

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PUT ON NEW BASIS

John H. Brickley Elected Supervisor by the Board

By electing John H. Brickley, a Technical High school and Lehigh University graduate, as supervisor of special activities, the city school board yesterday approved another of the reorganization recommendations made some time ago by City Superintendent F. E. Downes.

The success of the school for stutters and stammerers conducted by Prof. O. H. Ennis, was reported, all the directors showing an interest in the results which were obtained.

It was suggested that one of the city teachers should be trained to continue this work as in case any other pupils were found to be suffering from impediments of speech they could be given special training.

A fund of \$50 to purchase music for the schools was appropriated, and it was also decided to purchase a new piano for Technical High school.

The recommendation of Purchasing Agent Frank C. Foote to award the contract for book covers to the Holden Cover Company, was approved. Mr. Foote also stated he intends to purchase supplies for the various school laboratories, domestic science

kitchen and Technical High school lunchroom by monthly contract.

Railroad Demands to Be Closely Scrutinized; New Eastern Committee

Washington, Feb. 16.—Proposed expenditures of railroads for extensions and improvements this year will be carefully scrutinized by technical and financial experts of the railroad administration before being approved, according to a plan announced yesterday by Director-General McAdoo.

One of the first steps toward paring down individual railroads' estimates and rearranging the program for capital expenditures is the appointment of a committee of railway engineers to investigate eastern roads' proposals.

The eastern committee consists of Francis Lee Stuart, a New York engineer, chairman; A. T. Hardin, New York, chief engineer of the New York Central; A. C. Shand, Philadelphia, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania; and H. A. Lane, Baltimore, chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio.

The railroad administration plans to consider every proposal for extensions and improvements in the light of its necessity under war conditions. In some cases railroads are said to have proposed insufficient extension of facilities, particularly in terminals, and the Government management probably will insist on building of many additional tracks in yards, construction of new shops, roundhouses and repair stations not planned by the private managements.

Y. M. C. A. PLANS RECEPTION

A reception will be given to the new members of the Y. M. C. A. in Falmesock Hall next Tuesday night. Special features of an interesting and entertaining program are being arranged, and, in addition to the hundreds of new members, there will be a large number of the old members present.

It is expected that the crowd will be the largest ever assembled in the building. All the departments and rooms will be open, and members will enjoy every privilege. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

FRENCH-SPEAKING GIRLS WANTED

U. S. Plans to Send Corps of Telephone Operators "Over There"

"Parlez vous Francais?" asks Uncle Sam of the women who are to operate his army telephone systems in France, and he doesn't simply take "oui" for an answer. The prospective military operator must have a great deal more than a smattering of French; she must be able to speak it fluently and she is given tests over the telephone which immediately indicate whether she is capable of holding up her end of a conversation in native French.

Uncle Sam wants to have his telephone system in France operated by the most efficient operators in the world, and that means by American young women. The Signal Corps have asked the telephone companies in the United States to secure these "switchboard soldiers" for them.

Just because you are or have been a telephone operator, don't think that you therefore can easily secure a position in this expeditionary operating force. The first and fixed requirement is an ability to speak and read both French and English fluently and be able to understand readily French spoken over a telephone line. The American telephone system in France not only to be the best, but also to be the most important, and so unless you are French is very, very good, do not consider yourself a qualified applicant.

Knowledge of switchboard is also necessary, but if you do not have this knowledge and if all the operators needed are not obtained from those already having previous experience, you may be accepted without previous experience and given the necessary training by some telephone company.

There are already a number of women in training for this force. They are given special training at local, toll and private branch exchange work and spend a certain time at a cantonment central office to become familiar with certain of the features of military operating.

Therefore, if you can handle the French language as well as you do the English and are dependable, resourceful and able, if necessary, to go it on your own, as the soldiers say when the tide of battle compels prompt, individual action to meet a serious situation, then by all means apply. Nearly a hundred young women have already been selected and judging from them, this unit will meet with all those requirements and be of the most democratic and truly representative American forces sent abroad.

In every respect these young women will be soldiers coming under military restrictions at all times. The pay will be \$60 a month for operators, with corresponding rates for supervisors and for chief operators, in addition to which allowances will also be made for rations and quarters when these things are not provided by the Army.

PLAN ENTERTAINMENT

The best cooks in the city will be there, at the big vaudeville and dance next Monday evening in Chestnut Street Hall given by the Central Branch Emergency Aid for the benefit of the soldier boys in camp. The entertainment is a double affair, for the chicken-and-waffle supper will be served early at 4:30 in the afternoon, continuing until 8:30. The vaudeville show will get under way at precisely 8:30; this to be followed by dancing. The officers of the aid who have this jubilee night in charge are Miss Bertha Zedrick, Mrs. A. H. Duffin, Mrs. H. Smith, Miss Ethel Fields, Miss Annie Potter and Mrs. G. Callahan.

FOREIGN TRADE CUT TO GET SHIPS FOR SOLDIERS

Half Million Tons of Shipping Commandeered For War Needs

Washington, Feb. 16.—The President yesterday assumed absolute control over the commerce of the country by placing all foreign trade under license of the war trade board.

The primary purpose of the two proclamations by the President requiring licenses for all imports and exports, is to conserve shipping in order that tonnage now engaged in trades may be withdrawn for the trans-Atlantic service for war requirements.

Embargoes on imports are to be ordered by the war trade board and the outcome will be curtailment of industrial activity. The board has been preparing for the President's action for more than a month, and is ready to put its program into immediate effect.

The trade with the Orient is expected to be the first affected, and there was strong indication that the silk mills would suffer heavily. The imports of woolens may be reduced very substantially, it was stated last night. The importation of essential ores from South America will continue, but the ban in general manner of commodities which might be classed as luxuries or which are not immediately essential in the presence of the war.

The War Trade Board made no announcement of the restrictions to be placed on import trade and it is not likely to do so, as the policy of the board is to issue licenses for exports and imports as cases arise without issuing any blanket rule to cover all commodities under all conditions. It was intimated the embargoes would not be ordered at once.

The extent to which the board is expected to go in the restriction of imports is indicated by the fact that Chairman E. N. Hurley, of the Shipping Board, hopes to withdraw 500,000 tons of shipping from the import trade and to put it in the trans-Atlantic service.

Will Feel Effect Immediately. Officials of the board admitted, however, that industries dependent wholly or in part on imports may be expected to feel the effects of the orders, and the nation's export trade is to be immediately under the thumb of the board.

Trade agreements with neutral nations have been under consideration for many months, having been started before Vance McCormick, chairman of the board, went to Europe with the House mission in the fall. Satisfactory adjustments have been made with Sweden, Denmark and Holland, but sharp hitches have occurred in the negotiations with Spain and Norway.

The War Trade Board will seek under the new system of licenses to prevent American products reaching South American houses which are suspected of trading with Germany or her allies. It is generally known here that the War Trade Board has extensive information on the connections of many such concerns.

The American exporter will be required to send his products to the points approved by the board. Officials were silent as to the extent of domestic industrial curtailment, but it was learned that the policy is to follow lines of luxuries first and nonessentials thereafter. It is admitted that 500,000 tons of shipping cannot be withdrawn from trades, and devoted as extensively as possible to the transportation of raw materials for war purposes, without cutting deeply into manufactures.

Bolo Pasha Appeals From Sentence of Court-Martial

Paris, Feb. 15.—Bolo Pasha, who was convicted by a court-martial of treason and sentenced to death, has appealed from the verdict to the Court of Cassation.

Bolo, much to his surprise, was dressed in prison garb and taken to the death cell on his return to Sante prison. He passed a restless night, but was apparently hopeful that the decision might be reversed on appeal. He said to the guards:

"I am perfectly tranquil. I have a thousand grounds for appeal."

One of these is supposed to be the allegation that a witness for the prosecution was seen during a recess in the trial in conversation with the president of the court-martial and the government counsel.

Bolo's first inquiry yesterday morning was whether his neighbors in prison had been informed of the verdict. He was told that Joseph Caillaux, former Premier, was astonished at his conviction. There were many callers at the prison, but none was admitted, as Bolo was subjected to strict prison regulations and was constantly under the eyes of the death watch. He was handcuffed when taken out for exercise and when brought into court.

Hawaiians Decide to "Eat Bananas and Win the War"

New York, Feb. 16.—"Eat bananas and win the war" has been adopted as the slogan of the Hawaiian Vigilance Corps of the American Defense Society, it was announced last night. The "banana consuming propaganda committee" of the corps has sent to headquarters of the league here a statement advocating wider use of the fruit. The committee contends that not only are bananas cheap, but that they provide more actual food for the money than fresh vegetables, fruit, fish, meat, eggs or milk. They can be eaten as a fruit, cooked as a vegetable, used as a salad, or dried and made into flour. The assertion is made that thousands of bunches now are rotting on the ground in Hawaii.

S. T. H. S. SOCIETY MEETS. At the meeting of the S. T. H. S. Literary Society on Thursday night the subject for debate was: "Resolved, That Military Training Should Be a Part of the Curriculum in Secondary Schools." The speakers on the affirmative side were Estella Richards, Mae Rowe and James E. Satt. On the negative side, Zella Rebeck, Sarah Beck and George Gruber. The negative side won.

Members of the society contributed to the entertainment of the evening with "Drowsy Waters," song; recitation, Mae Rowe; essay, Emily Miller; vocal solo, Sarah Beck; recitation, Virginia Palmer; recitation, Myrtle Murphy; reading, Marie Gerhart; piano solo, Mary Van Dyke; recitation, Flora Simons; current events, Virginia Palmer; address by Professor T. O. Smith.

Grain Supply Is Cut Off Breweries by U. S. Order

Owners of breweries all over the country were of the opinion to-day that the order of Herbert Hoover, promulgated yesterday would result sooner or later in closing all breweries. Hoover's dictum forbids maltsters to purchase any more barley or other grains for malting. There is no malt producing establishment in Harrisburg, breweries here secure the commodity from Philadelphia or the West. Many of them have enough barley and other grains on hand to supply the breweries for perhaps two months but after that if the order is not revoked, it will serve for an additional war prohibition measure. Brewers of Harrisburg to-day said they could not make out

whether Hoover has taken this step merely to allow the government a chance to take accurate census of its grains or whether it will be permanent and thus force the breweries to close.

LODGE TO MEET. A meeting of Dauphin lodge, No. 2456, Fraternal Aid Union and the I. O. O. F. will be held in the Grand Army Hall in North Third street, Monday evening. John D. O'Keefe and Frank E. Plutner will address the meeting.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY. The public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary exercises at the Children's Industrial Home, Nineteenth and Swatara streets, next Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. In the morning of that day the board of directors will hold its annual meeting at the Y. M. C. A.

Belief of Big Naval Fight Based on Finding of Dead German Sailors

London, Feb. 16.—Belief that a naval engagement has occurred is expressed in a dispatch received in Stockholm from Gothenburg and forwarded by the correspondent of the Morning Post. The dispatch reports the recovery of a large number of bodies of German sailors who apparently belonged to a warship. Gothenburg is on the western coast of Sweden and is near the Skagerrak, one of the bodies of water connecting the North and Baltic seas and the one nearest the North sea. The North sea in the vicinity of the Skagerrak has been the scene of previous naval engagements, the

great battle of Jutland having been fought there.

Distinguished Orator to Speak at Forum

Leslie P. Hill, Harvard graduate, and one of the most distinguished colored men in public life will be the speaker to-morrow afternoon at the meeting of the People's Forum in Wesley Church, Forster and Ash streets. Mr. Hill is principal of Cheney Institute.

TO GIVE CONCERT. The Mason's Jubilee Singers will give a concert in the St. Paul's Baptist Church, State and Cameron streets, next Thursday evening. A program of old southern songs and melodies will be given by the singers.

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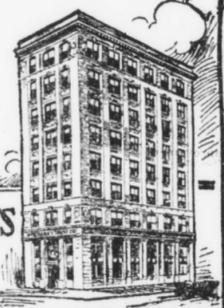
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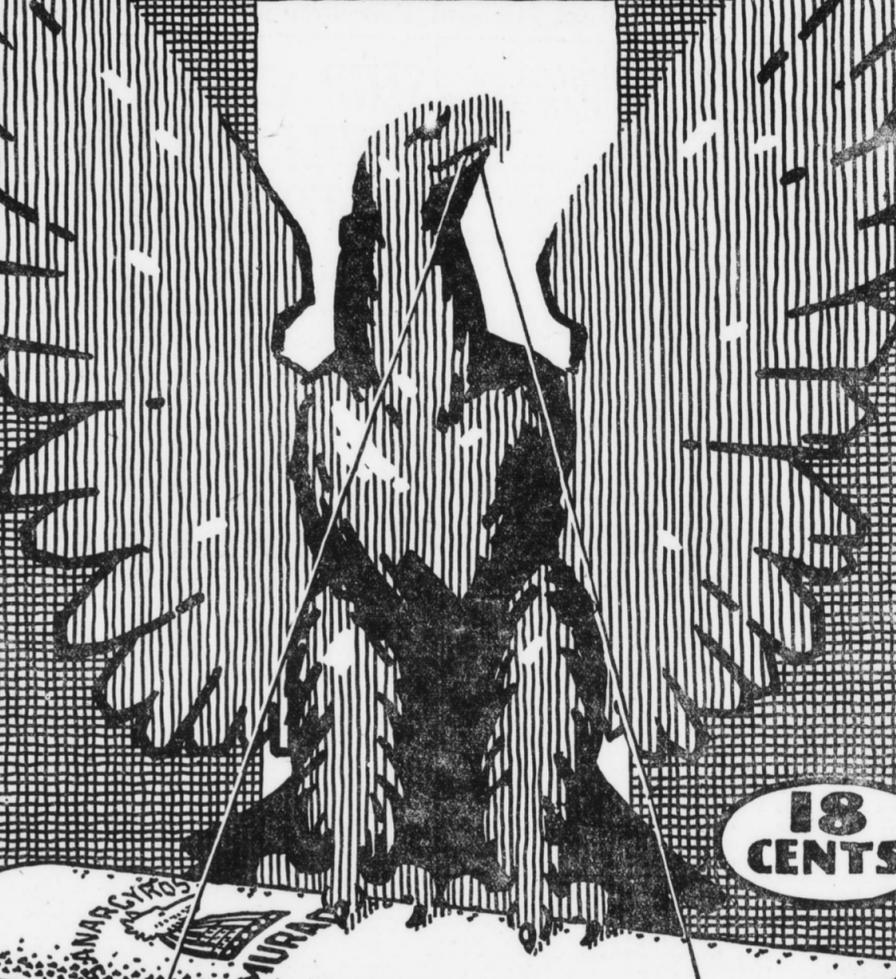
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