

NEW MAGISTRATES ASSUME THEIR DUTIES IN CITY POLICE COURTS

Flowers, Gifts and Friends, but Few Prisoners, Greet Officials Who Were Elected Last Month

BOYLE STILL HOLDS ON

Flowers, gifts and friends, but few prisoners, greeted the new Magistrates who assumed their duties today in the various police courts throughout the city.

The first two prisoners to face Magistrate George W. Price in the Ridge and Midway avenue police station were discharged. They were Daniel Farley, 28 years old, 282 E. 27th street, and James Minahan, 3445 Sunnyvale avenue, both employees of the Du Pont Powder Company at Carney's Point.

Minahan had remained in the police station over night at his own request. He had a large roll of material with him, and Farley, who was arrested on charges of intoxication, was discharged. "Who's going to pay for the time I lost?" he asked. "You can't take that out of me," he was sentenced to the House of Correction for several days, and if it wasn't because of my first day in office and a tendency to be lenient, I should send you up, anyway."

Magistrate Price succeeds Magistrate Orel and will make his headquarters at Hancock street. When he arrived there today he found the office decorated with ferns, palms and cut flowers, the gifts of policemen in the district and his friends.

George A. Hines, 228 Colorado street, brought baskets of flowers, a clock, Indian rug and many other gifts when he entered the 12th and Pine streets station to assume his duties as Magistrate. Two men arrested on charges of intoxication were discharged. It is said that his friends have purchased a complete new outfit for his office, which formerly was occupied by Magistrate Hagarty.

Magistrate Thomas Watson had but one case when he took up his duties at the 25th and Oxford streets station. He held James Huesing, 228 Colorado street, in \$400 bail for a further hearing, accused of being an accessory in the attempted suicide of Grace Roberts, 24 years old, 170 Sydenham street, who drank poison yesterday. She is in the St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Following the hearing several large bouquets of flowers were presented to Magistrate Watson by Sergeant Hough Hayes, the gift of policemen of the district. A bunch of flowers also was presented to Thomas G. Morris, the retiring magistrate. Several speeches were made.

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Both houses of the Congress which begins today are safely Democratic. Of the 43 members of the House who will be sworn in today 25 are Democrats. There is one Democratic vacancy created by the death of Representative Samuel A. Harrison of Philadelphia. The Republicans have 18 members and the Progressives six. One Independent and one Socialist will be enrolled as members of the new House.

occupied by Elihu Root, whose trained legal mind and wide experience had often led the minority through dubious ways, was vacant. But in his place had come "Young Jim" Weaver, with a strong record in New York State politics and in the New York Legislature. The return of Curtis, of Kansas, eliminated the redoubtable independent, Bristol, but returned to the Republican leaders one of the Old Guard, who fought legislative battles under the old Aldrich leadership.

The promised fight for a cloture rule, to curtail the ancient, time-honored prerogative accorded every Senator of talking on any subject, at any time, and as long as he pleases, hung like a cloud over the opening session.

Senator Williams, of Montana, served notice that, while he would not question the work done under the rules in force last session, he reserved the right to question the constitutionality of the rule. It is not obliged to make its rules anew. This is a fight which the Democratic caucus refused to endorse, but which Walsh said he would push personally.

There were two chances for the galleries to laugh, once when there was a single Republican "no" cast against the election of Senator Clarke pro tem, and once when a protest was made against Senator Williams' motion to keep the Senate in session from 12 to 5 daily. Senator Williams agreed it should be amended to "not later than 5 o'clock."

CONGRESS FIGHT OPENS ON BRITISH SEA POLICY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The opposition to the Allies' sea policy fired its opening gun today when Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, introduced his proposed resolution directing the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire into the legality, under international law, of the blockade of neutral ports by the Allies.

DINNER TO HONOR SCOTT

Congressman-at-Large the Guest of Lawyers

The Philadelphia delegation to Congress went to Washington yesterday. Senator Penrose made the trip in his automobile, leaving the capital early in the evening. The seven Congressmen were accompanied by friends.

PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERS FORM AN ORGANIZATION

Republicans Plan to Obtain United Action on Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Republican representatives from Pennsylvania met today and organized the State delegation for purposes of getting united action on legislation affecting Pennsylvania. Officers were elected as follows: Thomas S. Butler, West Chester, chairman; A. J. Barchfield, Pittsburgh, vice chairman; J. B. Lefan, York, secretary.

tion for a searching investigation into the members, finances and activities of the Navy League, Labor's National Council, the National Security League and the American Defense Society.

"I am getting a little tired of insinuations and even allegations that my motives are corrupt." "If we national defense advocates are a parcel of crooks, the sooner the country knows it the better. If we are honest men, the time has come for us to call our calculators to account."

HOUSE ORGANIZES FOR WARM BATTLES OF 64TH CONGRESS

Old Republican Leaders Back Again After Enforced Vacation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The House of Representatives got under way for the strenuous times of fight and debate that will characterize the first session of the Sixty-fourth Congress today.

CLARK ESCORTED TO CHAIR

Galleries and floor applauded as veterans and recruits answered to their names by the roll call. "Uncle Joe" and another welcomed Meyer London, the only Socialist member of the House.

MEKANE PIER BIDS OPENED

Snare & Triest Make Lowest Offer at \$488,600

Bids for the construction of the superstructure of the new McKean street pier were opened this afternoon by Director Meigs, of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, and it was found that Snare & Triest, who built the Southwest piers, at 23 and 30 South Wharves, were the lowest bidders.

MORIN PRESENTS A BILL FOR TARIFF COMMISSION

Measure Authorizes President to Appoint Seven Investigators

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D'ANNUNZIO WANTS DUEL Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian author and poet, who was appointed a lieutenant in King Victor Emanuel's army with the special commission to be the official Italian chronicler of the war, has challenged Mazzoni Grazziadei, an Italian deputy, to a duel.

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BLANKENBURG'S COMMENT

Mayor Blankenburg was pleased at the selection of Mr. Webster. He said: "If one of the other members of the Cabinet is appointed because he is a McNichol man or a Vare man, I am disappointed. Those appointed because they are the new Mayor's personal selection and are made members of his Cabinet solely for the good service they are to

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The action of Mayor-elect Smith was awaited throughout the State before any moves were made in the fight against Penrose. Governor Brumbaugh, who has organized strong forces in all sections of the State to prevent Senator Penrose from getting control of the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican national convention next year, has the assistance of the Vares in Philadelphia, and with them now the next city administration.

SMITH'S MOVE AWAITED

The anti-Penrose forces a week ago decided not to launch any fight that would place the Mayor-elect in a position of embarrassment. The announcement of his Cabinet, they said, would be the signal for starting a bitter fight to overthrow Penrose, as the success of the fight depended upon Philadelphia.

SENATOR PENROSE SILENT

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