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A Long Deadlock Before the Final Adjournment.

AN APPROPRIATION IS REFUSED.

The House Declines to Allow the Penrose Investigation Committee Twenty Thousand Dollars for Expenses, but This Will Not Prevent the Work from Proceeding.

(Special Correspondence.)

HARRISBURG, June 10.-After one of the most memorable deadlocks on the eve of the final adjournment, the senate, early Saturday morning, was compelled to re cede from the amendment to the general appropriation bill setting aside \$20,000 for the expenses of the Penrose committee to investigate the municipal affairs of Philadelphia

That the attempt to stifle the proposed investigation will prove abortive was em-phasized late in the afternoon by the or-ganization of the committee and the authoritative announcement that the investigation would be proceeded with. The committee met in room 116 of the Lochiel hotel, the senators remaining over in order that the committee might be put in position for work at as early a date as possible. All of the senators were present, as follows: William H. Andrews, John C. Grady, E. B. Hardenburg, C. Wesley Thomas, S. J. M. McCarrell and Arthur Kennedy. Senator Penrose was present by invitation. The meeting was held in executive session, but it is no secret that nearly every one of the members made sizzling speeches announcing their determination to push the probe in as far as it will go.

William H. Andrews for Chairman. The committee organized by the selection of William H. Andrews as chairman and C. Wesley Thomas as secretary. On motion of Senator Grady the chairman was instructed to engage competent council to assist the committee, to secure one or more stenographers and to look after the necessary clerk hire. On motion of Senator Kennedy the chairman was in-structed to have 2,000 subprenas printed. Although no announcement was made of the fact it is known that Silas W. Pettit, of Philadelphia, is to be the counsel of the committee. He will be instructed to prepare the necessary papers in the case and will have everything in shape for the meetings of the committee. The committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

If the opponents of the Penrose committee thought they would smother the inves-tigation by their action they are very much mistaken. Senator Penrose is authority for the statement that the committee means business. It is not after money, and the tall Philadelphian startled the jobbers by saying that if it were neces-sary for the life of the committee he would make out his personal check for any amount of money needed.

While the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chair, it was agreed that the next meeting should be held in Harrisburg in the early part of August. By that time it was thought all the details could be arranged and the committee be prepared at once to plunge into the investigation.

The Beginning of the Deadlock, Early Friday evening it was evident that the house and senate would become involved in a deadlock over the general appropriation bill. The fight began when house objected to the two senate items in the bill-one for \$20,000 to pay the expenses of the Penrose committee and the other one for \$15,000 for the expenses of the committee appointed under the Kennedy resolution to inquire into the management of the public schools of the state. The anti-Quay faction in the house, it

seems, had for several days been setting up the job to defeat this appropriation. When the house had refused to concur in the nendments to the general appropriation bill, including the two investigation items, Speaker Walton named Messrs. Riter, of Philadelphia; Marshall, of Allegheny, and Collins, of Lycoming, as the conferrees of the house, while President Thomas selected Mesers. Penrose, Andrews and Grady on the part of the senate. It was only necessary for the conference committee to get together to appreciate the hopelessness of their coming together. Three times during the course of the night was the house called to order to hear the report of the conferrees, and three times it sent them back to conference, with instructions to maintain the hostile position of the house.

lock between the houses, when it has been lobbled against in the house, is ridiculous and false. The public will understand it. And if I desired the committee to efficiently carry out its purpose which I contemplated in introducing it I would want no better contribution to my cause than what I have witnessed here tonight. I will not stultify myself by serving further on this committee, which may be instructed to recede from its present position.

VALUE ROCH AND THE REPORT OF COMMENT

The reference of Senator Penrose to lobbying in the house against the appropria-tions, which was evidently directed against Senator Flinn, brought the latter to his feet in reply before the Philadelphia senator could resume his seat. The Pittaburger's usually ruddy face burned with a deeper red and his eyes had a look that nobody in the senate had ever seen there before during this session. Senator Film sits immediately behind Senator Penrose, and as he spoke he leaned over until his face was within three feet of that of the Philadelphian's, who had turned half way round in his chair and listened with unmoved countenance to what was said. It was the most startling, dramatic episode of the senate for a dozen years.

Senator Flinn Responds.

"I do not believe that the house was biased by anybody," said Senator Flinn deliberately. "I do not believe that anybody could control the house on this ques tion. The gentleman has tried to make it appear that I have tried to control the ouse on this question," and Senator Flinn leaned over and pointed a long fore-finger at Senator Penrose. "When the gentleman says I am speaking faisely, I hurl back in his face the insinuation. In taking the stand that I have on this measure I am only standing up for my convic-tions and my belief. And arm the Sena-tor from Philadelphia courses here and charges me with trying to set up the house, he belittles that body. I do not believe I could set them up if I tried; I do not be lieve the senator from Philadelphia can.' The final vote was taken in the house, and was on the motion of Mr. Bolles, of Philadelphia, to reinstruct the committee to stand out against the appropriation.

On this the yeas and mays were called and the Quay and anti-Quay forces were lined up for a square count for the first time during this memorable struggle. The Quay people voted no, the anti-Quay people voted yea.

The result was 89 yeas to 57 nays, a decisive victory for the anti-Quay element in the house, considering that nearly sixty members were absent, which would have increased the strength of the anti-Quay

The senate in the meantime had suspended joint rule eight, which required all bills and resolutions to be in the hands of the governor by 8 o'clock. Had this not been done and the house persisted in its stand there would have been no time to print the conference committee's report, the general appropriation bill would have failed and an extra session would have been a necessity. But at 7.15 Lieutenant Governor Lyon hurried into the house and notified General Jerome B. Niles that if the house would pass rule eight, extending the session, that the senate would recede from its position in demanding the Lexow appropriation and the battle would be brought to a close. The house immediately passed the resolution and adjourned until 10 o'clock. That was the end of the battle.

Lexow Appropriations Stricken Out. At 10 o'clock both house and senate reconvened. The senate had done as agreed. The Lexow appropriations were stricken from the bill and the general appropriation bill passed by unanimous vote in both branches, and an extra session was

averted. In the senate the majority report of the committee unseating Mr. Laubach and seating Mr. Heller was adopted, and Mr. Heller took the oath of office. Then followed the usual votes of thanks, and the senate adjourned sine die. The final adjournment of the house was

preceded by the presentation of a horse and buggy to Representative Lawrence, of Washington, and a beautiful silver service to Speaker Walton. The result of the fight has left a bitter feeling among the rival Republican fac tions, of which the hot and sensational setto between Senators Penrose and Flinn was but a moderate illustration. It is confidently predicted by a close political observer that this is practically the be-ginning of probably the flercest political battle ever waged within party lines in Pennsylvania, with the Magee-Flinn forces in the west, the Martin-Porter followers in Philadelphia, the state administration and the Pennsylvania railroad all arrayed against Senators Quay and Cameron. The Kennedy resolution, the other day, for a senatorial investigation of the school system gave those who control the house machinery their opportunity. The idea of offering a similar resolution was proposed by Speaker Walton, and it was influence which secured the change in the order of business allowing it to be introduced. The whole tenor of the arguments in favor of the resolution was against the senate for presuming to go into such a scheme by itself and tending to inflame the minds of the members against the senate under the guise of maintaining the dignity of the house. None of those back of the resolution had any idea that it could pass, but they accomplished their purpose of stirring up ill feeling. When the amendments came over the same cry was again raised, and a Democrat, Representative Fow, was selected to lead the opposition.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, June 7, 1895.

President Cleveland surprised a great many people when he tendered the Secretaryship of State to Attorney General Olney, but there was nothing surprising about it to those who are familiar with the workings of the administration. On the contrary, it appears to them to have been the logical thing to do. Attorney General Olney is thoroughly familiar with the foreign policy of the government. Indeed, it is not stretching the truth to say that he had a hand in the formulation of that policy, as he was in constant consultation with President Cleveland and the late Secretary Gresham whenever any important move was contemplated. What then was more natural than that he should be selected to fill the vacancy? He is thoroughly familiar with all the unfinished negotiations now pending with various countries, more so than an able outsider could possibly be-

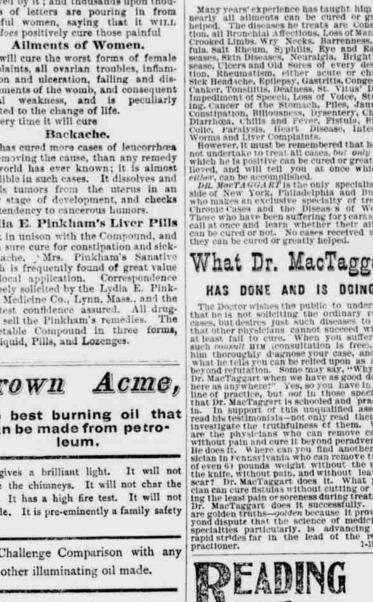
come after months of study. It is altogether probable that Mr. Olney would have preferred remaining at the head of the Department of Justice had he considered it merely as a question of personal preference. Secretary Carlisle will return to Kentucky to deliver the speech which was postponed on account of Secre

tary Gresham's death, and it is possible that he may while there make other speeches. The news from Kentucky is not altogether pleasing to democrats who desire the success of the party. The republicans of the state are said to be enthusiastic over their prospects of success, which would not exist if the democrats were united as they ought to be. There have been several conferences of prominent democrats to discuss ways and means for bringing the democrats together, not only in Kentucky but in other states where there seems to be a disposition to think there are enough democrats to form two parties. Gen. A. L. New, of Denver, who s collector of internal revenue for the district composed of the states of Colorado and Wyoming, and who is one of the most popular democrats of his section is in Washington on official business. Speaking of the political situation he said : "If Colorado keeps on increasing her gold output in the same ratio that she has of late, I wouldn't be surprised to see her classed as a single standard gold state within five years. The discoveries of the yellow metal at Lead-ville and Cripple Creek have been astonishing, and the people are gradually ceasing to talk about the demonetization of silver. I doubt very seriously whether the democrats could carry the state in the Presidential election for a free silver candidate." The opinion is general among

democrats who come from New York towns have had quite enough of the professional reformers and will res-Brooklyn there is deep disgust at the way things are run. On Sundays the whiskey shops are in full blast, yet it is impossible for a man to get shaved. The conditions are ripe for a return of the democrats to power on both sides of the East River, and if they put up good candidates they will win without any trouble." "Look out for a big row at Cleveland," remarked a prominent repub lican who occasionally gives a news-paper man a pointer. He was referring to the National convention of the Republican National League, which begins a three days session at Cleve land, Ohio, on the 16th inst. And well he might say look out for a big row. One is certainly brewing, and nothing but the most careful management can avoid it. It has been clear for some time that an attempt would be made to commit the convention on the silver question ; also to use it to boom one of the quartette of leading aspirants for the republican Presidential nomination. Unless both of these attempts can be sidetracked a fight that may result in splitting the republican party seems inevitable. President Cleveland this week removed from office Mr. Charles B. Morton, Auditor of the Treasury for the Navy Department. No official explanation has been made, but it is understood that the removal was in part brought about by letters written by Mr. Morton in which the names of President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were used in disrespectful manner. It is probable also that a long line of difficulties which Mr. Morton has had with naval officials, about which Secretary Herbert had complained to the President had something to do with it ; likewise some deals reported to have been made by Mr. Morton in connection with Federal offices in Maine.



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At 6 o'clock the house met again, when Marshall, from the committee, re-Mr. ported that the senate had made these two propositions-that it would reduce the item for the Penrose committee from \$50.-000 to \$15,000, and that for the Kennedy school committee from \$15,000 to \$5,000.

An inflammatory speech from Mr. Riter caused the rejection of this. Finally the senate receded from its position, but this was not done until Senator Penrose had made one of the most sensational and eloquent speeches of the session. He practially said that money was being used to shut off the investigation.

Penrose Assails Flinn.

When the senate reassembled to hear the report of the conference committee Senator Flinn made the mistake of saying the investigating committee was unimportant. Penrose was on his feet in an Although greatly fatigued by instant. the work of an all night session, he talked with the fire and energy of a man in the pink of condition. His eyes flashed fire, and the rosy cheeks of Senator Flinn paled at the volcano of flery words that were hurled at him. He declared that he had offered to draw his personal check for any decrease the committee might make in the amount asked for, and that he had information from Philadelphia which assured him there would be no trouble in raising the full amount if the legislature refused an appropriation.

As Senator Penrose proceeded he grew more emphatic. He said in part:

"The appropriation for the New York investigation committee was obstructed in a similar manner, but it only resulted In arousing popular vengeance and returning tenfold upon the heads of those who attempted to prevent it. This investiga-tion cannot be prevented. My only desire in obtaining an appropriation from the state was that the committee would be independent in its action, and more under control of the chairman and the members of the committee than if it were supported by private enterprise. That is a matter for this legislature to judge, but as far as I am concerned it is a matter of perfect indifference whether this legislaposes to vote one cent for it or not.

"But for the gentleman from Allegheny to say that it is an unimportant matter, when it is 'he chief subject of dead.

The "Dignity of the House."

Some of the best speakers were given the tip to get up and "pitch into the senate," and General Niles and others re-sponded. Under the pressure, and the reiteration of the instructions to stand firm it was seen that if the fight was prolonged. it must inevitably result in an extra session, because of the failure of the general appropriation bill. To avoid that great expense to the state the senate conferees agreed to recede from both the amendments making appropriations to the investigating committee, and the deadlock was broken.

The contest over these appropriations, together with the hard feeling engendered by the senting of Heller in Senator Laubach's place, has aided in materially widening the breach between the factions in the Republican party, and there is every indication that the next two years will witness some of the most exciting contests in the history of political parties in this state.

Within a few hours after the appropriation had been defeated the committee had been notified by telegraph from Philadelphia that subscriptions to twice the amount asked for could be had at any moment. It is said that one public spirited citicon offered, in case of necessity, to put his hand in his pocket and pay the entire expenses of the investigation. Thus assured of ample funds, the committee began preparations for a determined fight. W.M. R.

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