

PENROSE'S BOLT SENDS PARTY ON VERGE OF PEACE

State Organization Faces Split as Delegates' Compact Is Broken

Republican "Reform" Status at a Glance

Independent leaders, as another step in their reform within the Republican party movement, issue an invitation to independent voters to participate in the Republican primaries this year.

Congressman Vares placed his stamp of approval upon the call, saying that he had always favored open primaries.

Senator Penrose issues statement in which he says he is "in earnest sympathy" with the independent movement, and pledges his cooperation in a vigorous effort to improve local political conditions.

Congressman Vares hits back by declaring that Senator Penrose has been separated from contractors only twice since 1894, in 1906 and 1911, and that he lost "city, State and nation" in 1905 and 1912.

The Republican Organization in Pennsylvania today is facing one of the bitterest factional fights in its history, with new and unexpected alignments of forces, as the result of political developments since Senator Penrose on Saturday evening unceremoniously bolted the harmony agreements on delegates and the State ticket a few hours after they were made.

Following the publication today of statements from Senator Penrose, the Vares and the independents who are launching their "reform within the Republican party" movement, it was intimated that unless a new harmony agreement were made, and lived up to, Republican State Chairman William E. Crow would join the Vares and Governor Brumbaugh in a State-wide fight over every office, against Senator Penrose and his new allies.

The open break within the Organization ranks followed a statement issued by 80 leaders of the independent forces, in which the independents of the city were asked to participate in the primaries. The statement, which is issued over the signatures of John C. Winston and George D. Porter, representing the Vares, Penrose alliance, and a majority of the financial backers of the last independent campaign, was mild in its tone.

Congressman Vares at once placed the stamp of his approval upon the call, issued to the independents, saying that he and his brother, Senator Vares, had always believed in open primaries.

ALL COURTS ADJOURN ON ACCOUNT OF DEATH OF ROBERT RALSTON

Theme of Every Judge Today Is Loss Incurred by Bar and Public

FUNERAL TOMORROW

Services for Late Member of Common Pleas No. 5 at Church of St. James the Less

Tribute to the memory of Judge Robert Ralston, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, who died Saturday night at the Jefferson Hospital from meningitis, was read today by all of the five common Pleas courts, the criminal courts and the Municipal court adjourned until Wednesday out of respect for the dead jurist.

"Judge Ralston was a man with all of a real man's virtues and some of the faults that belong to a real man," said Judge Patterson, "He was a scholar and he was a gentleman without fear of any kind. This bar has lost an able lawyer and the community an upright citizen."

Judge Ralston showed an attitude for expelling the business of the courts that was remarkable," said Judge Shoemaker's tribute. "I do not think he had a superior in the State of Pennsylvania."

Judge Ralston's "stalwart" character and his "unwavering" practical results," declared Judge Barratt. "He was an advocate of simplicity and practical results."

Judge Wessel said, "Those who knew him best were those impressed by his firmness of purpose combined with a gentleness of nature and a determination to do right at any cost."

Judge Ferguson, in Court No. 3, said: "This is not the time for extended eulogy. It is seldom that proper appraisal of a man is, or can be, made immediately after his life's work is finished. Although he may achieve justice with learning and industry, and serve his community with clean hands and good conscience, it is easy for him to drop his work and leave behind a vague memory that sways the facts as they will be with the memory of Robert Ralston if we are capable of accurate prophecy."

Judge Davis paid this tribute: "The death of Judge Ralston comes to me as a distinct personal loss, knowing him as I have for many years as a friend and companion. Our paths seemed to have been in the same direction for many years, he having had an office in the same building."

The practical results gained by Judge Ralston were emphasized by Judge Carr, in Court No. 4.

THE "BANANA TRUST SUIT MAKES G. W. PEPPER WRITE POETRY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. April Sessions, 1918. No. 1428.

"IF" Being a Lyrical Comment on a Remarkable Profit Theory.

Dedicated, without permission, to George St. Paul, Esq., and Elkin Moses, Esq., the Plaintiff's Accountants.



GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER.

If you can find good land to bear bananas And get it cheaper than it's really worth...

—GEORGE WHARTON PEPPER.

It is probably apparent by now that St. Paul and Moses are not Biblical characters, though their names fit admirably the purposes of the above.

PAIR OF OVERALLS IN "HAUNTED HOUSE" IS DARBY MURDER CLUE

Borough Authorities Work on That Clue in Search for Coal Peddler—Garment Is Torn

ASK PHILADELPHIA'S AID

Discovery of a pair of overalls this afternoon in Darby's "haunted" house, which is about 300 feet from the dwelling in which Mrs. Mary Davis was murdered, may lead the police to her murderer.

The top part of the overalls was torn away, the police believe, because it may have been spotted with blood or ripped in the struggle with the victim. The garment was dotted with coal dust, and this has led to the trail of a coal peddler.

REPUBLICAN TRACK CLEAR, SAYS HILLES

"Candidate to Be Born at Convention," Avers Leader—Silent on Colonel

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National Committee, refusing to comment on Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as a presidential possibility, declared today that "the candidate will be born at the convention."

FRENCH AIRMEN RAID METZ, BERLIN REPORTS

German Positions in Belgium Also Bombed by Allied Aviators

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—Bombs thrown by French aviators in their raid on Metz, capital of Lorraine, fell on the Bishop's residence, it was officially announced this afternoon. Two civilians were killed and eight wounded.

PUBLIC WILL PAY TO AVOID STRIKE, TIP OF RAILROADS

Demands of 400,000 May Be Met at Cost of Better Service

FACE SERIOUS ISSUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Although railroad officials here today admitted that a majority of more than 300,000 men employed in four railroad unions had voted in favor of calling a nation-wide strike if the companies refused to grant demands that will be presented in the near future, they expressed the belief that a way of avoiding a struggle could be found.

It is the contention of the railroads that it would be impossible to grant the demands now being considered by the union leaders without using funds that should be devoted to bettering the railroads or lowering wages of employees not included in the membership of the four unions which seek changes.

January 30 a referendum vote was submitted to the 200,000 to 400,000 members of these four unions upon the question of authorizing the officials to present certain demands to railroad owners. Information reached labor leaders here yesterday that authorization had been voted by an overwhelming majority, although the official count will not be made until March 1.

The labor-union leaders will be empowered to ask for an eight-hour day or 100 miles, instead of a 10-hour day or 150 miles, for passenger service with pay for overtime at one and a half times the regular rate.

MAGNATES READY FOR WAR. To meet the situation which the railroad executives believe is certain to be presented to them early in March, steps have already been taken to launch the biggest publicity campaign ever conducted in a labor dispute.

Although all the railroads of the country and some in Canada are involved in the present demand, the roads have decided to deal with the situation through a conference of general managers for each of the three great districts in which the railroad map is divided.

The railroads are convinced they are facing a momentous issue and believe that no time is to be lost in preparing the public for it was shown yesterday when this Eastern conference committee through its new publicity manager, Frank H. Fayant, issued its first statement.

THE SITUATION. The situation, summed up, is: Upon completion of the count of the referendum vote union leaders will present the demands to every steam railroad president in the United States, allowing 30 days for a definite reply.

With this authorization negotiations will resume directly with railroad heads, and no general strike will be declared until the latter have been given "full opportunity to do the right thing."

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, with a membership exceeding 200,000 is credited by labor men and capital alike as being the originator and chief organizer in this nation-wide movement.

ENGLAND RAIDED BY AIR FLEETS OF GERMANY

Continued from Page One by large numbers of people, who knew exactly where they took place. The enemy airmen were certainly under no illusions as to their whereabouts.

The Daily Mail declared the Sunday raid showed the folly of believing London has been immune from air attacks, simply because no Zeppelins have attacked the city for several months.

"The raids on Kent promptly confirmed Flight Commander Billings' prediction that aeroplanes would be used for defensive purposes and is incapable of a flight to London. Others give warning, however, that the German fighting ship is probably well equipped for a quick dash to England."

Despite the anxiety felt in London over recent successes of the new German air units, correspondents stationed at the British front report that skilled English aviators have encountered and defeated the Fokker pilots. In one such engagement, the Chronicle's correspondent declares a British aviator routed two Fokkers and a third German plane.

POLICE TRAIL \$2200 SILK THEFT

More than \$2200 worth of silk was stolen Sunday from the Diamond Knitting Mills, on the southwest corner of 7th and Green streets, by thieves who broke open a window grating, according to a report made to the police today.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE. YOUNG MAN, 22 years old, desires position as a clerk or stenographer. Best of references. B 214, Ledger Office.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

EXPERIENCED WHITE GIRL, for care of girl 5 years old. Apply Tuesday morning 9 o'clock, 134 Cortlandt, 2115 N. Chestnut.

DRESSMAKING AND MILLINERY

DRESSMAKER, experienced, work home or out; \$2 per day. Miss Hagen, 1710 Chestnut.

"I AM GUILTY," SAYS PRISONER IN CAMDEN

Continued from Page One. Abridge immediately after the shooting at 24th and Market streets, Camden, testified that when the first shot was fired he thought an auto fire had burst.

Hero of Republic Disaster Dies

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 24.—Dr. J. A. Peoples, 80 years old, of Wrightsville, died today from apoplexy. Eight years ago he married his second wife. The vessel they were going aboard on the Republic, was struck by a collision with a French liner. Doctor Peoples rendered heroic service in saving the passengers. Two years ago he broke his leg by a fall and set it himself.

Uncle Sam

Do you, as a woman, know that the United States Government will send an agent right into your kitchen and show you how to cook?

That Uncle Sam has a splendid list of the best plays and dances for children?

That he has the greatest bookstore in the world, full of books, which he gives away and sells?

That he has found out which electric-light bulb gives the greatest light for the least money?

That he has prepared the best reading-courses to be found anywhere?

That he will teach a girl how to cook, how to sew, how to nurse and how to do laundry work?

And all for nothing? Of course you don't. Few do.

For, oddly enough, Uncle Sam has no way of reaching his own people. He has no magazine. That is—he didn't have. But now he has.

He has joined with THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

He said: "Here, come and help me" to get my stuff to the people.

So the magazine opened up a new editorial office in Washington: The New York Sun's Washington man was put in charge, and for the first time Uncle Sam and the American woman are going to get together.

Just see the new department—"My Government and I." It's in the February number of

The Ladies' HOME JOURNAL

It's only 15 cents

Rich Richards Almanac

A paper read in a thrifty household profiteth the advertiser more than two perused on a park bench.

SUNDAY CLOUTINGS. FROM MARKET STREET WALK. \$1.00. \$2.00. \$2.50. Pennsylvania R.R.

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