

### DEMOCRATS INSIST ON FEDERAL PROBE

Roland S. Morris, Reorganizer, Says Election Returns Demand It

### WAITING ON OLD GUARD

Roland S. Morris, the power with Vance McCormick in Democratic reorganization circles in Pennsylvania, said today that never since his entrance into politics had he received as many complaints regarding election irregularities as had drifted into him from Democratic workers in the organization wards since election day.

This was regarded by politicians as assurance that a Federal probe would result, irrespective of whether the organization committee of the "Old Guard" Democratic city committee presses or drops action in the election frauds cases at its meeting tomorrow afternoon.

"The condition is serious," said Mr. Morris. "I have received notices of many alleged frauds during the election aftermath. Even discounting partisan prejudice and the natural desire to make a good showing, it is safe to say that the complaints embody severe charges."

REORGANIZERS AWAIT EVENTS  
While the reorganization Democrats are allowing the "Old Guard" faction to pursue their investigation of alleged frauds without interference, it is the general belief that the meeting of the organization committee tomorrow afternoon will develop nothing that will warrant a Federal probe.

It is considered likely, however, that the reorganization faction has within its possession evidence of fraud that will warrant a probe by Francis Fisher Kane, United States District Attorney. It was intimated today that the result might be a political upheaval that will purge the central and river wards of the usual amount of illegal voting.

This probe is considered probable in spite of the fact that Mr. Kane said this morning that the Federal statutes limited the scope of investigation. "There must be proof of conspiracy," said Mr. Kane.

"There must be a conspiracy," said Mr. Kane, "to injure, oppress or intimidate, and the courts are not likely to extend the meaning of those words. In the Mosley case it was applied to election officers who sat together and agreed to omit from their returns the votes cast by lawfully qualified voters."

Democratic leaders reverted to political history of Philadelphia a half century back to illustrate their reason why fraud was committed. Just as Democratic leaders of the river wards (then overwhelmingly Democratic) attempted to stem the tide of sentiment in favor of the then vigorous Republican party, so organization leaders of today attempted to stem the tide of Wilson sentiment that Democratic leaders estimate was at least 115,000 strong in this city.

"The irony of it is," said one of the leaders today, "that it was Democrats of several decades ago who taught the Organization men what they are doing or are alleged to have done on election day."

### L. D. WOOD ATTACKED BY HOME LIFE CO.

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Individuals, of whom the said John C. Maginnis is one, to injure, weaken and ruin the said insurance company; that for some time past efforts have been made in the interests of a company known as the Consolidated Investment Company to become interested in and gain control of the Home Life Insurance Company; that in February, 1916, Robert E. Dearlen, Jr., manager of a Philadelphia insurance journal, purchased twenty-five shares of stock of said Home Life Insurance Company, which was subsequently transferred to Lyndon D. Wood and his associate, H. J. Welch, who subsequently transferred the same to the Consolidated Investment Company; that the Consolidated Investment Company is a corporation under the laws of the State of Delaware, whose method of business is to consolidate a number of life insurance companies without the investment of any capital, from the proceeds of having stockholders of various insurance companies exchange their stock for long-term debentures of the said Consolidated Investment Company or in exchange for the stock of that company; the further procedure of the said Consolidated Investment Company being after securing in any manner a few shares of stock of an insurance company, to inspire against the company and its management for the purpose of giving such attacks publicity, and also for the purpose of frightening stockholders into parting with their shares at a low price; that during the summer past, proceedings against the Home Life Insurance Company were instituted in the city of Philadelphia in an equity proceeding, which proceeding was demurred to, and to further which proceeding those associated with the complainants in this proceeding have since made no further effort, the object of said proceeding in equity having been attained by the publicity thereby given to the affairs of the insurance company, but at that time the stockholders of the Home Life Insurance Company had mailed to them copies of the bill in equity, containing various charges against the Home Life Insurance Company and its management, and also copies of certain scurrilous attacks appearing in the United States Review, an insurance journal, which these defendants will show was concerned

in presenting only one side of the case; that the defendants were that Maginnis and those associated with him made representations reflecting on the management of this company to the insurance Commissioner of the State of Delaware, who had only completed an examination of the company in March, 1916; that the insurance departments of the State of Pennsylvania and of the State of Delaware, on the receipt of an affidavit from the officers of the insurance company, refused to take any action in the matter on the ground that the insurance company was solvent and abundantly able to carry out its contracts and was being properly managed."

### INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS UNDAUNTED AT THREAT OF WOOD TO GO TO GOVERNOR

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Nov. 23.—State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neill said today that he wasn't startled at the threat made by Lyndon D. Wood, that he would make a personal appeal to Governor Brumbaugh of not receiving fair play from the insurance Department in its present probe of insurance companies controlled by Wood. He also defended his chief examiner, W. J. Roney, who with other examiners was attacked last night by Mr. Wood.

"I have explicit faith in Mr. Roney, and Mr. Wood's statement hasn't caused me to change my opinion," said Commissioner O'Neill.

Commissioner O'Neill said that in time Mr. Wood would be given every opportunity to make his charges while under oath. The hearings in the Penaton Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Union Casualty Insurance Company will be held next week.

Upon being asked what his attitude was on the insurance investigations now pending

in the department, Governor Brumbaugh replied that these investigations were purely and entirely matters of the Department. They have not come to him, nor does he expect them to reach him. The matter will be adjusted in the department according to the law and the equities in the case. Commissioner O'Neill left the capital this afternoon for Philadelphia. He is going there to attend a dinner tonight. While in Philadelphia he will obtain statements from several Philadelphians who had dealings with the Penaton Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Union Casualty Insurance Company, of Philadelphia.

### PROFIT SHARING BY CONSOLIDATED GAS

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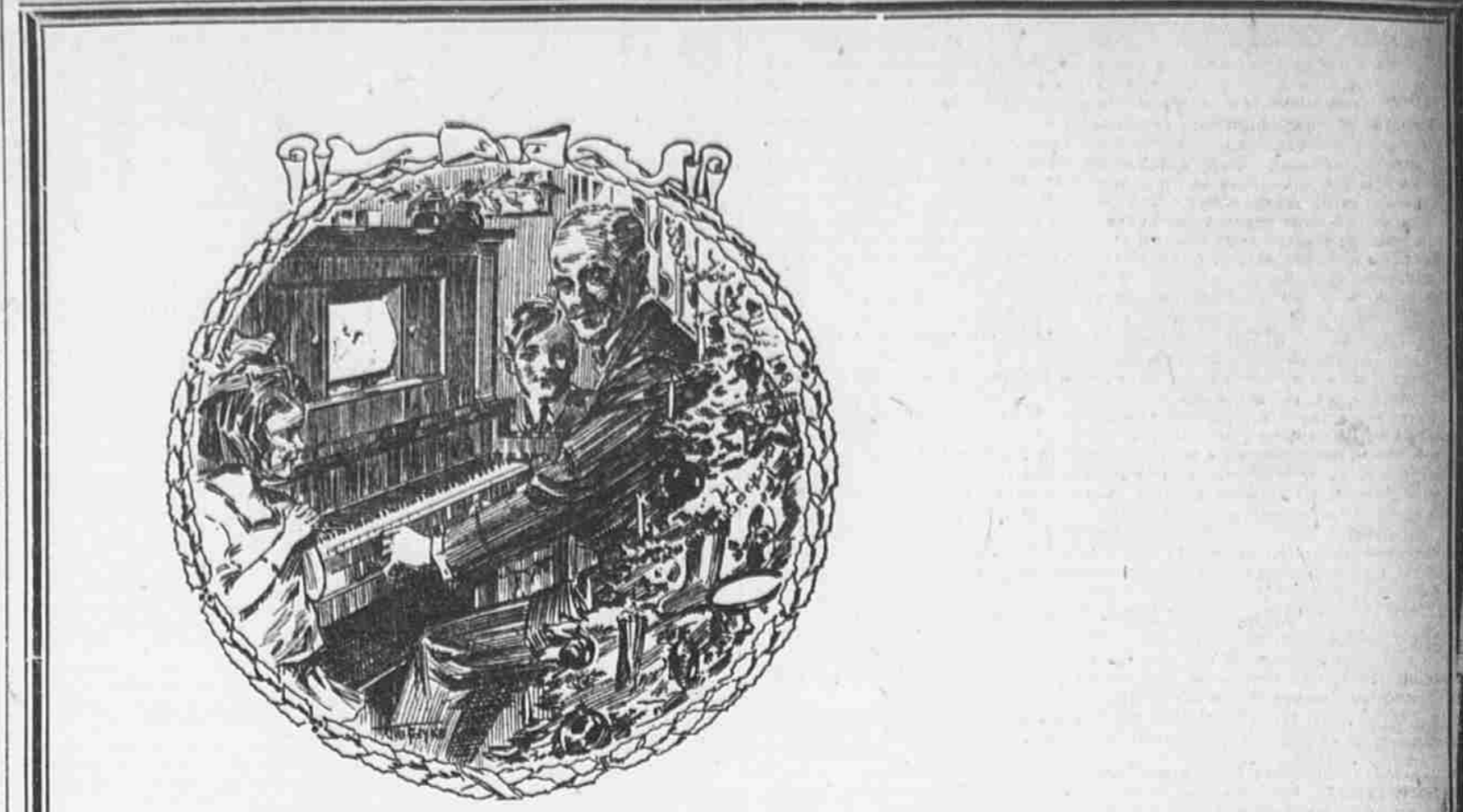
essential in the conduct of the utility which seeks the highest attainable ideals in the public service.

"In the desire to meet in the fullest sense their obligations to the public of New York, the directors of the Consolidated Gas Company and the New York Edison Company and the affiliated gas and electric companies have been studying this question with a

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"It is very gratifying to the directors that they are thus able to show to their employees, upon whom the satisfaction of the public with the service of the company so largely depends, their recognition of the faithful and efficient discharge of their duties, by the adoption of this method of profit-sharing."



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