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AERO CLUB SEEKS FLYING RECRUITS

Arranges Test for Twenty Young War Aviators.

OFFERS TO PAY EXPENSES

Capable Air Men Will Join Lafayette Escadrille in France.

NEW YORK, June 17.—The Aero Club of America is recruiting eligible flyers for the Lafayette Escadrille at the front in France, who have been rejected on technical grounds by the War and Navy Departments. It became known tonight.

The club announced that it already had started several American youths to France and is about to select a contingent of twenty more, on a competitive basis, to be sent along soon. The club will pay the cost of a hundred-minute test flight for each man, and will also give them transportation and personal expenses to Paris and to the training camp for the escadrille, which is an independent flying unit in a rigid physical examination.

Among those who have called for France recently under the Aero Club's plan are: Captain Man in List, William H. Macker, of New York; Harvard, IT; Vernon Booth, of New York; Harvard; Cyrus F. Chamberlain, of Minneapolis, Princeton; Benjamin S. Walcott, of Washington, Princeton; Samuel W. Wiggins, of Cincinnati, Harvard; Ted Ford, of Washington; Harvey Roger Clapp, of Salt Lake City; Fearchar I. Ferguson, of New York and Chicago. Each of these was examined for air sense and ability to handle a battleship.

Others who are: Reginald Sinclair, of New York; Harvard; Upton S. Sullivan, of New York; Lowell Richards, of New York; Frank Leslie Hill, of Cleveland; George C. M. M. of Washington; S. Schreiber, of Anacosta, Mont.; Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., of New York; of Boston; Wallace C. Winter, of New York; David Porter Guest and Charles C. M. of Washington; James A. McMillen, of Orange, N. J.; William B. Rogers, of Pittsburgh, and Richard Dana Skinner, of Manchester, Mass.

HOUSE APPROVES PURCHASE OF CANAL

Chesapeake and Delaware Ditch Develops Charge of "Pork."

The long-agitated project for the purchase by the Government of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal as a part of an inland waterway from Philadelphia to Baltimore, is a step nearer fruition today as a result of action taken by the House during consideration of the river and harbor bill. The House voted into the bill late yesterday authorization for negotiations for the purchase of the canal, although the opponents of the plan, led by Congressman Frear and Lenroot of Wisconsin denounced it as "pork."

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REGISTRATION CUTS CHICAGO CRIME WAVE

Reduced 66 Per Cent By Round-up of Draft Slackers.

CHICAGO, June 17.—Crimes in Chicago have been reduced 66 per cent by the draft registration and the resulting round-up of slackers, according to figures compiled by First Deputy Superintendent of Police Wesley West. He points to two salient facts: 1. That an enormous large proportion of all crime is committed by men within the draft ages—twenty-one to thirty-one.

2. Realization by registered men that registration has made their residence a matter of public record. "The sobering influence of registration has reflected itself in the most astounding decrease in crime Chicago has ever witnessed," the official declared today. "The registration not only makes for a safer and cleaner city, but also will enable the department to apprehend a high percentage of those guilty of crime."

URGES YOUTHS TO ENLIST

Dwight Kiggins Terry Finds Navy Life to His Liking.

Dwight Kiggins Terry, eighteen years old, son of Mrs. S. Kiggins Terry, 1101 Harrison street northwest, who has been in the hospital corps of the navy for the last two months, has sent messages advising all young men to enlist at once.

Terry formerly was employed in the Library of Congress. His grandfather, Capt. L. M. Kiggins, was in the civil war, and his uncle, John P. Kiggins, found in the Spanish-American war.

He was formerly a student in Business High School, and was a cadet.

ELEVATOR WOMAN'S CLAIM IS DISPUTED

Hotel Housekeeper Seeks Rating As the First.

TOOK OUT LICENSE IN MAY

Lunchroom Employee Doesn't Want to Be Overlooked.

Is Miss Margaret Thompson, at the Y. W. C. A. home, the first wartime woman elevator operator in the city? Considerable doubt seems to exist.

First, a claim has been entered for the honors by Mrs. Virginia Hall, licensed as operator in a hotel elevator for the past four weeks. Mrs. Hall is housekeeper at the hotel, and has been for nearly a year. Of course, all that time she didn't have a license, she said, and only got one four weeks ago, but there is no doubt, she says, that she is the first skitred elevator conductor licensed in the city of Washington.

When she applied for her license, she says, the examiner told her that she was the first and only woman in the District to get one.

Another voice from the elevator shaft has been heard claiming honors of being the first woman elevator conductor in the city. It is that of Pearl Dixon, colored, who since June 7 has, she says, taken patrons to the upper floor of a New York avenue lunchroom.

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Connecting Boulevard. Acquisition of the several forts on the hills surrounding Washington and acquiring of the land connecting this chain of forts for the construction of a connecting boulevard encircling the city, as called for in the McMillan Park report.

Estimates for the laying of asphalt paving on Park road from Sixteenth street westward to the intersection of Klinge Ford road.

That Lamont street westward from Sixteenth street to the intersection of a suitable staircase, this method of improvement being regarded better than paving the street for vehicles because of the steepness of the grade and the slight demand for vehicular traffic at that point.

This list of public improvements needed in that section of the city together with a resolution of thanks to the Commissioners, was adopted.

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Student Officers Are on Mettle

Young Men at Fort Myer Face Harder Tests in Competition For Commissions in New Army.

More of the student officers than usual stayed over at Fort Myer camp this morning, preparing for the beginning of the second and more strenuous chapter of their work tomorrow. The men are on their mettle, for they realize that the next four weeks are likely to decide whether they are to get their commissions. Only those who have stood the test will be carried over into the third and last period.

To make the strain harder, they are leaving the friends they have made in the first five weeks of the camp and going out to work under new instructors, and all the grades of last week are forgotten.

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VETERANS OF 1898 CHEER BROWNLOW

Half Million to Front Is Urge of District Head.

TO ERECT DEWEY STATUE

Automobile Detachment Planned. New Officers Named.

Commissioner Brownlow received an ovation last night when he addressed the closing session of the District Spanish War Veterans and brought them to their feet in a tumultuous outburst of applause and enthusiasm when he concluded his patriotic message at Pythian Temple saying that there was no hope of ultimate triumph until America's 500,000 khaki-clad boys have carried the Stars and Stripes to the blood-soaked battlefields of France.

Wood Picture Brings Cheers. The Commissioner drew a picture of the triumph of democracy, with Verahing's name linked with those of Lee and Grant, and Wilson's with those of Washington and Lincoln, and McKinley. Instantly the entire audience was cheering wildly and three mighty shouts went up for the Commissioner.

Commissioner Brownlow heartily approved the plan as outlined to the Veterans yesterday by the Commander-in-chief, Daniel V. Chisholm, who recommended that an automobile detachment be organized by the District of Columbia men who participated in the war of '98, with four men to a machine so as to be ready for instant war service.

Indorse Dewey Statue Plan. During the afternoon session the veterans indorsed the resolution submitted by the Pettit Camp for the erection of a statue of Admiral Dewey at the south front of the State, War and Navy building.

The result of the annual election was the choosing of James E. Maynard, Harden Camp, department commander; C. J. P. Weber, Miles Camp, senior vice department commander; S. Bernard Buscher, Dewey Camp, junior vice department commander; W. F. Davis, Lawton Camp, department inspector; E. E. Doran, Harden Camp, department chaplain, and J. E. Wilson, Harden Camp, department marshal.

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BANK CLERKS BUSY WITH LOAN TOTALS

Work on Tabulations While Nation Takes Rest.

BIG SUMS TO BE RETURNED

Only \$2,000,000,000 to Be Kept. Small Investors Safe.

While the rest of the country went to church or obtained rest in other ways after a week of labor, clerks in practically every bank in the United States worked long and arduously today, completing tabulations on the Liberty loan.

It may be late this week before full returns are in, but one thing is assured, the loan is hundreds of millions oversubscribed. The only question now is whether the amount in excess of the required sum will reach a billion.

Treasury officials bustled themselves today chiefly with the problem of how the allotment of bonds is to be made, for, of course, there must be many disappointments when the subscription is practically half again as much as the amount asked. And Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has announced that no bonds in excess of the \$2,000,000,000 will be issued at present.

Every one who subscribed will get something, however, and those who ordered bonds of the smaller denominations, \$50 and \$100 in particular, are sure to be allowed to buy the full amount.

The cutting down will be done on the big orders, running into the thousands and millions.

No Decision Yet. No decision has been reached yet as to the method of distributing the loan among these big subscribers, but it is considered probable that, after the \$50 and \$100 orders are disposed of, the rest will be allotted in proportion to their amount. It is estimated that if this system is followed the big subscribers will be given something more than half of the amount which they ordered.

To add to the uncertainty in estimating the amount of the subscription, the Treasury Department has received many orders direct from individuals. These have not been tabulated, but it is safe to say that total will be appreciable, as it is known that they included at least one \$2,000,000 and one \$1,000,000 order. These subscribers probably will be turned over to the Federal banks, and the respective districts given credit.

These direct subscriptions may bring the District's total up to \$200,000,000, or more than twice the allotted \$50,000,000. Complete tabulations from Capital banks show that \$2,000 Washingtonians contributed \$18,004,000 through these institutions.

RED CROSS WORKER KILLED

TTUSVILLE, Pa., June 17.—Harry Gerson, thirty-five, secretary of the local Red Cross, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his fiancée here last night at the home of William Moran, where they were visiting. The revolver was accidentally discharged, while Gerson was trying to wrest the gun from the girl.

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MAY LIFT STIGMA FROM DEAD 'VETS'

To Ask Congress to Clear Names of Confederates Dismissed by Navy.

A movement to have Congress remove the stigma of dismissal against the names of 126 men who left Annapolis in the states to join the Confederate navy has been started here by Admiral A. Q. Wright, commander-in-chief of the Confederate Naval Veterans, who says the descendants of these "disloyal" men are now fighting in the war of today against Germany.

According to Admiral Wright, who was delisted by the Richmond and Birmingham committees of the Confederate veterans to appeal to Congress at that time are all dead. The proposed legislation is merely to clear their names and to show appreciation of the services their sons and grandsons are now rendering in the war of a reunited country.

All those who left Annapolis or the naval service to join the Confederacy, says Admiral Wright, "offered their resignations. In some cases their resignations were accepted but in the majority of instances the word 'dismissed' was written opposite the names of those men who were doing the right as they then saw it. Why want these resignations accepted, even if the acceptance date is fifty odd years after the war?"

Admiral Wright has discussed the matter with Senator Raymond, Secretary Daniels, and former Secretary Hilary A. Herbert.

He says he has received encouragement from all sources, although Senator Swanson suggests that if legislation is to be sought it should include officers of the Confederate army as well as the Confederate navy.

A large number of Southerners left West Point and the United States army to take up arms for the South.

Admiral Wright will return South in a few days to discuss the matter with Gen. George P. Harrison, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, and a bill probably will be introduced soon in the House and Senate to remove the stigma mark opposite the names of many who made civil war history and whose descendants are now fighting for the flag.

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