

BROWN ATTACKED IN SPEAKER FIGHT

Baldwin Forces Promise to Expose Attorney General's Fees

SPLIT IN LABOR RANKS

Another attack on Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown has been made by the Baldwin forces in the speaker-elect fight. The latest developments have brought volleys and counterattacks aimed at Mr. Brown by both Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Automobile Association, and Henry W. Moore, its counsel, while Senator Sprout emphatically declared that the Attorney General became Republican for revenue only.

Senator Sprout, leader of the Baldwin camp, promised to turn the spotlight on Mr. Brown's record and prophesied that it would make interesting and sensational reading.

The Baldwin-Cox controversy also has developed a split in the ranks of the State Federation of Labor, especially affecting the officers and local leaders, over the question of whether or not the organization should support either candidate.

John J. McDevitt, first vice president, has sent letters to the members of the House urging them to vote and work against Cox. In doing this he opposed James H. Maurer, president of the organization, who has written similar letters urging the support of Cox.

Senator Sprout declared that the Attorney General's charge that a telephone conversation had been overheard at the Union League to the effect that a member of the House should be got for Baldwin at any cost was nothing more than a dream and "of about the same accuracy as other statements made by Mr. Brown." It was officially stated in this connection that on the day of the alleged telephone conversation at the Union League Senator Perry was not in the League at all; that Mr. Grundy was in Pittsburgh, and that Senator Sprout was in Chicago.

Discussing the Attorney General's alleged bribery charge, Senator Sprout said "he would not speak of it but for the fact that reference had been made to the fact that he was a vice president of the Union League. Senator Sprout did say, however: "Mr. Brown is not a member of the Union League, although he was an applicant for membership some years ago."

Then Senator Sprout launched another attack on the record of the Attorney General. He said: "A good many Democrats have become Republicans for revenue only. Twenty years ago the Hon. Francis Shunk Brown was a Delaware Democrat, but in the last twenty years he has drawn down in fees for political services from city and State, not to speak of retainers received from political litigants, probably more than has been earned by any other Pennsylvanian. We are looking into the record of these matters here and at Harrisburg, and they will make rather interesting reading when they are compiled. The total will run up into astounding figures. The Revenue Commission, of which I have already spoken, is only a small sample of this, although his total receipts for this comparatively small matter, if my recollection serves me correctly, were close to \$50,000. 'Sweetness and justice' come high and his salaries and expenses are extremely high."

Colóns Hayes and Foote Have Plans That Would Not Hurt Guard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Plans for a universal military training system, involving no interference with the National Guard and designed to avoid strong objection which has developed to one-year training camps, were brought before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today by Colonel Webb C. Hayes, of Ohio.

The plans were devised by Colonel Hayes and Colonel Foote, who is in charge of the artillery school at Fort Monmouth. Colonel Foote will be called before the committee early in January to explain the plans.

The 415 congressional districts are the units selected for securing personal military service and training equally throughout the Union. It is estimated 1,000,000 boys reach the age of seventeen each year. Examining for military service, fifty per cent of these 1,200 would be available in each Congressional district. This would constitute in the first year one regiment and a brigade of 4,800 thereafter to be trained annually in each district.

One field officer and a captain would be detailed from the regular army to each training camp, to act also as recruiting officers during the remaining nine months of the year. Headquarters, supply depots and training grounds for each district would be selected by the military officials. Captains and lieutenants would be drawn from the National Guard. Reserve officers and officers' training corps would receive the pay of regular officers of their rank during the training season from June 15 to September 15.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES  
Thomas R. Powell, 3022 N. 8th st., and Louise Rex, 314 W. 12th st., 24th St. p. m.  
Harry Nelson, 243 Vine st., and Clara Schuller, 741 Strawberry ave.  
George Z. Fugate, 214 Spring Garden st., and Margaret H. Hummerford, 2834 Spruce st., 24th St. p. m.  
William F. Fendley, 2000 Yorkville, and Caroline Williams, 3010 Yorkville, 24th St. p. m.  
John P. Felt, 180 N. 21st st., and Herman M. Thom, 180 N. 21st st., 24th St. p. m.  
Napoleon, 1605 Randolph st., and Caroline Charles Miller, 344 Ludlow st., and Florence Miller, 344 Ludlow st., 24th St. p. m.  
Otis J. Dore, Leagan Island, and Anna B. Ebel, 2124 Locust st., 24th St. p. m.  
Charles J. Anderson, New York city, and Hilda E. Martin, 3225 Locust st., 24th St. p. m.  
George H. Hieck, 2125 N. 18th st., and Mary C. Hieck, 2125 N. 18th st., 24th St. p. m.  
Joseph A. MacVeg, 110 N. 47th st., and William E. Long, 2425 Locust st., 24th St. p. m.  
Dorothy E. Sharr, 415 N. Arch st., and Elizabeth A. Crabtree, 415 N. Arch st., 24th St. p. m.  
Morris G. Greig, 118 Lombard st., and Eva M. Greig, 118 Lombard st., 24th St. p. m.  
William J. Hinchey, 1400 Locust st., and Carrie M. Hinchey, 1400 Locust st., 24th St. p. m.  
Joseph D. Hinchey, 1400 Locust st., and Carrie M. Hinchey, 1400 Locust st., 24th St. p. m.  
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City News in Brief

CITY APPOINTMENTS today include Charles E. Butta, 1236 Parvish street, 20-year-old; Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, 1906 1/2 year; Antonio Acchione, 6318 Callowhill street, paver, Bureau of Highways, \$3.75 a day; Mary A. Warburton, 5236 Chester avenue, special agent, Bureau of Charities, \$1.50; Cecelia R. Kennedy, 138 South Eighteenth street, visitor, Bureau of Charities, \$1.50; Edwin F. Lockrey, 201 Hodgman street, assistant foreman, Bureau of Highways, salary \$3 a day; Thomas Hogarty, 1939 Sharswood street, fireman, Electrical Bureau, \$2.75 a day; George Stewart, 1742 Plum street, 20-year-old; Bureau of Water, \$2.75 a year; Mary A. Devlin, 2108 Pierce street; Mary Murray, 110 North Fifty-first street; Elsie B. Smith, 919 North Twelfth street; Florence Schmitt, 219 Wallace street; David Boyer, 2523 North Thirty-first street; Emily Handley, 1939 North Sixth street; and Julia V. Hoff, 1828 North Tenth street, typewriter, Bureau of Water, \$3.10 a year; Robert M. Patterson, 144 Washington street, stenographer, Bureau of Surveys, \$9.00.

BLAZING CHRISTMAS TREES in a store at 5231 Market street damaged the building to a considerable extent and caused a great deal of excitement in the vicinity. The trees were the surplus stock of Frank Lusso, who conducts a fruit and provision store at the above address. In some undetermined manner fire started among the trees, which were stored on the first floor. Firemen extinguished the flames after carrying the trees into the street. The loss is several hundred dollars.

A WARNING AGAINST smallpox has been issued by the Board of Health in a bulletin, which says that the danger of spread of the disease while students are home from school for the holidays. Vaccination is urged.

A TRAIN WRECK was narrowly averted on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Liddon, east of Holmesburg Junction, last night when the engineer sighted two derailed freight cars a few hundred yards ahead of his train, returning with belated Christmas travelers from New York. The engineer applied the emergency brakes and the train had reduced to a slow speed by the time the cars were struck that the passengers barely felt the shock of the collision. An investigation is being made to determine the cause of the accident. It has been detailed there.

FIRING SHOTS IN THE AIR was the way Frank Goin, a Portuguese, of 1013 Waverly street, celebrated Christmas. He was locked up by the police of the Twelfth and Pine streets station.

SHOT IN THE HEAD by Policeman William Bunting mopped Fred Webb, a negro, of Rodman street, near Twelfth, who attempted to escape after snatching a woman's purse at Eighteenth and Sansom streets. The prisoner was taken to the Jefferson Hospital. "The police are searching for the woman whose purse was snatched."

AUTOMOBILES STOLEN over the weekend were listed in number. Four were recovered by the police. The owners were W. G. Kent, of 1231 St. James street; Harry McDevitt, of 1805 Chestnut street; Dr. V. L. Baker, of 1522 South street; S. G. Biddle, of 2017 Pine street; A. C. Harris, of 2958 Aspen street; Arthur A. Share, of 3216 Monument avenue; Dr. Joseph Goldstein, of 2127 West Lehigh avenue; Oscar B. Anderson, of 1316 North Broad street; J. T. Furlong, of 214 South Eighth street; Henry S. Foster, of 204 Washington avenue; R. J. Sweeney, Haines and York roads; L. E. Porter, of 3413 Wallace street; William S. Footler, Torredale, Pa.; Dr. Eugene C. Murphy, of 2261 Spruce street, and Samuel Goson, of 3218 North Broad street.

DR. HENRY B. WARRINER, chief resident physician at the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, is critically ill with pneumonia, which he contracted while attending to the patients and staff of the institution, became ill Thanksgiving Day.

Charles S. Walton, Friend of Poor, Dies

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protector, and saw that the children did not venture beyond their doors. His influence rose to such an eminence through his own initiative. He was born in this city April 16, 1862, and was the son of Charles D. and Henrietta Walton. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1882 he became connected with the leather house of England, Walton & Co. He rolled up his sleeves and began at the time of the war, and he has since held one position to another until he became president of the firm. He devoted much of his energy to upbuilding and expanding the trade, and his sound business judgment brought success in many directions.

On May 11, 1887, Mr. Walton married Miss Martha England, daughter of Thomas T. England.

With Mrs. Walton he took a great interest in religious matters. He was a member of the Fourth Baptist Church, Fifth and Huttenwood streets, superintendent of the Sunday school of the Central Baptist Church of Wayne, and a member of the executive committee of the American Baptist Publication Society.

"SQUIRE" JORDON DIES; ODD CAMDEN CHARACTER

Christmas Whisky "Handy Man," Who Always Settled Disputes of His Fellows

"MAN'S WAR, NOT GOD'S WAR," SAYS PASSION PLAY CHRISTUS

Anton Lang, Oberammergau Personator of Messiah, Rebukes Cynics and Skeptics

Sends Christmas Greetings to American Friends From Saddest Yuletide of Bavarian Village

By CARL W. ACKERMAN  
OBERAMMERGAU, Bavaria, Dec. 23.—"This is not God's war; it is man's war. So long as there are armies and so long as nations prepare there will be war."

So spoke Anton Lang, Christus in Oberammergau's world-famous "Passion Play," today on the saddest Yuletide the little Bavarian village has ever known. Of her 1800 population Oberammergau has given 350 to the army, including Alfred Hirling, the saint John of the play, who is now an artilleryman in the German army. Lang desired that greetings be sent to his friends in America and that denial be made that he had joined a military company.

"I have never been to the front," said this bearded man, whose face most nearly resembles the features of the Saviour. "I am still alive. Please tell my many American friends that for me."

"Prayer of our people have fallen," Lang continued sadly. "How shall it end? I see no end. I see another spring of fighting, bloodier than ever. And if neither side is defeated—then more fighting, with millions killed and millions of others working so other millions shall be killed, with some of those millions becoming rich in the war."

"I recall Christ's words, 'Who takes the sword shall perish by the sword.' That doesn't mean that we shall perish by the sword; but I interpret the phrase to mean that he who starts war shall perish."

"I would be glad if there were no militarism in any land. Shall people always be used to destroy? Can't there be another method? Cannot all militarism be destroyed by international agreement? Cannot America take the first step?"

Lang was told how some of Rumania's soldiers said they didn't believe in God any more, because God wouldn't permit such murder as the great war has brought about.

GERMANY REPLIES TO WILSON PEACE NOTE; WILLING TO PARLEY

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The American envoy would tell the Kaiser of the deep desire of the United States for peace, and that the American and Swiss notes would be discussed.

The American Association of Commerce and Trade in Berlin will give a dinner for Mr. Gerard on January 8.

BERLIN'S REPLY UNSATISFACTORY TO ALLIES, U. S. OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Hasty examination of Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace suggestions, led one of the foremost Administration officials today to believe the Entente Allies will not be satisfied to meet the Teuton proposal.

This official declared that he is strongly of the opinion that the proposal would be unsatisfactory to the Allies, inasmuch as far as hope of arranging a peace conference at this time is concerned.

He expressed the view that the Allies would not consent to a peace meeting based on any such answer as was given in the brief reply by Germany. Moreover he held that Germany had directly dodged the request of the United States for something specific in the way of peace terms.

HEAVY MAILS HOLD UP CHRISTMAS PARDONS

Convicts Who Were Going Home Forced to Spend Holiday in Prison

Warden Robert McKenty of the Eastern Penitentiary, and his 107 turnkeys, watchmen, overseers and assistant wardens, are doing all in their power to leaven the reason of the delay of pardons from Harrisburg, which prevented the release of three prisoners on Christmas Day. Warden McKenty does not know whether the papers were held up by the delay of the Governor's office or whether the Governor failed to add his signature in time.

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The three pardons, explained the Warden, were not extraordinary, but similar to pardons granted almost every month. Usually the papers are forwarded promptly and the prisoners were much disappointed when their promised freedom could not be realized as a Christmas gift.

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Therefore when several workmen of the Bell Telephone Company attempted to plant a pole near his door Case manured his Ford auto, rode over on the sidewalk and covered the hole for the pole with his car. As there is already a pole belonging to the Philadelphia Electric Company on his property Case contends that he had good cause for such action.

When the workmen told him to "beat it" Case "hunk honked" his defiance, while admiring neighbors stood around and voiced their approval. The fact that the men had a permit to erect the pole did not deter Case in the least. The workmen complained and Policeman Kaufman took Case before Magistrate Price. It was a difficult "case," the Judge remarked facetiously.

He told the prisoner he had a slight suspicion it was made, on the sidewalk, and advised that he try to get an injunction if he objected to the pole's presence.

Although Case conducts a cigar store and blacksmith shop and is also in the automobile business, he said he would try to find time to carry out the Magistrate's suggestion and he was discharged.

Case then sped to his home and shoveled the dirt disturbed by the workmen back into the hole. Then he threw a plank over the hole and placed a chair on it and sat in the chair until the policeman arrived and urged him to leave. The workmen then resumed digging while Case went to City Hall and took steps toward obtaining an injunction. "I wouldn't care," he said, "if they would plant the pole eight feet farther west."

IRATE HOUSEHOLDER SEIZES HOLE TO PREVENT PLANTING PHONE POLE

Mr. Case Halts His Auto on Ground Where Bell Company Wants to Mar Landscape—After Arrest He Decides to Appeal to Courts for Protection

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Columbia January Records Now on Sale Note the Notes

World-Famed Artists in New Columbia List THE world's supreme coloratura soprano; Maria Barrientos, sings her great triumph, the Mad Scene from "Lucia"; Lazaro, the new world-tenor, sings "Spirto Gentil" from "La Favorita"—these stars are only two of the brilliant array that makes this list the greatest ever announced.