

Government Takes Over Coal Output

Few Changes In County's Official List

Government control of every ton of coal mined in the United States became effective through an order made public yesterday by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, fuel administrator. This order went into effect December 24 and will remain in force until further notice.

This is the most drastic action yet taken by the fuel administrator. In this order Dr. Garfield requires that every contract for the purchase and sale of coal and coke shall contain a provision that it shall be subject to immediate cancellation at the request or order of the Fuel Administrator, and that no coal or coke shall be delivered under such contracts shall be subject to requisition by the government.

It must be provided also in such contracts that in the event of such cancellation and seizure neither of the parties shall have any cause of action against the other or against the United States.

Contest Arises In Make-up of Fire Board

Inside information as to the probable make-up of President Francis F. Bligny's nominating committee is to be announced at the reorganization meeting New Year's night, reveals the fact that a contest has developed for the chairmanship of the Fire Board. Councilman Charles C. Graves, who has been a member of this organization since its entrance into the Council, is anxious to succeed John H. Cowe, the present incumbent. Councilman Thomas S. Hyman, who has been chairman of the street department and one of the leading figures in the City Hall commission, is also anxious to be the head of the Fire Board and both men are pushing their claims. But in the game Councilman Bligny indicated that he would like the nomination if no one else sought it particularly but he has since stepped aside for the other man.

Mr. Graves is well versed in local fire department affairs, having served as a volunteer and call man for nearly twenty years. He has also devoted much of his time to this branch of city service since becoming a member of the fire committee and is anxious to see that he be given the place. When President Bligny was asked about the matter yesterday he said he had no information to give out at this time.

It is thought to pass that Mr. Hyman gets the Fire Board chairmanship, rumor has it that G. Herbert Condit might take his place as chairman of the fire committee.

It is also said that Mr. Bligny may succeed Juan A. Babcock as chairman of the finance committee and succeed Dr. Garfield as chairman of the police committee.

The 1917 Council will hold its last meeting next Monday night to wind up the year's business and elect the members of the new body will take place Tuesday night.

Plainfielders Included In Newly Made Citizens

Presiding over the last session of the October term of the county court yesterday Judge James C. Connolly accepted the oath of allegiance of sixty new citizens, residents of Plainfield and other parts of the county who have satisfactorily complied with the necessary regulations. Nearly every nationality in Europe and in some parts of Asia was represented, and the first group of new citizens who came from still another part of the world. Two of them were women.

Judge Connolly, before giving them the oath that would mark the last pages in their evolution from immigrants, delivered a patriotic address upon their duties to their adopted country in this time of war and told them that when they were alienesses borned them to the nation's honor even against the motherland. He also told them of the chance for success that lay ahead of them, and pointed out how others had come to our shores and in after years had risen to positions of dignity and honor.

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New Year's Greeting to Nation's Chief

"While Our Starry Flag Welcomes the Sun"

 RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
 TO
 HIS EXCELLENCY—WOODROW WILSON
 President of The United States
 (By J. Watson)
 With hearts firm and strong, we are marching along
 Up the pathway of hope jewelled years
 Not in our wake, leaving heartache, or wrong—
 Or the red trail of blood-lust and tears.
 We are marching along, to the light of a song—
 Unmildred by rancor or hate.
 Each step that we take, in the daylight we make—
 To the glory of GOD, and our STATE.
 With hearts clean and strong we are marching along
 Bearing malice and envy, to none
 But with pride in our race, look the world in the face
 While our STARRY FLAG welcomes the sun.
 But if tyrannic hands reaches out to our land
 And seeks it's bright future to kill
 Then for FREEDOM and RIGHT we will take up the fight
 And STAY till the last heart is still.

Hope Chapel To Observe Anniversary

Just thirty years ago next Tuesday, Hope chapel, the flourishing West End denominational branch of the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church, opened its doors for the first time. A total of twenty-seven officers and scholars were present at the Sunday-school gathering on that day and from this small beginning the present big organization has developed. The thirtieth anniversary of the church is being celebrated at a special service in the chapel next Sunday night in the form of a "Watch Night" gathering.

The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock and it will include a stereoscopic lecture by Rev. D. W. Skelton, his subject will be "From Before the Bars to Behind the Bars." The officers of the church and Sunday-school are making an effort to have all the original members who are still living to be at the service and make brief addresses. Of the twenty-seven who are still on the roll. Refreshments are to be served as the New Year is ushered in.

The late Henry C. Spillars was the first superintendent of the chapel. His first teachers included H. Raymond Mosser and Miss Jessie M. Field. Fred H. Firstbrook, William J. Firstbrook, Walter L. Firstbrook, Mrs. Movinick and Mrs. Charles Delahunt. Mr. Spillars was succeeded as superintendent by G. Herbert Condit, who has had much to do with the splendid work of recent years.

The chapel has had only four pastors since its organization. The first was Rev. D. Kennedy Newell, now of Chicago, who served from 1887 until 1891. Rev. E. Howard, now in Illinois, who occupied the pulpit from 1901 to 1911; Rev. P. L. Greene, from 1911 to 1916, and Rev. D. W. Skelton, the present pastor.

The first building was a small frame structure, which served as a

place of worship for Bethel chapel and stood at East Fifth and Washington streets. It was moved down to the location at 842 West Fourth street, which the Crescent Avenue congregation purchased as a site for its new branch. The membership of the church is now over 100. Numerous additions had to be made to the building until the original structure was almost obliterated. Only the front entrance of the Sunday-school department is all that remains of it today. A memorial church was added to the chapel in 1901, the structure being connected to the two structures into one whenever room is needed.

The congregation of the chapel recently voted to become independent of the Crescent Avenue church and plans are being completed to take this step. A site has been purchased at Grant avenue and Sixth street, where a fine church and Sunday-school denominational building is to be erected in the near future.

Asks for Changes At New Sewer Beds To Cost \$35,000

According to a statement made by Consulting Engineer George Fuller at a meeting of the Joint Sewerage Commission Wednesday night, an appropriation of \$35,000 will be made to bring about certain improvements in the new sewerage system in the final tanks. 5,400 square feet of new sludge beds; pumping facilities for taking sludge from sludge beds; pressure pipes at the tanks connected with the pipe and pump connection for delivery of final effluent out to gas vents to break up sludge; changes in piping and conduits for removal of gas lifting sludge from preliminary tanks and sludge beds; screens for breaking up the sludge.

In the event of the commission deciding to have the improvements made as recommended, Plainfield's share of the expense will be about seventy per cent.

Read the Record.

Dix Men To Be Home for New Year's

Selected men at Camp Dix who were unable to secure leave of absence over Christmas will be permitted to go off duty tomorrow afternoon and not report back until 10 o'clock next Wednesday night. The order has created an immense amount of satisfaction among the soldiers as it will make certain that everyone was given time off during the holiday season.

According to the original plan of the camp commandants, twenty per cent. of the men were to be allowed home for Christmas. A government order, however, was issued which limited to five per cent, causing "blue gloom" to settle over the entire campment. Late last Saturday night, however, another change came through and practically two-thirds of every company were given furloughs. As it was then too late for many of the boys living at great distances to get away, those remaining behind were informed they could have a four and a half days' vacation at New Year's.

There are remaining at Camp Dix only about thirty Plainfielders and all but a few of these were home at Christmas. They were royally entertained by relatives and friends as it is probable that they will not get another leave of absence before moving South or going abroad. Only a few of the Plainfield boys at Anston secured furloughs as the five per cent. rule was maintained at that place. Among those who were in town for the holiday were: J. N. Rhodes, James Murphy, Carl Nielson, Robert Jorgensen, Gabriel Olson, Harold Storr, Frank Terry, Edward Anderson and John Hirshtart, from the post office.

Lieutenants J. M. Charles and A. R. Phillips, of the officers.

MISS BAKER BRIDE OF THOMAS J. HEALY.

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Grace Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baker, of West Front street, to Thomas J. Healy, of this city, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y. The ceremony took place in New York City last Saturday and was attended only by the necessary witnesses. The couple will make their home in Brooklyn, where the bridegroom is now employed.

Mr. Healy came to Plainfield from the Buffalo Aeroline Works at Buffalo a year and a half ago in order to take a position of chief inspector at the Standard Aero Corporation factory on North avenue. He remained in this capacity until about three weeks ago when he returned to go to Brooklyn. During his residence here Mr. Healy made his home at the Hotel Kensington. His bride is a native of this city and has a wide circle of friends.

Auto Painting. Auto painting, auto tops, slip covers, and reupholstering. A. K. King, 12-16 Grove street. Phone Conn. 3-A-7.

English's Order To Dim Lights Must Be Obedied

Union County Fuel Administrator John K. English has received word from the State Fuel Administrator Richard Jenkinson to attend a dinner to be given to all the county administrators of the next Monday night at the State at the Essex Country Club tonight. Dr. Jenkinson has decided that this is the best means by which he can secure an idea of the important things to be discussed will be in connection with the lighting problem. The order to put the lights out on Thursday and Sunday nights went into effect over a week ago, but did not receive recognition from everybody and a method will be devised to force them to comply.

The first one to have what will probably be stringent measures taken against them will be those who failed to heed the order last night. The first one to have the county administrator has received word that an effort is being made to obey nothing will be done, if the lights are not out on Thursday and Sunday nights with knowledge of just what he can do to punish the delinquent one.

Not only Plainfield, but the entire county is affected by the war measure of conservation. The principal streets of Elizabeth, Summit, Rahway, Westfield and other municipalities were darkened last night.

Mr. English received a communication yesterday morning from Dr. Jenkinson which should be read by the town fathers. It states that they will freeze before they get any more coal when their present limited supply runs out. The letter was signed by the national headquarters giving him power to divert coal however conserved, except railroad fuel, for domestic consumption. It is the intention of the government to prevent actual starvation.

The order gives the State administrator power in such cases, if necessary, to "temporarily" close industries, theatres, public halls and similar places.

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day, would be retained under the new administration. Then he will organize a corps of inspectors and visitors, largely of experts of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in whose building he will maintain headquarters for railroad supervision.

In addition Mr. McAdoo feels that a great increase in railroad efficiency will be accomplished through government control. By the vesting of control over the lines operating as a unit the effect of the so-called car shortage can be minimized, freight can be handled with more greater speed and congestion can be relieved all over the country, especially at seasonal terminals and transfer points.

But all this, Mr. McAdoo realizes, is easier said than done. In a formal statement issued last night, as his first official act, he appointed a director general of railroads, he called for the assistance and cooperation of every citizen in the work of the railroads.

This new task is of great magnitude and difficulty," he said. "It cannot be done in a moment, and it cannot be done at all without the cooperation of every citizen in the work of the railroads, as well as the officers and employees of the railroads, give to the railroad director general terminal and transfer points. I earnestly seek the cooperation and assistance of every good citizen in this great work."

The Board of directors of the four railway brotherhoods for a forty per cent. wage increase will be considered probably in a month or two along with more extensive consideration of higher wages for all employees, including those unorganized. The director general's advisers will advise that the board of directors be appointed to three out general wage matters for his final consideration. A sharp reduction of high salaries now paid railroad presidents may help in a small way to provide funds for wage increases.

One effect of the new order will be to give a number of appointments to the railroads which they do not now have in big cities. The Baltimore and Ohio probably will enter New York City at the Pennsylvania station.

I shall have to rely upon my county fuel administrators to aid me in giving a number of appointments. All orders for diversion must come from this office and will be granted only on the most thorough examination and explicit information. This power is dangerous and must be exercised with the utmost regard to the rights of the people. I would agree that before receiving any order from me for action that you exert every effort to alleviate conditions as we have done in the past."

Captain Fallon to Tell Amazing Story At P. H. S. Tonight

It is an amazing story of the world war that Captain David Fallon, M. C., who will be heard at the Plainfield High School Auditorium tonight, tells, but it is the story of his own experiences as a soldier at Gallipoli and in the trenches of Belgium and Northern France.

Captain Fallon was a military cross, which was bestowed upon him at Buckingham Palace by King George for conspicuous bravery. The first for which he received the cross ended his active career as a soldier. In order to secure information regarding the location of the German machine gunners, he was captured by the enemy's lines, was detected and wounded, and lay for three days and nights, terribly wounded, in a shell crater before rescue came. He is now the desired information.

The military cross is not the only decoration which Captain Fallon is entitled to wear. For "conspicuous bravery in the field" on the Northwest Frontier in India, he received the Duffin medal, which contains an emblem of the Roman hero, King Edward, who, curiously enough, is denominated "Ruler."

THOMAS W. MORGAN.

Thomas W. Morgan, a former resident of this city, died at his home in New York Wednesday. The body will be brought to Plainfield on the 2:17 train this afternoon in charge of his son, William H. Morgan, and interment will be made in Hillside cemetery. Mr. Morgan was a well known and successful business man who will conduct the service at the grave.

MONEY TO LOAN. Real Estate and Insurance. Mainline & Curtis, 106 Depot avenue. Adv. 71 t 1 t ***

Railroad Change In Effect Today

First McAdoo Order Will Eliminate All Competition—Baltimore & Ohio Trains Will Use Pennsylvania Terminal in New York

Without formalities of any kind and without the slightest interruption of traffic all the railroads of the United States will be taken over by the government at noon today for the period of the war.

William G. McAdoo, as director general of railroads will assume complete control, and the action will mark one of the most important steps ever taken in the present history of the nation. He will utilize the existing railroad organizations in establishing a complete continental transportation system.

Director General McAdoo today will issue his first official order today wiping out competitive conditions and providing for complete pooling of traffic, equipment, terminals and trackage facilities, and for the retention of present officers and employees. The immediate result will be effecting of traffic over shorter lines, regardless of the company with which shipments originate, and the common use of terminals to effect maximum efficiency. Without anticipating wonders under the new scheme, officials look forward to material improvement in the present traffic congestion within a few weeks.

Speedy movement of freight will be the first aim of the director general. But problems whose solution must press close on the heels of actual transportation questions are the equitable reimbursement of roads for the use of their property on the basis of pre-war earnings, increased wages for railroad employes, financing of necessary improvements, building of additional lines or facilities, and the tangled priority situation.

Before most of these questions can be settled special legislation will be necessary. To urge this President Wilson is preparing a message to be delivered to Congress soon after it convenes at its winter session on Thursday. Legislation already has been drafted.

The legislation, however, and problems dependent on it are awaiting the deliberation of Congress, while Mr. McAdoo must get into action today with powers already conferred on him by President Wilson. First he will confer with the railroads Board of railroad presidents, whose services and advice, he said yesterday, would be retained under the new administration. Then he will organize a corps of inspectors and visitors, largely of experts of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in whose building he will maintain headquarters for railroad supervision.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Happenings of the Past Week Tersely Told For Busy Readers.

Plainfield Council, United Community Council, and the local branch of the Red Cross, celebrated the tenth anniversary of its organization last Saturday night by holding a dinner in its rooms in the Babcock building. About twenty-five to thirty members were present. Most of the absentees being out of the city on business. Senior Council members of Dunellen, acted as toastmaster. When the menu reached the coffee and cigars numerous appropriate addresses were made. One of the principal speakers was Grand Councilor Reese, of Wilmington, Del., who came to Plainfield especially for the occasion.

Under the direction of Charles H. Banks, chairman of the distributing committee of the Community Christmas Committee, two hundred and included containing toys, candy, games, oranges, books and stockings were distributed among as many children in the city and borough Sunday afternoon, and in addition thirty-four tons of coal in half-ton lots were given to needy families. The distribution was made by means of the automobiles and several sleighs, the owners generously donating their use for the purpose. Mr. Banks was assisted by Mrs. Banks and Miss Mary Phillips. Mr. Banks playing the part of "Santa Claus."

Hot ashes placed in a wooden box on the second floor of the frame dwelling in the rear of 167 North Avenue, and occupied by Thomas Costello, a bad case last Saturday night. A telephone alarm brought the fire department to the scene in a very short time and the flames were checked as they were spreading about the entire structure. The damage is placed at \$150, covered by insurance. David T. Kenney, of the borough, who owns the building, which was occupied for many years by "Ted" Cleavelly, now of Jersey City.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association gave a novelty dance in the clubhouse on West Front street, Monday night. The dance was attended. Prizes were awarded for the couples who showed themselves to be the most expert dancers. Eddie Mark's jazz orchestra furnished music.

The young people of the Monroe Avenue Methodist church will present a Christmas entertainment to-night in the form of a variety act. "Eldest Christmas Party," as the persons interested are invited to attend.

Besides distributing baskets containing dinners for the poor of the city last Monday, the local Salvation Army will spread more Yuletide cheer next week when the Christmas tree will be lighted at their hall on East Second street. One hundred and fifty children will be the guests of Captain Crispell and his associates. A fine program has been planned for the occasion and the young folks will receive the customary gifts. Because of a lack of space, Captain Crispell announces that he will be unable to collect the money from the Christmas boxes stationed about town until some time between January 1 and 15 and makes a request that no one be allowed to take the money without showing proper credentials.

Forty soldiers and sailors who were off for the Christmas furlough, a large number of them being Plainfielders, were entertained Tuesday afternoon by the Misses Ernestine Wilson and Irene Donno at the latter's home at 56 Norwood avenue. The affair was in the nature of an informal reception and included dancing and music.

ADD NEWS BRIEFS. C. C. Employers of the Hill County and the local division of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment at the Dunellen firehouse last night. The men had their wives and families as special guests and a most enjoyable time was had by everyone. Superintendent of the Hill County, Mr. J. H. Smith, was a big factor in making these entertainments a success, was present last night and besides distributing presents sang, "Where the River Shannon Flows."

The New York City Brass Choir, composed of women, was entertained by Charles P. Underhill, leader, provided the Christmas entertainment last night at the First Baptist church. The choir sang, "Where the River Shannon Flows."

In accordance with its annual custom, Trinity Community, No. 17, of the borough, held a Christmas tree and social on Monday night. The affair was a most successful one and a large number of persons were present. The affair was a most successful one and a large number of persons were present.

The first class in elementary hygiene and home nursing which has been in progress at the Plainfield headquarters of the Red Cross, has completed the course and examinations will be held this afternoon.

James J. McCann, automobile license agent for the Plainfield district, announces that all automobile owners and drivers must procure their licenses before noon Monday night as his office will not be open on New Year's Day. Anyone found without a car without proper credentials at midnight Monday will be arrested and punished.

Peter McKinnon, piper for Clan MacKenzie, No. 204, O. S. C., has enlisted in an aviation corps of the Canadian Army and will report at the headquarters of the working men. He was the guest of honor at the meeting of the Clan, Monday night, when an entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed.

North. Company tests by Divisional Inspector Major R. C. Kelley are slated to be held in the 11th Infantry the latter part of this week when the various units will be put through a program of bayonet, gas, field, fortification and bombing work.

Income Tax Man Coming Here to Aid in Returns

It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law. Collector of Internal Revenue Charles V. Duffy, of Newark, yesterday announced that 50 officers will be sent to the headquarters on January 1st and on January 2nd every one of them will be on the job in the office assigned to him, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The office assigned to this county is due to arrive here on January 2, 1918, and to remain until January 26, 1918, both dates inclusive. The office will be in the Post Office main building, where he will be found every day of the dates stated from 9:00 to 12:30. Gilchrist, Plainfield, Westfield, Rahway.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, and every married person living with wife or husband, whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay." Collector Duffy said yesterday. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make returns in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers."

"It's hard, a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax on their crops."

"The man in the field will have to make a return of his crop. He must not trouble themselves to write to my office for forms."

Speaking of the success of public markets in New Jersey during the past year, Alexis L. Clark, chief of the Bureau of Markets of the State Department of Agriculture in his weekly Market News Bulletin issued this week, says:

"No State ever took up with public markets so enthusiastically as New Jersey did this past season. Reports from all municipalities have shown that the public markets of the State Department of Agriculture. These show that sixteen farmers' retail market places were established during the year and that six other cities are seriously considering the subject. Many obstacles have been encountered and in some cases the benefits that should have been secured have been mostly lost. None of them, however, was a decided failure, and most of them proved their value to those interested."

Reviewing the year's experience the bureau finds that "apparently the most important advantage they afford is a stimulus to more economic methods among the retail distributors. They do not on the whole offer lower prices to consumers. Retail merchants find that it is necessary for them to follow the lead of the farmers and consequently prices are found much the same in all parts of the city. A very small farmers' curb market will, however, absolutely insure reasonable prices over a comparatively large district. In such a market place the relation of the supply of any given product to the demand from day to day is perfectly reflected in the prevailing price."

It is also noted that whereas formerly have been slow to appreciate any particular value in such markets, numbers of fruit and vegetable growers living within easy reach of the city, and who are interested in the subject and are planning to make their growing methods conform to retail demands for next year.

"In Plainfield a very informal market was arranged for and the growers there, realizing from their experience in the Elizabeth market and in their own opportunities for direct selling, are this winter urgently requesting the city commissioners to establish a more permanent place with proper marketing facilities."

A most unusual meeting was held last week in Newark at the office of the Woman's branch, Council of National Defense. Representatives were there at the invitation of the chairman from a number of State and local women's organizations. At the request of the Bureau of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, twelve large manufacturing and business firms sent representatives there. These men were purchasing agents of food supplies for the employees of the respective concerns. Reports were made of the carrying of food, potatoes, etc., distributed at a saving of ten to twenty-five per cent, and the women delegates were assured by some of the buyers that similar results could be secured under certain conditions by groups of women. The bureau stated that direct selling would be more efficient distribution methods and the thought was expressed that perhaps a secondary benefit other than that of saving money would be the inclusion of more economic practices in retailing by this sort of competition.

Domestic food prices must become extremely burdensome and present selling services proven un-economic before this practice will be taken up by any great extent by our women folk.

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Christmas Affairs At Baptist Church

The senior departments of the Park Avenue Baptist church Sunday-school enjoyed their annual Christmas entertainment in the church school rooms last night. Superintendent William N. Runyon was in charge and the program provided refreshments and a variety of the entertainment committee. The exercises were divided into two parts, the first was a sketch, "The Master of Men," in which the spirit of giving served as a theme. The second part was a pantomime entitled "The Good Samaritan," and had a moral lesson in it. The novel was interpreted at the parts. The musical gifts were distributed at the close of the program.

The primary department of the school will enjoy its usual Christmas party this afternoon. It will be in charge of Mrs. F. C. Runyon. The party will include recitations, songs of a child's play. Refreshments of ice cream and cake are to be served in the afternoon. Mrs. Runyon will be assisted in caring for the children by the members of the Sunday-school teaching corps.

The entertainment committee is composed of: Harry C. Runyon, Miss Florence Hawkins, Mrs. Ada M. Cumine, Fred Miller, Miss Ethel Gaswill, William P. Doane and Mrs. Harry C. Runyon.

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS DRAWN FOR COMING TERM

The grand and petit jury panels for the January term of the Union county courts were drawn in the Common Pleas courtroom at the courthouse Monday morning. Those who will serve include bankers, merchants, mechanics, and others. Former Sheriff George C. Otto was also drawn to serve on the petit jury.

The grand jury follows: Elizabeth—William M. Austin, A. Frank Hofferker, Edwin H. Benner, Michael Byrne, James H. Horvath, William Clifford, Robert H. Good, Edward S. Hersh, Charles B. Mauck, Frank B. Hetsman, August Heltzer, John C. Jones, James A. Hand, Alfred C. Hahn, George C. Otto, Archibald MacIntosh, Charles Rolinson, John K. Sauer.

Plainfield—Ernest C. Conover, Fred W. Dunn, Charles L. Hyde, Royal T. Phillips.

Rahway—Clarence J. Cook and Gustave A. Vett.

Union Township—John W. Agar, John B. Bonnell and Samuel Nesbit, Jr.

New Providence Borough—Lyman Coddington.

Springfield—William Flemmer and

Elmer Sickley. Westfield—Theodore M. Harvey and Herman W. Griswold. Cranford—Clarence F. Hollis. Roselle Park—George H. Horning. Elizabeth—A. Frank Hofferker, John C. Jones, Archibald MacIntosh. Those drawn on the petit jury are as follows: Elizabeth—Richard A. Barry, Adam Bickel, Charles Boehm, William Westfield, Nelson C. Kates, James A. McCabe, Philip F. Nix, John G. Purvis, Emanuel Simand, John Stiver, Frank Sturges, Theodore Toblason, George Thomas, Henry Textor, Ralph Thomas, Edward K. Taylor, John Wright, Frank O. Walsh, Ferdinand Wasserman, George Ziegler.

Westfield—Archibald J. Fred Conover, Ralph Milligan and Theodore B. Reynolds.

Hillside—John P. Bradin and Fred J. Green.

Iden Borough—Victor Brazilian, Mountaineer—Bertram E. Ball, Rahway—Frank Henry R. George, Giovanni Gallo and Henry R. Harrison.

Roselle—John P. Brummer, Newton S. Drake and James H. Harper.

New Providence Borough—William D. Clark.

Plainfield—George C. Dunham, Conover, Ralph Fred Metcalf, Everett Morgan, Avery A. Newton, R. Burnett Rogers, Adolph Tepper and Edward Straps.

John Potter, William McKee and Ira C. Jones.

Bronxville Park—Harry Roeder, Homer A. Miles and William E. McFarland.

Clark Township—Theodore Lark, Sarah Plank, Edward Hirsman, Springfield—Ed Herbert Hirsman, Dunellen—Messner.

SUMMIT PHYSICIAN SEEKS DR. WESTCOTT'S PLACE

Announcement of Dr. Walter A. Reiter, city physician of Summit, that he is a candidate for the appointment as county physician makes it practically certain that there will be at least one contest when the Union County Board of Freeholders meets on New Year's Day to organize. Dr. Frank W. Westcott, of Plainfield, is a candidate to succeed himself.

Dr. Reiter points to his record during the infantile paralysis epidemic of a year ago, when he worked day and night trying to conquer the disease in that part of the county without receiving any pay. He also says that the job should not be especially for one man. He is endorsed by the Summit city government.

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PERSONAL

William Ahern, who is studying architecture at the State College, State College, Pa., has been spending the Christmas holidays at the home of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Ahern, of Northampton. He will return to his studies next week.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. MacMurray, of Boston, spent Christmas with Mr. MacMurray's father, Seaman Williams, and mother, Mrs. Williams, at Sandford avenue. Mr. MacMurray went back to Boston Monday, but Mrs. MacMurray will remain here until next week.

Dr. Agnes Mrs. P. J. Cregar, of Grant avenue, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cregar's parents at Lewisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Rhodier, of Buffalo, spent Christmas with Mrs. Rhodier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, of West Fourth street, until the latter part of next week.

Donald Craigie, of the Hotel Kensington, returned Wednesday, after a week's stay at his former home in Buffalo, where he passed Christmas with his family.

Daniel McCormack, of East Second street, left this week for Camp Dix at Wrightstown, where he has been appointed to the position of adjutant in the 10th New York Cavalry.

George H. Fisher, of Manson place, who has been very ill for some time, is now able to remain in his home. He is now in a serious condition. His son, George Fisher, Jr., is at present in France with the American Expeditionary Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Gorman, former residents of this city, have been living at Winthrop Beach, Massachusetts, since last September. They spent the Christmas holidays in town as the guests of local friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gorman have been enjoying splendid health since returning to the city.

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Enlistment Denied

Men Waiting Next Draft Call Quota

Two young men who have been certified to be ready for the next call for the draft list called upon Secretary Lapey, of the local Enlistment Board, Saturday, to ascertain if there was any way they could be called in for the next Government call. The men, it appears, had made the rounds of the recruiting office in New York city and Brooklyn, and were there under call when they admitted they were under call for the next quota.

Secretary Lapey was unable to assist them, as the Government will not accept men for enlistment who are not a part of the quota to be called for the next call. The men certified for the next call must wait until the Government issues a call for them, which may possibly be some time after the new year. In some instances men apply to their work for some time and are getting anxious to get in the war in some way or other.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown and son, Thomas Brown, of West Fourth street, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown, until after New Year's.

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Manager Clark Is

Proving a Hustler

E. W. Clark, who recently assumed the management of the Boice, Runyon Company's Lumber and Coal business, on Park avenue, has already introduced several innovations which are stimulating affairs at the yard. Mr. Clark has had a wide experience in the building supply trade and the knowledge he has gathered will prove beneficial to local contractors and other customers.

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The report then says: "Because fire is the greatest of normal industrial hazards, it remains in all circumstances the first concern of factory safety. Fire protection and fire prevention are the natural basis of welfare work. Whatever else may be done for the good of industrial workers all is in vain if the risk of death and injury from fire is not met by the most effective means of self-protection. While the concern of property owners is as great as that of the manufacturing firms or employers."

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During his connection with the company, Mr. Clark has acted in a manner, also served as secretary and treasurer. The latter two positions will after January 1 be filled by J. V. R. Vandenberg, of the firm's head of the furniture department in the Woodhull-Martin store. Mr. Vandenberg is one of the State's best known business men and his addition to the staff of the Boice, Runyon concern is considered an excellent move on the part of the latter firm.

Jersey Women Fill Positions Left by Men Called to Colors

The great war now raging, which has drawn so many thousands of men and youth from numerous lines of endeavor has had the result of their positions being filled in a host of industrial plants in New Jersey by women. In the annual report of the State Department of Labor submitted to Governor Walter E. Edge, this condition of affairs has greatly added to the responsibilities of this particular branch of the government of the commonwealth, in that the lives of the members of the female sex, so it is an extent surpassing that rendered to the male sex, who were more accustomed to the work that is now in the hands of the fair one while the report adds that the ten-hour law has suffered in this State had suffered in contrast with the shorter working hours for them in other States and that the enactment of amendments to the statute that would merit of a better enforcement of the law was much desired.

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Recruiting Officer

Tells of Good Pay and Chances in Navy

J. J. Griffin, United States Navy recruiting officer, was here last week, planning during the past week to receive recruits, said yesterday that a great many young men are not aware of the great increase in pay and the wonderful opportunities awaiting those who enlist in the navy to serve Uncle Sam in this time of war. Whereas the lowest paid man in the service, an apprentice seaman, formerly received \$17.60 per month, he now receives nearly twice as much, or to the exact, \$33.60.

A new rating, open for young men and one which offers splendid chances for men between the ages of 18 and 35, is known as "Landman for Quartermaster in the Aviation Corps."

"This rating," said Mr. Griffin, "is particularly adapted for the young men without a trade and who are still a clever fellow and handy. All that is required for the rating is a good general knowledge of mechanical principles. While this rating pays but \$32.60 at the time of enlistment—the same month sum paid to apprentice seamen—it very frequently opens up unusual chances for men qualified to force ahead, and, of course, with promotion comes substantial increases in pay. Of course, this sum is absolutely necessary, as food, clothing and medical attention, as well as other extras, are furnished free."

Mr. Griffin explained that cooks are sorely needed in the naval service today. In fact, an officer assigned to a United States warship "somewhere on the Atlantic coast," he said, called on him and asked his assistance in securing at once, if possible, 300 skilled cooks. "For this branch of the service, it is not at all necessary to be a 'French navy' cook," said Mr. Griffin, smilingly. "What we want are men who can cook good plain, wholesome food and make it palatable."

Miss attendants are in almost as great demand as cooks. Colored boys are preferred for this rating, and they receive \$41 a month.

There are many openings for wireless operators. These men must have some experience. They will start as "landman for wireless operator" at a good wage. The chances in this branch are much better than in corresponding positions in the merchant service, for men don't have to the rating of electrical engineer.

Recruiting Officer Griffin is a Scotch-American War veteran, having joined Company H, of the Twelfth Infantry, United States Regulars, following his honorable discharge from the army, he re-enlisted in February, 1909, the time in the Fifth Cavalry, and later in the Tenth Cavalry, Porto Rico. He was later sent, via San Francisco, to the town of Manila, P. I. Having received his honorable discharge, he later joined Troop D, Sixth Cavalry, at Fort Meade, S. D. While stationed at this garrison the regiment made a march of sixty-two miles in about twelve hours, which is set down in army annals, as a record march, and gained the reputation of being the fastest march in the history of the United States Army.

Griffin could not resist the call to service, and at Worcester, Mass., in 1907, he enlisted in the navy, and was assigned to the U. S. S. Albatross, when that vessel was one of those that circumnavigated the globe. He was with Admiral Mayo at Vera Cruz in 1914. On November 11, 1918, he was appointed to the Naval Recruiting station, and not long after that visited Plainfield for recruiting purposes.

Edge Act Held to Be Constitutional

The Edge direct road tax act, imposing a tax of one mill on the dollar upon all real and personal property on which municipal taxes are collected, is held constitutional in an opinion filed yesterday in the Supreme Court by Justice Brandeis.

This is the result of attacks made upon the act in suits by Charles P. O'Brien, of Newark; Charles H. Johnson, of Passaic, and James Brown, of Jersey City, to test the constitutionality of the law, which provides plans and machinery for constructing a \$15,000,000 system of highways in New Jersey.

The court holds the act is not unconstitutional because its classification making it applicable to such property on which municipal taxes are levied and collected does not include property which is subjected to taxes assessed and collected by the State for its own use. It is held that the main stem railroad property and value of remaining property, including the franchises of railroad companies divided by law for the purpose of taxation into first and fourth class railroad property, is not subject to the Edge tax act, but such exclusion is not in violation of the constitution. Second class railroad property on which municipal taxes are levied is held to be included in the classification of the road act.

Opinion says the statute includes within its classification all property not otherwise segregated in classes for purpose of taxation based upon characteristics of property and not upon the status of the owner, although he may pay an irreducible contract with State exempting him from local taxes and, therefore, the court says, property of society for use by manufacturers in Potomac is within the classification established by the road act, although the tax for municipal purposes may not be collectable because of its contract with the State.

Shares of capital stock of banking corporations and trust companies are also held to be within the classification provided by the Edge law. It is asserted the right will be taken to the Court of Errors and Appeals.

World Will Owe

America, Lane Says

All nations will be America's debtor for leadership in scientific as well as political thought as the result of the war, Secretary of the Interior, Mr. K. J. Lane, said in a personal preface to his annual report.

"Our status in this war," he said, "gives us a place of moral ascendancy from which, if we are great enough to be humble, we can become real masters of men, conquerors of the invisible kingdom of man's mind."

He pointed to the war use of peace machinery in his department, the chemists, who have met during the war, as well as Germany's aid, and the geologists who construct dry, mudless trenches for the Sammies. When submarine shipping destruction seriously cut down private imports from Spain, new mines located in Georgia and Alabama, promised a yield of 30,000 tons monthly, more than fifteen times the output of Europe. The gas helmet of mine-saving crews developed into the gas masks for American troops at the front.

Secretary Lane's preface contained no general recommendations except a suggestion to Congress that pending legislation should include water power and petroleum resources for the war.

Frank M. Dunham

Quits Tax Office

Frank M. Dunham, of West Fifth street, who has been clerk to the Board of Assessors and assistant Tax Collector William R. Townsend since the latter's entrance to the office, has tendered his resignation to leave within a short time for a trip to Florida, but what his plans will be after that he has not yet announced. His successor will be named by Mayor Calkin at the Council meeting Monday night.

Mr. Dunham is one of Plainfield's best known citizens and has rendered invaluable service as assistant Tax collector. He enjoyed the office twelve years ago when Robert L. Lee was collector, succeeding David Pease, who had held the position up to that time. Mr. Dunham was previously employed in the office of the old Plainfield Gas Company, since absorbed by the Public Service Corporation. At the completion of Mr. Lee's term as collector, Mr. Dunham served under John W. Murray, Jr., this time preceding the present incumbent, William R. Townsend.

Peace Again Reigns Among Westfield Clerks

The Westfield Clerks have buried the hatchet and have smoked the pipe of peace. Tuesday night, at their regular meeting, the recent squabble that resulted over the opening of certain members to the position of the Gypsy Smith revival services was discussed, and it is said that at times the remarks became rather heated. Only the dispassionate J. B. Wilson, presiding in place of Chief Clerk Andrew A. Smith, saved the day on several occasions, it is reported.

Charles Denman explained that his opposition had been based merely on the fact that the invitation to attend the services had not been brought before the association in regular procedure and after the meeting he was presented with an Elks' pin. John Niland, who made the presentation speech, lauded Mr. Denman, and the

other members crowded about him to assure him there was no acrimony as a result of his recent stand. The Westfield Clerks number many Plainfielders among their members.

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"TEAM WORK" IN THE COMING YEAR.

In common with everyone else, official Plainfield will complete the present year at midnight next Monday and the following day will start off on a new twelve months. It might be said that the trying difficulties that have beset the Mayor and Common Council since January 1, 1917, will be duplicated in 1918, perhaps increased, but it remains for the citizens to lend their undivided support to their representatives. Their success will mean the community's success and in these days of National distress conditions are so abnormal that every man and woman must back up the city officials as well as the federal authorities. If they do Plainfield will merge at the beginning of 1919 in better condition than many municipalities that are facing troubles of various kinds.

When the Council organizes next Tuesday night it will show more strange faces than have been seen at one time in many a year. Beside the four new men who are to come in through last November's election another is to be added to succeed Charles A. Loizeaux, called away last summer to serve his country. Who this successor will be has not yet been made known, but as the choice is left to the other councilmen the citizens can rely on good selections being made. Levis M. Booth, who has been representing the Second ward in the Council for the past four years and who was defeated for nomination at the polls last September, has been mentioned for the appointment but as he has decidedly strong convictions on the excise question which he wants his colleagues to agree to if he becomes a candidate, it is probable that he will not be named.

The new councilman, members will be John S. Dahl, for the Second ward; Chauncey L. Hight, from the Fourth ward; Leslie R. Fort and Peter J. McDonough, at large. While none of them have served before, all have had experience in the business or professional world and are in a position to give excellent service to the citizens. Mr. Fort is probably the best known through his connection with the Daily Press for five years. He acted as secretary for his father, former Governor John Franklin Fort, when the latter was in office and through his community activities has kept closely attached with State and civic affairs. He is every inch a hustler, has an aggressive policy that counts when real action is needed but is always alive to the interests of constituents. Mr. Dahl is a contracting carpenter who understands real estate and tax problems, and Mr. McDonough is the head of the Plainfield Ice and Supply Company, one of the largest concerns of the kind in this section of the State. Mr. Hight is an expert electrician and electrical supply man. With this brief resume it may be surmised that each one will have a peculiar accomplishment which will fit him for intensive service in behalf of the citizens who place them in office.

The City Hall problem will be one of the most important matters which the Council will have to deal with but it is only one of many. There is important street work to be done, increased responsibility in financial preparations and city legislation to care for difficulties produced by the war. In the readjustment of committees these matters will have to be given full consideration and it is fortunate that President Francis J. Blatz has been deliberate in selecting his chairman and assistants for each particular branch of city work. In 1918, just as in 1917, or any other year that has passed, there will be times when the councilmen will need the absolute confidence of the community and we trust that it will

be given as heartily and undividedly as Plainfield knows how. Team work is what counts whether it is in reference to the federal or civic government and if it were not for team work, President Wilson would not be making such splendid progress in preparing to crush the foreign enemy.

The councilmen who are to retire from office are: Elias H. Bird, who transfers his work from the city to the county as a member of the Board of Freeholders; Charles A. Loizeaux, forced to retire from the local field because of his entrance to the United States Army; Levis M. Booth, mentioned previously; John H. Cose, who entered the county shrievalty race in preference to seeking re-nomination, and Juan A. Babcock, forced to retire from office because of pressing business interests that demand his full consideration. All of these men have proven themselves worthy public servants, especially Mr. Booth, Mr. Cose and Mr. Babcock, who will complete four years of councilmanic work next Monday night. Mr. Babcock has been chairman of the finance committee for the past year, this position being one of the most important in the entire municipal service. He acquitted himself in a most creditable manner and will leave an enviable record behind him. Mr. Cose did yeoman service as chairman of the fire committee during the past two years and Mr. Booth gave the citizens many hours of his valuable time as the head of the committee on public affairs.

Mayor Calkins will enter upon the second year of his second term next Tuesday. He has given every attention to his position and with a full realization of his responsibility to the citizens has sought to discharge executive duties in a manner best calculated to suit the best interests of all. That he will continue his excellent record in 1918 is a matter of common knowledge but to repeat our previous statement, "it is team work that works." With united people behind him, Plainfield can count upon a happy and successful New Year.

HELPING THE GOVERNOR OUT OF A PREDICAMENT.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Elizabeth Daily Journal, waxes quite indignant over the so-called attempt of certain politicians to dictate to Governor Edge in the appointment of a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas to succeed the present incumbent, James C. Connolly. Were it not for the fact that the Journal is fully aware of the procedure in these matters the editorial printed in its columns recently might be accepted as a justly indignant rebuke but as it is only puts the author in the primary class of political writers. This is the way the article reads:

"It would be a most unfortunate thing if politics should actually reach out, as there is some indication may happen, and attempt to lay hands on the very important office of the Union County Common Pleas Court judgeship. It would be a misfortune if a political organization should attempt to dictate to the Governor who should fill that position in Union county.

Moreover, it would be an insult to the good judgment, the integrity and interest in the common good of Governor Edge for the Republican county organization to interfere in the appointment of a judge, as some members of it are evidently inclined to do. He can find out all that is needed to be known about the character and ability of candidates without such interference. The action contemplated would only injure the county in the eye of the Governor and the entire State as well.

It would be a gross mistake if the men of better judgment in the county organization do not do all in their power to nip such a baneful political move in the bud.

You will notice that the article talks about "nipping the baneful political move in the bud." The time to have done the nipping is long since passed. It was way back early in the present year when Governor Edge bent a willing ear to Union county politicians who promised him support in his proposed 1918 Senatorial campaign if he would give Mr. Pierce the judgeship appointment. Mr. Pierce in return for a promise to this effect was to leave the way clear for Assemblyman William N. Runyon to become State Senator. This idea was carried out until it came time to give the Republican parties official sanction to a successor to Mr. Connolly and there is where the trouble started. The "big boys" who take it upon themselves to give advice to Governor Edge and everybody else forgot that Plainfield had a man who was in every way fitted to preside over the Common Pleas court and whom the people want to see in the place. This is William Newcorn, who refused to be pushed aside because someone had undertaken to reward Senator Pierce for political services. The Plainfield G. O. P. work-

ers did a whole lot for Governor Edge when he was elected the State's chief executive and would undoubtedly do so again when he runs for the United States Senatorial nomination but as matters have developed he is in a bad predicament.

Governor Edge would like to name Mr. Pierce for the county place but he knows it will bring a hornet's nest about his ears if he does. The Plainfield supporters of the Republican party, and they are sufficient to swing the whole county in the right column, have made it known they will shift their strength to Colonel Austin Golsage if Mr. Newcorn is not named for the judgeship. This Governor Edge does not want and that is why the present controversy came to a head at the Union County Republican meeting last week. Certain factions held out for Mr. Pierce, while another faction, made up of Elizabeth men as well as those from Plainfield, were determined that Mr. Newcorn should remain in the race until the Governor selected either one or the other.

The matter of recommending a man to be named as Common Pleas judge is not a new idea as the Journal would have us believe. It is done with respect to this responsible office the same as with any other and the Journal knows it as well as anybody else. As we said before, the recommendation was really made when Mr. Pierce's strength was promised for a return later. Everything might have gone along smoothly if it had not been that the Plainfielders were justly entitled to consideration and had the temerity to stand up for their rights when the judgeship was discussed at the county gathering. The big politicians must fight it out among themselves or put the whole proposition squarely up to Governor Edge and let him take the consequences in the primaries next fall.

The wise ones know what a split would occur in Union county Republican circles if such a thing as this is done and Plainfielders know there is some tall secret "confabbing" going on with the idea of reaching a point agreeable to all sides before the special meeting called for January 3. It is one best bet at this time that the way will be cleared for the Governor without enrolling him in a local factional fight but which ever man is named it will be on a political "recommendation."

PLACING THE BLAME FOR HIGH COST OF COAL.

Announcement comes from the office of Union County Fuel Administrator John K. English, following recent investigations of the commission, of which John J. Kenny, of this city, is a member, that among the recommendations to be made to State Commissioner Jenkinson is one permitting coal dealers an increased rate for their commodity over what is now being charged. This will prove somewhat disappointing to Plainfielders who have been paying in the neighborhood of \$8 a ton for coal.

The decision was reached—if, indeed, it was reached—after a conference with practically all the dealers of the county, and is not, therefore, the result of snap judgment. If the recommendation for an increase in price has gone forth, it is safe to say that such an increase is asked in fairness to Plainfield dealers. The Union county administrator is quoted as saying he failed to see how the dealers were able to make a fair profit on the price now being charged. This means that they, too, are being forced to pay unusually high prices for their supply, and it is natural that they are not in business for the fascination of it.

If coal is to be cheaper we will have to go further back than the local dealers. There will have to be some reorganization at the source of supply. And even so with the extra demands as a result of the war, it is safe to predict that prices anywhere near normal will not obtain until after the war, even with the conservation campaign a success. The best we can do is to pay the price, grin and bear it, and get along with as little as possible, with the thought in mind that it is a war-time exigency.

WHAT'S BECOME OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS—

When most everybody got a tippet for Christmas!

When the old style big copper pennies and two-cent pieces were in circulation and would induce a "kid" to run an errand that would now call for an exactment of a nickel or dime?

When boys and girls received invitations to surprise parties which read at the bottom, "Please bring sugar" or "Please bring lemons"?

When capacity crowds thronged the Crescent Rink on holidays and "Nate" Guttman's band not only played music inside the building, but gave a tree concert out front?

When one of the best coasting places in town was down the hill from the old freight house opposite the North avenue station and the sleighs would run up Sycamore street almost to East Fifth street?

When the Kickapoo Indian medicine companies came to Reform Hall and mixed in the selling of pills and blood remedies with scalped dances and stage coach robberies!

When many a famous case was tried in Judge Nash's court room on Park avenue, where the Manning building stands now, and Amos Moffett served as constable?

When the biggest event of the local bicycle season was the Irvington-Milburn road race and thousands of people from this vicinity journeyed to the course?

When nearly every house in town had a woodshed just back of the kitchen door and father and son frequently adjourned thither for, not "heart to heart" talks, but the kind of punishment that hurt the old gentleman as much as it did the boy only not in the same place!

Mr. Galbraith Gives Reply to Mayor's Letter

The Record is in receipt of a communication from Den. J. Galbraith, addressed to Mayor Lighthouse Calkins and replying to the letter from his Honor printed in this newspaper last week. The Mayor's communication was the result of a previous one which Mr. Galbraith sent to this office and which stated he would hold the city liable for any damage he might undergo as plumbing contractor through the tie-up on the City Hall. Mr. Galbraith's letter is as follows:

Dec. 27, 1917.

Leighton Calkins,
Mayor and Chairman City Hall Building Committee.
Plainfield, N. J.

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst: As a contractor, nothing could be more disastrous to a people at war than to have a body of producers at war confronted with the prospect of loss in their commercial transactions. Building contractors (outside the war order contracts) are willing to sacrifice their profits and efforts for a principle. It is not the loss of mere profit that deters men, but the fear of actual loss of their working capital for ruin and not loss in what men fear. Municipal governing bodies should not be so parsimonious as to insist upon the contractors shouldering the entire loss that the war conditions have imposed, conditions that could not be foreseen or anticipated and therefore not provided for in the construction contracts taken on prior to the declaration of war. Cities anticipate new building operations to provide revenue in taxable property for the natural increase in the expenses of the various departments, and if not encouragement is given the building contractors, who are the backbone of the city, and added valuation certainly building operations will cease.

The Federal Government finds it good policy to give out all their building contracts on a cost plus a profit percentage basis, amounting to many millions of dollars.

Municipal bodies should be more liberal in their building operations, as the entire community receives the benefit of the new improvements—a community prosperous in every other line.

As the plumbing contractor for the City Hall, your letter appears to camouflage the real facts. The city refused to accept the contract being completed in 300 working days from September, 1916, this my work would have been completed before October, 1917, when the city entered into a new contract with P. F. Kenny individually to complete the general contract by December 11, 1917, which was under the new general contract for the completion of the building, which new agreement is different from original contract in time limit, payments, and the bond, etc. Therefore, no incentive for the early completion of the job.

As a taxpayer, in the new memo agreement with P. F. Kenny, the city agreed to pay him \$2,000.00 on accepting his proposal, obviously before he could have rendered any value for it also he is to have a bond to secure the performance of the agreement. It appears to me the city fathers took a sporting chance with the taxpayer's money, and some one needs a stimulating shock if this building is to be completed and furnished for \$150,000, as originally promised by the City fathers.

Respectfully submitted,

DEN. J. GALBRAITH.

SOCIETY CELEBRATES.

The German Beneficial Society observed the twenty-four anniversary of its organization by conducting a reception and entertainment in Sanserubund Hall last night. It was attended by a large number of members and their friends.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT.

Edward R. Muegare, a former well-known Plainfield resident, died yesterday at his home in Inwood, Long Island. The body will be brought to this city tomorrow afternoon following a funeral service at the home and burial will be in Hillside cemetery.

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Sale in England After Memorable Trip, Charles Wendell Writes His Impressions

Charles Wendell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wendell, of 515 Madison avenue, who was sent abroad, as a member of the 156th Airplane Corps, has written an interesting letter to Herbert Reynolds, of Washington avenue. It was posted at a post office in England on December 1 and reached Plainfield yesterday.

Mr. Wendell entered the service with the 88th Central Postal Directory, and was employed as a packman in the drug department of the local United Cigars Store at Front and Somerset streets. They went across the Atlantic in the same transport and were together in the English camp when Mr. Wendell wrote. Several portions of the letter were deleted by the censor, but from these and personal mention the letter is as follows:

Dear "Hub":

"After a voyage across the Atlantic, we are going to England. We are here only one week. We had a wonderful trip over and it certainly was a great experience for me because of the experiences of it all. We had every kind of weather imaginable while we were on the water—hot, cold, very cold, clear and stormy. On going on deck one day we found it snowing and the following day in the afternoon we saw rain-bows. Some combination, isn't it? At one period of the voyage we encountered a two-day storm that was unrelentingly rough. The waves were all of forty feet high and broke over the second deck. How the boat pitched and rock and me, poor boy, was sleeping in a room with three others in the bow. You can imagine what the full force of the rocking. No one was allowed on deck while the storm lasted but in spite of all the toiling, the two Plainfield landladies, Al and myself, did not get a bit seasick. Neither did that detestable complaint get us for a victim all the way over. We count ourselves mighty lucky."

I had a glimpse of Scotland and Ireland on the way over and both appeared to be very pretty, especially the latter. Without admitting any personal interest in the fact, I discovered on arriving in England that the "public houses," as they call them here, are opened only in the evenings from 6 until 11:30 o'clock. It is absolutely impossible to buy anything in these places. I take out, this measure having been adopted by the Government to prevent excessive drinking. The same closing conditions are much the same with respect to the purchase of food. The canteens in camps are opened only on hour and a half in the morning and a couple of hours in the evening. We can get a cup of coffee or cocoa for an English penny (.05) but of course there is no sugar in it. We also buy some little cookies for two cents in American money, but when our shopping list includes "Bul Durham," then is when a real American will spend on. A bag of this tobacco can be had at home for six cents but over here it costs us eleven cents or twenty-two cents, found in a newspaper at the public house. I mean a man who has a few things in order to give you an idea of the prices over here.

Going back to the trip over I must say that it was a most enjoyable one in all and as far as we could see we were safe all the time. There was a freighter near us, however, that was torpedoed. The ship was in the bow, but managed to make port. As far as we could learn no one was hurt.

At the present time we are in a dandy big camp that is situated amid pretty surroundings. The men enlisted here are both English and American soldiers. There are also a few German prisoners but they are only kept to do some of the work. They are paid for what they do but out of this they must take care of their own board and buy their own clothing just the same as civilians. From personal observation, I would say that the British are a more interesting people than the Americans. "Tommy Atkins" himself thinks we Americans are a more interesting people than the British. He told us some very interesting stories, and also many several British patriotic songs in which he was joined by two British soldiers. We returned the compliment by belting out a few of the rattle melodies the Plainfield boys warble. It tickled the British immensely because their idea of a "cock" song is "Way Down in the Old Hampshire" or something like that. I wish I could tell you some of the stories these men told us about the war, but if I mentioned any of them they would probably be taken out by the censor. You can rest assured, however, that we have a worse job on our hands than some of the people in the States have any idea. From the way things look here I think England is not too far from the war in the arm. All you can see when you go down to the city is old men beyond the age of service, returned soldiers with arms or legs gone or crippled in some other way, and women and children. The women are taking the place of the men in all kinds of work. One of the most interesting things I saw was a woman working in the capacity of bar-tender or as they call it here a "bar maid." I saw was a woman working in the capacity of bar-tender or as they call it here a "bar maid." I saw was a woman working in the capacity of bar-tender or as they call it here a "bar maid."

Another thing which seems

queer to us is the way the English people have of doing everything left-handed. They even salute with the left hand and in driving they guide their horse to the left instead of the right as we do. If we happen to be walking down the road and a wagon approaches us, the driver waves his left to let us go by. It took us some time to get used to this but I guess we are all right now. Things in this country that would be of interest to you if I described them, but lack of time prevents me at this writing. However, I want to mention the peculiar railway "carriages" which would bring a big laugh from an old commuter like yourself. You used to make fun of the Jersey Central car which carried the man to Singer's from the Elizabeth station, but they would seem like a Pullman palace car compared with what you have to journey over the rails in England. About two trips in the ordinary second class carriage and you would never say a thing about it. I will write you again but the next time it will be from some other point.

Remember me to all the boys on Madison avenue, the folks at the United Drug store and best wishes to Mr. McGinley. As soon as I get a chance I will write you again but the next time it will be from some other point.

Yours, as ever,
CHARLIE.

**Asks For Helpers
To Aid in Filling
Out Questionnaires**

Chairman W. R. Codrington, of the local Exemption Board, yesterday issued an appeal for citizens to volunteer their services in aiding registrants prepare their questionnaires. Plainfield lawyers have been generously giving many hours of their time to the cause but they have been unable to handle the number of applicants seeking their services. All that is necessary for qualifying a citizen for aid in this work is a fair education and ability to answer ordinary questions. Those who can respond are asked to present themselves at Judge Codrington's office at Park avenue and Second street for further instruction.

At the present time the questionnaires are being returned very slowly. Less than 150 of those already returned have been filed to date but a part of the delay has been due to the congestion of the mails over the Christmas rush. Relatives of registrants are asked to forward questionnaires, if they are not in Plainfield, and any man subject to draft not receiving one should communicate at once with the Exemption office.

Among the citizens in addition to lawyers who have been aiding registrants in the past week are: George F. Murphy, George H. Holstein, Howard Lapsley, Walter Marder, M. J. Whelan, Roy W. Lord, Charles L. Howell, E. J. Carpenter, Adams MacKenzie, E. H. Bird, Isaac Post and E. E. Iremonger.

The lawyers of the city who have volunteered to aid registrants in filling out the questionnaires have undertaken a tremendous task which is growing in alarming proportions as the work proceeds. The first few days showed but little of the great work that was before the associate advisory boards.

Judge James C. Connolly, head of the County Legal Advisory Board, who has given considerable of his time in an endeavor to keep the wheels moving, came to the conclusion early in the game that the task was a gigantic one. It has now been discovered by the large number of registrants who have been unwillingly given up valuable time to be of assistance to the registrants.

An idea of the task imposed can be judged from the fact that it takes on an average about forty-five minutes to complete the answers to the questionnaire, that is, from a man who is intelligent and familiar with the cases of foreigners, those particularly who cannot speak English. The task is a stupendous one.

After wading through the multitude of questions asked by the Government, it became apparent that not only lawyers, but a few judges, and two or three law makers thrown in for good measure, were a necessary adjunct to completing the work. Many of the lawyers were themselves

boards are working overtime to handle the applicants for assistance. A few very men required to fill the questionnaire attempt to answer the queries without the help of law advisers. All day, and in the evenings, too, the advisory board's office at the City Hall at 149 North avenue are thronged with young men, anxious parents and relatives, seeking to have the questionnaire and procedure explained to them.

The foreign-born eligible provide a weighty problem for the lawyers. The questions are so often misunderstood and answered incorrectly that frequent changes are necessary in the answers. It is not infrequent to spend more than an hour with one individual, explaining what the whole thing is about.

There is the additional difficulty of having wives, mothers, fathers and others classed as dependents, being present to make affidavit as to the truth of the dependency claim. Besides, most of the men concerned work in such capacities as make it necessary to take time off, without pay, to visit the advisory boards. In most cases a second trip is necessary.

All questions that have to be received by the draft boards proper within seven days of being sent out, so the board members have a considerable volume of work to look forward to in so far as deciding and classifying the registrants is concerned. Questionnaires will continue to be sent out until all men registered have received one as far as possible.

Failure to return a questionnaire within the proper time will place the registrant in class 1, the first class to be called to report for physical examination as to fitness for service.

**"The Traitor's
Mess of Potage"**

Editor, The Record:

When Judas Iscariot, self-executed, died in the field of Accedima, the world was filled with grief. Now, even after nearly two thousand years, it still grieves that the loathsome spawn of his breed did not die with him.

Even as Judas of old, betrayed and destroyed, the physical existence of the greatest friend mankind has ever known, so too today we witness our borders, far too many of his venomous breed, ready as he was, for a traitor's mess of potage, to betray and destroy the physical existence of our national life.

The fundamental principles of our form of government, follows as nearly as we can, the humanitarian ideas of life and liberty, that Christ came into the world to demonstrate.

The Master Christian came not into the world on an errand of blood, but a mission of love. He came to lead men away from the dark paths of envy and hate into the broad light of a freer and purer life; founded on justice, honor, and truth.

Judas, as a guest at the table of our Lord, forwarded his message of hate in his heart, placed upon the cheek of Christ, the deadly poison of a perjurer's kiss of fealty.

Jesus Christ placed in the hearts of men the seed of an idea that all the forces of hell could not prevail against.

The winds of the east bore them away across the hills and plains of Judea, and along the banks of the Jordan and the Nile till at last, seventeen hundred years later, they burst into full flowered bloom among the hard-won homesteads of Lexington and Concord.

The flowers of freedom soon clasp and white as the robe of Christ, on their natal day. But its sunset saw them necked with blood, even as the robe was of the silent figure on the Cross.

But the flowers of faith lived on, and our fathers of Lexington and Concord, were the red flower, and the white, into the fabric of the flag, with the Star of Bethlehem, as the guiding light above.

Christ's message: "The Lord cloth, and the Lord taketh away" was interpreted by our fathers to mean that, to God, and God alone, were they responsible for their actions, and the right of ownership, and control of their bodies, was a God-given right, that was greater than any human power to deny, or curtail.

Greater than all other blessings we have and hold, that right today. A right that was sanctified on Calvary, and consecrated at Valley Forge.

The steady growth of the American governmental principle of individual political and religious freedom, has long been viewed with grave alarm by the self-appointed, self-anointed, vice-regents of God.

Royalty, and publicity, are incon-

gruous. Royalty cannot answer in a logical or convincing manner, satisfactory to an enlightened public, the question of why? or from whence, comes the so-called right Divine of any one particular family, to occupy the positions of rulers over millions of intelligent human beings.

The raw, cold, clear light of sense and reason, shows the royal claimant to be not a being endowed with the grace and power of Divinity, but a pitiful egotist, strutting across the stage of life, clad in the tawdry train of trappings of a monarch.

The utter shame of it all, lies in the fact that out of the patched and all too lean pocket of the poor comes the money that supports the imperial pomp in idleness and luxurious comfort.

The great and ever growing menace to the continuity of the royal illusion is the Republican idea of self-government, and the greatest, and most dangerous of all, is the United States. And, it is to crush and destroy these things that the kings have sought the aid of the scam of human life.

The Americans of today have had ample proof before them, in the recent revelations of apprehensions of royalty—of how deep and far-reaching have been the ramifications of their plots.

The liberality of our naturalization laws have been used to their full tilt to aid and abet the dark forces of treason. The perjured oath of fealty sworn by across the perjured lips of the spawn of Judas. The privileges of the citizenship papers have given them free access into our Councils of State, Citizenship places within their reach, sources of information and data, that no agent, or spy, of a foreign state, should ever have access to.

Justice, antedated by mercy, should be the allotter portion of any person who demonstrates by word or deed, that his oath of fealty to people and government of our country, was the oath of a perjurer and potential traitor. Honor and loyalty, or the Federal prison, or deportation should be the only choice for the alien applicant for the right of the franchise. And under no consideration whatsoever should any man, who had rendered compulsory military service, or was liable for such, under the law of his native land, be eligible for citizenship in the United States.

I have heard a man boast that his papers of citizenship were obtained by fraudulent means. That, not being a believer in the doctrine of State Christian faith, his oath of fealty, sworn on a Christian Bible was neither legally or morally binding. That he belongs to a long, straight line of humanity, is self-evident, but nevertheless, although keeping within the law, our homes would be safer, and our atmosphere cleaner and sweeter if the disowned parasite, was claimed and treated as undesirable.

We have within our borders many, many thousands of splendid men and women, who were born the subject of king or prince. It may be that when they came and sought a home amongst us, that they brought with them but little of the world's treasure of silver or gold. But they came, and offered, that which was infinitely more precious, the unsurpassable treasure of clean, honest hearts, and skillful, willing hands. And in this article, no question of their loyalty to the land of their option, enters.

As freely as they helped to develop the culture, happiness and natural wealth of our land, just as freely will they add, to this attainment, the defense of that which they have so splendidly helped to create. And in their hearts, as in our own, will be found the full measure of scorn and contempt for the perjured wretch who bartered his soul for a traitor's mess of potage.

J. WATSON.

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COUNTY CLERK MARTIN
WILL GIVE UP HIS PAY.

At a meeting of the Union County Board of Freeholders yesterday afternoon, a letter was received from Lieutenant-Colonel William B. Martin, now stationed at Camp McClellan, in which he stated he would resign his salary as county clerk.

Colonel Martin explained in the communication that when he first went out of the office there was a possibility that the war might not last and consequently it would only be a short time before he would return. Now, however, it seems as though possibly he is to continue for an indefinite period and it was his conclusion that he should accept no salary from Union County.

Colonel Martin pointed out that as a matter of fact the duties of county clerk are being cared for by a man whom he appointed in his place and who he pays. He would have appeared in person before the Board, he said, but could not because of his military duties.

Despite Colonel Martin's determination to take no money, the Board of Freeholders are not fully decided as to what would be done with the County's salary, which is \$5,500 a year.

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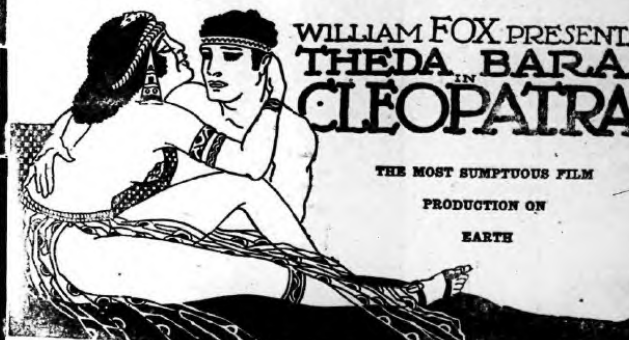
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