in conference with Mr. Foster at noon. Other conferences between the fuel administrator, manufacturers and owners of small stores are scheduled for later in the day.

A survey of the dye industry will be made shortly by the fuel administrator to determine what extent fuel conservation program can be instituted in these plants. The survey will be made at the request of leaders of the industry, who in letters to Mr. Foster, declared they believed it their patriotic duty to aid in the conservation program as much as possible.

Brewers of the United States will file a rejoinder to the appeal of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national fuel administrator, to rescind his order cutting off fuel to breweries and diverting it to essential industries, they consider the ruling a deathblow to the brewing industry.

This is the statement of Christian W. Feigenspan, president of the United States Brewers' Association, which reached local brewers today.

Forty breweries in and near Philadelphia must close their doors by December 31, unless the fuel administrator's order is rescinded, according to H. A. Poth, secretary and treasurer of F. A. Poth & Sons, brewers. Thousands of employees of all classes will be thrown out of employment, and property valued at \$50,000,000 will be made useless, it is said.

"This ruling is nothing short of confiscatory," declared Mr. Poth. "An increase in the price of beer is the likelihood within the next few weeks, it is believed. Ten cents a glass, instead of five, is expected to be the charge."

NO VESSEL SUNK OFF CAPES Dynamiting of Old Piling Blamed for Rumor

Cape May, N. J., July 12.—Rumors of the destruction by a mine or torpedo of a large fishing steamer ten miles off Cape May late yesterday were denied today by the naval authorities.

HURT WHEN PATROL UPSETS

Father of Lt. Smiley Victim of Mishap in Fairmount Park

David S. Smiley, 6129 Girard avenue, suffered a fractured shoulder today when the automobile patrol of the Twenty-ninth District, Sixty-first and Twenty-second streets, and in a ditch and turned turtle near Belmont mansion.

Smiley is the father of Lieutenant George Smiley, of the Twenty-ninth District. He was taken into the Presbyterian Hospital.

Smiley was turned aside to avoid another car and the steering gear locked, causing the patrol to turn over.

TO DISCUSS PLAN FOR RENT DIRECTOR

Bowles, Kane and Lewis Invited to Councils' Committee Meeting Today

Rear Admiral Bowles, United States District Attorney Kane and County Fuel Administrator Lewis, with representatives from their offices, have been invited to appear before Councils' Special Committee on Rent Profiteering this afternoon.

Every phase of rent profiteering will be taken up, with the hope of reaching some final decision as to the actual need for remedial action in Philadelphia and neighboring cities.

Chairman Colburn, of Councils committee, has on record many complaints by tenants, as has Mr. Kane. These will be gone over to determine which of the rents are excessive.

Mr. Lewis has taken up the question by way of leaseholds providing protection for tenants who have purchased their winter coal. He will be asked to outline his relief plans with a view to having Councils co-operate, if that body is found to have any authority to act when it recommended this fall.

So far few genuine cases of rent profiteering have been found by the committee, despite a number of public hearings granted both landlords and tenants. Several members of the committee believe the evidence so flimsy as to preclude the need for remedial action, such as that proposed by Congressman Darrow's rent profiteering bill.

Among the Councilmen who have declared most of the cases of increased rents are those of Charles H. von Steiner, real estate dealer in the northern section of the city.

DRYDOCKS HELD UP BECAUSE OF HIGH BIDS

Shipping Board Contends Philadelphia Firms Ask Excessive Prices

High bids are responsible for the delay of the shipping board in awarding the contracts for construction of three 10,000-ton floating drydocks in the Delaware River.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY AND DISTRIBUTE SUGAR

Equalization Board Is Organized to Meet the Expected Rise

Washington, July 12.—To deal effectively with the expected increase in the price of sugar due to the shortage threatening the country, the food administration has announced the formation of a sugar equalization board capitalized at \$5,000,000.

The purposes of the board, which will take charge of the semitransportation plan initiated July 1, are to equalize the cost of various sugars and accomplish a better distribution. The arrangements will facilitate joint dealing with the Allies in foreign sugars and the adjustments of differentials in overseas freight rates.

The plan is to take up the stocks between production costs of domestic and foreign consumers so as to work out a price for the public upward of one cent a pound less than would be the case if the price of sugar were advanced to a price that would cover the high peaks in costs from all quarters.

Maintenance of such a price would mean millions to the American people on the 1,800,000 tons of sugar to be consumed in the United States in the next six months.

The capital of the board will be supplied by the President from his special funds, in order to enable it to deal with the possible foreign sugar otherwise and the whole stock will be held by the President.

It is expected that the board will make a small margin on the low cost of certain foreign sugars, which may be purchased and thus bring about an equalization of the price to the public on a lower level than would otherwise be possible. Any profits will be equated to the consumer over the year's operations.

TO REOPEN PAPER CASE

Federal Trade Commission Granted to Manufacturers' Request

Washington, July 12.—The Federal Trade Commission will reopen the print paper case on the request of the manufacturers, who asked that the commission take cognizance of the recent increase in the price of paper and the employment of paper mills increased wages.

The trade commission fixed a price of 2 1/2 cents a pound for print paper before the wage-increase was granted.

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Believes the fugitive may be in or near Buffalo or Chicago.

"Somehow in U. S., July 8, 1918. Dear Sirs: I just read in the Public Ledger of the arrest of my mother, Emma C. Bergdoll, on the charge that she assisted me in evading the draft. This is a downright lie, invented by the Federal authorities so they could save their reputation, which is sadly shot to pieces since they failed to even get a trace of me in the last year! The facts in the case are these:

DIX SOLDIER KILLED UNDER TRAIN WHEELS

Death Overtakes Private Stealing Ride to Rejoin His Detail at Camp

Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., July 12.—Recruit Thomas F. Ryan, of Boston, Mass., was ground to death yesterday beneath the wheels of a fast freight at Pemberton, a few miles from camp, while he was attempting to steal a ride in order to make a quick journey to Dix and to join the detail from which he had taken French leave a few hours before.

Just before he was killed, Ryan mailed to his wife and mother letters, which gave a clue to his identity. An ambulance was summoned from the camp, and the body brought here. After an investigation, it was shipped to his home.

Ryan, with Albert J. Peterson, was detailed to assist in handling sand. He came down here on June 26 and was a member of Company Thirty of the Depot Brigade. Evidently trying to do his work, he slipped away to Pemberton, clad in his fatigue uniforms, and it was in an endeavor to make a quick journey back that the youth lost his life.

Ryan cutwounded "up" in their first meeting here and as a result of a combination of a missing jimmyman and Father Time, a wedding that was scheduled for Wednesday evening was not performed until last night. The contracting parties were Private Ira Johnson, of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Winnie Nash, of Mississippi. The officiating clergyman was Chaplain I. G. Gardner, of the 336th Field Artillery.

Everything was in readiness for the ceremony on the night before, and the bridegroom and clergyman waited in vain for the bride. The curfew warning sounded and it was not until 8:15 p. m. that the bride appeared. She was dressed in a white gown, and was escorted by a man who was not until last night that the bridegroom got enough time off to have the ceremony performed.

The Fifty-ninth Pioneers took a fifteen-mile hike yesterday in order to get practice at traveling through a supposed enemy's country. The officers and men worked out a number of field problems and at noon messed along the roads after an outpost had been placed. The Fifty-ninth Pioneer band gave a concert which was enjoyed by the men.

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Leave All in Private Bequest

Will probated today include those of Margaret M. Ogelsby, 1822 Wallace street, which, in private bequest, disposed of property valued at \$18,000. Joseph C. Dwyer, 1707 North Twenty-first street, \$17,500; George Radcliffe, 1918 Buckton street, \$6800; William Henry Rotherham, 646 Germantown avenue, \$4800; Anne Wilkinson, 2113 Berks street, \$3000; Robert Williams, who died in the Episcopal hospital, \$1500.

EIGHT HOURS TO RULE WAGES

War Labor Board to Make Short Day Scale Basis

Washington, July 12.—A flat declaration for a basic eight-hour day for the adjustment of wage scales is being prepared by the National War Labor Board today.

The position taken by the board may result in a readjustment of Government contract and subcontracts which are now on a basis of a ten-hour day.

If adopted by the Government, the board's decision would affect hundreds of thousands of workers in private plants engaged on war work.

AERO CLUB AWARDS MEDALS TO AIR HEROES

Thirty-seven Allied Aviators Receive Distinction, Many Posthumously

Paris, July 12.—The Aero Club of America, through its foreign service committee, has awarded the medal of the organization to thirty-three aviators representing the United States, France, Great Britain, Italy and Belgium. The medal is of gold elaborately engraved and measures almost three inches in width.

The aviators receiving the honor follow: United States—Major Raoul Lufbery, killed; L. Norman Barclay, killed; Julian C. Biddle, killed; Andrew C. Campbell, Oliver M. Chadwick, killed; Victor Chapman, killed; Edmund C. Gruet, killed; Ronald Hoakler, killed; James McConnell, killed; Douglas McMonagle, killed; Norman Prince, killed; Kiffin V. Rockwell, killed; Corporal S. Walcott, killed, and Major William A. Thaw.

France—Captain Guymer, killed; Lieutenant Dome, killed; Adjutant Leitch, killed; Lieutenant Chapuis, killed; Lieutenant Nungesser, Lieutenant Garros, Lieutenant Fonck, Captain Heroux, Lieutenant Madon, Captain Deulin, Captain Painsard and Sublieutenant Guerin.

Great Britain—Captain Albert Ball, killed; Captain Fletcher Philip Fullard and Major William A. Bishop.

Italy—Lieutenant Baracca, killed; Sublieutenant Olivari and Major Piccio, Belgium—Lieutenant Thieffry.

TAKE 52 CHINESE IN FEDERAL RAIDS

Munition Plant Round-Up Captives Sent to Immigration Station

Fifty-two Chinese rounded up in munition plants near Chester were taken to the United States immigration station today. With 237 others, they are charged with being in the United States illegally and in violation of the Chinese exclusion act. Some of them, who were formerly members of steamship crews, are also charged with desertion.

Despite the charges against them the Chinese appear to be contented. They learned through an interpreter that an appeal had been made to the Department of Labor urging it to lift the ban against the entrance of Chinese to the United States.

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Other Members Share Opinions

All other members shared Mr. Maxim's expressions of opinion regarding the shipyard. They were particularly interested in the red packet on way No. 1, which is to be the first ship launched. "Chief" Bender, former American League baseball pitcher, is foreman of a gang of bolters and jockers on this way. Hans Lobert, another professional baseball player, is foreman on way No. 6.

In the visiting party were Admiral William Strother Strong, Major E. D. Mershon, Major J. D. Whitehead, Lieutenant G. F. Gray, Colonel Blon J. Arnold, Major H. Blankenship, D. W. Brunton, Alfred Craven, W. L. H. Emmet, M. Hunt, B. G. Laame, G. C. Tracy, Spencer Kuller, A. R. Ricker, E. R. W. Saunders, E. A. Sperry, Frank J. Sprague, B. R. Thayer, Dr. E. D. Woodward, Dr. L. G. Webster, E. R. Grace, J. W. Richards, Dr. W. R. Whitney and M. R. Hutchinson.

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