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## **NEW ENGLANDERS PLAN TO HONOR PILGRIMS**

Taft to Speak When 'Down East' Men Hold Banquet in Commemoration of 1620 Landing

The landing of the Pilgrim forefathers New England's shores two hundred and ninety-six years ago will be fittingly commemorated when the members of the year England Roclety of Pennsylvania asmble for their thirty-sixth annual ban-mt in the Bellsvue-Stratford next Friday

society was organized in 1881 as a means of perpetuating New England Means in history, its traditions and the character of its early settlers. Since then its members have met every December 22, day celebrated throughout the nation "Forefathers' Day," to commemorate s landing of the Filgrims.

The principal speaker will be ex-Presi-dant Taff. Other prominent speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, of Brookipn, N. Y., and ex-Congressman J. Adam Bede, of Minnesota. It had been riginally announced that Senator William 5 Borah, of Idaho, would be a guest, but as Senator has sent word that, much as he would like to be present, he will be unable to attend.

At every one of its banquets the society has presented an array of speakers re-bowned in politics, literature and in many walks of life. Among the distinguished man who spoke befors the society in years gone by were President McKinley, Mark Twain and Wu Ting-fang.

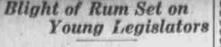
One of the unusual features of the ban-quet this year is the invitation extended to the wives of members, while an in-vitation has also been extended to Mrs. C. Howard Clark, Jr., president of the New England Ladies' Society.

The committee having the entertainment features of the evening's program in hand have promised a varied and altogether novel assortment of features for the diners. The assoriment of features for the dimers. The mervices of well-known vocalists and in-strumental performors have been emraged. Furthermore, the guests are promised a surprise, the secret of which has been closely guarded. It has been intimated, however, that Harry T. Jordan, manager of Keith's Theatre and a member of the society, is at the bottom of the affair. At present the officers of the New Eng-and Society of Penneylyania are covers

land Society of Pennsylvania are: Cyrins M. K. Curtis, president; Lincoln K. Pass-more and Arthur W. Sewall, vice presidents; Edward W. Mumford, secretary; George Irving Merrill, treasurer; the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, chaplain, and Dr. Sam-uel D. Risley, physician. Mr. Curtis was preceded in the presidency by Alba B. Johnson, president of the Baldwin Loco-motive Works.

When first organized the society held its meetings in the old Continental. Later they were held in Horticultural Hall, but of recent years they have been held in the Bellevue. It is one of the most prominent and widely known societies in the country.

H. S. Meeds, Jr., Exonerated Rolliday S. Meeds, Jr., Excharated Rolliday S. Meeds, Jr., son-in-law of General T. Coleman du Pont, was exoner-sted today by the coroner's jury of the charge of causing the death of Ernest Forbes, nine years old, of 5230 Chester avenue, with his automobile.



Continued from Page One an investigation of impure liquors being sold in Pennsylvania. He said he had this investigation nearly completed when, at the bahest of the liquor interests, Gov-ernor Hastings called off the probe.

"I bought samples of wine, whisky and beer," said Mr. Moore, "in drug stores and saloons all over the State. These samples were subjected to chemical analysis by Prof. A. T. Ashman, of Pittsburgh, then Prof. A. T. Ashman, of Fittsburgh, then State chemist. The conditions I uncovered were very bad. I found that the stuff which was being sold as whisky was not whisky at all, but a concoction well cal-culated to send the user, after a brief period, to the insane anyium. Of twenty-three namples of whe analyzed, only one sample contained any grape julce. The beer was not beer at all, but a mixture which could not fail to harm the health of the strongest man.

"I started to prepare a bulletin on the investigation, and while I was getting it ready I happened to speak at a farmers' institute in the central part of the State. I was full of the subject, and I just let loose at the unscrupulous liquor dealers for placing such poisonous stuff on the market.

GOVERNOR INTERFERED

"The Pittsburgh papers used my address with hig headlines, and the next day I re-ceived a telegram from Governor Hastings summoning me to the capital.

"When I arrived there he placed an arm "'See here, Frank, we can't have any ore of this; we can't injure our friends,

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The Governor was referring to my ad-dress before the farmers' institute: "I replied, 'Governor Hastings, I have been told that the liquor inforests contrib-uted \$500,000 toward your campaign, and I hated to believe it. Now whether this is so or not I want you to understand that don't number the liquor interests among

my friends." "The Governor told me not to do any more work on the impure liquor bulletin. In fact, he insisted that I furn the work I had done over to him. This I did, but not before I had made a copy of my work. This I have at home now. "The sinister influence of the booze ring

nam held back the wheels of progress in Pennagivania, and Pennagivania is not going to get out of the mire into which it has wallowed until we have driven liquor from the State.

SAW BLIGHT OF BOOZE

of the work of the liquor ring. I saw the lquor ring ruin scores of young legisla-tors who came to the capital with a desire to serve their constituents honestly. The boose lobby ats work rapidly when they find that a young legislator has a taste for liquor; if that legislator has not such a

taste then they do their best to create one for him. They fill his system with boose until his will power is weakened, and then they try to place him in compromising posi-tions with women, so that their hold on him will be complete.

"It is along these insidious lines that the boose ring is working every day in Penn-sylvania. They barter in the souls and boose ring is working every day in Penn-sylvania. They barter in the souls and honor of young men to protect their inter-ents so that the brewers, the distillers and the saloonkeepers throughout the State may get their profits.

"I am a thorough ballever in national prohibition, but until we do get prohibition I want to see laws enacted and enforced which will compet the distillers and brewers to make pure liquor. The adulterations in the liquor of the present day are filing our prisons and insans asylums."

### **Democrats** Hold Speakership Key

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a demand made for his resignation yester-day by Governor Brumbaugh, and is said to be the result of his failure to support Brum-baugh candidates for delegates to the Re-

haugh candidates for delegates to the Re-publican National Convention last spring. The Governor's demand for Porneroy's resignation was looked upon as the first blow struck by the Governor in the present factornal fight and the forerunner of the retirement of other Penrose officeholders from Capital Hill BLOW AT PENROSE

Pomeroy is a Penrose leutenant, and his resignation was asked for in the interests of the program of legislation the Governor wants enseted during the coming mession. That he was virtually discharged for polit-test means ical reasons was alleged by Pomeroy i his letter of resignation to the Governor He said: I appreciate the statement made by

you to me in requesting this resigna-tion; that it was not any malfeasance in office or inefficiency on my part that prompted your request, as the Depart-ment of Printing and Binding had been most satisfactorily conducted under my administration, but because I had failed at various time to agree with you on matters of a political nature.

Eugene J. Lafferty, of Philadelphia, is ne of the three men most prominently aentioned to succeed Pomeroy. The others are A. Nevin Detrich, of Chambersburg, former chairman of the Washington party State Committee, and a progressive leader

of the ax by lassing a statement declaring his confidence that Cox would be elected. Capitol Hill now looks to ese the ax swung aver the heads of other Penrose leaders still holding office under the State administra-Governor Brumbaugh's action marked the

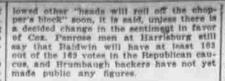
actual beginning of the speakership con-flict, so far as the Vars-Brumbaugh alliance was concerned, and the Cox supporters were slated. At the same time, the Penrose-McNichol

leadership, it was learned, is compliing offi-cial data to show from their point of view the "small amount of actual constructive work done in the last eighteen months by work done in the last eighteen monine by Governor Brumbaugh and Attorney General Brown." The results of this investigation will shortly be announced, and, it was hinted, may be preliminary to a formal legislative inquiry While the anti-Brumbaugh leaders have not decided definitely as to the advisability of immediated on the

not decided definitely am to the advisability of impachment procedings, based on the Oliver check, they realize, it was admitted, that any investigation of the Governmr's artiviles may precipitate that issue into the forthcoming State Legislature. For ex-ample, Representative Inndore Stern, one of the McNichol floor leaders, is ready, as has announced, to press for impeach-ment.

ment. Attorney General Brown is accused of being back of the move of the Governor to set rid of Pomeroy, and if his advice is fol-

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Germans Capture Ninety in Raid BERLIN, Dec. 15. The capture of ninety tuestan prisoners in a trench raid was the nly action reported from the elastern front y the War Office today.

Missions May Benefit

An estate valued at more than \$100. 660 is jeft in trust to the widow and son of the testator, by the will of George K. Reed, Eleventh and Pine streets, admitted to probate today. The will provides that to product today. The will provides that in the event of the son's dying, leaving no issue surviving, the estate is to be held in trust for the benefit of a nephew, at whose death the principal goes to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. Other wills probated were those of Frank

Burdeall, 2119 South Minth street, and to private bequests, disposes of provalued at \$27,000; Joseph Brenner, to North Sixth street, \$23,300; Elizabeth T Troth, 3605 Bariog street, \$23,800; Charles G. Du Bels, 461 South Fortleth strest, \$16. 500; Mary A. Dorsey, 1206 Marthorous street, \$10,500; Mary C. Churchman, 4338 Hasel avenue, \$0500; Thomas F. Laonard 2317 North Twenty-screnth street, \$6288 William Baker, 4361 Penn street, \$6638, and Martha Frest, who died in Collingswood, N. J., \$2900.



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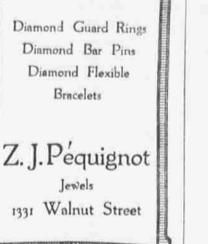
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