

REFORM LAWS PASSED, THOUGH ORGANIZATION SWAYED LEGISLATURE

McNichol - Vare Struggle for Advantage in Mayoralty Contest Enables Governor to Force Progressive Legislation.

HARRISBURG, May 17.—The General Assembly of 1915 tonight will start upon the last week of its work, but the history of its achievements and its sins of omission as well as its now virtually complete.

Only one big piece of legislation remains to be enacted. That is workmen's compensation, and it is generally conceded that this measure will pass, either tonight or tomorrow.

In the more vital legislation, the child labor and the compensation acts, there is a ring of sincerity that is missing in the acts of other assemblies, so completely controlled by the Republican Organization.

POLITICAL EFFECT IN DOUBT

In the important legislation, except local option, the independent and progressive forces in the Republican party have dominated. This has been due principally to the Philadelphia municipality controlled by the Republican Organization.

The only real defeat suffered by the Governor, and the Philadelphia municipality, was in the local option issue. The Philadelphia leaders, by the antagonism of Senator McNichol and the refusal of Senator Vare to support the Chief Executive in his pet piece of legislation, defeated local option just as they forced the child labor and compensation bills through this Republican Organization-controlled Legislature.

The effect upon the Republican party of their advocacy of Governor Brumbaugh's program of legislation remains to be disclosed. The Governor during his local option fight gathered, probably permanently, to the standards of the Republican party most of the independent voters in the State.

WHAT WAS DONE

The more important acts of this Legislature are: Child labor. Workmen's compensation. Submission of the question of woman suffrage to the voters at the November election this year.

Repeal of the so-called "full crew law." Repeal of the cold storage law.

Enlargement of the education facilities of the State by the establishment of vocational schools as provided for in the child labor law. The total outlay for education by this Legislature is \$15,000,000.

Reorganization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Reorganization of the Agricultural Department, with a view to the conservation of the natural resources of the State.

Reorganization of the Attorney General's department.

Establishing a foundation for an ultimate reorganization of the State Highways Department and system and appropriating \$9,500,000 for road construction and maintenance during the next two years.

Submission to the people of an amendment to the Constitution increasing the borrowing capacity of Philadelphia from 7 to 10 per cent of the assessed valuations for port and transit improvements, and the passage for the first time of a "rider" removing these restrictions.

"Toothless" housing code for Philadelphia.

Extension of civil service regulations to employees of third-class cities.

Creation of a code of laws for boroughs.

Passed for the first time an amendment to the Constitution authorizing a loan of \$50,000,000 for good roads. A similar amendment was defeated at the polls in 1912.

Extended the powers of the State Department of Labor and Industry.

Modified some of the provisions of the woman's labor law of 1913.

Changed the spring registration day from the first Tuesday of May to the first Tuesday of June and abolished the August registration day in odd-numbered years by placing it in September.

Transferred from the State to the counties the cost of primary elections.

Passed enabling legislation permitting the people of the counties directly affected to vote for or against the construction of the Ohio and Lake Erie Canal.

WHAT WAS NOT DONE

The Legislature defeated a resolution adopted two years ago abolishing the office of Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Among other important measures defeated were: A county local option law. Provision for a constitutional convention. Abolition of the nonpartisan ballot in judicial contests and second and third-class cities. Prevention of fusion after primary elections. The Legislature did not at any time attempt to reorganize the Commonwealth's legislative and judicial districts, as required by the Constitution.

ADMIRAL SAYS AMERICANS SAFE IN YAQUI VALLEY

Indians Withdraw From Colony Occupied by U. S. Citizens.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Admiral Howard today notified the Navy Department that the Americans who were besieged in the Yaqui Valley, in Mexico, had concentrated on the railroad and could leave at any moment if necessary.

The Indians have withdrawn, and the admiral said there was no cause for anxiety at present. Officials of the Navy and the State Department frankly were relieved when the cablegram was received. They admitted that it would have been necessary to send a landing party of marines and biplanes to the Yaqui Valley, if the colonists had the situation continued.

The cruisers New Orleans and Raleigh for the present will remain in touch with Guaymas, the nearest seaport to the scene of the battle.

GOVERNOR SIGNS DAIX MOVIE CENSORSHIP BILL

New Law Hailed by Producers as a Great Improvement Over Former Statute.

HARRISBURG, May 17.—The Governor today signed the Daix Senate bill, which is a substitute for the present moving picture law and which reorganizes the censorship department and increases its activities.

The new law establishes a board of three moving picture censors, an increase of one over the board as now constituted. The chairman is to receive a salary of \$300 a year, the vice chairman, \$250, and the secretary, \$200 a year.

One of its members of the board is to be a woman. The examination fee is fixed at \$1 for originals as well as duplicates, and the money is to be turned into the State Treasury.

The bill is the result of an effort of the moving picture operators of the State to have the law of 1911 repealed. It provides a wider scope of powers than the old act permitted and advertising is put to some extent under the regulations of the new board.

The law requires a report annually to the Governor, instead of to the Secretary of Internal Affairs and provides for the appointment of two clerks and two stenographers, six chief inspectors, six inspectors, four operators and two messengers. Projection rooms and offices are to be maintained in Philadelphia, but the board may have other offices where needed.

The announcement of the signing by the Governor of the Daix censorship bill was received with enthusiasm by various film men in this city. It is the final step in the long fight they have been making for a radical change in censorship methods in Pennsylvania.

TWO BOYS LOSE LIVES WHEN CANOE CAPSIZES

Youths Drowned in Schuylkill in Full View of Helpless Hundreds.

Two homes are darkened today because of a tragedy which was enacted before hundreds of helpless spectators on the banks of the Schuylkill, near Strawberry Mansion, yesterday afternoon. Two youths were drowned, the one while attempting to save the other, when an overcrowded canoe capsized. Their two companions were rescued.

The boys were Otto Keebler, 17 years old, 1320 North 28th street, and Charles Muska, 17 years old, 445 South 50th street. In company with Anthony Hildebrand, 18 years old, of 124 North 24th street, the owner of the canoe, and Frederick Henger, 17 years old, of 207 Harper street, the boys spent their Sunday holiday at their clubhouse, the Belmont Canoe Club. Although it is against the Fairmount park regulations to carry more than three persons in a canoe, the four boys decided on a trip in Hildebrand's new canoe up past Peter's island.

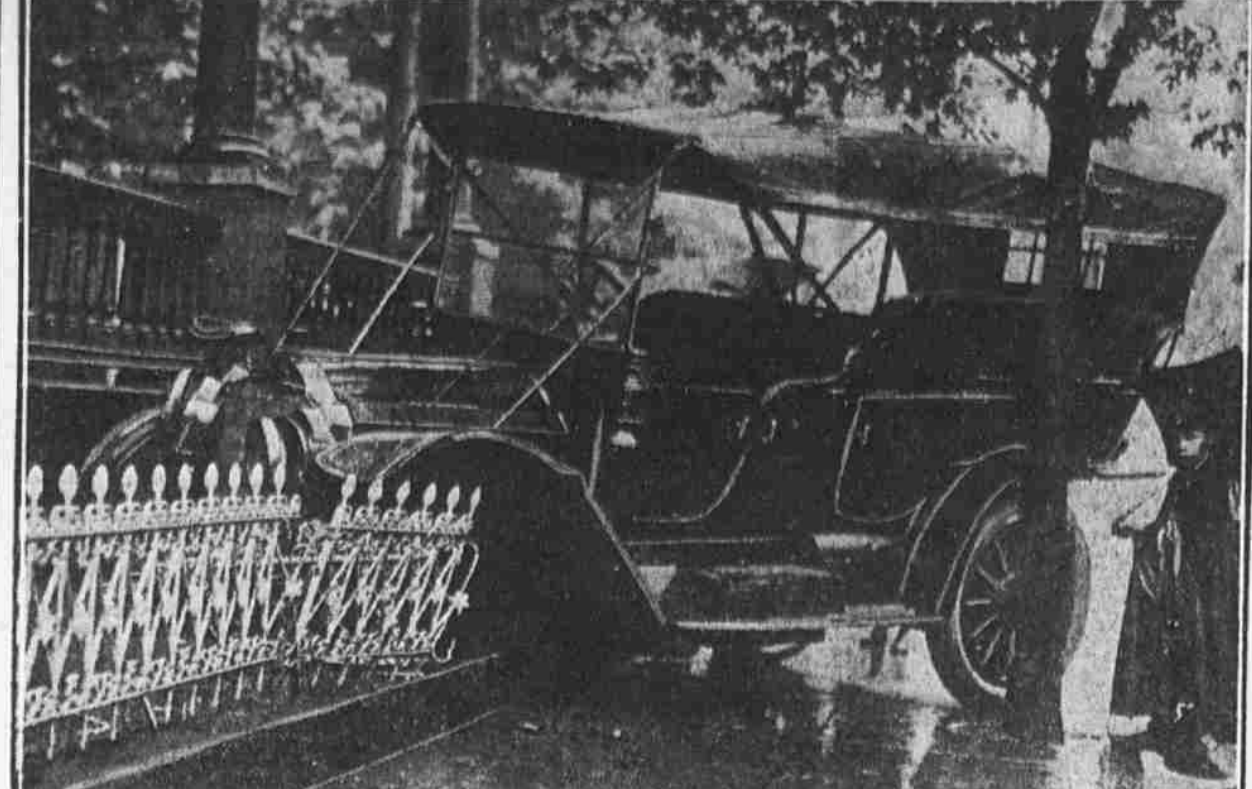
In the west channel of the river the waves dashed over the gunwale of the heavily-laden canoe and threatened to capsize it. The boys made for shore, very much frightened. When a heavier swell than usual struck the craft, Keebler, panic-stricken, stood up. The canoe turned turtle, throwing all four into the water. Shouts from spectators on the bank attracted the attention of the crew of the police boat Rescue, which was nearby, and the boat put on full speed.

Keebler could not swim. Knowing this, Muska, who was near him, made for his side. Keebler seized him and both went down. Hildebrand and Henger swam to the overturned canoe and were picked up by the Rescue. Keebler's body was recovered in five minutes and a pulmotor was applied, but he could not be revived. The river surrendered Muska's body 49 minutes later.

Service for Mr. and Mrs. Tesson

Tribute will be paid to Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Tesson, who were drowned when the Lusitania was sunk in a special memorial service in Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, Broad street, below Spruce, this afternoon, at 4:30 o'clock. The Rev. John T. Paris will conduct the service. Mr. and Mrs. Tesson were former Philadelphians, living in this city, when Mr. Tesson was at the head of one of the departments of the Wanamaker store. They moved to New York about six years ago when Mr. Tesson was commissioned to take charge of the shoe department of the Wanamaker store in New York. The arrangements for the service are in charge of James B. Robinson, of the Wanamaker store.

MOTORCAR CRASH IN WHICH WOMAN WAS KILLED



Mrs. Adele Andrews, 70 years old, is dead as a result of injuries received when she was struck by a car in which six men were riding at 15th and Ontario streets. The machine swerved in making a turn.

AGED WOMAN'S LIFE IS TOLL OF JOY RIDE

"Mother" Adele Andrews, a Lady Bountiful, Killed When Hit by Speeding Auto.

Joy riders who whirl around the city regardless of the safety of others added another life to the long list of victims today, when Mrs. Adele Andrews, 70 years old, 3329 Sydenham street, died at the Samaritan Hospital.

The woman was known affectionately as "mother" to the motormen and conductors on the 13th and 15th streets car line, and was held in high esteem in Tioga because of her kindly nature and charitable deeds. She rode in the 15th street car daily, and at Christmas time distributed gifts to the car crews.

Mrs. Andrews was about to cross 15th street at Ontario when an automobile, full of shouting joy riders, swerved sharply at the corner and struck her. She was thrown several feet and the car plunged over the sidewalk and through the iron fence fronting the home of Dr. William Price, at the southeast corner of 15th and Ontario streets.

The aged woman, unconscious and bleeding, was hurried to the hospital. Her skull was fractured and she had numerous other injuries. During the night she partially regained consciousness, but barely long enough to smile at the physicians who made every effort to save her life.

The prisoners gave their names as Morris Simon, 443 Emily street; Louis and David Robner, 535 Wharton street; Harvey Guenther, 1335 South 9th street; Nathan Borish, 2621 South Mildred street, and Nathan Weinstein, of the same address.

They had a hearing before Magistrate Carson at City Hall and were held to await action of the Coroner. The others were discharged. The driver of another auto, who ran down and killed a boy at 21st and Cuthbert streets was held to await action of the Coroner by Magistrate Carson today. He is John Hudson, of 6th and Locust streets. The boy was John Sheldon, 10 years old, of 1311 Filbert street. The accident happened on Saturday.

MARINES AT DEDICATION

1350 to Attend Unveiling of West Chester Veterans' Monument.

West Chester, the home of Major Smedley Darlington Butler, the United States Marine Corps hero, who is worshipped by his fellow townfolk, will have the entire advance base brigade of the United States Marine Corps, now at League Island, stationed there from June 9 to 12, inclusive, incidental to the dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument.

The marine brigade, commanded by Colonel L. M. Waller, equipped in field service paraphernalia, numbering 1350 officers and men, will leave the navy yard this morning of June 9, and will be taken in tugs to Chester, whence a 15-mile overland march to West Chester will begin. The marines will go into camp and remain under canvas until the close of the four-day celebration. The military parade is scheduled for June 11.

It is also expected that the entire 6th Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, will be in the military parade.

GIRL EXONERATES PASTOR

Jersey City Minister, Former Philadelphian, Congratulated.

Jersey City ministers and members of his congregation today congratulated the Rev. W. Gordon Jones, a former Philadelphian, now pastor of the North Baptist Church of Jersey City, who was vindicated by the Hudson County Grand Jury of charges brought against him by a girl.

When the Grand Jury began on Saturday the investigation of the charges, made two months ago, the girl related her story and the case was dismissed. Members of the Ministerial Union of Jersey City had adopted resolutions expressing confidence when the charges first were made. There is much rejoicing today among members of the North Baptist Church, and the officials have decided to grant Doctor Jones a long leave of absence for recuperation after the strain.

BRUMBAUGH VEToes COLD STORAGE LAW REPEALER

Governor Says Measure Would Leave State Without Protection.

HARRISBURG, May 17.—The Clark Senate bill repealing the cold storage law of 1913 was today vetoed by Governor Brumbaugh. The Governor gave as his reason that, in the absence of a substitute, it would leave the public entirely without safeguard.

"This is a direct repealer of the act of May 15, 1913," says the Governor in his message, "generally referred to as the cold storage repealer. The argument advanced in its favor is that the law is too drastic and that it is of no benefit to the public. To repeal the present law would be to leave the people without protection from unwholesome food and with no safeguard against fraud and deception in the sale of cold storage food. Only harm and confusion would follow. If the present law is, as alleged, not what it should be, the plain duty is to amend it and make it right. To repeal it is to shift the alleged unfairness from the dealers to the people. Two wrongs do not make a right. The Commonwealth is anxious to foster, to protect, to encourage all legitimate activity of its merchants and businessmen, but it is in a commanding way determined not to permit knowingly any harm to come to its people."

The Governor also vetoed the McNichol Senate resolution calling for the investigation of the feasibility of constructing a ship canal from Philadelphia across New Jersey to the Atlantic seaboard. A United States Army Commission is in charge of such an enterprise, says the Governor in explanation of his action, and surveys have been made and results published much along the same line as the resolution calls for.

Other bills vetoed today were: Thomas bill, requiring boards of visitors to make certain inspections of places where children are kept because it is "loosey drawn." Horton House bill relating to safety devices on motor vehicles, which was vetoed because the object can be obtained by sane and sensible exercises of existing law.

Easton Senate bill authorizing city solicitors to prepare in advance plans for all improvements in the city, which was vetoed because it is a highway or to take property designed for public use, on the ground that it violates the essential of home rule for cities.

Hamilton House bill authorizing second-class mail to be carried for two years instead of five, on the ground that it would tend to "inflation and confusion."

Tompkins Senate bill to validate certain divorces, because the Governor says, "it seems unnecessary to extend the power of judiciary in divorce to alien and magistrates. It is all too easy now to secure an Atlantic City bill would enlarge the field of easy endeavor and is therefore not in the interests of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

Lynch Senate bill to refund notary fees to clerks of the courts of Berks county.

Charles S. Catwell, president of the Corn Exchange Bank, and a most ardent advocate of the repealer, said today that the Governor's reasons for vetoing the bill would seem to indicate that he would not take unfavorable action against the uniform cold storage bill which has already passed the Senate and is now before the lower House. He said that the uniform law would protect the citizens of the State in ample fashion, and at the same time not place such unfair restrictions on the dealers as to seriously handicap competition between those interested in cold storage in this State and those similarly interested in other States.

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HEARING TOMORROW ON TRANSIT PROTEST

Northwest Business Men to Tell Councils Committee Why They Need Transfers.

The Finance Committee of Councils at a public hearing tomorrow afternoon will consider the request of the Northwest Business Men's Association that no ordinance be passed to put the \$500,000 transit loan into effect until absolute assurance of universal free transfers is given. Tonight the business men will meet at 2338 Columbia avenue and assign speakers for the public hearing.

The Northwest Business Men, under the leadership of Charles L. Fluck, chairman of the Transportation Committee, opposed the passage of the \$500,000 transit loan into effect last month. When their efforts to defeat the loan at that time were unsuccessful it was generally believed they would again align with Director Taylor.

Director Taylor has been invited to attend the meeting and present the argument in favor of starting the work immediately. At the request of Director Taylor the City Solicitor has issued an opinion to the effect that House Bill No. 1283, now on third reading in the Senate, will not curtail in any way the authority vested in the city with relation to incurring indebtedness for transit development. The act contemplates new and independent power in the floating of municipal loans for certain classes of public improvements.

British General Killed

LONDON, May 17.—The week-end casualty list issued here contains the names of 92 British officers killed, 294 wounded and 62 missing. Among the officers killed were Brigadier General Arthur Willoughby of G. Lowry Cole.

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BILL IN SENATE AIMS TO REGULATE USE OF FIREWORKS ON 4TH

Child Federation, of Philadelphia, Plans Vigorous Campaign to Bring About "Safe and Sane" Celebration.

The Child Federation of Philadelphia has begun a publicity campaign to arouse public interest in a bill to regulate the sale and use of fireworks, which was introduced into the Senate at Harrisburg recently by Senator Owen B. Jenkins, of Germantown. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs, where it has been held. The federation is planning to bring every pressure to bear upon the Senate committee to force the introduction of the bill into the Legislature in time for it to be acted upon at this session.

The measure is designed to regulate the sale and use of fireworks in such a way that the "safe and sane Fourth" would become a reality in Pennsylvania. The Child Federation points out Pennsylvania now leads all the States in the Union in the number of deaths and casualties caused by fireworks among children.

The Jenkins bill would prohibit any person to set off a fire-cracker, or even a squib, without obtaining a permit from the Director of Public Safety in cities of the first and second class, or from the Chief of Police in third class cities, and in all other cases. The fire marshals and the State Fire Marshal can remove at the owner's expense any stock of fireworks or combustibles for which no permit has been issued. It is made unlawful to sell any explosives or combustibles to any person not holding a permit.

It is also unlawful under the Jenkins bill to keep or store fireworks or combustibles intended for pyrotechnic display except in accordance with a permit. Such a permit is good for a year only and can be revoked at any time by the fire marshal.

The act provides that it does not apply to displays of fireworks by the city, borough or township or the sale of fireworks to any city, town or borough, municipal displays, however, must be given under full regulations of the fire marshal or the State Fire Marshal. The fireworks banned in the act include rockets, torpedoes, roman candles, squibs, firecrackers, sparklers or any other kind of pyrotechnic.

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