

VARE-MOORE CONTEST  
FOR MAYORALTY NOW  
APPEARS IMMINENT

Elimination of Thomas B. Smith, So-Called "Harmony" Candidate, Brings Both Congressmen to the Fore

Developments in the Republican Organization majority race, after the smoke has cleared away from the shot fired by the Vares in catapulting former Postmaster Thomas B. Smith, the Penrose-McNichol "harmony" candidate, into a Public Service Commission race, now point to a contest between Congressman William S. Vare and Congressman Hampton Moore for the nomination.

That Congressman Vare can be a candidate with much stronger support than he had four years ago is conceded by even his followers. It is certain that the South Philadelphia Congressman will announce his candidacy within a few days.

Vare followers today, in commenting upon the appointment of Mr. Smith said that the former postmaster had been one of the first to pledge his support to Congressman Vare in case he should run for Mayor at this time. Mr. Smith, they said, came to Congress with a record of several months ago, before David Martin, Edward Patton, John Lukens, John J. McKinley, Peter E. Costello or any of the other leaders had seen him regarding his candidacy and voluntarily offered to support him.

Four years ago, according to the leaders in the Vare camp, Mr. Smith was prevented from working for Congress by the fact that he gave him to understand at that time, however, that he was back of him. His appointment to the Public Service Commission, according to the Vare camp, was as a reward for his loyalty to the downtown Congressman.

Reports that he will be the "harmony" candidate, however, are denied in the Penrose-McNichol camp just as vigorously as they were at the start of the Organization Majority-Jockeying contest. Political observers still maintain that an announcement of Congressman Vare's candidacy will be a bitter-sweet fight between the Vare and the Penrose-McNichol faction.

A report that Congressman Vare has been decided upon as the "harmony" candidate was branded by Senator McNichol as "too absurd for comment." It was authoritatively stated in the Vare camp that Congressman Vare has not yet made up his mind, and that the published report had no official "O. K."

There is every indication, however, that Congressman Vare will make the race. He has delayed his announcement, too long, according to rumors that persist on the political "Rialto" today. Senators Penrose and McNichol will announce a candidate for Mayor, this carrying the heavy fight to the Vares.

In this connection, the announcement made last night by friends of Congressman Moore that they do not intend to support Moore's name to be dropped was said in Organization circles today to have special significance. Both Penrose and McNichol are expected by friends of Moore to throw their support to Moore should Congressman Vare be a candidate. The Moore boom is thoroughly organized. Headquarters have been established and Moore clubs are being organized in every ward of the city.

Within a week these clubs will be united into one city-wide organization for the purpose of launching the candidacy of Congressman Moore as the "business man" candidate.

NEW HOPE FOR WORKERS  
Free State Employment Bureau to Be Opened Soon

The task of organizing the free employment bureau provided for by an act of the large Legislature is now nearly completed and the central office will soon be opened in Harrisburg, with branches in all the large cities and towns of the State.

Large employers of labor, social service organizations, trade bodies and officials of the Government in every community in the State have been enlisted by Commissioner Jackson to aid in the fight against unemployment.

Under the plans already laid out, officials will keep in close touch with labor situations in every part of the State and co-operate with the Federal Bureau and the Bureau of Employment of other States. A campaign of education to prevent the unreasonable lay-off of workers will also be waged and when there is work available, the bureau will attempt to create work on municipal and county enterprises hanging fire.

INDEPENDENTS OPEN  
THEIR BATTLE FOR  
UNBOSSSED COUNCILS

Committee of 100 Will Meet on Monday to Launch City Housecleaning Campaign

FULL TICKET PLANNED  
Nomination Petitions Will Be Circulated Next Week in Every Ward

The Public Service Committee of 100 will launch a vigorous campaign on Monday to overthrow the present organization-controlled Councils and to elect in every ward in the city men of political independence who will serve the city faithfully in the municipal legislative bodies. This will be the first move of the independents in the campaign.

The Campaign Committee of the Committee of 100, of which T. Henry Walnut is chairman, will meet on Monday and will at once inaugurate the campaign. The committee plans to place a complete Councilmanic ticket of its own in the field and will not wait to endorse late in the campaign the ticket of the available candidates as has been done in the past.

Petitions for nomination will be circulated next week. The committee has two weeks in which to assist independent aspirants for Common and Select Councils to prepare their nomination papers, and an immediate start will be made along this line. In wards where acceptable candidates have not yet appeared, the committee will urge prominent independents to enter the race, and by August 31, the last day for filing nomination papers, will have a complete ticket in the field.

All of the members of Common Council and 17 members of Select Council are to be elected in November. In its statements to the voters of the city the Committee has called special attention to the necessity of electing independents to Councils.

Present independent members of both branches of Councils who are seeking re-election, undoubtedly have the endorsement of the committee. In all of the wards now represented by Organization followers, new candidates will be brought out and an effort will be made to secure the support of all civil and political organizations except, of course, the Republican Organization.

The Gruver family, whose progenitors are said to have come to America from Germany almost 200 years ago, is in session at Menlo Park, near Parkside, where the next five weeks almost a score of notable reunion events are planned for points in the southeastern counties near Philadelphia.

PACIFIC MAIL FLEET  
TO SAIL THE ATLANTIC

One or More of Five Vessels Just Sold May Come to This Port

The sale of a large part of the Pacific Mail fleet to the Atlantic Transport Company of West Virginia will bring to the Eastern seaboard five vessels, four of which will be in size notable additions to the Atlantic merchant marine.

One or more of the vessels may visit this port as part of the company's trade route, but it is possible that, owing to the great demand for steamships to ply between New York and foreign ports, all five may sail from New York until after the war.

At the offices in this city of the International Mercantile Marine Company, of which the Atlantic Transport Company is a subsidiary, it was said today that the schedule for the newly acquired steamships had not yet been considered.

The two largest of the steamships are the Manchuria and the Mongolia. They were built in Camden in 1904 by the New York Shipbuilding Company. They are each of 15,639 gross tonnage, 600 feet in length, 65 breadth, 33 depth and have a speed of 18 knots. The Korea and the Siberia are also virtually of the same size, with respective tonnage of 12,726 and 12,284, with the length 551, breadth 63. They were built in 1901. The China is an old steamship, built in 1889 and much smaller than the others; 5600 gross tonnage, 400 feet in length, 45 breadth, 22 depth.

The sale of the vessels, made public today in pursuance of the plan announced some time ago by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, of disposing of its fleet and other property as the first step toward a rapid and complete liquidation of all the company's interests. It announces that it was abandoning a prosperous business solely on account of the seamen's bill, the terms of which, it is said, made it impossible to compete with the Japanese lines.

The last sailing from San Francisco to any of these vessels to Oriental ports under the Pacific Mail flag will be on August 25, by the Mongolia.

ACCUSED OF STEALING AUTO  
Alleged Thief Could Not Put Parts Together Again

The proverbial joke about the man who takes an automobile apart and then finds numerous parts left over when he tries to put it together was again brought to light today when Detectives Gleason and Sullivan, of the Auto Squad, arrested Antonio Lerro, 22 years old, of 817 Millman street, Chestnut Hill, accused of the larceny of an automobile belonging to Dora Patriagniana, of 747 South 7th street.

The detectives in searching the man's house discovered a tool chest under his bed, the windshield back of a sofa in the parlor, the tires in the cellar and the top in the yard. The body and engine were found in a garage.

When pressed for an explanation, Lerro said the machine had been given to him by the woman's deceased brother the day before he died and because it was of ancient vintage he decided to take it apart and put it into proper working order. But I couldn't get the blamed thing together again, he said, "and there were lots of parts left over."



DR. R. TAIT MCKENZIE  
MCKENZIE TOO BUSY  
TO RETURN TO PENN

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 reduced from four months to three weeks. Doctor McKenzie's rank is now lieutenant, but will soon be advanced to captain, and his friends at the University confidently expect that his expert knowledge of physical training methods will shortly advance him to the post of director of military hygiene of the British army. He is a Canadian by birth, and still a British subject. The letter reads as follows:

"KNELLWOOD, Farnborough, Hants, July 23, 1915.  
 "After many adventures I have at last got a billet here at Aldershot, the training quarters of the army. I am in the Royal Army Medical Corps and start with the rank of lieutenant, which may be raised to a captaincy, but no higher, for this temporary commission. I had to contract for a year or the duration of the war, so am not likely to be back next winter judging from the way things look now.

"Two days ago I reported to the director general here, Sir Thomas Galway, a fine old Irishman, and he has attached me to the department of physical training, under the inspector of gymnastics, Colonel Wright. I have asked to take the regular course for instructors and have received permission and report on Monday. When the war broke out all their instructors rejoined their regiments. Most of them were killed, and they had to build up a new system for the 2,000,000 men who had to be broken in with as little delay as possible.

"They are using Swedish drill and they made out eight simple series of day's orders, and then called for commanding officers to select a suitable man from their regiment and sent him to Aldershot for three weeks instead of the four months they used to have. They are picked men and they work them from 9 to 4, with lectures on the side.

"All that they learn is the 8-table bayonet, and because it is so important, constant practice in command, taking turn about. The sergeant instructor has a wonderful voice and command and the men jump as if they had sat down on a pin. The arrangements for bayonet fighting are interesting. The ground is like this:

"And they go over it as if they were after their real things. The Germans are bags stuffed with straw and blocks of wood hanging or set in the trenches. I don't know if I can stand the pace set by these young bloods (Doctor McKenzie is 45 years old, but will have a try at it) and it ought to do me good. Have had a talk with Lieutenant Olsen, the officer in charge of the Swedish work. He claims, and rightly, too, that it is for development so much as for speed and form and discipline they work.

"A man who has been through it will not be so hard to get into line smartly, and the officers say it works wonders with the men. I will have a chance to see for myself anyhow, and will perhaps be able to give them some things that will be of use to them to return. I am also attached to the Connaught Hospital as consultant, to look up joints and other cases for massage. Will write you later when I have got over the first soreness of the Swedish."

Doctor McKenzie sailed for England with his wife on May 23. He has a year's leave of absence from the University, which will be extended if necessary. Doctor McKenzie was born in Ontario, Canada. He was graduated from the Medical School of McGill University, Montreal, and became a first director of physical education there. He later lectured on this subject at the Harvard summer school. He came to the University of Pennsylvania in 1904.

NIXON TO MAKE FIGHT  
FOR SUPPRESSED FILM

Charges Shore Officials With Trucking to Negro Vote. Goes to Court

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 14.—"FIRED" is the answer of Samuel F. Nixon, of Philadelphia, lessee of the New Nixon Theatre on the Boardwalk, to the order issued last night by William H. Bartlett, Director of Public Safety, forbidding the presentation of the "Birth of a Nation" at the Boardwalk playhouse.

"We shall apply for an injunction in Camden," declared Nixon, proprietor of two theatres here. "We are not going to be made the victims of a political dodge to corral the colored vote in Atlantic City. Talk of violence in connection with a film drama which has been seen by thousands in all of the large cities of the country is ridiculous."

Nixon had assembled a distinguished array of lawyers to give the City Commissioners battle. His fighting force includes former Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia; former Attorney General McCarter, of Newark; former Judge Robert Ingersoll, and former Assemblyman Emerson Richards, of Atlantic City. The application for an injunction will be made to Vice Chancellor Edmund Leaning. It is hoped a temporary injunction will be granted at the hour of the Boardwalk playhouse when police raiders appear there on Monday.

"Talk about suppressing this production is absurd," Nixon, in a temper, said this morning. "Why, it has not only been passed by J. Louis Breittinger, of the Pennsylvania Board of Censorship, but school authorities have been advised to make arrangements for as many children as possible to see it. Claims that it incites race hatred, and for that reason should be suppressed, are ridiculous. It deals with nothing but historical facts."

Director Bartlett's order for the suppression of the film was issued last night after detectives had reported to him that the negro section of the city, where more than 12,000 negroes live, was in a ferment. Threats have been made to stampede the theatre, to smash its windows and commit violence in other forms. Pastors of negro congregations have declared they will not be responsible for what occurs if the city fails to act.

"Politics! Politics!" Nixon exclaimed today. "Mayor Riddle and the City Commissioners are playing for the colored vote. We are not going to let them frighten us."

CONSPIRACY CHARGES FALL  
 South Philadelphia Milk Dealer Drops Complaints Against Two Policemen

A dispute between Harry Dolfinger, head of the dairy firm bearing his name, who alleged and advertised in the newspapers a conspiracy to end the firm's business in South Philadelphia, and Captain Harry Davis, of the Bureau of Police, has arisen as a result of a conference between the two. In his description of the "conspiracy" against his firm, Dolfinger said two policemen are involved.

Director Porter invited the man to go to City Hall and press charges. When Mr. Dolfinger arrived, he was turned over to Captain Davis. Later the captain announced that Mr. Dolfinger had admitted he had no evidence against any policemen. Dolfinger denies this, asserting that he simply decided to let the matter drop rather than have any more trouble, the conspiracy having been nipped in the bud.

POLICE PROBE STABBING  
Man With Serious Knife Wounds Rescued to Reveal Assaultants

The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the stabbing of Robert Gilmore, alias "The Wrensl," 24 years old, who gave his address as the Mills Hotel, 9th and Race streets, and who is in the Jefferson Hospital in a serious condition.

Gilmore walked into the hospital late last night and announced that he was about to die, displaying to the physicians two stab wounds of the neck and chest near his heart.

Under questioning by Special Policeman Nolan, of the 13th and Locust streets station, he said he had been stabbed in a fight in Independence Square, but refused to say with whom he was fighting. Physicians at the Jefferson Hospital held out little hope for the man's recovery.

William Harvey, 48 years old, 1627 Swan street, is in a serious condition at the Hahnemann Hospital from the effects of acid which he drank at 12th street and Ridge avenue. The police who are investigating the case do not know whether Harvey drank the acid by mistake or with suicidal intent. Pedestrians saw the man drain the contents of a bottle on the street last night and called the police.

A little thing like falling from a ladder 25 feet to the ground and landing on his head did not faze 16-year-old William Ludwig, of 10th and Tigns streets. He walked home from the place where the "accident" happened, was held without streets, last night and went to bed. He did not mention it to his mother.

This morning when he awoke he felt itching and told his mother all about it. She ran with the boy to the Samaritan Hospital, where he was examined by Doctor Sewell. He said after the examination that there was not a cut, a bruise, or lump on the boy's head. William can't understand why so much fuss is being made over it.

Thomas Morris, 41 West Mount Airy avenue, the motorman of the car that struck a wagon at 7th and Sansom streets yesterday, causing an accident which killed a man, was held without bail today by Magistrate Beaton, to await the action of the Coroner. Morris' car struck a wagon which was unloading heavy rolls of packing material, which weighed more than a ton, fell from the wagon and crushed Charles Rong, 58 years old, 2038 Mersey street, when the pavement, killing him instantly.

Joseph Brown, 18 years old, no home, was sent to the House of Correction for six months today, by Magistrate Boyle, at the 29th street and Lancaster avenue police station, after it was testified that he had stolen two pocketbooks from picknickers at George's Hill, Fairmount Park, yesterday.

James Boyle, 37 years old, of 3315 Mount Vernon street, was sent to the county prison for 30 days, in default of \$10 fine, by Magistrate Boyle today, at the 29th street and Lancaster avenue police station, when it was testified that he had kicked to death a little dog. Boyle was under the influence of liquor and that the dog had attacked him.

Archie H. Fletcher, 34 years old, of 323 Locust avenue, was overpowered and held shortly before noon today while standing in a store at 1822 Susquehanna avenue. He was taken to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital, where his condition is serious.

TRANSIT DECISION  
DUE THIS AFTERNOON

Public Service Commission Expected to Grant Permit to Begin Work Immediately

The decision of the Public Service Commission on the question of granting a certificate of public convenience to permit the construction of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated may be expected this afternoon, according to the announcement made by the commission when it adjourned at 3:30 o'clock last night. The commission was in session the entire day considering the rapid transit plans and upon adjournment last night the following statement was issued:

In the matter of the application of the city of Philadelphia for the approval of the construction of a subway on Broad street, between Olney avenue and League Island, and the construction of an elevated railway structure from Front and Callowhill streets to Rhawn street, Frankford, the Public Service Commission has been in executive session all day Friday and until a late hour Friday night in this consideration and discussion of the application for a certificate of public convenience. It will not likely be able to announce its decision before Saturday afternoon.

Members of the commission refused to say anything about their probable decision. The general belief is that the application for the certificate will be proved and that the commission will make some comment upon the plans in general. The commission yesterday called in lawyers and engineers and spent considerable time studying the financial problems connected both with the construction and preparation of the proposed line. It was said that there was a disposition to allow because the action of the commission was not to be merely perfunctory.

ONE PASSES CIVIL SERVICE  
Only Person to Qualify for Pipe Inspector—Five Others Eligible for Boilermaker Positions

One man qualified in civil service tests for appointment as pipe inspector in the Bureau of Water at a salary of from \$1000 to \$1300 a year. He is Charles Heft, of 38 East Thompson street. His average was 82.1.

Five applicants qualified as boilermakers in any department at salaries fixed by ordinance. They are: John J. Pirelli, 2018 Broadway street, 84; Frank R. Bodman, 3428 Arbor street, 78.3; Benjamin C. Martin, 1828 East Park street, 78.3; Robert M. Rawlings, 1422 North Tany street, 72.4.

May Not Operate on Rea  
 Surgeons at the Polytechnic Institute do not believe that it will be necessary to operate on Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who has been there since August 7. His condition is favorable today, although he spent a somewhat restless night. None but the immediate members of his family have been allowed to see him. Many letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by Mr. Rea.

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