

PLATFORM PLEDGES HELD IN ABEYANCE BY LEGISLATURE

Lawmakers Adopt "Watchful Waiting" Policy Pending Appointments by Governor.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—The Legislature has adopted a "watchful waiting" policy in retaliation to Governor Brumbaugh for holding the club of patronage over its head.

In former sessions, a flood of bills for each of the administration pledges has been introduced as soon as the Legislature settled down to the routine business of the session.

Not a single local option, workmen's compensation or employers' liability bill was introduced in either branch.

The leaders in both the Senate and House apparently are waiting to see what Governor Brumbaugh does in the way of appointments before they rush matters on administration measures.

Approximately 100 bills were introduced in the two branches last night, mostly for appropriations. There was a noticeable lack of "frank" bills.

\$1,082,500 ASKED FOR TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Bill in House Includes State Aid for Maintenance and New Buildings.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—An appropriation of \$1,082,500 for Temple University, Philadelphia, for the next two years, was asked for in a bill introduced in the House today by Alexander D. Lattin.

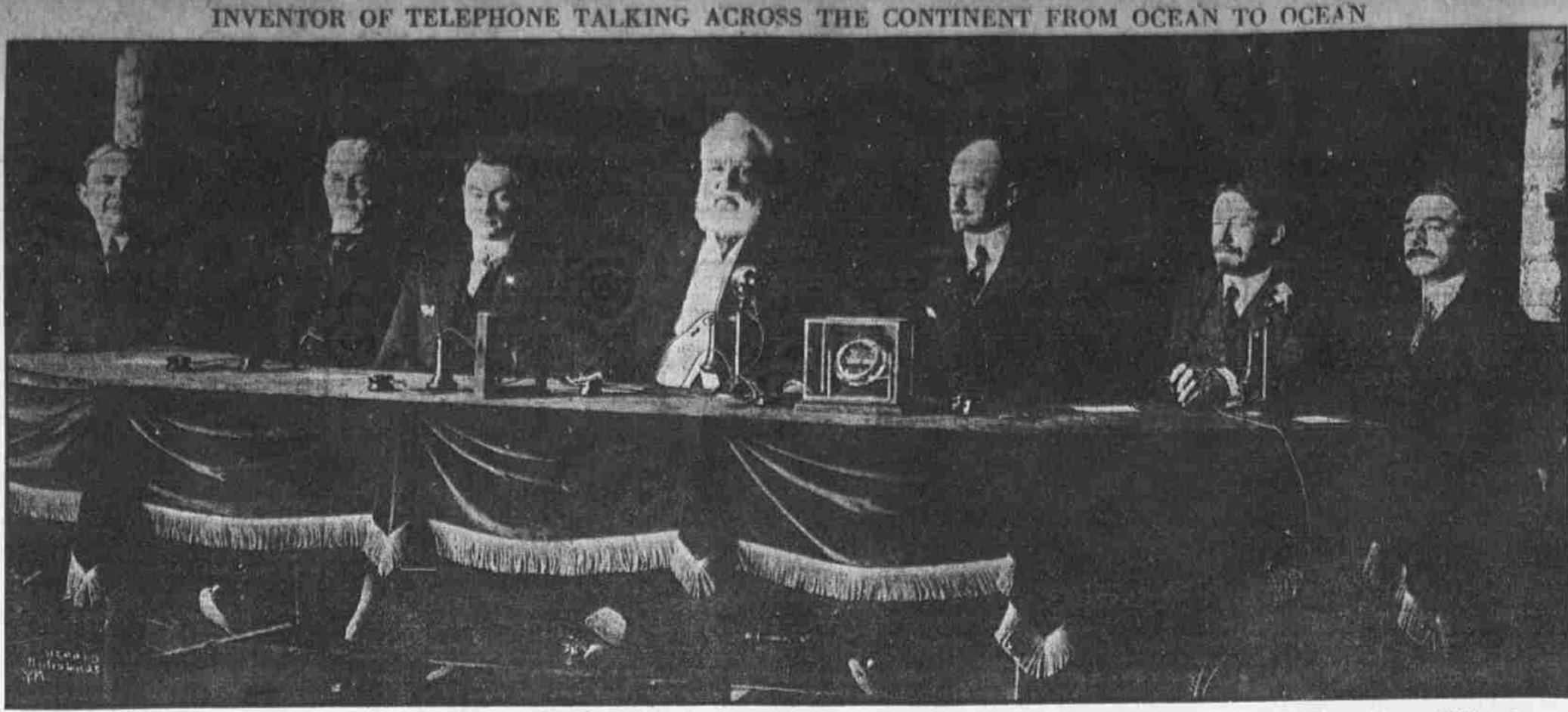
SIXTEEN DIVORCES GRANTED

Court of Common Pleas No. 4 has announced the following divorces granted: Annie E. Scott, from Henry Scott.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—For eastern Pennsylvania: Fair and somewhat colder tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy; gentle to moderate north and northerly winds.

Table with columns for Station, S. S. M., P. M., Wind, Weather, and other weather-related data for various locations.



This was the scene in New York yesterday when Professor Bell and New York city officials conversed with San Francisco over 3400 miles of wire.

PORTER IRONICAL IN REJOINDER TO JUDGE SULZBERGER

Suggests Notice by Criminals as to Intentions in Order That Witnesses May Be Provided.

A sarcastic report embodying the suggestion that it might be a good idea to ask all criminals for notice of when and where they are to commit a crime was issued today by Director Porter.

The Director calls attention in this report to the arrest of Arthur Barrett, December 21, 1914, and declares the man confessed to starting eight fires in Frankford.

For the commission of these eight crimes the Grand Jury brought out four indictments. Judge Sulzberger tried him on the last indictment for the burning of the haystack, and refused to admit the sworn statement of the prisoner as to the commission of the other crimes because "there had been no eye witnesses present at the time of the commission of these crimes."

"Notice to all those who desire to commit the crime of arson: You will confer a favor on the Bureau of Police if you will notify us in advance of your intention to commit the crime of arson and furnish us ample notice as to the time and place in order that a grandstand be erected in which to lodge police officers, detectives and other witnesses who might be used against you as witnesses in the commission of the above-mentioned crime."

Judge Sulzberger said this was his final word today when asked what he thought of Director Porter's statement to the effect that "babbling babes and the incoherent mutterings of old men fast approaching their dotage" were the basis of the Court's vitriolic assault upon him from the bench.

SCHOONER AND STEAMSHIP CRASH IN DARK; BOTH SINK

Man Lost When the Washingtonian and the Elizabeth Palmer Collide.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 25.—The steamship Washingtonian, of the American-Hawaiian Line, was rammed by the schooner Elizabeth Palmer just before dawn today and sank within a few minutes, carrying down with her one member of the crew.

BILL AIMED AT HEROIN Provides Drug Can Be Furnished Only on Prescription

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—A bill aimed at the traffic in heroin, which during the last two years has become the most extensively used drug in the "Tenderloin" of Philadelphia, was introduced in the House this morning by A. C. Stein, Stateburg.

OIL MAGNATE'S SON AND 'MOTHER' JONES

Continued from Page One This had been done, he said, by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company.

Chalmers Frank P. Walsh then read a letter into the record from an investigator in the Colorado mine strike which indicated that one clergyman had fallen into ill grace because he attacked the killing of strikers at Ludlow, Col. Mr. Rockefeller listened to the letter, and then declared vigorously that he stood for free speech and was opposed to violence.

DEFENDS PROPERTY PROTECTION.

He defended the action of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in taking steps to protect its property. "I believe the Government is strong enough to protect its citizens," he said, "but there are specific instances where it is unable to meet conditions. In the case of Colorado, there was a time when the State was unable to cope with the situation."

APPOINTMENT FOR CULLEN

Edward E. Cullen, a real estate man of the 4th Ward, an ex-Councilman and former deputy tax collector, was today appointed to the clerkship of the miscellaneous division of Quarter Sessions Court. The appointment was made by Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court Cunningham. The salary is \$200 a year.

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POLICE CHRONICLES

An Italian boy timidly entered the 11th and Winter streets station and asked whether he could stay there and get warm. Tears trickled down his cheeks as he leaned against the warm radiators. Special Policeman McFarland saw him and noticed he was pale and poorly clad. "Had any breakfast?" he asked.

ARMY IS FIGHTING; TOWN IS BESIEGED; ALL FOR JOHNSON

In Order That Heavyweight Champion May Enter Mexico, Strenuous Campaign Is Begun by Villa.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—An army is fighting for Jack Johnson. A town is being besieged that the big black man enter Mexico unopposed for his fight with Jess Willard at Juarez.

A brisk five-mile hike along the Yaleta road, followed by a little gymnasium work, and Jess Willard had started his training today for his fight with Johnson at Juarez on March 6. This will be the extent of Willard's work for the next few days.

THAW'S MOTHER VISITS TOMBS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Copple Thaw, a visitor to the Tombs prison this morning, where she spent some time with her son Harry. Thaw will be brought before Justice Vernon M. Davis tomorrow, when the time of his trial on the charge of conspiring to escape from Matteawan will be settled and also the place of his confinement.

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FIRE IN SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Blaze Causes \$25,000 Damage to Hotel Property.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 25.—A small fire, which started shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, in Caffrey's Cafe, 3d and New streets, and the immediate danger which was underestimated by the firemen, developed into a large blaze, and fanned by a high wind caused \$25,000 damage to the hotel property, valued at \$100,000.

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24 PRAYER MEETINGS PLANNED FOR TOMORROW

Sunday Campaign Committee Announces Schedule.

Twenty-four prayer meetings have been arranged by the "Billy" Sunday Campaign Committee to be held in various sections of the city tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The schedule is as follows:

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These two, Professor Bell and Mr. Watson, were the first in the history of the world to converse by telephone. That was back in 1875, when they proved the discovery of the professor over a two-mile line stretching from Boston to Cambridge.

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NEW CONSTITUTION VITAL TO STATE, SAYS AUTHOR OF BILL

Representative Roney Says Present Instrument Is Outworn and Defines Needs That Must Be Met.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 25.—Representative Charles J. Roney, Jr., of Philadelphia, author of the bill providing for the calling of a constitutional convention on January 5, 1916, which was introduced in the House last night, today outlined the program which he believes the convention should follow.

The establishment of a State-wide Common Pleas Court, with an Appellate Division. A graded system of taxation. Removal of restrictions that now hamper labor legislation. Home rule for cities and incorporated boroughs.

COURT CHANGES NEEDED. "The organization of the courts is sadly in need of radical changes. Under a new system, embracing a State-wide Common Pleas Court, divided into convenient districts, with an appellate division of the same, there would undoubtedly be a greater dispatch of business and a more prompt and satisfactory conclusion of all litigated matters."

HOME RULE ESSENTIAL. "Constitutional regulation of cities and incorporated boroughs and districts is all wrong. Cities should have the widest measure of home rule, and while the constitutional limitation of borrowing capacity would be a good thing, yet it should be so high that developing cities and boroughs, with confidence in themselves and their financial progress, would find no restrictions placed on their growth."

CHARITIES AND LAW. "Moreover, the grave and increasingly important question of bequests to State, private and semiprivate institutions should be taken up and have serious thought by a constitutional convention representing the people. As the matter stands now it is almost a disgraceful thing to have the Legislature, so heedless of their obligation and so improvident with the State's money, passing charitable appropriations far in excess of the revenues of the State. This question must be met with a steady and courageous hand."

SIMPLICITY A CARDINAL POINT. "I do not think in any sense that the constitution should attempt to be an exhaustive treatise on the organization of government of the various departments under it, but should at least be comprehensive, a plainly written and understood instrument for the government of the people, and there should be no reason in this day or at this time the constitution could not be written of vast simplicity and brevity, and should be so simple that the student of civil government in the 13th grade of the grammar school may read as he runs, and there should be little necessity, or at least less necessity, for the State to have to have the Supreme Court tell us what the constitution means."

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