

AMBLER OPENS FIGHT FOR AUDITOR GENERAL; PLEADS FOR SUPPORT

Speaker Issues Statement in Reading Announcing Candidacy—Hits at Senator Penrose

CONFERS WITH LEADERS

READING, April 4.—Speaker Charles A. Ambler opened his campaign for the Republican nomination for Auditor General here today. He is spending the day conferring with active party workers of Berks County.

Ambler sounded a call for a reunited party in a statement which he issued immediately upon his arrival, and indirectly hit at Senator Penrose by discussing "influences that have sought to utilize the party for sinister purposes."

The speaker arrived shortly after 10 o'clock and went directly to the Penn Hotel, where he established headquarters. He will spend the day and tonight conferring with workers here, and will go to Allentown tomorrow morning.

In announcing his plans for the campaign, Speaker Ambler said that he will do no public speaking "until after the primary election, and then under the auspices of the Republican State Committee."

"My purpose in visiting Berks County is to solicit the votes of the Republicans of this good old section in behalf of my candidacy for Auditor General. Realizing that it is a physical impossibility for me to personally meet all of the voters, I am issuing this statement in order that I may make a general appeal. Time does not permit me at present to undertake a stumping tour of the State, but I plan to make addresses in several of the counties of the Republican State Committee in every county of Pennsylvania following the primaries."

"At this time, more than ever, the future welfare of our nation depends upon the public success next November. This can be accomplished only by a reunited party. The disaster of 1912, with its criminalities and recriminations, must be redeemed. I am and have been a Republican all my life. As a true party man and worker, however, I have stood for principles which strengthen the party, and have likewise opposed influences which have sought to utilize the party for sinister purposes."

"In the Legislature I ardently supported the act establishing uniform primaries. The intent of this law is to give the people the opportunity to name their own candidates. Self-constituted leaders have no longer the power to force upon the ticket candidates who are not the people's choice. I am conducting my own campaign, and am making my appeal direct to the Republican voters of the people's choice. If elected, my single purpose will be to give the State an efficient and businesslike administration."

CHICAGO BEGINS MOST BITTER ELECTION IN CITY'S HISTORY

Violence Feared at Polls—Both Sides Confident of Victory

CHICAGO, April 4.—With outcroppings of violence feared in many wards, Chicago's annual municipal election began at 6 o'clock today under favorable weather conditions. Both sides were confident of victory.

108 WISCONSIN CITIES VOTE TO OUST OR RETAIN SALOONS

Milwaukee Is Not Contained in the List

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 4.—One hundred and eight Wisconsin cities, including some of the largest in the State, are voting today on whether to oust or retain the saloons. Milwaukee is not contained in the list.

PUTS BULLET INTO HIS HEART

Ill Health Drives Druggist to Suicide.

Ill health, which thwarted his efforts to get employment, preyed on the mind of John Henry, formerly a druggist, according to the police, and Henry shot himself through the heart today at his home, 2319 Westminister avenue.

Henry complained to his wife of his condition today and later went to his room on the second floor of the house. A few minutes later, Mrs. Henry heard a shot. Her husband was lying on the floor unconscious. Help was obtained from passersby and Henry was taken to the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital. He was dead when the ambulance reached the hospital. Mrs. Henry, who has two children, is prostrated.

MONTGOMERY LICENSE COURT ENDS SESSION; FOUR PLEAS HELD UP

Saloon Men Appear to Pay for Renewals, but Fail to Get Decisions From Judges

FOUR ASK NEW PERMITS

NORRISTOWN, Pa., April 4.—The License Court adjourned today without a word from Judges Swartz and Miller to relieve the worry of the four Montgomery County liquor dealers whose applications for the renewals of their licenses are the only ones not decided upon.

The Judges have had since last Friday to grant these licenses if they were so disposed, and the saloon men came to court today confident that the load of uncertainty would be lifted from their shoulders. The silence of the men on the bench was taken as a sign which boded no good to the liquor dealers against whom remonstrances had been filed by the Law and Order Society.

It has been the custom of the judges to grant the licenses just as soon as they reached a decision. The only four licenses not renewed thus far by the Court were for the Valley Forge Hotel and the McCallahan House, Norristown; the Imperial Cafe, Pottstown, and the wholesale store of Samuel F. Swartz, Green Lane. All of these men were represented in court when the session began and were ready to pay their fees, take their licenses with them and open their doors to thirsty patrons.

BRUMBAUGH BACKERS SILENT ON DELEGATES

May Be Withholding List in Hope of Harmony on Watching Penrose's Move

HARRISBURG, April 4.—Those on Capitol Hill who are in charge of Governor Brumbaugh's campaign for the control of the Republican delegation to the Chicago convention are carefully guarding the public list of names agreed upon for delegates-at-large, district delegates and State committeemen. This list has the "O. K." of the Governor, Attorney General Brown, National Committeeman Wasson, State Chairman Detrich, of the Washington party, and others who are close to the Brumbaugh movement.

It is reported here today that the names are being withheld with the thought that some basis of harmony may be reached, although Attorney General Brown and Wasson are opposed to such a move on the part of the Governor. Another rumor has it that the names will not be given publicly until the Penrose slate is announced.

Attorney and Clubman Dies

Charles Chauncey, an attorney, died after a brief illness, at his Narberth home yesterday. Mr. Chauncey belonged to the Rittenhouse and Merion Cricket Clubs and the Society of Colonial Wars. His widow survives him.



HENRY FORD He showed up strongly in the Republican presidential preference primary in Detroit, getting several thousand more votes than Senator William Alden Smith.

FORD CARRIES DETROIT OVER SENATOR SMITH

Rural Districts Cut Lead and Result of Primary in State Is Doubtful

DETROIT, Mich., April 4.—In the "favorite son" presidential primary, Henry Ford, motorcar magnate, carried Detroit over Senator William Alden Smith, 7220 to 2710. Other cities in the State were returning majorities for Mr. Ford, but the rural districts were piling up a lead for Smith which was rapidly cutting down the Ford balance, and this morning the result could not be determined with any degree of accuracy.

Four applications for new licenses in Wayne County, with 24 saloons, and Clark County, with four, were the only counties captured by the "drys" in yesterday's election. The "wets" held seven of the nine counties in which the question was submitted.

The contest for the Democratic national committee is also close between the incumbent and E. O. Wood and James Comstock.

President Wilson was the only candidate on the Democratic presidential primary ballot. The vote was light all over the State.

MINISTER URGES CHURCHES AGAINST CENSORIOUS STAND

Dr. Humphries Urges Competition With, Not Opposition to Amusements

A warning to the churches to abandon ideas of uplifting amusements by prohibitory edicts was given today by the Rev. E. A. Humphries, of New York, in addressing the church in general here. He said he still kept the younger folk in the services on Sunday in spite of counter attractions.

"For the church to attain her ideal," said Mr. Humphries, "she must voluntarily work for it and must not try to force it militantly."

"More important than this," said Mr. Humphries, "the church must enter this field not only for the sake of the community but for her own self-preservation."

All of which means, he carried out, a new direction in the scope of church activities in a big campaign to draw back into the fold those boys and girls who are going elsewhere on Sunday.

Five-acre Sale in Elkins Park

Louis Wolf has purchased through William H. Wilson & Co. from Mrs. William F. Jenks, a tract of ground, comprising five acres on the east side of High School road, north of Church road, Elkins Park, for a price not disclosed. The land is part of the 15-acre property known as Windhurst, owned by Mr. Jenks and will be added to the acreage adjoining, owned by Louis Wolf.

VARE HARVEST UNDER SMITH PATRONAGE

Citizens' Republican League Says Firm's Profits Have Increased

The close relationship between the Vares and the Smith administration, according to the Citizens' Republican League, has given the contractor leaders bigger profits from the city than ever.

In a statement issued this afternoon the league declares that other contractors have virtually abandoned bidding on city work on account of the preference shown the Vares by the Administration. By way of illustrating how the Vares profit in this connection the league cites a contract for grading Oregon avenue from the Delaware to 13th street. It is asserted that for this work the contractors will receive \$139,479. Ashea may be used in the Oregon avenue job, and the league points out that the Vares are paid for collecting the ashes and again for dumping the same ashes as fill in the grading work.

For collecting ashes in the second and third districts the league declares that the Vares received this year \$18,000 more than last year and also an increase of \$45,000 for the street cleaning contracts in the same district. The league calls for a reorganization of a system which permits such abuse.

CHILD BURGLARS CONFESS TAKING CIGARS AND LIQUOR

Boy of 9, Out on Parole, and Chum Loot Saloon

Two child burglars with a weird taste in the way of booty were arrested today and will be taken to the House of Detention for a hearing. They are accused of robbing a saloon of 1000 cigars, whisky and several boxes of cigarettes. The thinnest burglar was scarcely more than three feet tall. He is only 9 years old and has been on parole from the House of Detention for the last eight months. He gave his name as Andrew Domino, 4228 Cresson street, Manayunk. When questioned by Acting Detective Penrose at his home, the little fellow scratched his rounded head and admitted that he and the other midjet prisoner—John Wisloski, 11 years old, 4155 Apple street—had climbed the fire-escape at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning and had forced an entrance to the saloon of Joseph Lyons, 4157 Main street.

"We had to light matches to see," said the tiny burglar, "so we couldn't find no money. We grabbed a few things and then beat it."

The youngsters were also accused of stealing two automobile tires and a gasoline lamp from the carriage shop of William Steele, at Kingsley and Cresson streets. The robbery occurred early on a Sunday morning. They admitted having forced their way into this shop, but denied the theft.

MRS. BELINDA M. THOMAS DIES AT AGE OF 93 YEARS

Well Known in Philadelphia and Member of Distinguished Family

EDGEWATER, Pa., N. J., April 4.—Mrs. Belinda M. Thomas died today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George de Benneville Keim, of 2101 Porter street, Philadelphia, after an illness of only a week.

Mrs. Thomas was 93 years old, and only a few weeks ago celebrated her birthday anniversary. She made her home with her daughter at the "Fairview," at Edgewater Park, for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Thomas was a Virginian by birth. The Mitchell family at one time owned all the land from Trenton to Camden, and after disposing of the land, went South, where they purchased several plantations in Virginia and West Virginia.

Mrs. Thomas married more than 70 years ago Joseph M. Thomas, of Philadelphia, a noted lawyer. Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who died a few years ago, was their only son. He was in command of the fleet when it sailed around the world. Mrs. Frank S. Pleasanton, well known in society of Philadelphia, who died about 10 years ago, was a daughter.

Mrs. Thomas leaves a daughter, Mrs. George de Benneville Keim, wife of the late Sheri Keim, of Philadelphia. George de B. Keim, who is connected with the banking firm of Chandler Brothers, of Philadelphia, and Eugene E. Pleasanton, of Philadelphia, are nephews.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daisney H. Maury Chapter of Volunteer Daughters of the Confederacy, and a real daughter of the War of 1812.

Walnut Street Residence Sold

The large brownstone residence, 2109 Walnut street, lot 33 by 221 feet, assessed at \$40,000, has been sold by Yarrow & Van Pelt, for the Philadelphia Trust Company, executor of the estate of George T. Lewis, to Howard Reifsnnyder, who will occupy it as his residence.

TOBACCO CONSPIRACY MORE THAN \$20,000,000

Deputy Revenue Collectors Who Aided Received Regular Weekly Graft, Officials Say

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Treasury Department officials said today they had evidence that deputy internal revenue collectors who were implicated in the conspiracy in which tobacco manufacturers and dealers defrauded the Government out of more than \$20,000,000 in revenues.

Information given the Department by Carl E. Whitney, an attorney of New York, was that several tobacco dealers and manufacturers at Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh, already under arrest on a charge of defrauding the Government, had confessed that they were assisting in perpetrating the frauds by deputy internal revenue collectors, to whom the tobacco men paid from \$5 to \$10 a week regularly.

Grand Jurors will be asked to return indictments against the collectors, it was said, if the charges prove true.

Collector of Internal Revenue Lederer

P. R. R. BLOCKADED BY MOUND OF DOUGH

Thousands of Barrels of Flour Spilled Near Horseshoe Curve and Trains Stalled

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 4.—The main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near the famous Horseshoe Curve, was effectively blocked today by a mound of dough.

A train, carrying thousands of barrels of flour, was wrecked this morning on the steep grade and piled up, spilling tons of the cargo on the tracks. A steady rain soon converted the flour into a sticky mass that is defying the best efforts of track men to remove.

DIVORCE MARRIES AGAIN

Former Wife of Minn. W. Huey Weds J. Corbitt Davis

The marriage of Mrs. Anna Huey and J. Corbitt Davis, of Allentown, has been announced by Mrs. Henry J. Pancoast, of Torredale, the mother of Mrs. Davis. The marriage took place April 1 at Torredale.

Mrs. Davis and her first husband, Minn. W. Huey, were divorced three years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Huey lived at Torredale. They had two children, Elizabeth and Pennoch Huey. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will live at Pen-y-Bryn farm, Allentown, Pa.

Re-lect Lancaster City's Treasurer

L. A. CASTER, Pa., April 4.—Edward M. Kistman, a former newspaper man and Treasurer of Lancaster city since June 4, 1903, has been re-elected for another term by city council.

Columbia Records advertisement featuring a gramophone and the slogan 'Note the Notes!'. The ad includes text about the quality of Columbia records and a list of dealers.

EVERY page of the Public Ledger is interesting to somebody. It can be made smaller by leaving out—not by condensing. It is not merely a big newspaper; it is a complete newspaper; and as such is becoming a national influence.

HELP WANTED-FEMALE: GIRLS, 16 years old, to work on lace; good pay. Quaker Lane Co., 224 and 14th St. MISHRY—Experienced writers and typographers. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. DRESSMAKER wishes coat makers 4 days week. OBERLIN on 14th and Center. GIRLS colored, to make baby caps. Washburn Bros., 27 North 3rd St. HELP WANTED-MALE: BOYS, over 16, wanted in laundry to make linens. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. BOYS for extra, 16 years or over; wages \$4 a week. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. MACHINISTS wanted. Apply Crane Department, Niles-Bonnet-Paid Co., Meadow and 14th St. PAPEL BOXES—Boy, experienced on Brown Paper. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. MEN wanted for extra work; 18 to 24 years of age. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. FEATONS WANTED-MALE: WIRE, reliable; good cook. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence. MEN wanted for extra work; 18 to 24 years of age. Write to Mrs. L. Lawrence, 1525 N. Lawrence.