APPEAL BOARD 2 IS EXONERATED

Kane Vindicates Members of Charges of Draft Irregularities

SUIT IS NOLL PROSSED

Attorney Tells Court Violations Only Technical—Injustice Righted, Says Counsel

Members of District Appeal Board No. 2, were given a vindication of charges of draft irregularities when United States Attorney Kane today nolle prossed three indictments charging them with neglect to perform their duty under the selective conscription law.

In asking Judge Thompson in the Federal Court today to allow him to drop three indictments against the members of the board, Mr. Kane said that from the outset he felt that there was a serious question whether there was anything more in the case than a technical violation of the draft regulations, and he said it would not be justice to ask a petit jury to convict the draft board members of the charges. Mr. Kane added that his judgment in the matter was confirmed in conferences with Washington officials.

The draft board members who were vindicated are Walter Willard, a lawyer and chairman of the board; Dr. Frank C. Hammond, former secretary and now medical aide to Governor Brumbaugh; Ellis A. Gimbel, James J. Ryan, a retired contractor; James C. McDonald, Charles H. Lafferty and Alexander Lawrence, Jr.

Charges Against Board

Of the three indictments, one charged the draft members with failure to forward to the adjutant general the names of 2000 registrants who had been selected by local boards for military service. A second indictment charged the draft board with holding up decisions on appeals from class A-1 classifications, and the third charged the board with giving an improper deferred classification to Howard A. Baker, a lawyer, connected with the law firm of Mason & Edmunds. Mr. Baker died recently in camp.

In a prepared statement, which he read to the court, District Attorney Kane said, in part:

"At the time these bills were found, I felt it was a serious question whether the facts that had been brought to the attention of the Government constituted more than technical violations of the regulations.

"I have now had a fuller opportunity to go into the facts—the evidence which was before the grand jury and also such additional evidence as would be available at the trial—and I have come to the conclusion that it would not be right to ask a petit jury to convict the defendants of crime. I propose, therefore, to nolle pros. the cases. I may add that the cases seemed to me to be of sufficient importance for me to discuss the question with representatives of the Attorney General in Washington, and that in coming to my conclusion, I have had the advantages of conferences with them."

Statement by Counsel

After Judge Thompson had allowed the bills to be nolle prossed, Attorney Maurice Bower Saul, counsel for Mr. Gimbel, but speaking for all the men who were indicted, made the following statement to Judge Thompson:

"On behalf of the defendants I feel it my duty to say to the court that the defendants have felt that a great injustice has been done to them in these proceedings. All of these defendants are men prominent in the business and professional life of this community and at a great sacrifice of time and money served the Government conscientiously and faithfully. The injustice done has now been righted by the action of the United States Attorney insofar as it is within his power and we are glad to know that his investigations have convinced him of the propriety of his action here today."

FLOOD CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE

Towns Along St. Lawrence River Suffer Loss of $1,000,000

Quebec, Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—The flood that swept up the St. Lawrence river last night, causing damage here estimated at about a million dollars, wrought immense devastation to river villages and towns between Quebec and Three Rivers, it was learned today.

Many summer houses were carried away, and stretches of the Quebec railway roadbed between this city and St. Anne de Beaupre were washed out, causing a suspension of traffic that will last two days. An unknown schooner was driven ashore, a total wreck, two vessels were reported in a precarious position, and a steam barge was seen flashing distress signals during the night.

The village of Batiscan, of 300 population, chief town of Champlain County, is in flames, according to advices received here today. Part of the village was submerged by the flood tide which swept in last night from the St. Lawrence river.

CHARLES R. VAN HISE DIES

President of University of Wisconsin Succumbs to Meningitis

Madison, Wis., Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—President Charles R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, died in Milwaukee this morning at 9 o'clock, according to information received here this morning by Dean Birge, of the University. He went to Milwaukee last Friday for a slight operation on his nose, complications developed and meningitis set in.

Charles R. Van Hise was born in Fulton, Wis., on May 29, 1857. He has been president of the University of Wisconsin fifteen years. He was a member of the National Conservation Commission and chairman of the Wisconsin State Conservation Commission. In 1909 he was chosen a trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Washington Academy of Sciences, the Scientific Society of Christiania and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. He was a prolific writer.

CRESHEIM DRIVE AWARDS

Board of View Names Amounts From $6500 to $100

Francis S. Cantrell, Jr., Robert B. Scott and Alfred Gratz, comprising a board of view, today filed in Common Pleas Court No. 2 a report showing awards of damages to property owners affected by the opening of Cresheim Valley Drive, from Springfield avenue to Mermaid avenue, Germantown. The highest award was $6500 to the estate of James F. Molloy, deceased. Other awards are as follows:

[illegible] of Howard F. Streeper, $5500; [illegible] Fowler, $1100; J. Harry [illegible], $800; Paul Foster, $250; Frank [illegible], $125; John Marsden and [illegible]. Several tenants who made claims for either property or for damages were denied [illegible]

For Sale or Rent
Dispose of it for [illegible]

109TH HAS HAD 8 COLONELS, MOST OF THEM WOUNDED

Desperate Fashion in Which All Ranks Have Fought Has Made Number of Replacements Necessary—One Leader, H. V. Ham, Decorated for Bravery

Philadelphia's fighting 109th Infantry Regiment has had at least eight commanders since it arrived at the front, and most of them have been removed because of wounds. This fact is construed as further evidence of the desperate fashion in which all ranks of the regiment have fought.

Colonel Samuel V. Ham, who succeeded Colonel Henry W. Coulter, of Greensburg, was one of the wounded, and he has been cited for bravery by General Pershing. Colonel Ham, a regular army officer, led the Philadelphians only a short time, but he actually led them into battle. He lay ten hours on the battlefield unable to move after he was wounded, refusing to be taken to the rear. From there he directed the attack.

Colonel Coulter, who succeeded Colonel Millard D. Brown, of Philadelphia, was wounded early in August, along the Vesle. Colonel Ham was wounded south of the Marne on September 6. His citation follows:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Magneux, France, September 6, 1918. By courageously leading his firing line in the advance across the Vesle River from Magneux toward Muscourt, Colonel Ham exemplified the greatest heroism and truest leadership, instilling in his men confidence in their undertaking. Having been severely wounded and unable to move, he remained ten hours on the field of battle, directing the attack and refused to leave or receive medical attention until his men had been cared for."

CREEL'S ASSISTANT DISAVOWS BULLETIN

President Responsible for Public Information Bureau Organ, Says Dr. Ford

Oh, no, George Creel is not to blame for the Official Bulletin. One of Mr. Creel's assistants here last night shifted responsibility to President Wilson himself.

Mr. Creel is chairman of the committee on public information. The Official Bulletin is the committee's "mouthorgan." Although some of the information it scatters broadcast is several weeks old to newspaper readers, yet the Official Bulletin, printed on good white paper with first-class ink, is distributed by the hundreds of thousands.

In some debating clubs, it is rumored, one of the favorite questions is: "Resolved, that the Congressional Record has more readers than the Official Bulletin." No plebiscite has been taken on the question, however.

The Official Bulletin's secret was revealed last night in Witherspoon Hall by Dr. Guy Stanton Ford, professor of history at the University of Minnesota, and, during the war, the head of the division of publications of Mr. Creel's committee.

"I know," said the doctor, with a smile "that the general impression is that Mr. Creel is responsible for the publication of the Bulletin. But I also know he opposed its publication and that the President insisted on it. Every time that Mr. Creel sees a copy he just groans and flings up his hands in despair."

"The Bulletin has occasioned a lot of criticism," Doctor Ford continued, "but recently we made a price of $5 a year on the publication, a prohibitive price, so that the public would be constrained not to purchase the Bulletin. But, strangely enough at $5 a year, we have received from 7000 to 10,000 subscriptions, and many of them from the very newspaper men who were the loudest to condemnation of the publication."

Doctor Ford related in detail the girdling of the globe by the agents of the committee on public information, from Buenos Aires to Vladivostok and Archangel. There is hardly a capital in any neutral or Allied country where a representative of this organization is not stationed to fight German propaganda on strange territory.

"No organization connected with the war has had a stormier career than the committee on public information. Nor has any body been so often recited with such misinformation and misapprehension to its real mission and purpose.

"I feel that the after years will show that the creation of the committee will be known as one of the happy acts of the President when the nation went to war."

Doctor Ford also told of the tremendous demands for copies of the President's war message, which ran into between five and six millions. The demands for the various publications of Germany's own case against herself, and said that fully 30,000,000 pamphlets of all descriptions had been sent broadcast through this and other countries.

He also retailed the history of the film division with the 750,000 feet which was sent to Vladivostock and the 500,000 to Mexico City. In this connection Doctor Ford told of the tremendous and subtile change in our favor which had been shown in the various countries where German propaganda flourished before and during the first few months of our participation in the war.

FOURTEEN BOTTLERS ACCUSED

Will Have Hearing Monday on the Charge of Using Saccharine

Saccharine instead of sugar has been used so extensively in bottled soft drinks that Robert M. Simmers yesterday swore out warrants for fourteen bottlers, charging them with violation of the Pennsylvania State laws dealing with food. Mr. Simmers is district agent for the State Dairy and Food Commission. The warrants will be served today, Mr. Simmers said, and the men will be arraigned Monday before Magistrate Beaton, at 1035 Spring Garden street.

Investigation by the commission showed these dealers have been using a mixture of one-third sugar and two-thirds saccharine in sweetening such beverages as raspberry and strawberry "pop." The chemical has a sweetening power 525 times that of sugar and, notwithstanding an increase in the price from $1.25 to $44 a pound since 1914, saccharine has been used freely, Mr. Simmers asserted.

For selling butter containing from 25 to 28 per cent of water, two dealers were each fined $60 and costs by Magistrate Beaton. The legal maximum percentage of water is 16 per cent. The dealers fined were Michael Schonfield, 319 South Fifty-second street, and R. Kuhn, a dealer in the Ridge Avenue Market.

YALE ADMITS LAW CO-EDS

Old Eli Opens Doors to Embryo Portias

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—Women may study and obtain degrees in law at Yale under action taken by the corporation yesterday, according to an announcement today. The recommendation of the faculty of the law school that women who are graduates of recognized colleges be admitted to courses for degrees was ratified.

This will place the law school on the same basis as the graduate and medical schools of the university.

Postal Censorship Ends

Washington, Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—Discontinuance of postal censorship of press communications was announced today by the Censorship Board. Correspondents abroad sending press material by mail for publication in this country may forward it in the regular course, instead of through the censorship offices at New York and San Francisco.

Jersey Tops War-Work Quota

Newark, N. J., Nov. 19.—New Jersey went away over the top in the united war work campaign this morning. With a quota of $6,807,150 the State subscriptions are $6,868,370. Over $2,000,000 is in sight.

FIFTIETH KEEL LAID AT HOG ISLAND YARD

Several Launchings There Next Week—Guns and Camouflage Cut Out

The fiftieth keel was laid at the Hog Island shipyards yesterday. The boat for which it was laid has been named the Mount Herrell and makes a total of forty-six keels on the ways at present. In addition to this work toward completion of the shipbuilding program of Hog Island, Admiral Rowles, assistant manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, said yesterday several launchings are to take place within the next week.

Now that the U-boat has been swept from the seas the guns mounted on the Quistconck, first vessel launched at Hog Island, will be removed and the quarters for the gun crews made into larger quarters for the regular crew.

There will be no further necessity for disfiguring the appearances of other vessels by camouflaging them. All vessels coming off the ways will be painted whatever color is designated by the Government.

Admiral Rowles announced that out of the 965 houses begun in May in the vicinity of Sixty-first street and Elmwood avenue 473 have been completed and delivered; that offers have been made for the purchase of many of the houses and that he has applied for authority to sell them. The Government will fix the price if sold. These houses were built for accommodation of the workers at Hog Island.

CRIME WAVE IN GLOUCESTER

Shipworker Robbed, Marine Attacked and Negro Runs Amuck

Gloucester had a wild and woolly western time for a while last night, with much shooting and two chases, one arrest resulting.

Frank Kook, a Yorkship village employe, was robbed of $6, a marine guard at the naval aircraft station was relieved of his revolver, and a negro ran amuck with a pistol terrorizing the neighborhood in North Burlington street.

Kook was set upon by three men while he was walking home. One choked him, another struck him, and the third went through his pockets. Policeman Gaskill saw the robbery, and arrested Peter Bender, thirty-six years old, of Grand Rapids, Mich. The others escaped after a pistol duel in which two shots were fired on each side.

One of these fugitives is believed to have held up the guard. After taking the marine's revolver, the robber ran. The marine and others chased him. After a short distance, the bandit fired two shots at the crowd behind him, dropped the stolen weapon and made his escape.

The negro who ran wild fired two shots, one bullet going through a window at the home of Edward Wood, on North Burlington street. He escaped.

WORLD CRIME WAVE FEARED

Doctor Lichtenberger Says It Follows War Inevitably

That the world will experience a wave of crime with the demobilization of armies now in the field unless precautionary steps are taken to prevent it, was the theme of an address delivered last night by Dr. J. P. Lichtenberger, of the University of Pennsylvania, before the City Business Club at a banquet held at the Adelphia.

"Certain inevitable results are bound to follow the termination of this war," said Doctor Lichtenberger. "One of them is violence which comes as a natural sequence with the breaking down both of highly centralized forms of government such as that of Germany, as well as with the demobilization of armies now in the field. Such a result cannot help but follow the relaxation of military discipline."

Doctor Lichtenberger advocated "selective demobilization" of the fighting forces and a broad scheme of re-education to adapt the soldier once again to civil life, also the removal of temptations thrown in the way of every young man in the nature of intoxicating liquor and other immoralities.

ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT LOOTED

Syracuse Robbery Involves Philadelphia Officer and Store Owner

A wholesale and systematic looting of army supplies of stockings and underwear from the Syracuse recruit camp depot, which has been going on for nearly two months, ended yesterday, when the Syracuse police arrested four of the five men implicated.

The quartet, three of whom are out under $5000 bail each for the action of the December Federal Grand Jury at Utica, are: Louis Welshond, of Philadelphia, owner of a store at Syracuse; Max Putziger, proprietor of the State Fair Hotel; Abraham Goldberg, and Roger Nash, head gardener at the New York State Fair grounds.

The fifth man is a noncommissioned officer a resident of Philadelphia, on duty at Camp Syracuse. He is accused of stealing Government property and selling it. The other four are concerned in the purchase of loot.

According to the statement of Nash, he was persuaded to dispose of the goods for the Philadelphia officer, who said that he needed the money for his destitute family. Nash is the father of Dennis Nash, Syracuse war hero, twice decorated by the French Government for bravery.

GIRARD ESTATE RENTS UP

Tenants in South Philadelphia Notified of Increase

Tenants of the 481 houses owned by the Girard Estate in the southern section of the city have received notice that on January 1 their rents will be advanced $5.

The dwellings, three and two stories, have rented at $47 and $33. The three-story corner houses rent at $52.

The raise in the city assessment, price of fuel and in wages is given as the cause for the increase in the rentals.

Muster Out at McClellan Tomorrow

Anniston, Ala., Nov. 19.—(By A. P.).—Under orders from the War Department 7500 men in the 157th Depot Brigade and development battalion at Camp McClellan will be mustered out of service, beginning tomorrow, at the rate of 500 a day.

BOARD SEEKS TO MEET REDUCED COAL OUTPUT

Anthracite Committee Confers in Philadelphia to Guard Against Shortage

The anthracite committee for the Federal fuel administration is conferring in this city today over a drop in anthracite production in this and other States. The ending of hostilities is said to be one of the causes.

The conference has four objects. The committee desires to keep the production of hard coal up to normal requirements; it desires to hurry the distribution of anthracite, especially to the smaller industries and to household consumers; it desires to induce consumers to lay in supplies now wherever the coal is available, and it wishes to emphasize the need for continued conservation.

Shipments of anthracite for the month of October, as furnished to the anthracite bureau of information, amounted to 6,286,366 tons, as compared with 7,110,950 tons for October last year, and 6,234,395 tons for the month of September this year, showing a decrease as compared with October of last year of 824,584 tons, and an increase, as compared with September of this year, of 51,971 tons.

The average daily shipments in October of this year were 232,828 tons, against 263,368 tons for the corresponding month last year, a decrease of 30,540 tons in the daily production for the month. This decrease can be attributed to the recent epidemic of influenza, which passed over the region and resulted not only in the loss of a great deal of time, but a loss of life in a great many instances. When everything is considered the output for the month of October is commendable and a credit to the anthracite industry.

The shipments by companies were as follows:

	October 1918	October 1917
P. & R. Rys	1,115,340	1,425,265
L. V. R. R.	3,216,391	1,314,806
N. Y. N. H. & H.	601,180	604,205
D. L. & W. R. R.	982,066	1,158,601
P. & R. Co.	730,495	814,429
Pennsylvania R. R.	399,885	430,662
Erie R. R.	731,694	793,226
N. Y. O. & W. Ray	165,205	179,408
L. & N. E. R. R.	340,210	396,113
Total	6,286,366	7,110,950

The bituminous coal situation is said to be just the reverse. Figures show that 268,858,000 tons of soft coal have been mined from April 1 through the week ending November 2 as against 226,416,000 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 42,397,000 tons.

MEETING ON CHARTER CALLED BY CONNELLY

City Solicitor Surprises Politicians by Asking Citizens to Consider Plan

City Solicitor Connelly has called a meeting of leading citizens to take up the question of charter revision in his office next Tuesday.

The City Solicitor has been engaged for several months on a program to revise the city charter. It is understood to deal mainly with financial matters.

Revision of the present system of mandamus payments and elimination of much of the red tape which marks the city's present methods of financial transactions are understood to form the basis of a number of bills he will draft.

Some time ago Mayor Smith announced he had asked the City Solicitor to draw up a bill to take the police and firemen out of politics.

The announcement of the proposed meeting by the City Solicitor, following Senator Penrose's declaration for charter revision, caused surprise in political circles.

Senator Vare voiced objection to Senator Penrose's charter revision plan on the ground that the constitutional convention, as suggested by Governor-elect Sproul, would take care of the city charter.

In politics the City Solicitor lines up with the Vare forces in so far as the vote of his ward is concerned, but he divides the patronage of his office on a 50-50 basis between the rival Republican factions.

ATTACK EXTRA LIGHT CHARGES

Builders Protest Electric and Gas Installation Fees

Builders and others are protesting against the Philadelphia Electric Company's new charge of $8 for installation of an electric light meter and the charge of the United Gas Improvement Company for laying gas connections from the property line to the dwelling line.

The gas company's new rule affects all builders who erect houses ten or fifteen feet back from the front property line in order to allow room for grass plots.

Connections were formerly made free directly from the dwelling to the gas main in the street. Now the company will lay pipe free only as far as the property line. A charge of 75 cents a lineal foot is made for the remainder of the distance to the house.

The Philadelphia Operative Builders' Association, meeting yesterday, appointed a committee to protest against both charges.

TWO MORE GERMAN REPUBLICS

Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt and Schaumburg-Lippe Declare Independence

London, Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—The principalities of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt and Schaumburg-Lippe have been declared republics, according to a German wireless message. The Diet of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha advocates the joining of the duchy of Bavaria.

The Soldiers and Workers' Council at Cassel, where German main headquarters has been transferred, says that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is under the protection of the council. Confidence is expressed that he will be secure from molestation, but it is added that he and others at headquarters carry arms.

BORDER TOWN FIRE-SWEPT

Half Million Loss by Flames at Bristol, Va.-Tenn.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—Fire in the business section here today destroyed four mercantile establishments and the Cumberland telephone exchange and damaged nearby property. The loss was estimated at half a million dollars.

The flames started in a dry goods store and spread rapidly because of a high wind and low water pressure.

Uruguayan Senate Urges Allied Loan

Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 19.—The Senate Finance Committee conferred yesterday with the Minister of Finance with the object of expediting the approval of a new loan to the Allies of $154,500,000. The British minister has informed the Uruguayan Government that Great Britain is most anxious that this credit be extended notwithstanding the termination of hostilities.

SHIPBUILDING COST MUST BE CURTAILED

Increased Production Per Man Needed to Meet Competition, Says Official

To compete with foreign shipping, it will be necessary rapidly to decrease the cost of shipbuilding through greater individual production.

This is the opinion expressed by Dr. Charles F. Taylor, head of the service department of the Pusey & Jones Company.

Discussing the effect of peace on shipworkers, Doctor Taylor predicts there will be a demand for efficient men and that they need not feel uneasy.

"Most if not all the plants in the Delaware River district will continue shipbuilding for years to come," says the official. "This is the greatest shipbuilding district in the world and is likely to remain so.

"The heart of the whole problem is the cost of production. At present the cost of production is prohibitive in all plants. Unless it is reduced very rapidly American plants will be unable to compete with foreign plants.

"There are two ways of reducing cost of production. First is to cut wages. This would react in the reduction of materials, the cost of living and the injury of our widespread prosperity. In view of the opportunities for commerce opening before America this step would be suicidal.

"The second way to decrease the cost of production is rapidly to increase the amount of production per man. The present amount of production per worker is lower than it has ever been in this country. This is due to the dilution of labor by the introduction of large numbers of unskilled in skilled trades.

"England has overcome this handicap because she has been at war four years. We are just beginning to 'tune-up' our industrial forces.

"The year ahead of us will see a wonderful improvement in industrial efficiency. The low-grade workers will inevitably be weeded out and higher grade labor replace them.

"Unless there is a proper grading of men, Doctor Taylor asserted, hundreds of plants would have to close down. He urged the efficient workmen in the Pusey & Jones yard to remain, while those who feel they are not properly placed should take steps to get into the right jobs. He pointed out that the United States Employment Service would co-operate in the transferring of men."

BREWERS FINANCED NEWSPAPER DEAL

Man Who Handled Brisbane Purchase Tells of Operations at a Philadelphia Bank

By the Associated Press

Washington, Nov. 19.

At the opening hearing today before the Senate committee investigating the purchase of the Washington Times with money furnished by brewers, evidence was offered to prove that funds from the same source were provided for purchase of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

C. W. Feigenspan, of Newark, N. J., who handled the money furnished Mr. Brisbane, was one of the first witnesses. He identified as brewers the underwriters of a loan said to have been arranged for acquisition of the Advertiser. Documents were put into the record to show that collateral security was used at a Philadelphia bank to the extent of $100,000 and that the purchase of the Advertiser was negotiated by Charles H. Allen and William D. Sheehan.

Witnesses summoned for today included John Gardiner, of Philadelphia, chairman, and John A. McDermott, of New York, manager of the organization committee, and Hugh F. Fox, secretary of the United States Brewers' association, and A. J. Sunstein, of Pittsburgh, and George F. Deiterle, of Cincinnati, representing the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association.

Alexander Konta, of New York, who is alleged to have been a party to an attempted arrangement with Dr. Bernard Dernberg, a German agent, to purchase a New York newspaper to carry on German propaganda, will be called in a few days, Chairman Overman announced.

Since the adoption of the resolution by Senator Jones, of Washington, calling for the investigation, agents of the intelligence branch of the War Department and from the judge advocate general's department, have been gathering information relative to brewers' activities and German propagandists. It is understood that this information is now before the committee.

FEWER HOGS TO BE SHIPPED

Food Administration Requests Reduction Until Labor Increases

Reduction of one-third in hog shipments until the labor supply of packing houses can be increased is requested by the food administration in a statement today.

To relieve the situation, the food administration has requested the War Department to release from cantonments on furlough all men who have worked in packing houses, that they may return to work. Preference in release for enlisted men abroad experienced in meat packing also is asked.

"Hogs should be held back," says the statement, "because under no circumstances will there be enough to meet foreign demand as soon as shipping can be arranged, which will be within thirty days. We will be able to export all surplus hog products which can be properly spared from this country."

TO TAKE U. S. CENSUS

Plans Under Way for Numbering of the People

Washington, Nov. 19.—(By A. P.).—Plans for taking the next decennial census in 1920 are rapidly assuming a definite form. Secretary Redfield said today the work of enumerating the more than a hundred million inhabitants of the United States will be started on a large scale about next July.

The skeleton organization for the huge task has been formed, Secretary Redfield said. The Census Bureau has decided to ask the Government for use of two of the large buildings in Washington now occupied by bureaus of the War Department. Approximately 4600 clerks, it is estimated, will be needed in Washington.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton, Md., Nov. 19.—The following marriage licenses were issued here today: Andrew Richards and Marie Zimmerman, John Amatucci and Carmella Cipricond and Alvin L. Vaustadalen and Gertrude Castor, all of Philadelphia; Joseph Rivers and Ruth Baker, Conshohocken, Pa.; Norman Boehm and Marisho Santee, South Bethlehem, Pa.; and Elisha Brown, Lincoln University, Pa. and M. Lucy Grant, Cherry Hill, Md.

10,000 NEW HOMES IN CITY BY SUMMER, SAY BUILDERS

Ambitious Program Announced by Association Starts After-the-War Rush of Activities in Philadelphia

Ten thousand new houses will be built in Philadelphia, to be ready for occupancy early next summer.

Announcement of this program is one of the first signs of the after-the-war activities of the Philadelphia Operative Builders' Association. Decision to rush these buildings to completion was reached at a meeting of the association late yesterday.

The vote was taken in the face of predictions that the cost of labor will remain high for five or six years, and that houses as cheap as those built before the war are not to be expected for a number of years.

Gloucester Work Goes On

At Gloucester, homes under construction at the shipyards will be completed despite the fact that the war is ended. About 500 of the 1500 houses at Yorkship village will be occupied by workers of the New York shipyard. Gloucester City Council will decide at its next meeting whether the 550 houses being built at the Pusey & Jones yard will become part of the city.

The action of the Philadelphia builders was taken after hearing an address by John N. McGarvey who urged upon members of the association concerted action next spring in view of the great and growing shortage of dwellings in every section of the city. The removal of the embargo on material by the Government, said Mr. McGarvey, and the fact that there was an urgent need of many new houses, afforded the builders the opportunity of the best market for houses they have known in years. More than 10,000 houses would be required completely to relieve the situation, but the addition of this number, plus the houses the Government is now building in Philadelphia, would have a perceptible effect in improving the existing housing conditions in Philadelphia, which if permitted to continue would prove a serious obstacle to the development of the city.

Labor Cost to Stay High

The cost of labor, the speaker said, would remain high for the next five or six years, due to scarcity and the probable continued decline of immigration from Europe. Despite this, however, it would be possible for the builders to turn out dwellings at possibly somewhat less cost than the prevailing prices for the last two years. Cheap houses or houses as cheap as those in pre-war times were not to be expected for a number of years.

BRIDGE COMMISSIONS VIEW CAMDEN SITES

Mayor Heads Philadelphia Party on Inspection of Proposed Eastern Terminal

The Pennsylvania and the New Jersey Bridge Commissions today inspected the proposed Camden terminal site for a Delaware River bridge to link this city and Camden.

Members of the Pennsylvania commission met this morning in the Mayor's office, City Hall and from there proceeded in several automobiles to Camden where they were met by the New Jersey commissioners.

The local party included Mayor Smith, John T. Windrim, Alfred E. Burk, James E. Lennon, secretary of the Pennsylvania commission, Dr. Warren P. Laird, consulting architect of the joint commission and three city department heads—Twining, city transit; Webster, wharves, docks and ferries, and Datesman, public works.

The Camden site suggested is bounded by Sixth street, Federal street and Market street and now is partly occupied by a public school. The joint commissioners today inspected the proposed site so that an estimate of property damages could be made.

After the inspection trip is completed, the joint commissioners and other officials in the party are to be entertained at luncheon in Camden. An inspection of the proposed Washington Square site in this city will be made later.

BRAVE OFFICER PROMOTED

John F. Hubbard, Husband of Philadelphian, Lieut. Colonel

First Lieutenant John Flavel Hubbard, an officer of the United States Field Artillery, who was cited on several occasions for personal bravery and for deeds of valor under fire, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel, according to news reaching Newport today, where his mother, Mrs. Hubbard, widow of Commander Hubbard, U. S. N., resides.

Lieutenant Colonel Hubbard was married last year to Ulrica Dahlgren, daughter of Mrs. Drexel Dahlgren, of Philadelphia.

Lieutenant Colonel Hubbard went overseas last April with his regiment, which carries the three service stripes for having been in the principal battles "over there," and which is a part of the Third Division, that saw ninety-six hours of continual fighting at Chateau-Thierry. The same regiment was conspicuous in the St. Mihiel drive, and played an important part in the battle north of Verdun.

SORROW FOLLOWS JOY

Two Atlantic City Homes Saddened by Death of Soldier Heroes

Atlantic City, Nov. 19.—John Collins, the stalwart young son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Collins, of Brighton avenue, Chelsea, will not be in line when Atlantic City's fighting sons come marching home from the war to receive their well-merited welcome. A telegram brought sadness in the minds of joy to the Collins home last night. It stated simply that the young man had been "killed in action" in France on October 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins had not heard from their son for more than six weeks. They assumed he was back of the fighting line. He was a graduate of Atlantic City high school and a member of the Phi Delta Sigma Fraternity. He was in the draft, but volunteered and arrived in France last June. He was a member of Company A, 309th Infantry.

Another sad message came to Miss Lavina Ortlip, his fiancee, informing her of the death of Ellsworth D. Powell, Company B, Thirtieth Regiment of Engineers. Powell expired from wounds in a hospital, "somewhere in France." He was twenty years old.

PLAN FOR INAUGURATION

Six Hundred Marchers to Represent Republican City Committee

Six hundred silk-hatted marchers and 200 musicians will represent the Republican City Committee in the parade which will follow the inauguration of Senator William C. Sproul as Governor on Tuesday, January 21.

The city committee will meet tomorrow afternoon to organize the Union Republican Club of Philadelphia, a marching organization.

Congressman Vare, Senator Vare, city officials and a number of prominent business men will march in the ranks ranks of Vare Legion.

COMMONS LAUDS KING GEORGE

Congratulates Ruler on Truce and His Devotion to Nation

London, Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—The House of Commons yesterday passed a motion, moved by Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the absence of Premier Lloyd George, who is suffering from a slight cold, congratulating King George on the conclusion of the armistice and the prospects for a victorious peace and for his unselfish devotion to the task in which the nation is engaged.

"When phantom kings are falling," said Mr. Bonar Law, "our sovereigns are passing, without escort, through the streets and meeting with tributes of respect, devotion and affection."

Herbert H. Asquith, the Opposition leader in the House of Commons, seconded Mr. Bonar Law's motion.

Arrived at New York

New York, Nov. 19.—Arrived, steamship Orduna, Liverpool.

TEACHERS DISTRUST PAY INCREASE BILL

Does Not Guarantee 25 Per Cent Raise Is Complaint at Meeting

Women teachers of Philadelphia, at a meeting last night, discussed in detail the tentative draft of the bill for a 25 per cent increase in salary that the State Board of Education has prepared to be introduced in the Legislature next January.

The teachers raised the point that the bill as drawn by the State board does not guarantee them a 25 per cent increase. According to the bill, appropriation is made to each school district of a sum equal to 25 per cent of its payroll, but the apportioning of the money among the teachers is to be according to a scale that the local board "deems justifiable."

The meeting took place in the home of Miss Jane Allen, at 4615 Chester avenue. A number of communications from different parts of the State were read encouraging the teachers in their plans. A letter from Dr. George Brecht, executive secretary of the State Board of Education, was read, in which he said:

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has never been fully awake to her obligations and responsibilities in respect to the schools. I am hoping that our legislative campaign for the coming winter will, as never before, bring vital education with all that it means in men, women and physical equipment to its proper place in the consciousness of the citizens of Pennsylvania. We are indeed grateful for your interest, and shall be glad to have your support in the important educational projects before us."

One of the teachers also read a letter from Congressman Benjamin K. Focht, in which he said he would be pleased to do everything he can to promote the 25 per cent increase.

SLATE M'DEVITT FOR POST

Philadelphian Suggested as Secretary to Next Governor

Reports from Harrisburg state Harry A. McDevitt, of Philadelphia, a deputy auditor general, for the post of private secretary to Governor Sproul.

McDevitt was assistant executive controller under Governor Tener and was secretary of the Economy and Efficiency Commission under the Brumbaugh administration until he resigned to accept the post of deputy under Auditor General Snyder.

It was reported that he would have preferred a place as deputy attorney general under the coming Administration. McDevitt has assisted in arranging details during the campaigns of Goyernors Tener and Brumbaugh and the recent campaign of Governor-elect Sproul.

During his service with the Economy and Efficiency Commission a number of reports which he drafted for the purpose of establishing a more efficient form of State Government were adopted by the Legislature. Since assuming the office of deputy he has represented the Auditor General's office in a number of legal actions.

WORLD-WIDE PROHIBITION

Prominent Speakers Will Address Conference at Columbus Tonight

Columbus, O., Nov. 19.—(By A. P.)—An organization having as its object the prohibition of the sale of all intoxicating beverages throughout the entire world is expected to be formed at the world-wide prohibition conference which is to be opened here tonight.

Among the speakers announced for the conference are: Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York; Senator Jones, Washington; William J. Bryan; the Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, formerly moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Denver, and Bishop W. F. Anderson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BAKU RETAKEN BY ALLIES

Turks Loot Port Previous to Arrival of British and Russians

London, Nov. 19.—British and Russian forces on Sunday reoccupied the Russian seaport of Baku, on the west coast of the Caspian sea, says an official statement issued by the War Office.

The Allied forces were given an excellent reception, especially by the poorer classes. The Turks, before evacuating the port, looted it.

Nearly Suffocated by Gas

When Thomas Bennett, sixty-five years old, went to sleep in his room at 1525 North Twenty-first street last night, with the gas burning and the window open, wind blew out the light and escaping gas nearly suffocated him. Other residents of the house called the police, who resuscitated him.

Iron Crosses Cent Apiece in Berlin

Paris, Nov. 19.—The iron crosses which the former German Emperor so lavishly bestowed during the war now are being sold in Germany for five pfennigs, or about one American cent apiece, a telegram from Amsterdam says.

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PUT $238,000 LOSS UP TO DATESMAN

Changed Specifications Let Boston Man Drop Garbage Contract

GRILLED BY TRAINER

Works Director Under Fire at Finance Committee Meeting

A loss to the city of $238,000 on the 1919 garbage collection contract is charged against Public Works Director Datesman, already under fire in connection with the 1919 street cleaning contract.

The garbage affair was made public last night when the director was put on the grill by Select Councilman Trainer, Third Ward, at a meeting of Councils' Finance Committee.

Trainer brought out that City Solicitor Connelly had written to Director Datesman last July 30 pointing out that the latter had exceeded his authority and the award by changing the specifications.

Changed the Award

The whole matter hinged about the garbage contract upon which Edward T. Murphy, of Boston, last May offered a bid of $486,000 for the collections for the ensuing year. Director Datesman, in his letter of award to Murphy, inserted a further clause as a supplement to the specifications upon which Murphy bid, and it was as a result of this that Murphy is said to have subsequently refused the contract. The contract was then awarded to the Penn Reduction Company, for approximately $725,000.

Director Datesman in his letter of acceptance of the Murphy bid conditioned it upon the fact "that the award is made subject to future appropriations by Councils, provided suitable progress be made in preparing installation for next year's use."

Mr. Datesman admitted that he had received a communication addressed to him by the City Solicitor. Its important paragraph read:

"To sum up the entire matter, I believe that in attaching to the award the condition in question, you have gone beyond the specifications and have attempted to place upon the proposed contractor an obligation and risk which he is not required by his bid and by the terms of the specifications to assume."

Specification May Cost City Dearly

This is said to mean that if the courts sustain Mr. Connelly in his opinion, the city's suit, which he is technically required to bring in an effort to recover from Murphy the difference between his and the Penn Reduction Company contract, will fail and the Director's post-specification will have cost the city nearly $250,000.

"It is commonly reported," said Councilman Trainer, in opening the fire of questions at Director Datesman, "that you personally are responsible for the city being compelled to pay $238,000 more for next year's garbage contract than it otherwise would have had to pay."

"I am not a lawyer, I am a business man," the head of the Department of Public Works declared emphatically. "If by some technical interpretation of the law some one attempts to make me the 'goat' I resent it."

"Well, if anything you may say will give denial to the rumor that you were a party to the deal we will be glad to hear it," Mr. Trainer replied.

"Murphy was a bluffer from the start," Director Datesman shouted.

"And in order to get rid of Murphy and his low bid you added those words and thereby let Murphy out and the old gang in—is that it?" queried the Third Ward Councilman.

"No, sir; it is not."

AIR MAIL AVIATOR KILLED

Allen Adams Falls in Fog—Mechan