

STATE REPUBLICAN CHIEFS COMING HERE TO BLOCK FACTION FIGHT

District Leaders Outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny Eager to Avoid Clash in Organization

WOULD PLACATE PENROSE

Up-State political leaders will flock to Philadelphia this afternoon and tomorrow and will attempt to prevent a factional fight in the State this year.

The attitude of the district leaders of the Republican Organization outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties has completely shifted during the last 10 days. The county leaders who swarmed into Senator Penrose's offices in the Commercial Trust Building two and three weeks ago, enthusiastic for a factional contest, have had what they called "sober second thought," and, instead of urging Penrose to accept the challenge of Governor Brumbaugh and the Vares, they are now making a strong effort to persuade the senator that he should "get together" with the Governor and the Vares, and agree to a harmony slate on delegates and the State ticket.

Harmony has not been brought about as yet, however, and there is a grave probability that a "love feast" cannot be staged now. The Senator Penrose has permitted matters to drift far since the Governor's "50-50" slate of delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention was announced.

The Senator has made a definite promise to support State Senator Charles A. Snyder, of Schuylkill, for the Republican nomination for Auditor General, according to Snyder's backers. Friends of Speaker Charles A. Ambler, of Montgomery, who also has announced his candidacy, assert that Ambler has been assured of the support of the Governor and the Vares in a contest against Snyder. One or both of these candidates must withdraw from the contest if harmony is to be brought about, since the leaders of the Organization admit that a fight over one office will extend clear down the line, and include every office to be filled at the coming election. Both Snyder and Ambler are asserting daily, however, that they are in the race to the end.

The protests of the up-State leaders against being involved in what they declare would be only an expensive "fight between two or three men for State leadership" brought on at a time when the district leaders themselves could not gain anything politically for themselves, has had some effect.

Since such leaders as State Chairman William E. Crow, Lieutenant Governor McClain and Congressman Griest launched a movement to bring about harmony, Senator Penrose has postponed from day to day making a declaration of war against the Governor and the Vares.

Statements which would open the fight within the Organization have been prepared for two weeks, ready to be made public. It was definitely announced from the Penrose camp two weeks ago that war would be declared by issuing a statement to have the Citizens' Republican League, in which Powell Evans, George D. Porter and John C. Winston are the leaders, fight the opening year by issuing a statement attacking contractor domination of the Organization in general, and attacking the Vares and Speaker Ambler in particular. Penrose was to follow this statement with one of his own, in which he would pledge his support to the Porter-Evans movement. He would also indicate the candidacy of Snyder for Auditor General, and a slate of delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention.

These statements were to have been issued immediately after Senator James P. McNichol and the few remaining McNichol ward leaders went to Florida, since Penrose did not want to involve McNichol in any fight except ward contests against the Vares.

The efforts of up-State leaders to bring about harmony caused the Citizens' Republican League's original statement to be torn up. It was 5000 words in length. A second statement, not quite so lengthy as the first, was drafted by the executive committee of the league at a meeting held a week ago. It has not been made public as yet, but Penrose's attitude toward the executive committee, has been promising to issue it from day to day since then.

SLUSH PROBES HALT TRIAL TO SCAN BOOKS

Continued from Page One. Philadelphia, treasurer Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, president Northwestern National Bank, and the C. Schmidt's Sons' Brewing Company; Gustav W. Lembeck, Jersey City, treasurer United States Brewers' Association, and head of Lembeck Brewing Company, Jersey City, and Hugh F. Fox, New York, secretary United States Brewers' Association.

TO EXAMINE RECORDS

By agreement the contempt arguments were put over until 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Prosecutor Humes, as the court cases were postponed, intimated the entire time between now and the calling of the cases next week would be put in by the United States Attorney's office in examining the seized New York records.

Of the results of a preliminary examination of the contents of just one of the eight packing cases, Humes told the court.

"I examined the contents of just one package of 20 or more in one packing case, and found these contained some documents called for in the Government subpoena, and which Mr. Fox and Mr. Lembeck not only did not produce, but swore under oath did not exist."

The first statement made that the seized confidential files contained subpoenaed reports of the association caused a stir in the courtroom.

The United States Attorney went from court direct to the G. and J. room.

Charles F. Smith of Philadelphia, secretary of the Pennsylvania Brewers' Association, the only officer not yet presented for contempt, and the last of the Philadelphia witnesses to be held here, received permission to go home. He agreed to respond when summoned by telegraph.

Auto Driver Exonerated for Death. Leon Corsey, of Woodbury, N. J., driver of a milk truck, was acquitted yesterday by a Coroner's Jury today from blame for the death of Mildred M. Kearns, 4 years old, of 1629 Cayuga street, who was run over by the truck.

PHILADELPHIAN HELD ON CHARGE OF BIGAMY

Frank Gibson Awaiting Trial in Chester County Court

WEST-CHESTER, Pa., March 3.—Before Justice of the Peace H. Morgan Ruth, at Malvern this forenoon, Frank Gibson, a Philadelphia bookbinder, was held in default of bail on the charge of bigamy, and returned to prison here to await trial at Criminal Court.

LIQUOR LICENSE COURT WILL HEAR MANY APPLICATIONS

List Hearings for All Those of Thirty-three Wards

Judges Barratt and Davis have ordered listed for hearings beginning next Monday all applications for retail liquor licenses from the first 33 wards of the city. Room 675, City Hall, has been designated for the hearings.

PRIVATE DETECTIVES SCORED

J. R. K. Scott Alleges Man Put Women in Compromising Position

Private detectives who manufacture divorce evidence were scored today by Congressman John R. Scott. Mr. Scott is counsel for Mrs. Gustav H. and Mrs. Harry Grass, who, he said, were placed in a compromising position with two German naval officers in a road house in Ambler by Charles E. Cameron, a private detective.

Mr. Scott denounced the detective at the hearing of Cameron and his wife, Josephine, who is also under arrest, before Magistrate Benton at 1325 Vine street. Mr. Scott also said men "higher up" were involved in the case.

Heavy bail was asked for the two defendants, who gave their address at 1319 McFerran street. Magistrate Benton held Cameron and his wife under \$2500 bail each for a further hearing on Tuesday. Mrs. Grass lives at 272 West Susquehanna avenue, while Mrs. Grass lives at 309 North 24th street.

FRIENDS AID POOR FAMILY

Concert Tonight Will Help Wife and Children of Sick Man

With eight children and a wife dependent on him, Edmund Stewart, of 2712 Oxford street, is dying of tuberculosis. His condition has gone from bad to worse for two years, and since Christmas he has been helpless. The family supported by friends. Tonight, in St. Anthony's Hall, 34th and Carpenter streets, a concert will be given and the proceeds will be turned over to the family. It is hoped to obtain enough money to send the father to a sanitarium until the winter months are over, and to provide the mother and children with food and clothes. The neighbors of the unfortunate family are very fond of the children.

Policemen of the 20th and Federal streets station have aided greatly in keeping the wolf from the door of the Stewart family for the last two months. Every day they have seen to it that provisions were left at the house. Turnkey Michael Gragan originated the idea of the concert tonight. Any one that wins Gragan's Friendship wins a "free ride," and Gragan has worked night and day for the success of the concert. Every one in the neighborhood who can sing, dance or entertain in any way has offered his or her services and will appear on the stage tonight. But Gragan hasn't stopped at that. He has dug down into his own pocket to obtain several professional singers and musicians in order to insure the success of the affair.

HERRING LUNCH KILLS ACTOR

Abraham Berkowitz, Vaudeville Performer, Dies of Acute Indigestion

Abraham Berkowitz, 40 years old, a vaudeville performer, who was appearing at the Alhambra Theatre, 12th and Morris streets, died early today at the Central Hotel, 303 South 4th street, from an attack of acute indigestion. Following the performance at the theatre last night Berkowitz sent out for a dish of herring.

He became sick in a few minutes and was removed to St. Agnes' Hospital. He insisted upon being sent to the hotel, where he was staying, as soon as he had been treated. Early today his condition became worse and he died before a physician could reach him. He is survived by his wife and four small children, who were with him. His home was in Chicago.

New Orleans Mardi Gras Opens

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—New Orleans' 1916 Mardi Gras carnival season opened last night with an illuminated pageant of the Knights of Momus, in which the mythical story of "Pinocchio, Tale of Monnet," was portrayed in elaborately decorated boats bearing characters in costume.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

MOTHER'S HELPERS: young woman, experienced in the care of young children. Call Monday 6543 Green St., Germantown.

BOOKKEEPER: thoroughly experienced, stenographer, capable of taking charge of office; young, wide-awake, steady and one that can appreciate an exceptional good position; state age, salary and references. No 144, Ledger.

HELP WANTED—MALE ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER and stenographer. Young man wanted to make himself generally useful in office in uniform factory; very apt, references and salary expected. P. 115, Ledger office.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, young man, with accounts, good opportunity in answering state age, salary and references. No 144, Ledger.

DRUGGIST—Wanted, a first-class druggist, to assist in the management of a drug store. Good opportunity in answering state age, salary and references. No 144, Ledger.

\$86,800,000 CITY LOAN HITS 'SNAG' IN OMISSION OF FUND FOR MUSEUM

Changes of \$3,000,000 May Be Required to Meet Necessity Before Bills Finally Go Before Councils

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ITEMS FOR IMPROVEMENT

So much doubt has been cast upon a number of items in the proposed \$86,800,000 municipal loan that the bill is likely to undergo a number of amendments and modifications before being favorably reported by the Finance Committee for passage. The omission of any provision for the Art Museum, which is included in the Fairmount Hill bill, has led to a legal "snag" that may call for changes in items totaling \$3,000,000.

Mayor Smith, Chairman Council of Councils Finance Committee, and prominent citizens interested in getting the loan underway so that some of the numerous projects contemplated may not suffer, are conferring today on the final wording of the bill, but the status of the Art Museum contention cannot be definitely settled until City Solicitor Connelly gives an opinion as to whether or not the Art Museum must be included as a part of the city's "unfunded debt" in the same way that the Free Library was included in the schedule. If he decides that the contention of 121 City Council members, who voted the Fairmount Park Commission, to the effect that the Art Museum must be considered a debt, is correct then the amount of money available for a new "Bloekley" for streets or other improvements will have to be materially reduced.

COURT FORCES CIRCUS TO INSTAL SAFE SEATS

Verdict for Damages to Injured Woman Upheld in Superior Court

The legal duty of circus owners to provide safe seats and platforms for the audience is much greater than that exacted of a municipality in keeping its streets in repair, according to the verdict pronounced today by Judge Trexler, of the Superior Court, in this city.

The decision sustains a verdict obtained by Amelia Sellmer and her husband, John C. Sellmer, against the Ringling Brothers, trading as Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth.

The accident to Mrs. Sellmer occurred while she was attending a performance of the circus in this city several years ago. Before the woman could bring suit the circus left town and did not return again until she had stepped on the end of a board used for one of the seats. The board, which was not securely fastened to the one over it, sank beneath her weight and her right arm was thrust forward in the opening and badly injured when the two boards sprang together. The case was tried in Court No. 3 and finally damages were awarded to the woman.

One of the defenses set up was that the plaintiff had failed to prove that the circus owners had any notice that the boards on which she stepped were loose and unsafe. This absence of knowledge would have been a good defense, the Court says, by the city in the case of a person injured on a defective sidewalk, but the same rule does not apply in the case of the promoters of the circus, where the patrons are charged admission.

NAMES STENOGRAPHER

Miss Helen I. Byrne Appointed to \$1250 Post by City Solicitor

City Solicitor John P. Connelly today appointed Helen I. Byrne, 418 South 57th street, to the position of stenographer in the Department of Law, at a salary of \$1250. The new appointee fills the position made vacant by the resignation of George A. Spaid, some weeks ago.

Two vacancies in the Department of Health, one in the Bureau of Health and the other in the Bureau of Water, were filled today by the appointment of William H. Smith, 2418 Lombard street, to the place of collector of specimens in the Bureau of Health, at a salary of \$1000, vacated by the death of William F. Dowling, and John S. Carter, 2418 North Hollywood street, to the position of inspector of the Bureau of Water, at a salary of \$1000. The vacancy was caused by the death of William Connor.

Appointed Swiss Consul Here

The Rev. Dr. Charles Vollenweider, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church of Peace, 10th and Snyder avenue, and Acting Swiss Consul since the death of Dr. Gustav von Linde, of this city, has been appointed Swiss Consul in this city. The appointment by the Swiss Federal Council was affirmed by President Wilson. Dr. Vollenweider, who is 51 years old, came to this country from Switzerland in 1882, being graduated from the Bloomfield Theological Seminary, N. J., in 1889 and receiving a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1908. He lives at 1239 Snyder avenue.

Wissahickon Avenue Sale

The Girard Trust Company, trustee, has sold William J. Schaefer, for a price not disclosed, subject to a purchase money mortgage of \$60,000, a tract of ground bounded by Wissahickon avenue, the Philadelphia, Germantown and Chestnut Hill Railroad, Hunting Park avenue and the Richmond branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railway. The ground has an extensive frontage on Wissahickon and Hunting Park avenues, which is assessed at \$15,000, the balance of the tract being assessed at \$47,000, or a total of \$62,000.

\$100,000 Fire in Boston

BOSTON, March 3.—Fire early today damaged the Standard Building in the heart of the city's wholesale dry-goods district, causing a loss of \$100,000.

THIEVES "WORK" MARKET ST.

Three Petty Thefts Indicate Gang Is on the Job

Three robberies early today on Market street between 10th and 15th streets led the police to believe that a gang of petty thieves has started working in the business district of the city. In some of the robberies was the value of the loot large.

A cash register in the fruit store of Charles Pappis, 112 Market street, was robbed open and \$38 taken. A showcase in the jewelry store of Louis Lefkowitz, 1203 Market street, was smashed and jewelry valued at \$25 was taken.

Robbery of a showcase in front of the Irving Company store, 1624 Market street, netted a cash value of \$100.

BLACK HAND SEEN IN ATTACK

Reading Man, in His Home, Shot From Without

READING, Pa., March 3.—Salvatore Barokalli, 35 years old, was shot through the thigh as he stood in the kitchen of his home here today, the bullet being fired through a window from the backyard.

The attack has the earmarks of Black Hand or Terrorist work, although Barokalli insists to the police that he knows of no enemies.

Jewelers to Aid "Ad" Men

Plans to participate in the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World here next June were made at a meeting of the Jewelers' Guild of Philadelphia at 1325 Walnut street last night. E. J. Berlet, president of the Walnut Street Business Association, speaking for the advertising clubs, urged co-operation. Preliminary steps to safeguard the public against illicit advertising and fake jewelry auctions were made. Officers re-elected were: Colonel J. Warner Hutchins, president; Ira D. Garman, vice president, and Charles H. Hamby, treasurer, and E. J. Berlet, George W. Martin, John G. Busman, William M. Bode, H. A. Cain and P. L. Davis, governors.

CALLS EXECUTION UNJUST

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License Court Refuses Transfer

A visit paid by three detectives more than a year ago to a saloon in Elm, N. J., resulted in the refusal of Judge Boyl, sitting in the Camden License Court, to grant a transfer of license to that saloon today. The saloon was bought by Raffan Gramo, from Louis Juliano and Grosse Gramo, from Louis Juliano and Grosse Gramo, who were transferred to Doran, Cochran and Headley, county detectives, testified that the saloon was disorderly place and the request was refused.

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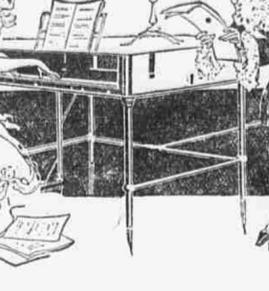
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Civil Service Employees' Leader Here. Alfred H. Rodrick, of Washington, national president of the Association of Civil Service Employees of Navy, Army and Warships, will address the members of Philadelphia Branch No. 8 at the monthly meeting tonight in the Grand Fraternity Building, 1114 Chestnut street. The attendance is expected. The object of the association is to procure more equitable rates of compensation for its members and to secure the most efficient and economical administration of the Government.