

McNICHOL INSPIRED BY BILLY SUNDAY? BLANKENBURG ASKS

Mayor Cannot Otherwise Explain State Senator's Bill to Keep the Police Out of Politics.

"A visit to the 'Billy' Sunday tabernacle resulting in new ideas on civic righteousness may be one of the reasons that has caused Senator McNichol to introduce the bill forbidding police participation in politics," said Mayor Blankenburg, in a sarcastic comment on the proposed bill today.

The bill which was introduced in the Senate last night astonished McNichol's colleagues and political observers. It provides severe punishment for any policeman who attempts to influence voters or who takes part in any political meeting.

"It is a genuine surprise, but a real pleasure to me to note Senator McNichol's quiet and unobtrusive effort to inject himself politically. It is rather late in the day, to be sure, for under the present administration there has been no interference on the part of the police with politics, especially at election time, in any way, shape or form."

"It is well known that since the present Administration came into power we have had the quietest and most honest elections ever known in the history of Philadelphia: no intimidation, clubbing of voters, assistance to repeaters on the part of the police; no assault and battery with intent to kill, as in the case of 'Smitty the Push'; no splitting away of those entitled to vote, like the case of Doctor James; in fact, we have had elections over which no American citizen need hang his head in shame."

"I suppose, of course, that Senator McNichol has an eye to the future in introducing this bill. He knows full well that under the present Administration the same policy will be pursued during the last three years."

"INSPIRED BY SUNDAY?" "I have no doubt, however, the Senator fears that if an Administration a little more favorable to the old Organization should follow the present one, police interference and assessment of officeholders, debauchery of the ballot and all that goes in their wake might again be rampant as of old. This Senator obviously desires to forestall by the proposed new legislation."

"This, probably, is the reason why the legislation was introduced at Harrisburg. Perhaps the Senator has attended the 'Billy' Sunday meetings and has derived a hitherto unsuspected inspiration on behalf of civic righteousness."

"All success to the Senator in his unselfish and patriotic efforts to conserve the purity of the ballot and to protect the most sacred rights of the American citizen—that of the elective franchise—should be warmly commended by the public. It is hoped that a bill introduced by Senator McNichol to keep the police out of politics."

Pressed for a further statement, Director Porter said: "If Mr. McNichol will include State and county employees he will have rendered a great service. To pick out one class only is but one step in the right direction."

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL. The bill "prohibits any member or employee of any bureau or department having charge of police or fire protection of any county, city, borough, township, school district or poor district from taking any active part in politics, political movements or elections or from interfering with elections, and from using his office to influence politics, political movements or elections, and providing penalties for violation thereof."

Under its provisions, the bill prohibits all policemen and firemen, and the heads of these departments, from serving as members or attending any meetings of any political parties or taking part in the management of any campaign or to use their office to influence their associates or subordinates.

The bill makes any political activity on the part of policemen or firemen a misdemeanor and calls for a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months nor more than a year. It also provides that any one convicted under its provisions shall forfeit his office or position and shall, for a period of five years thereafter, be disqualified from holding any public office.

PHILADELPHIA COUNCILS BILLS OFFERED IN HOUSE. Three Measures Framed by Legislative Committee Submitted.

was named for the vacancy on the board which resulted when Doctor Brumbaugh was elected Governor. As Governor, Doctor Brumbaugh is a member of the board. James M. Coughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, was appointed to the board.

BILL AIMED AT LIQUOR "SLUSH FUNDS" IN SENATE

Sensenich, of Westmoreland, seeks to Amend Campaign Expense Act.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2.—A bill aimed at liquor "slush" funds and against such organizations as the Pennsylvania Protective Union and Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association participating in political campaigns without filing statements of the money they spent was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Chester D. Sensenich, of Westmoreland County.

The bill amends Section 1, of the present law, regulating nomination and election expenses and the filing of statements of expenses, so that the term "political committee" shall include "every person, co-partnership, association, federation, league, society or corporation who or which raises or collects or disburses money or permits or controls or assists in the raising or collecting or using or disbursing of money for or in aid of any candidate or candidates."

During the last campaign the liquor interests raised and spent a large fund, principally to re-elect Senator Penrose, by jacking up the prices of wine and liquors. Various estimates have been placed on the "slush" fund, some of them more than \$1,000,000, but the exact amount has never become known, as under the present law the liquor interests assert they are not political associations and, therefore, are not required to file statements of their campaign expenses.

The Pennsylvania Protective Union took the same stand and did not file any campaign expense account, although under the direction of Chester Hill, former Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, this organization conducted the campaign on behalf of Senator Penrose.

Senator Sensenich, who introduced the amendment, is one of the few independents in the Senate. He is pledged to local opinion.

SISTER CONTESTS WILL OF MRS. MARY THOMAS

Estate of \$51,000 Divided Between Niece and Nephew.

Action to prevent the probating of the will of Mary C. Thomas, who died at 1508 Green street, January 3, leaving an estate of \$51,000, has been taken by Elizabeth C. Jarrett, a sister, who is ignored in the distribution of the property. The caveat filed in the Register of Wills charges Jarrett with the cause of the contest. A hearing of the case will be held Thursday.

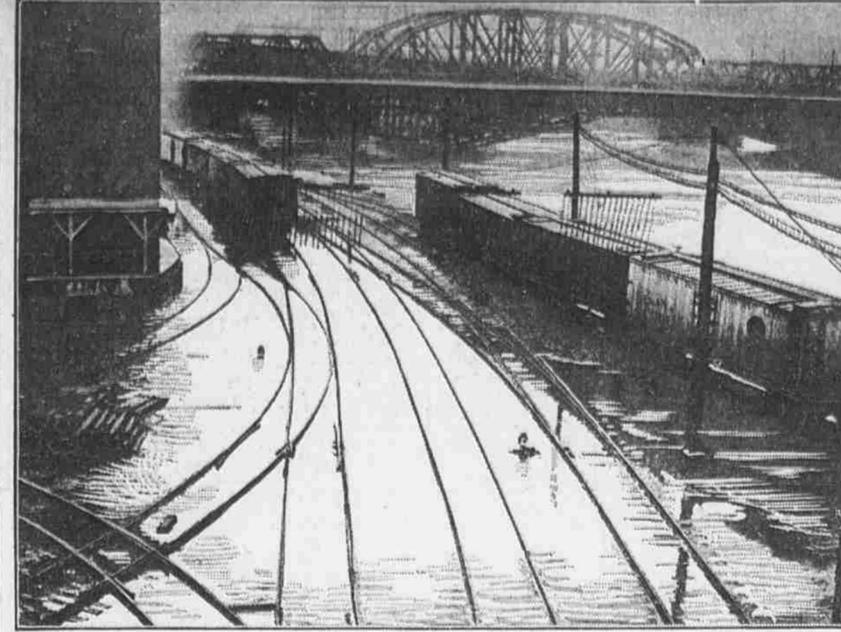
The will in dispute was executed September 10, 1914, and divides the entire estate between Anne Louise McDowell, a niece, and Nathan L. Keyser, a nephew. The two legatees are also named executors.

Jane McCann, late of 1526 North 11th street, in discharging of her \$1000 estate, leaves sums of \$100 each to St. John's Orphan Asylum, to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum and to the Rev. F. J. Fitzpatrick, of St. Malachy's Church, for a new convent. The will also devises \$50 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 18th and Jefferson streets; \$75 to the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, 416 to the Propagation Society of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. The residue is left to the husband, Arthur McCann.

Other wills probated include those of Walter Douglas, 715 Germantown avenue, disposing of an estate of \$9000; Sophia F. Plamme, 2110 North Howard street, \$2887; Jane Clark, 1977 Stiles street, \$2825; personal property of Jennie Jacoby has been appraised at \$338.83; Augusta Bohle, \$2200.

BILL TO RAISE SALARIES. Senator Salus Would Pay County Commissioners \$8000 A Year.

CONTINUOUS RAINS BRING NEW FLOODS INTO CITY STREETS



The Schuylkill River overflowed its banks again today, virtually bringing freight traffic to a standstill in the Pennsylvania Railroad yards. This picture was taken at 29th and Chestnut streets.

SUFFRAGE MEASURE WILL GET FAST RIDE THROUGH THE HOUSE

Republican Leaders to Give Amendment Right of Way After Committee Reports It Tonight.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2.—The woman suffrage amendment will be reported favorably by the Judiciary General Committee of the House tonight and then will be rushed through the Legislature, in accordance with the plans of the Republican leaders. William H. Wilson, who introduced the amendment in the House, is chairman of the committee which has now in charge.

The legislative leaders, although they oppose woman suffrage in Pennsylvania, will dispose of the question at the polls next November, according to their plans. They are willing to permit the voters of the State to decide it, and will have the Legislature approve the amendment for the second time within a few days.

LIABILITY BILL AFEARS. The first employers' liability bill of the session made its appearance in the Senate last night, when Senator Samuel W. Salus, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill in the upper branch, to regulate all liability companies in Pennsylvania. The measure requires all liability companies to file their schedules of risks with the State Insurance Commissioner.

Appropriation bills continue to pour into both branches. The report of the State Board of Charities, recommending appropriations of \$1,584,831 for State and charitable institutions, was made to the House last night. In addition to this, appropriations were introduced in the House for the following Philadelphia hospitals and homes: American Oncology Hospital, \$48,000; Beran Manual and Industrial School, \$45,000; St. Joseph's Hospital, \$50,000; Children's Aid Society of Pennsylvania, \$75,000; Pennsylvania Institution for Instruction of the Blind, \$105,000; St. Timothy's Memorial Hospital and House of Mercy, \$65,000; Pennsylvania Seaman's Friend Society, \$4000; Kensington Hospital for Women, \$40,000.

In the Senate the following appropriations were asked for Philadelphia hospitals and homes: West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, \$50,000; Philadelphia Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases, \$47,000.

BILL TO BUY TOLL BRIDGES. Under the provisions of a bill introduced by Senator McConnell, the State is required to purchase all toll bridges more than 2000 feet in length, with the exception of railroad bridges and those owned by trolley companies.

A second controversy over the transfer of automobile license funds from the State Treasury to the State Highway Department was ended last night, when Senator Clarence J. Buckman, of Bucks, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, introduced a bill officially to appropriate these funds to the State Highway Department. A year ago Auditor General Powell and State Treasurer Young refused to transfer the funds.

Senator Schantz also introduced a bill to repeal the hunters' license law. Representative James H. Maurer, of Reading, introduced a bill asking for an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for a mothers' pension fund for the next two years. The fund would be administered as the present fund.

Every employe in Pennsylvania will get one day of rest out of every seven, if a bill introduced by Representative Maurer last night, requiring employers to grant the day of rest, is passed. Only janitors, watchmen, firemen, caretakers for live animals and persons doing light work in bakeries are excepted.

Dealers in tobacco coupons and trading stamps would be licensed under a bill introduced by Representative W. D. Walton, of Lawrence. A fine of \$500 is provided as a penalty.

Two Years for "Coke" Fiend. William F. Marvel, known to the police as the "Cocaine King," who has spent 14 years in prison, was sentenced today to two years in the Eastern Penitentiary. Marvel was convicted on the charge of shoplifting and selling cocaine.

COMPENSATION BILL IN HOUSE NOT LIKED BY THE GOVERNOR

Plan Resembling Michigan's and New Jersey's Offered by Gans, of Philadelphia. Deficiency Bill Passed.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 2.—Representative Sigmund J. Gans, of Philadelphia, today introduced in the House a bill which would give Pennsylvania a workmen's compensation and employers' liability law, based on the Michigan plan, with compensation based on the schedule that is now in force in New Jersey.

The bill provides for the creation of an Industrial Accidents Board to supervise the administration of the act. Every employer is presumed to have accepted the act. If it is rejected by any employer, the employe can retain the common law defense on contributory negligence.

The rate of compensation is fixed at 60 per cent, the same as in New Jersey. For ordinary disabilities, the limit is 300 weeks or nearly 5 years. The limit for permanent disabilities is 500 weeks, with the minimum cost \$4000. For death, \$10 a week is to be paid to the heirs for a period of 300 weeks. The employer is required to furnish medical and surgical treatment.

State insurance is an important feature of the measure. Under the provisions of this feature of the bill the State guarantees to protect the workmen from the insolvency of their employers.

The Gans bill does not have the support of Governor Brumbaugh, and will probably die a natural death in committee. The Administration bill is still in the process of drafting, and will not be introduced for probably two weeks. It will not be in definite shape until after Attorney General Brown confers with John Mitchell and other labor leaders and members of the New York and Ohio Industrial Accidents Commission next Monday.

The deficiency bill was passed by the House this morning by a vote of 172 to 2, and sent to the Senate for concurrence. It is the first bill to pass the lower branch of the Legislature at the present session. It will be rushed through the Senate to make way for the consideration of appropriations.

AUTO HITS CARRIAGE. Horse Killed, Vehicle Damaged, But No Person Hurt in Collision.

The horse was killed, the carriage badly damaged and its occupants thrown out when an automobile driven by L. P. Tresh, 25 years old, of 312 West Chestnut avenue, Germantown, struck the vehicle in front of the trucking office, 625 Germantown avenue, shortly after midnight this morning. According to Tresh he was trying to get out of the way of a trolley car and did not notice the carriage coming up from the other side of the car. In the carriage, which is owned by Frank M. Ward, of 25 Nippon street, were H. E. Baltzell, of Cresheim Arms, 51 Allen lane, A. Bourneville, of the same address, and two ladies whose names were not divulged. None of the occupants of the carriage was injured.

Tresh was held under \$400 bail for court by Magistrate Pennock in the Germantown police station.

President Selects Minister to Siam. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Wilson today selected William H. Hornbrook, of Albany, Ore., as Minister to Siam.

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REV. DR. LEE SILENT

Refuses Comment on Alleged Attack Upon Church Official. The Rev. Dr. J. Beveridge Lee, pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 10th street and Baltimore avenue, today refused to comment upon the request of George Wentworth Carr, attorney for Charles W. Wilkins, former treasurer of the church, that he retract charges he is said to have made against the former official in his sermon last Sunday.

Doctor Lee left his apartment in the Stonehill last night and remained away today. He left word that he would not discuss the subject until he has had a conference with his lawyers, the firm of Porter, Foulkroft and McCullough.

Doctor Lee has been asked to remain by the elders of the church. In his sermon he declared it was his attacks upon Mr. Wilkins that had caused the elders to take this action.

LAUDED AND SCORED ROCKEFELLER GIFTS DURING U. S. PROBE

"Most Beneficent in World's History," Says Cleveland Banker—"Failed Utterly," Opinion of Lawyer.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—"The most beneficent gift in the history of the world" was the description applied to the Rockefeller Foundation today by Frederick H. Goff, president of the Cleveland (O.) Trust Company, who testified before the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations.

After vainly trying to obtain constructive criticism from J. P. Morgan on the present-day condition of the working-man, the commission today went back to its investigation of philanthropic aggregations.

Mr. Goff was asked about the Cleveland Foundation, which he described as an institution "for tomorrow rather than for today." Its founders were looking forward to help future generations, he said.

Edward P. Costigan, counsel for the United Mine Workers of America and Progressive candidate for Governor of Colorado at the last election, delivered a bitter attack against the Rockefeller Foundation. Some of the points in Mr. Costigan's testimony were:

"The Rockefeller Foundation has failed utterly in the work it founder and promoter intended it would do."

"Practically within a year of its inception, the foundation has been heedless and powerless in a great crisis."

"The conclusion must be that Rockefeller, the business man, has coldly and without hesitation brushed aside Rockefeller, the philanthropist."

"Mr. Rockefeller does not recognize the supremacy of social rights or the impartiality of great government investigations. He claims to be the driver all the time."

"It is pertinent to remember that even feudalism and slavery boasted of occasional generosity."

NEW PILOT RULE ADOPTED. Determination of Fitness Left to Masters of Ships.

Power to determine the physical fitness of Delaware River pilots was delegated to the masters of vessels by a rule adopted this afternoon at the monthly meeting of the Commissioners of Navigation. Heretofore a pilot suspected of being under the influence of liquor has been ordered to the jurisdiction of the ship's captain once he has taken the wheel for the trip. In the future the captain will be in control.

Dr. William J. Crowley to Wed. A marriage license was issued today to Dr. William James Crowley, 31 years old, a dentist of 302 South 37th street, to marry Fleda Robertson Brockway, 23 years old, a music teacher, who lives at 331 Locust street. They will be married on February 15.

PANAMA ENTRANTS HAVE FOUR MONTHS FOR LIVELY FINISH

Contest for Free Trips to Expositions Has Enlisted the Interest of City and Suburbs.

Four more months remain of the period to which the contest of the Evening Ledger and Public Ledger is limited, and therefore no one can say yet who will be among the 50 men and women leaders in subscription gathering who will enjoy free trips to the twin expositions at San Francisco and the Panama-California at San Diego.

Every contestant entered in the big race is hard at work getting subscriptions, and the Contest Editor is being kept busy, with his corps of assistants, recording the points to their credit. From the way the subscriptions are coming in it is evident the contest will be hard fought until the end, and it may not be until the last week in May that it will be possible to pick out the winners.

Virtually every section of Philadelphia and all the suburbs now are represented by contestants. Participants living in the outlying districts, who must get paid-advance subscriptions, because they are outside the city, are finding this more of an advantage than anything else, because paid-in-advance subscriptions mean additional credits.

Many of the city contestants, realizing this, are doing their best to get subscriptions paid in advance. As has been explained before, subscriptions running for a longer period than six months must be paid in advance. It is not much harder to get a subscription for a year than for six months and contestants therefore are now working hard for longer subscriptions.

Entry in this great contest may be made by sending your name to the Contest Editor, second floor of the Evening Ledger Building. Full information as to the details of the contest will be supplied to all who apply. Now is the time to join the contest. Get into it and get a free trip to the twin expositions of California.

CRACKSMEN BLOW SAFE WHILE MAN WORKS NEAR

Only Thin Partition Separates Robbers From Engineer. Cracksmen, working with only a thin partition separating them from a night engineer, pried the door from a safe in the Keystone Laundry, 2134 Wallace street, just before daylight this morning and escaped with \$100.00 in cash.

Frank Williams, the engineer, knew nothing of the robbery until he saw a man climbing over a fence opposite a window opening into the laundry office. He followed as fast as he could, but the man escaped.

Until he returned and saw a broken window in the office, Williams thought the man a tramp who had come to sleep in the laundry. But inside the office furniture was upset and the safe lay on its side, the door hanging open. The cash box was missing and important papers had been taken from the safe and scattered on the floor. Williams notified the police.

The cracksmen had pried open the door of the safe. A heavy crowbar used for this purpose lay beside it. Horace G. Craven, proprietor of the laundry, was called to the office when the robbery was discovered.

Irvin Cobb on the War. This afternoon and tonight Irvin Cobb will entertain the Academy of Music and its contents with his experiences as a war correspondent. Mr. Cobb will not be content with standing his audience up and lecturing to it. After he has discovered and the movies have flickered through a number of the scenes that he witnessed, Mr. Cobb will answer any questions not of an uncharitable character that may be put to him.

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