

GOVERNOR SIGNS MARKET BILL

Food Freight May Now Be Confiscated and Distributed in Emergencies

FILES NUMBER OF VETOES

Governor's Pen Grants City Traction Desires—Signs Hecht Bill With Power to Acquire Facilities and Exercise Eminent Domain.

Harrisburg.—The Governor announced his approval of the Sproul bill, establishing the State Bureau of Markets in the Department of Agriculture, to be under supervision of a director of markets at \$4000 a year. The announcement of the approval of the bill was followed by a conference held at the Executive Mansion between the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton, E. B. Dorsett, who is mentioned as likely to be named the first director, and members of the Farm Counselor Corps, who have been engaged to advise farmers by the State Commission of Safety and Defense.

The counselors were instructed to bend their efforts toward stimulating production of foodstuffs for 1918, and the provisions of the act creating the new bureau were explained to them. The bill gives the State authorities wide powers, even to the extent of confiscating cars loaded with foodstuffs if necessary to properly distribute food.

The bill authorizes investigation into handling of foodstuffs, dissemination of information, issuance of periodical bulletins, ascertainment of sources of supply and making of lists of producers, co-operation with the United States Government, State College and other agencies, organization of public markets, co-operative associations, etc. Investigation of delays, embargoes, conditions, practices, rates and charges in transportation of foods, and, when necessary, to start proceedings to adjust them, to take steps to place in markets produce which is liable to waste or deteriorate, and "such other measures as shall be proper for carrying out the purposes of this act." There is also power to establish grades for produce and to require adherence to rules regulating marketing.

Governor Brumbaugh announced his approval of the Hecht House bill, empowering Philadelphia to acquire transit facilities within and adjacent to the county and franchises for operating them by exercise of eminent domain, subject to determination by the Public Service Commission.

Governor Brumbaugh announced that he had vetoed the Daix bill providing for county systems for relief and assistance to the families of soldiers who are residents of the State, saying: "It is so carelessly drawn that its purposes will be defeated if attempt is made for its enforcement." The Governor says that the purposes of the bill are wholly commendable, but that it gives authority for County Commissioners to make payments and is defective in other respects.

The Governor also vetoed these bills: Providing for taking votes of soldiers in the field, which the Governor says is "commendable but not workable." He adds: "The present plan is better."

Including all employees of the State government in the State pension system, which, the Governor says, is not necessary. "The question will not arise before relief can be granted. They are secure in their inclusion until the Courts, if ever, exclude them."

Creating a State Board of Finance and Revenue, which has designed to consolidate three boards, while the Governor says would mean an increased cost of \$7400 and which would add \$1500 a year to the salaries of the Auditor General, State Treasurer, Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth, all now serving without compensation on the boards. He says: "In view of the necessity of denying many worthy objects of State support because of insufficient revenue, it is palpably unwise to approve a bill which in effect is only a salary raiser and in no way an instrument of added service. This may be justly styled 'economy at increased cost.'"

Authorizing Rosario Fantino to sue the State. The Governor says the man was hurt in Bellefonte and that there is a question whether he has a claim and that he does not see the propriety of having the suit brought in Philadelphia, as provided in the bill. The usual custom is to bring such suits in Dauphin county.

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PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

With the mustering in of Company K, by Captain C. S. Wright, U. S. A., six units of the Fourth Regiment, National Guard, from Lancaster county, and two units of the division, an ambulance company and a truck company, nearly 700 men, pass from the State to Federal service.

Cornelius Sheppard, a Southern negro, who less than a year ago, shot a man in Harrisburg, was electrocuted at the Western Penitentiary, Bellefonte. Four contacts were made, and five minutes after he was placed in the chair he was pronounced dead by Dr. Robert J. Campbell. The body was buried in the penitentiary cemetery.

The G. W. Alexander Hat Company, of Reading, has received a contract for 100,000 regulation service hats for the United States Government. This order will keep the 200 hands of the factory busy for months.

Rabbits are becoming a serious menace to gardeners in all parts of Northwestern Pennsylvania, not even those of the larger towns being exempt from the ravages of the animals. The Ridgeway Record says they are numerous in that neighborhood, especially where gardens are near strips of woods. One farmer had 26 partially matured plants cut down by rabbits in one night.

William E. Martin, of Lancaster, was granted a license to marry the divorced wife of his father. He is 55; the bride-to-be, who took her maiden name, Mary Devening, is 52, and his father, from whom she was divorced, is upward of 80. The marriage with the father was unhappy because of the disparity in ages.

Nine sheets of draft numbers, showing the relative standing of 2467 young men in the Eighth Registration District of Luzerne County, were stolen from Ashley Town Hall, according to reports at Wilkes-Barre, although they were under the surveillance of Chief of Police Rickard and three patrolmen.

Last month there were 161 deaths in Reading.

A carload of cows sold by J. A. Rhoads, near Phoenixville, brought from \$87 to \$140 a head.

Wyomissing has awarded a contract to Harry Breneman to construct the first modern concrete road in that section.

Burglars stole \$30 from the farm house of William Houck, in Oley township, and watches and jewelry from his neighbor, Clayton Marks.

The Public Service Commission has issued an order in the complaint of the city of Uniontown against the Pennsylvania Railroad in which the company is required to erect and maintain "visible and audible signals," establish a watchman and erect gates at various crossing and gongs at others in Uniontown.

Allen Smith of Brooklyn was killed when his aeroplane fell into the Delaware River near Marcus Hook. Smith was having his last course in aviation.

The Visiting Nurses' Association opened a fresh air farm near the Reading Hospital and a day camp for Reading mothers at Bernhart's reservoir.

The Light Cycle Company, one of Pottstown's largest industries, will construct an addition to its shipping department and rebuild the foundry yard.

Majors Jump and Codman made addresses at a meeting in Pottstown of Montgomery county physicians to discuss the enlisting of medical men in the Army.

While Clayton E. Nester, of Niantic, was attending a funeral at Pottstown, a thief stole his automobile, two blankets, two ladies' coats and several pairs of rubbers.

John F. Fishers, of Reading, who a week ago was injured at Harrisburg while erecting a monument when a ton-and-a-half stone fell on his legs, died of the injuries.

"Spotty," more than 32 years old, a horse of Arabian-Canadian stock, owned for 28 years by John W. Vogel, of Reading, was found dead in his box-stall, and buried on a farm at Lorane.

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WANT CROWDER TO EXEMPT THEM

Provost Marshal's Office Flooded With Letters.

REFERRED TO LOCAL BOARDS

Statement Says All Claims For Industrial Exemption Must Go To District Boards—Coal Operators Want Miners On The Job.

Washington.—A deluge of personal inquiries concerning future steps in the Army draft, and of pleas from industrial concerns for exemption of their expert workers, drew from the Provost Marshal's office a statement that questions must be addressed to local boards and that claims for industrial exemption must go later to the district boards. No general class of workmen will be exempted, Provost Marshal General Crowder told the coal production committee, which sought information whether miners would be left at their work. Appeals to the Provost Marshal's office from employers on behalf of their workmen can accomplish nothing, it was explained, as regulations promulgated by President Wilson govern all exemptions.

"The question of whether a man is more useful to his country in a peaceful pursuit, than in military service is a matter to be taken up with the district board," said an announcement, "and for that board to determine in the light of the circumstances surrounding each individual case."

"Procedure in case of claim for discharge on the ground of industry or agriculture is explicitly outlined in the regulations. Only the upper or district board has jurisdiction over an industrial or agricultural claim for discharge. Before a man has a standing before the district board he must first be certified to it by the local or lower board as physically qualified for service and must have had any discharge claim made before the lower board decided adversely to him.

"He has five days after he is certified to the upper board in which to file claim for discharge and five days more in which to file proof. All claims for exemption or discharge, except claims for discharge on industrial or agricultural grounds, are decided originally by the local or lower board."

Most individual queries to the Provost Marshal's office come from men who are absent from their place of registration and who have been summoned for examination. Such a man should apply in writing to the local board in the district where he is registered and request an order directing him to appear for physical examination and possibly exemption or discharge claim before the board of the district in which he is now living. This request should designate definitely the board having jurisdiction over the district in which he is living; for example, "local exemption board, division No. 9, New York City."

VATERLAND UNDER U. S. FLAG.

Great German Liner To Be Put Into Service Shortly.

Washington.—The big German steamship Vaterland, seized at New York by the American Government when war was declared on Germany, will be ready for service shortly. Repairs to the ship have cost slightly less than \$1,000,000. The American flag was hoisted over the Vaterland Friday for the first time, it was announced by the Navy Department, which had taken over repair work on the German ships.

HARVARD CLUB TAKES TO SODA.

Big Organization in New York Installs Temperance Bar.

New York.—The Harvard Club, with approximately 5,000 members, has established a soda fountain and temperance bar. It is perhaps the largest club of its kind in the country. This novelty in club life is due to the fact that already 900 of its members are in military and naval service and are forbidden by law to drink alcoholic beverages while in uniform.

MINERS OWN MOTORCARS.

West Virginia Workers Enjoy Other Luxuries On \$20 a Day.

Mount Clare, W. Va.—The West Virginia coal miner is becoming a nabob. Making as high as \$20 a day, the miner is now sporting his motorcar and living in luxury. The motoring fever has hit the coal miners, hard and dealers are now specializing on seeking business in the coal regions of the State.

JEWS HAVE OWN REGIMENT.

Copy Of King David's Shield Will Be Badge Of Fighters.

London.—The War Office has announced the formation of a special Jewish regiment of infantry, with experienced officers in the higher commands. Jewish soldiers, with knowledge of the Yiddish or Russian languages, already serving with British regiments, will be transferred to this unit.

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THE MARKETS

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 hard, \$2.70 f o b Gulf.

Corn—Spot strong; No. 2 yellow, \$2.14 c i f New York.

Oats—Spot strong; standard, 86c.

Butter—Creamery, higher than extras, 39 1/4 @ 40; creamery extras (92 score), 39; firsts, 37 1/2 @ 38 1/2; seconds, 35 @ 37.

Eggs—Fresh gathered extras, 38 @ 39; extra firsts, 36 @ 37; firsts, 34 @ 35 1/2; seconds, 31 @ 33; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western henery whites, fine to fancy, 42 @ 44; State, Pennsylvania and nearby henery browns, 40 @ 42.

Cheese—State fresh specials, 22 1/2 @ 23; do, average run, 22 1/2 @ 23 1/2.

Dressed Poultry—Chickens, 18 @ 26; fowls, 15 @ 25; turkeys, 18 @ 32.

Live Poultry—Chickens, 25 @ 27; fowls, 22; turkeys, 16.

Corn—Sales of a small lot of yellow on the wharf at \$2 per bu; a small lot of white corn, delivered, sold at \$2 per bu. One small lot of yellow at Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Station sold at \$2 per bu. Car lots of No. 3 yellow corn on spot, for domestic delivery, are quotable at \$2 @ 2.01 per bushel.

Oats—Standard white, 82 1/2 @ 83; No. 3 white, 82 @ 82 1/2.

Rye—Bag lots, as to quality and condition, new, \$2.10 @ 2.30 bu.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$15.50 @ 20; No. 2 do, \$18; No. 3 do, \$14 @ 16; light clover, \$17 @ 17.50; No. 1 do, do, \$17; No. 2 do, do, \$12.50 @ 14.50; No. 1 clover, \$16; No. 2 do, \$12 @ 13.50; No. 3 do, \$8 @ 10.

Straw—No. 1 straight rye, \$15.50 @ 16; No. 2 do, do, \$14.50 @ 15; No. 1 tangled do, \$12 @ 13; No. 2 do, do, \$10.50 @ 11.50; No. 1 wheat, \$8 @ 8.50; No. 2 do, \$7.50 @ 8; No. 1 oat, \$10 @ 11; No. 2 do, \$9 @ 9.50.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby, 32; Western, 32; West Virginia, 32 @ 33; Southern, 31.

Live Poultry—Chickens—Old hens, 4 lbs and over, 22c; old hens, small to medium, 21 @ 22; do, do, white Leghorns, 21; old roosters, 12 @ 13; spring, 2 lbs and over, 30c; do, 1 1/2 @ 2 lbs, 28 @ 29; do, smaller, as to size, 25 @ 27; do, white Leghorns, 25 @ 27. Ducks—Old Pekins, 17 @ 18c; do, puddle, 16 @ 17; do, muscovy, 16 @ 17; do, smaller, 15; do, spring, 3 lbs and over, 22 @ 23.

Hogs—Prime heavies, \$15.60 @ 15.70; mediums, \$15.50 @ 15.60; heavy Yorkers, \$15.25 @ 15.50; light Yorkers, \$14.75 @ 15; pigs, \$14.50 @ 14.75; roughs, \$13.50 @ 14.

NEWSY ITEMS.

The first Western sovereign to adopt a flag was Clovis, King of the Franks.

The world's normal yield of the six great cereals ranges from 16,000,000,000 to 12,000,000,000 bushels.

New Jersey has 500 lakes and streams capable of sustaining an abundance and variety of fish life.

With care there is timber enough in the United States to last 44 years, according to a government expert.

The smallest known bird is a Central American hummingbird that is about the size of a blue-bottle fly.

A new toy vehicle is driven by a standing rider applying his weight first to one lever and then to another.

Waste wood products from Southern saw mills are to be used in the manufacture of paper.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were more than 200 offenses punishable with death.

American toilet goods are increasing in popularity in the Far East. France and England, the former suppliers, have been unable to make shipments recently.

The Chalybes of the Pontus were celebrated as workers in iron. The produce of their labor is alluded to in Jeremiah, xv. 12, as being of superior quality.

Ireland has a breed of cattle that seldom grows more than three feet high and thrives on the poorest of pasturage, yet the cows yield large quantities of milk daily.

President Wilson's daughter, Miss Margaret, is a good lobbyist. She got the O. K. of Governor Whitman and several New York senators on the bill permitting the use of public schools for civic forums.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.

Hogs—Bulk, \$14.30 @ 15.25; light, \$14.15 @ 15.10; mixed, \$14.10 @ 15.40; heavy, \$14.00 @ 15.40; rough, \$14 @ 14.25; pigs, \$11.25 @ 14.25.

Cattle—Native beef cattle, \$8.40 @ 14.80; Western steers, \$8.65 @ 11.50; stockers and feeders, \$6.35 @ 9.40; cows and heifers, \$5.50 @ 12; calves, \$10 @ 14.75.

Sheep—Wethers, \$7.75 @ 11; ewes, \$7 @ 9.25; lambs, \$9.75 @ 15.75.

KANSAS CITY.

Hogs—Bulk, \$14.65 @ 15.50; heavy, \$15.30 @ 15.65; packers and butchers', \$15 @ 15.50; light, \$14.55 @ 15.20; pigs, \$12.50 @ 14.

Cattle—Prime fed steers, \$12.75 @ 13.50; dressed beef steers, \$10 @ 12.50; Southern steers, \$7 @ 11.75; cows, \$6 @ 9.50; heifers, \$7.50 @ 13; stockers and feeders, \$6.50 @ 12.50; bulls, \$6.50 @ 8.50; calves, \$7 @ 12.50.

Sheep—Lambs, \$15 @ 15.75; yearlings, \$10 @ 11.50; wethers, \$8.50 @ 10; ewes, \$8.25 @ 9.25.

PITTSBURGH.

Cattle—Choice, \$11.50 @ 12; prime, \$12.50 @ 13.

Sheep—Prime wethers, \$10 @ 10.50; culls and common, \$4.50 @ 6; lambs, \$10 @ 15; veal calves, \$15 @ 15.50.

The Mosquito Peril.

One of the greatest discoveries in the history of medicine was that of Dr. Roland Ross, who, at Calcutta, in July, 1898, found that the spores of malaria parasites are concentrated in the salivary gland of the mosquito. As Doctor Ross himself wrote, "The exact route of infection of this great disease, which annually slays its millions of human beings and keeps whole continents in darkness, was revealed. These minute spores enter the salivary gland of the mosquito and pass with

its poisonous saliva directly into the blood of men. Never in our dream had we imagined so wonderful a tale as this."

His Scheme.

"How in the world do you manage to keep your cook so long?" "My husband has promised her that if she is working for us when we strike off he will buy her an automobile." "But I didn't know you had any oil prospects." "We haven't."