CHARGE COMPANY OPPOSES BRIDGE

Delaware Span Boosters Assert Corporation Controls Politicians' Opinions

WANT PEOPLE TO ACT

Project Purely an Economic One, Members of Commission Say

The Delaware River Bridge project is an economic and not a political question, one which the people of Philadelphia, rather than their political leaders, must decide, according to the members of the Dehaware Hver Bridge and Tunnel Commission of

New Jetsey.

The indifference of Senators Vare and McNichol and other city officials to the project does not indicate a lack of interest in it on the part of the citizens and business interests of Philadelphia, is the opinion of Samuel T. French, chairman of the New Jersey Commission.

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mbers of the Commission believe that "a large corporation," which they do not name, is in back of the "indifference" on the Pennsylvania side, and is doing everything in its power to prevent such a structure being built.

I spoke at a meeting of the United Bust-"I spoke at a meeting of the Linted Islands and Men's Association held at the Hotel Binghiam in December," safe Mr. French today, "and I was thoroughly convined after the meeting that the business integets of Philadelphia want the bridge. There were present at the time representatives of some eighty odd business organizations, representing over 25,000 individual business.

resolution, was adopted authorizing the appointment of a bridge committee to secure legislation enabling the State of nsylvania to work in conjunction with

New Jersey.

"Now, to my surprise, and I might say horror. I find in reading the Evening Linguistanticle entitled "Delaware Bridge Idea Finds No Following" that Senators Vare and McNichol declare it does not appeal to them, and that the Mayor is even surprised at the project. "I would suggest that the Senators in

question and his Honor the Mayor get in touch and feel the puises of the men with whom I have come in contact regarding the bridge joining the great commonwealths of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, between Philadelphia and Camden.

"I find by attending the meetings of these up-to-date business men of Philadelphia—who are Philadelphians—who have made that great city what it is today and who are striving under progressive business meth-ods to make if even a greater city, that they are heartly in favor of the bridge, not from any selfish interests or for private

I might salt at this time of these gentlemen who stand in the councils of a great political party if they can say as much to their motives as do these business man? would like to know how many of the busi ness men and voters and property owner they have interviewed in order to thus draw the conclusions publicly stated in the Eventua Ledgen?

I would like to ask these distinguished gentlemen, who presume to speak for the city of Philadelphia, just why they have not attended these public meetings, held by broad-minded business men and public-spin ited citizens? They receive invitations, yet why were they not there to tell their business men that there was no demand

for such a structure?
"I would suggest that the United Business "I would suggest that the United Business Men's Association or some other public-spirited organization that is in favor of the project call another public meeting, and that these gentlemen be invited to be present, so that we might learn just who is doing the stalling in this matter—the gentlemen in question, the United Business men or the New Jersey Commission."

Penrose Overruns Rule to Push Probe

Continued from Page One

thrown into the House upon a majority vote of the entire number of members of Appropriation measures, as

the Senate. Appropriation measures, as a rule, require a two-thirds vote, but the all-powerful Rules Committee of the Senate ruled otherwise in this instance.

The Senate Rules Committee is composed of the following. Senators William C. Sproul, chairman; James P. McNichol, Charles A. Snyder, William E. Crow, William C. McConnell. This committee was organized to tie the hands of Governor Brumbaugh.

The anti-Penrose forces held a prolonged The anti-Penrose forces hold a prolonged conference last night in the executive mansion. Among those who attended were Senator Edwin H. Vare, Attorney General Brown and the Governor. None of the participants would discuss the conference today. It was generally credited in political circles, however, that the anti-Penrose campaign was thoroughly mapped out at the confab. An entirely new attack upon the in-

campaign was thoroughly mapped out at the confab.

An entirely new attack upon the investigation resolution was launched today, when the anti-Perirose forces called attention to the fact that the resolution, as worded, provided for "hearings" only. When the measure was first drafted, according to Fenrose leaders, the word "public" was included, but at the request of the Penrose chieftifins, the word "public" was ellinimated. As the resolution stands at present, the commission will have the power to hold secret meetings whenever it wishes. The Penrose forces are facing a fight on the part of the up-State followers. Lancaster County is an example. The entire delegation from Lancaster County voted for Aaron B. Hess, for Speaker, and because they did not vote for Baldwin they have been ejected from the chairmanships they occupied for years. The "firing" included Representatives Hibsiman, as chairman of the House committee on banks and building and ioan associations, and Rhoads, as chairman of the public buildings committee.

Further revelations made by the official records of the Auditor General's office show that since Governor Brimbaugh took offics January, 1915, he has spent at least \$22,615 of the State's money for the personal needs of himself, his family, his friends and his pervants. The records show further that this approximate sum is exclusive of the annual salary of \$10,000.

Among the expenditures which have appeared were two small charges for Mrs. Brumbaugh's department store purchases; for approximately \$1000 worth of chars, including a forty-eight cent brand; for cut flowers and calling cards; for tips; for a guide in a camping expedition, and for Mrs. Brumbaugh's hotel charges and takeab trips on visits to Philadelphia and New York,

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York.

Another point developed was that upon more than one occasion the Governor's secretary drew checks for cash, which was turned over to the Governor. According to

Leg Comfort



the records, the Governor then merely gave his parament acknowledgment or the receipt of the funds, with no forther accounting. A feature of the records was a check for ital, 34, dated November 16 of last year, frawn to M. G. Brumbaugh, which covered in expense account written in the Gov-ings handwriting.

At the bottom of this necessit a note, written by the Auditor General's clerk in red ink, appears as follows:

This is more of a diary of expense than an accounting. Without receipts there is no proof (the latter word underscared) of payment. There are few of these receipted for.

Auditor Lieutral Powell is support as

of their receipted for.
Auditor General Powell is quoted as haves said that the Governor's accounts were all right. He approved them, or they would not have been paid. Nevertheless, he had nothing to say when he was asked the meaning of the red-ink notation about "proof." He said he ordered receipts furnished for all expenditures.

JOBS IN HOUSE

Soft Spots Filled by Slate Committee. Faithful Rewarded

PLANTISTIC NO. Jan. 24.—The state com-nitive of the House reported the selection of the following for the principal positions

Chief cleri-Thomas H. Garris, Islamare, Ass. Stati chefs-L. E. Bruckert, Albanetic, Resident strik. W. Laill, Scintistic, Assaciant combine shere Lea Unio Mesta. stani cherk...P. C. Macdonald, Phoaton, statuat (outside cherk...S. di Pietrio, Lui

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stren dr.—The Rev. S. C. Zerfess, Lancaster watchman.—Edward Braceland, Phila

MONEY LEFT TO CHARITY

Will of Maria C. Miller Makes Several Public Bequests

Beautists of Flut each to the Sanctimer Methodist Episcopal Church, Twenty-eighth and Thompson streets; Dennsylvania So-efety to Protect Children from Crackly; Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Home of Industry for Discharged Prisoners; American Antivivi-section Society and the Ebiladelphia Theo-sophical Society are contained in the will of Maria C. Miller, 1869 Wallace street, which disposes of an engate worth \$850.

Other wills probated today were those of Annie M. Sweeney, 2759 Ann street, which is private bequests disposus of property valued at \$21,000; Theresa Clymer, 1826 North Eighteenth street, \$8850; Bartholomew H. Boyle, 661 North Thirty-seventh street, \$8800; Annie C. Devitt, 220 Washington avenue, \$7500; Margle Leynoldt, 2332 East York street, \$1600, and Elizabeth Elliott, 1724 Sansom street, \$4500.

FIREBUG BLAMED IN FIRE THAT WRECKED BARN

Abington Policemen Warn Family, 60 Yards From Burning Structure, and Rescue Live Stock

A firebug is thought to be resp for the burning of the harn of Edward.
Cannon, at Fitzwatertown, two niles from
Abington, in Montgomery County, last
niight. The damage done was estimated
by Cannon at \$7000.

Three policemen from the Abington police station were patrolling their beat in a motorcar last night when they saw little tongues of flame shooting up from Cannon's barn. They rode quickly to the Cannon home, only sixty yards from the burning barn, and awoke the family. Then they ran to the barn and succeeded in saving eight horses and a half-dozen cows from death.

OLD LOBBYISTS FLOCK TO CAPITOL: OUSTED CLERKS TO LOSE THEIR PAY

Ben K. Clarke, Representing Soft Coal Interests, Leads Special Agents in Harrisburg-Joseph R. Grundy, of Manufacturers, Only Absentee

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—The most farming figures around the Capitol last night and today for the respening of the securion of the Legislature were the lobbyiets who swarmed the House and Senate during the Swarmed the House and Senate during the fights over the workmen's compensation, child labor, women's labor and similar measures has session. Joseph R. Geindy, head of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, was the only absence. The lobbyists were led by Ben K. Clarke, who represents the soft-coal interests.

A rival to the famous "Castle Allegheny" sprang into existence with the reopening of the session. Several Senators have rented a house on North Second street and will live there during the segsion. Among them are Charles J. Magee and William S. McKee, of Allegheny; Charence J. Bickman,
Bucks; William M. Lynch, Lackawanna;
W. Wayne Hindman, Clarion, and Marshall
L. Philips, Vanages

The clerks of the Senate and House who have not been reappointed wil be outfell without pay. Thomas H. Garvin, Chief Clerk of the House, who countersigns their warrants, is III, and is not in Harrisburg. Added to that Governor Brumbaugh signed vouchers for only ten days' pay. the recess, whereas the recess lasted Iwonty.

WANTS COUNTY VOTING ON LOCAL OPTION LAW

Ross, of Law and Order Committee, Has Plan, but "Drys" Oppose

HARRISHURG, Jan. 21.—Representative Charles Rose, of Allegheny, local optionist pember of the Law and Order Caronittes which is to bandle the Vickerman county ocal option hill, favors a State-wide vote by counties on the local option issue. He will fry to have such an amendment to he bill in committee.

Rosa says he is for a "give-and-take" solley in meeting the issue with the liquor orces. He says his plate has the support of many Pittsburgh men active in liquor er-les and has been infersed by many radicals the focal option movement.

Ont-and-out local optionists, Ross expects, will fight his amendment, which would
wine out all present prohibitory laws and
bermit a vote on the question of no-license
in the several counties of the State now
classed as "dry" territory. The "drys"
to not like the idea of the "weis" having
in opportunity to win back lost ground.
Ross would have the question passed
upon at the general election in November,
when the big mass of voters turns out. The hen the big mass of voters turns out. Th

BILL ASKS \$51,396,593 FOR FORTIFYING NATION

vote in each county would determine the result in that county only.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The fortifica-WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The fortifica-tions bill totaling \$51,395,593.—the largest ever—was reported to the House today by Representative Sherley, chairman of a sub-committee of the Appropriations Commit-tee on Fortifications. The bill authorizes other expenditures of \$9,459,000, making a grand total of \$69,855,593.

New items in the bill include a coast de-fense aviation squadron, for which \$3,690,-000 for hydroacroplanes is asked, and a \$1,700,000 appropriation for movable rail-way armament. The latter item is under-stood to cover cars for heavy guns.

The hill provides eight hydroneroplane squadrona; six for the United States coasts and two for those of insular possessions.

R. F. Bigham, of Pittsburgh, is shired for the job of postmaster of the Senate. The postmaster of the House wil come from Senator Craws district, Fayette county, but has not been named.

Representative William A. Howard Professional Professiona

Transit Plan Slightly Modified at Hearing

application for this curve was not to presides the city's right to reopen the matter in the future after an operating agreement for the high-speed system had been ratified. Commissioner Alcorn indicated that the withdrawal of this feature at the present time would be approved by the service board. Mr. Pepper accordingly amounted that his clients would therefore make in protest against the granting of certification of public convenience for the city's entire bigh-speed system, but would make the pearvation that they could resume their

reservation that they could resume the party about the three-mile extended of the Bight in the future in case the city about attempt to construct this curve.

The application for a certificate of topy tenience for the Boxberough Subway-sic visited lines was taken up without a single word of comment.

The expected opposition to the construc-tion of the three-mile extension of the Frankford Elevated from Bridge street to Rhawn street failed to develop when the commission took up that phase of the city's commission took up that phase is the application for construction nutbority. A delegation of Frankford residents who

came to Harrisburg prepared to meet any opposition found it unnecessary to present

The Holmesburg, Tacony and Frankford Street Railway Company, through Owen J. Roberts, counsel, asked that the city his compelled to reimburne the company for the relaying of its tracks which will be made necessary by the placing of the supporting militars for the decested. lliars for the elevated. Mr. Roberts said that the company had

no protest to make against the construc-tion of this section of the clevated, although he indicated that it might force the com-pany to go out of business. The cost of this truck removal would proximate \$56,000, according to the est.

The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

CTREAD AND THE REAL AND THE REA

Transit Director William S. Twining explained the cuttre program of high-speed a capital for the arrest of the defendant; butters and coverated construction in detail to the commission. As no opposition developed the director found it monocensury to even much the ways and discovering to

The various factions of the Hambitian party in Alleghony county are spit over the selection of an assistant chief tierk of the House. United States Senator George T. Oliver is backing Harry Hutchinson Max Leslie is urging the appointmen, of laidle Brackman, now journal clerk Representative James F. Woodward warts George P. Falkenstein, former Mayor of McKesmort and now reading clerk in the House, appointed. It looks as if Brackman would be appointed, while Falkenstein would be retained as reading clerk.

R. F. Bigham, of Pittsburgh, is shared for the job of postmanter of the Senate.

The Broad street efficacy from Leigne Bland to Obey avenue. The autway delivers born from Broad and Arch streets to Eighth street to Lecular street, to Broad street. The Northwest Pathway subways described line, from C45 Ball under the

The three-mile extension of the Frankford "E." from Bridge to Bhawir

etts, and the Prankford elevated from Cal-

of the bearing, amounted that the city's applications would probably be taken up for notice by the commission at its first

Every effort will be made to eome to ar sarry district. Since Transis to come to an early district. Since Transis ag plans to open hids for the subway delivery loop and a section of the Broad street unliway between Cit.—Hall and Grazed scenarios on February 1. Although hids can be opened, he will be comble to let the com-

\$25,000 Eldred fiotel Burns

mate of engineers. Commissioner Alcorn, while indicating that he was not certain that the commission could order the city to bear this cost, declared that he thought it just that the city should do so.

Three Weeks' Courtship Cost Her \$870 Three weeks' courtship cost Miss Tanker to bear this cost, declared that he thought in the story in the bill of complaint City Selicitor Connelly announced that a would do all in his power to have Counts to take the necessary action to authorize appears to the story in the bill of complaint field today against Martin Urkewich, twenty-eight years old, of 507 South Third appears to the country of the country of

Fire Destroys 60 Tons of Paper Slaty tons of paper and the freight car ntaining it were destroyed by fire carry today in the yards of the Hinde, Dauch Paper Company by South Gloucester, Members of the Gloucester Fire Department sayed baled paper which was standing nearby in the yard, but the fire in the car had made such headway they were unable to stop it. Damage was estimated at \$5000.



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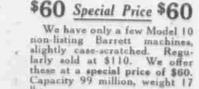
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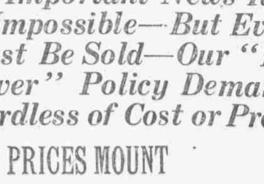
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