

**SPEAKERSHIP FIGHT
PLANS FIXED TODAY**

"No Compromise" to Be the Attitude of the Anti-Penrose Faction

"GO THE LIMIT" FOR COX

The factional fight against the Penrose forces for the election of the next Speaker of the House of Representatives will be planned in detail today at a conference of the leaders of the anti-Penrose coalition in the Republican Organization.

Governor Brumbaugh will preside at the conference. Others who will attend include the Vares, Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown, Public Service Commissioner William Magee, of Pittsburgh, and State Insurance Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil, of Pittsburgh.

The conference apparently will be held in Harrisburg late this afternoon or tonight, as Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown left Philadelphia today for the capital. There had been some doubt as to whether it would be held here or in Harrisburg.

"No compromise" is the attitude assumed by the anti-Penrose forces now, and they intend to "go the limit" in trying to select Lewis B. Cox, of Philadelphia, Speaker of the next House.

CIRCULAR LETTERS SENT
Cox has started an active campaign to land the speakership plum. He has sent the following letters to every representative in the State, soliciting their support for the candidacy.

After a consultation with many of the members-elect of the House of Representatives, and at their earnest solicitation, I have decided to become a candidate for Speaker.

This is the formal announcement of my candidacy and an earnest appeal for your support.

I have served four terms in the House from the Fifth Philadelphia District. My record is an open book; it is one in which I honestly feel I can take real pride. It is because of this record and my long experience as a legislator that I have become a candidate.

If I am chosen Speaker every member of the House can be certain that he will at all times, and under all circumstances, be given a free and fair hearing on any subject which he may choose to discuss, and a square deal in his relations with the Speaker.

Upon this platform I ask your support and votes.

Thanking you in advance for your favorable consideration of my candidacy and with the assurance of my esteem, etc.

The efforts of United States Senator Penrose and his friends, who are openly behind the candidacy of Richard J. Baldwin, of Delaware county, are now confined to an attempt to prevent Mayor Smith from taking any part in the speakership fight. The Mayor favors the candidacy, and is expected to make a public statement endorsing the Philadelphia Penrose, however, is trying to block this move, and in political circles he is being viewed with attempts to threaten the city administration unless the Mayor adopts a "hands-off" policy.

In the meantime, the Penrose-Baldwin forces are claiming everything in sight so far as the speakership is concerned. They assert that they are certain of 103 of the 193 Republican votes in the House. Their claims include a majority of the members from Allegheny County, and the delegations from Lackawanna, Schuylkill and Luzerne. Their claim lacks just one vote of a majority in the House, and in the event of a close fight over the speakership, the thirty-nine Democratic members may upset the chance for either candidate.

VARES SEEK CONTROL
The first move of the Vares faction against Penrose in the fight for the speakership and the control of the Legislature will be to attempt to wrest control of the merchantile agitators from Penrose and McNichol. Of the five members of the board, who draw \$7000 annual salary each, only one, William E. Finley, executive director of the Republican City Committee, is a Vares man. The other members are E. A. Van Valkenberg, former magistrate, James A. Carey, "Buck" Davis, Penrose lieutenant in Penrose's ward, the Kighth, and John J. Grant, chairman of the Washington Party City Committee.

The new board, which must be selected this month, is chosen by the City Treasurer and the Auditor-General. In the event of a disagreement the naming of the members automatically rests with the Governor. The Vares plan of campaign is to obtain the dissent of City Treasurer McCasch, a Vares man, to any reappointments which the expected Auditor-General Powell will urge. In the event of a deadlock between the two the choice would fall on Governor Brumbaugh.

Argentines to Serve in U. S. Navy
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 1.—The American Government has consented to admit ten officers of the Argentine Navy Board to war vessels to serve there for some time. The officers probably will leave for the United States by the transport vessel Chaco and are instructed to pay special attention to the handling of submarines.



WILLIAM P. SWIFT

THE STARS ARE SILENT

Astral Bodies Not Saying Much This Year to the Professional Astrologers

Readers of the stars who follow these sidereal wanderers in their courses and interpret their movements for arid gain are somewhat hampered in their profession at present for the reason that celestial wanderers have been few and so unimportant that they have had difficulty in connecting them with the great world's war. It is for this reason that London and Paris astrologers have not met with anticipated returns for their readings and prophecies.

They would have been greatly aided in forming their horoscopes if the past or the present year had furnished a shower of meteors or a comet or two of fairly good luminosity, and some of them have been disposed to chunter because such help has not been afforded.

A great many happenings of good and evil report have been laid at the door, so as to speak, of the comets by astrologers of other years. An old authority declared that the celebrated vintage of 1811 in France was due to the big comet that appeared that year, and in England the unusual number of twins born in the same year was also laid to this same comet.

The great plague of London was attributed to a comet which appeared in the spring of that year, and an epidemic among cats in Westphalia was connected with the same wanderer of the skies. When Lima and Callao were destroyed by an earthquake in 1746 the disaster was imputed to a small comet in the absence of any more evident delinquent.

At one time there was a fit of sneezing in some parts of Germany, which seemed to be epidemic. This and the deaths of eminent persons in various countries were believed to have been produced by the pernicious influence of comets. Halley's Comet of a few years ago was the subject of more popular literature concerning these strange visitors than the world had ever before known, and the information then obtained and distributed through the newspapers had much to do with crippling the business of the star readers.—Indianapolis News.

RAIN AND SNOW
Raindrops and snowflakes are cloud particles which, in virtue of their size and other favorable conditions, succeed in falling all the way to the earth. Many a shower of rain or snow never reaches the earth, but evaporates in midair.

MADEIRA ONCE MAINLAND
According to geologists, the finding of certain land snails on the island of Madeira, known to exist or to have existed in no other place in the world except Europe, is sufficient proof that Madeira was at one time connected with the mainland.

LOST LEG, 3 RIBS, LUNG, KIDNEY, BUT THANKFUL

William P. Swift Spends Happy Thanksgiving Despite Absence of Some Members

No one spent a happier Thanksgiving than William P. Swift, of 145 Gay street, although he has less to be thankful for than the average resident of the city. Swift has spent a large part of his life in hospitals, and has lost his right leg, three ribs, one lung and one kidney. Despite his condition he usually wears a smile and his health generally is good.

Swift's injuries were due chiefly to accidents, the first occurring about seven years ago. His case attracted too much attention in medical circles than Dr. Otto A. Rath, of 185 Queen lane, took Swift to Europe, where he attended numerous surgical clinics.

Swift's first accident happened while he was employed at the Cramp shipyard. At the launching of the United States battleship Indiana a number of stanchions fell upon him and three ribs on his left side were broken.

Seventeen years ago he was taken ill with pleurisy and was treated mistakenly for typhoid fever. This mistake caused him to lose his right lung. Eight operations, including the removal of three ribs on the right side, were performed at St. Timothy's Hospital in restoring him to health. He spent three months in the hospital and for weeks his recovery was doubtful.

Six months later he was again taken to the hospital to be operated on for a supposed tumor. It developed that a floating kidney was the fault and this was removed. Upon being discharged, he accepted a position as driver for P. J. Curran, teamster, and in getting off his wagon slipped on the ice and broke his right ankle. After four weeks he was turned to work and a few months later was kicked by one of his horses.

Three broken ribs was the result, the same as were broken in the shipyard accident. This necessitated another visit to St. Timothy's Hospital.

Three weeks later, while driving his team, he fell from the truck and a five-ton load passed over his right leg and left arm. His condition for days was very critical, but he survived after his leg was amputated and a tendon removed from the arm.

A second operation on the leg was performed and it was cut off above the knee. For five months he was unable to leave the hospital and after being discharged he made daily trips for treatment and also nurses make visits to his home.

Only within the last seven months has he been without medical care. Three weeks ago he again took up active work at the yarn mills of George Davis, Main and Gay streets, where he looks after the water power of the mill.

Mr. Swift was married twenty-six years ago and has five children, ranging in age from eight to twenty-four years. He expects soon to have an artificial leg.

Want "Ad" Finds Man Lost for Sixty Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.
NO MATTER how completely lost a thing is a want ad will find it. Mrs. Ann Maher, 1512 Rowell street, Westchester, and her sister, Genevieve, of the Ursuline convent, lost their brother, Thomas Kelly, sixty years ago. He turned up yesterday for Thanksgiving dinner in answer to an "information wanted" advertisement. His home is in Davenport, Ia.

LINE MUST GIVE TRANSFERS

Jersey Board Forces Atlantic Coast Electric Company to Keep Contract

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 1.—In an opinion today the Supreme Court set aside an order of the Public Utility Commission requiring the Atlantic Coast Electric Company to give transfers in Asbury Park to residents of Bradley Beach. The ruling of the utility board was that transfers should be allowed for travelers on Coolman avenue.

Justice Trenchard, who wrote the opinion, holds that the utility board cannot set aside a reasonable contract already existing.

Refuse of Mills Taints City Water

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Due to the unprecedented commercial activity, this has assumed large proportions, and, taken in connection with the low water resulting from the drought, it has wrought a very unpleasant situation.

No action to close down any of the mills will be taken until the Commissioner is assured of a clear case against the offenders.

"It would be unfair to take action prematurely," he said. "Most of the manufacturers are careful in complying with the law governing the discharge of waste products. Many of them utilize the waste. We cannot bring all this commercial activity to an abrupt end because some of the mills are not observing the law."

The task of checking the discharge of waste products would be a long one, he declared.

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DANCING IN THE EVENING

...and progress necessarily will be slow. The first investigations, beginning with exhaustive analysis of the water supply in the State Health Department laboratories in this city, was undertaken several weeks ago, when the offensive taste of the water first became pronounced in the section of the city lying east of Broad street. The manufacturing establishments that fringe the waterfront from Philadelphia to Pottsville include nearly every type of manufacturing industry. Paper mills, steel mills, woolen mills, carpet mills, hosiery mills, wood pulp mills, tanneries, leather factories, rubber mills are located in Manayunk, Norristown, Conshohocken, Reading and Pottsville and at other points in Montgomery, Schuylkill and Berks Counties.

PRACTICE ILLEGAL
The technical methods employed by many of them leave waste products of dyes and other chemicals arising from manufacturing, substances that in many cases cannot be turned into by-products by recovery processes. Some of these waste materials are injurious to drinking water and it is illegal to discharge them into streams.

Health officials said that some of the Manayunk mills apparently had been violating the law by turning their refuse into the river instead of making use of the sewage provided for that purpose. No names of establishments were given out.

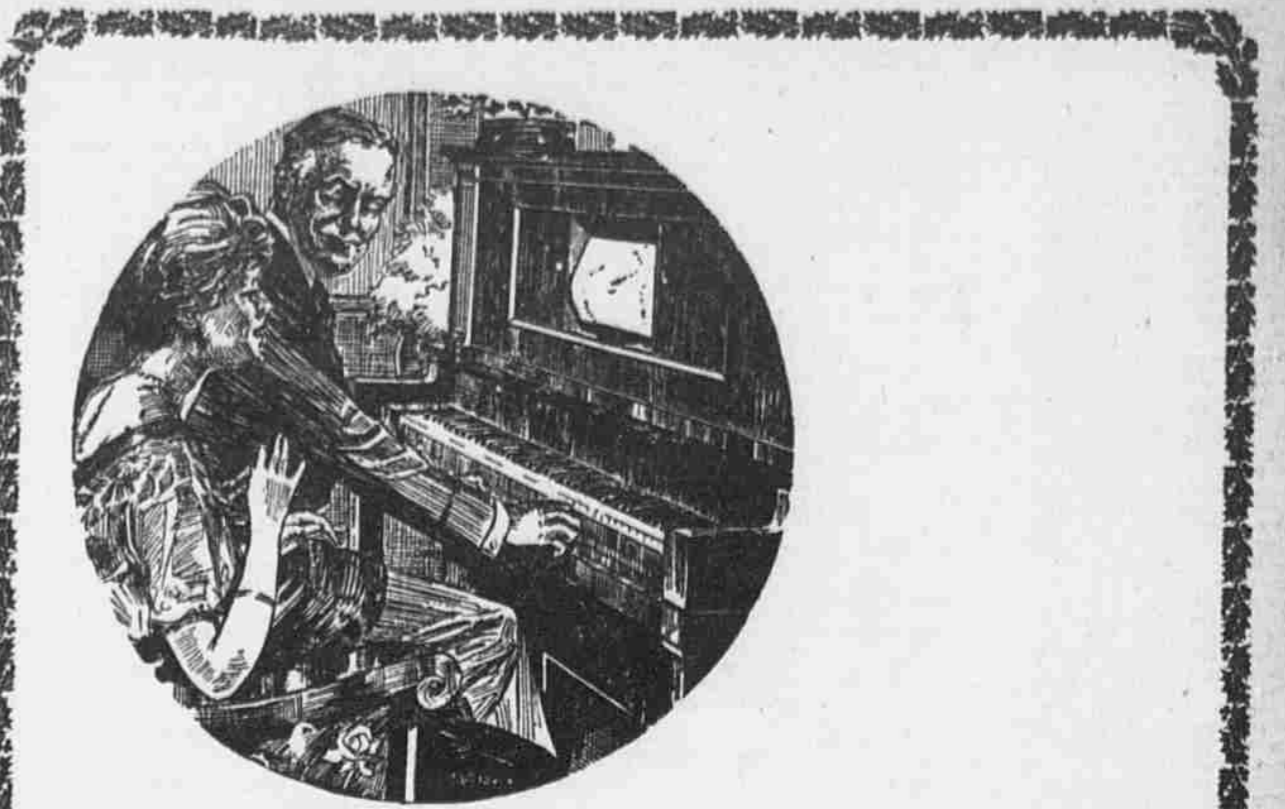
Chief Charles H. Davis of the city's Bureau of Water, in co-operation with the health officials in attempts to relieve the situation. From samples furnished by the Water Bureau the tests of the city water were made.

Until today the fact that certain mills were contributing to the disagreeable quality of the water was withheld, to enable the authorities to conduct their investigation in secret. The micro-organisms, both vegetable and animal, that live in the water were blamed as being the cause of the taste. Their death and decay gave rise to a gas which imparted the disagreeable taste and smell to the water, it was said.

The decay of this organic matter still is blamed in part, but the chief cause was declared to be the refuse of the mills. The bad taste became noticeable because of the industrial boom, on the one hand, and the low water, on the other. Tests of the water also revealed the presence of large numbers of the micro-organisms, which biologists know to be responsible for certain tastes, favors and tastes, some of which are chemical in character. One of the notable cases of this kind occurred several times in Boston, where the water

...was polluted by a "rotten" taste, caused by presence of the gasous Sphera. The effect of both of the causes of the chemical color and taste of the Schuylkill water would be obliterated by a few heavy rains, health officials said. The accumulation of waste products from the mills and of algae and other decaying micro-organisms which has appeared during the long-ensuing dry weather would be washed away, it was said, and the river water restored to its normal state.

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