

LIGHT ON BIPARTISAN "DEALS" DUE TODAY IN PENROSE PROBE

Reorganization Democrats Point to Affiliations Between Old Guard and Liquor Ring of Machine.

Bipartisan deals between the Old Guard Democrats and the Republican Organization in Philadelphia through a common interest in the "liquor ring" are expected to be brought to light before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today...

Reorganizers point out that the Old Guard Democratic City Committee, which frequently has been a party to bipartisan deals, is bound to the Republican Organization and the liquor interests...

Bromley is secretary and treasurer of the Continental Brewing Company, at 1141 and Washington avenue. John Gardner, president of the brewery, is his brother-in-law...

Political leaders who are watching the effort being made for a Senate investigation of Senator Penrose's campaign funds today received a letter from the liquor question, expressed by the Democratic City Committee chairman...

Mr. Palmer said he had read the reply from Penrose in the newspapers, and it was evident that the answer was welcome, for throughout his entire speech he held up to ridicule, exposed its weakness and pointed to its failure to reply to a single one of the charges made against Penrose.

RIDICULES PENROSE'S FAILURE TO MEET CHARGES

Palmer Shows Weakness of Attempted Answer to Indictment. COHRN, Pa., Sept. 25.—Congressman A. C. Palmer, candidate for the United States Senate, stopped here just long enough this morning to ridicule the weak reply made by Senator Penrose to the indictment against his public record in Washington which Mr. Palmer has been placing before the voters throughout the State.

JUROR OUT ALL NIGHT

Court Decides to Dismiss Man From Further Service. William J. McGlone, a paperhanger, 231 North Fifteenth street, who was empanelled to serve as a juror for the September term of Quarter Sessions (Court No. 1), appeared today at the court mainly the effects of an all-night party.

Held on Charge of Burglary

Morris Hayes, of 24 Sloan street, Frankford, who was caught by a trolley car conductor as he was trying to break into the home of Geo. Q. Shock, 523 Frankford avenue, was held today under \$500 bail by Magistrate Borie for a further hearing on October 2. Walker H. Day, the conductor, went to the Shock backyard for a drink of water and found Hayes trying to force open the door.

"SLUSH" INQUIRY PROBABLE BEFORE NOVEMBER ELECTION

Testimony in Sullivan Case Expected to Open Door on Penrose Expenditures. FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Dr. Carl S. Vrooman, assistant secretary of Agriculture, was the only witness who appeared today at the executive session of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which has under consideration the Norris resolution, providing for an investigation by the committee of the senatorial primaries in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

1,500,000 RUSSIANS ROUT GERMANS ON PRUSSIAN BORDER

Great Battle Impends as Russians, Resuming Offensive, Advance From Polish Frontier Along 150-Mile Line. PETROGRAD, Sept. 25.—General Rennenkampf had repeatedly ordered the offensive against the Germans and held the entire East Prussia frontier line while he is driving the Germans who invaded Russian Poland in force back on their own bases.

They have already very strongly fortified the Vistula River from Danzig south, and are evidently preparing to make their real defense along this line. The news of the war in the east indicates, after all reasonable allowances for exaggeration are made, that the immense forces of Russia are rapidly nearing the German frontier, on a line of advance 150 miles wide.

Within a few days is expected news of a pitched battle, as vast as that of the Aisne, between 1,000,000 Germans and 1,500,000 Russians. Belief that the direct Russian advance against Germany is rapidly progressing is partially confirmed by an announcement of the Breslau Gazette that the military authorities there have cut all telegraphic communication between Hagen, Posen, Oppeln and Liebnitz. This would indicate the approach of the Russian armies. There were rumors two days ago that Cossacks had been seen a few miles east of Breslau.

BRAUMBAUGH AT ALTOONA: HAS CORDIAL RECEPTION

Prominent Men Welcome Candidate and He Addresses School Children. ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 25.—Dr. Martin G. Braumbaugh and Henry Houck, are here today on their way to Altoona for a public reception. Dr. Braumbaugh, a Republican mass meeting tonight. A notable delegation met them at the station. It included George W. Creighton, general superintendent of the Altoona and Erie Railroad; Mayor S. H. Walker, ex-Congressman J. D. Hicks, County Chairman Plummer and nearly all the local Republican leaders.

WILSON SIGNS "ALLEY BILL"

Eyes Dimmed With Tears as He Approves Measure Urged by Dear Wife. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Wilson, his eyes dimmed with tears, signed today the so-called "alley" bill, which wipes out the slums of Washington. The measure was advocated by Mrs. Wilson, who personally made an investigation of the crowded precincts of the capital and who, on her deathbed, whispered that she wanted the legislation to go through. Just before her death she was assured her last wish would be granted.

WOMAN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Department Store Employee Suffers From Contusions and Shock. Hit by an automobile at Twentieth and Market streets last night, Margaret Lennon, 25 years old, an employe in a Market street department store, was taken to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where she was found to be suffering from severe contusions and shock.

WILSON TURNS DOWN JERSEY DEMOCRATS' SECOND TERM BOOST

President Says Such Action Would Take Advantage of Present Extraordinary Situation for Personal Gain

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Wilson today declined to allow the Democrats of New Jersey to endorse him for a second term. He believed that such an endorsement might look as if he were "taking advantage of the extraordinary situation now existing to gain some personal advantage through such an expression of confidence by them."

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JAPANESE BOMBARD GERMAN FORTRESS WITH LAND FORCES

Tsing-Tao, on Chinese Peninsula, Besieged and Terrific Firing Meets Assault. Night Attack Expected. PEKIN, Sept. 25.—The first Japanese attack against the German works at Tsing-Tao on the land side in which Allies have figured was begun today, according to information received in this city.

RUMANIA ON VERGE OF WAR

Declaration Against Austria Now Expected Hourly. PARIS, Sept. 25.—A Rome dispatch says that Rumania is about to declare war against Austria. Such a declaration has been expected for the last few days.

GARRISON ORDERS TROOPS TO REMAIN AT VERA CRUZ

Withdrawal of American Soldiers Impossible at This Time. WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Secretary of War Garrison today cabled General Funston at Vera Cruz that there was no possibility of the withdrawal of American troops within the next ten days.

BRITISH CAPTURE PORT IN GERMAN NEW GUINEA

Australian Forces Seize Kaiser Wilhelmland Capital. LONDON, Sept. 25.—The Admiralty announced today that the town and harbor of Friedrich Wilhelmland, German New Guinea, have been seized by Australian forces.

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forces were terribly decimated, will be the scene during the next few days of a supreme battle. The army of General von Boehm, which now holds the extreme German right, is centred at Mons and holds the main circular highway that extends through Valenciennes, Cambrai to St. Quentin. The French hold Peronne, but they are under constant attack from the Germans, who are in force directly to the east of that town and west of Vermand and Roisel.

Fresh British troops have been landed in France and are being rushed to the front to support the exhausted soldiers who have been under fire continuously for more than a month. It is reported the British reinforcements are being placed along the Oise and the Aisne to support both the left flank and the centre of the Allies.

Fighting with the fury of demons, the French of General d'Amade's army are pressing northward and eastward, never ceasing their pounding against the German lines. With Peronne in their hands, they resumed the offensive at dawn today, only to be met with a fierce bombardment from the German guns around Roisel.

The German left, which is supposed to contain the armies of the German Crown Prince and Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, are making violent assaults on the fortresses of Verdun. The bombardment is described as even more vigorous than that at Liege. Gigantic German siege guns, sent forward from the German fortresses around Metz, are being ranged upon the uplands around the French city and are sending in a tornado of shells.

The Germans believe they soon will be able to reduce the Verdun forts, claiming that no defensive work in the world can be impregnable against the tremendous power of the Krupp siege guns. More than 5000 shells, each about five feet long and nearly 17 inches in diameter, are being hurled against the Verdun forts every 24 hours. The cannonade goes on night and day. Trained gunners, whose life work has been the study of scientific artillery fire, are at the German front at Verdun directing the bombardment. The Germans have more than 100 heavy guns in action there, not counting the light artillery which is being used against the French troops when they make sorties. The French troops have constructed a series of elaborate redoubts. Defensive works have also been erected for the protection of the batteries upon the hills. Rows of searchlights have been erected on the heights around Verdun, and at times as these pencils of light flash skyward at night they reveal some intrepid aviator scouting over the beleaguered city. Counting the fresh works, which were erected to repel the German attack, there are no less than 15 forts around Verdun, on both sides of the Meuse River. The most of these are fortresses of the first-class, which were erected when the German advance against the city began. They are tested with the finest artillery in the French army and the garrison contains an army in itself. It was learned at the War Office today that the French have captured five aeroplanes, although the location of this exploit was not divulged. The quintet of German Taubes were taken by a French cavalry patrol. Twenty cavalrymen entered a clearing where the prize awaited them. The aviators and a number of mechanics at the time were engaged in overhauling the machines. The patrol made a dash to round up the lot, but the German air-

WEATHER FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity: Cloudy tonight, Saturday fair; continued cool; moderate north and northwest winds. For details, see page 14.