

VARE MAY FORCE PENROSE TO YIELD

Governor's Friends Gain Upper Hand by Penrose Blunders in Senate

CLAIMS ARE IN CONFLICT

Both Factions Insist They Could Have Way, but Facts Are Doubtful

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Jan. 31.—The Vare-Brumbaugh forces won the second round in the investigation battle this week and are now "on top." This was the consensus of opinion here today, notwithstanding the claims and counter-claims that were put out by both camps today as to the ultimate fate of the Sproul resolution.

The administration forces, after having lost in committee, gained the advantage over Senator Penrose and his lieutenants in the Legislature, when the Vare-Brumbaugh administration of Governor Brumbaugh and the various departments of the State Government, through two legislative "misplays" by the Penrose leaders. They were:

First. Tactical errors made by the Senate Penrose leaders.

Second. Loose wording of the probe resolution.

The Sproul resolution is so vague in its wording and is on its face such a "Lexow," giving the proposed commission the broadest possible powers, that the Vare-Brumbaugh leaders at once opened their campaign against it on this score.

FAVORED FAIR PROBE

They declared, at the opening of last week's session, that they favored a probe, but one that would be "fair." They then proposed amendments to the resolution, the principal one of which was the Salus amendment, which Senators Salus and Vare tried to have the Appropriations Committee of the Senate adopt. It was voted down, 23 to 19.

The Salus amendment would have eliminated perjury on the part of witnesses who might testify before the commission.

Senator Sproul himself privately admits that the defeat of the amendment was a big tactical mistake on the part of the Penrose forces. The Vare-Brumbaugh leaders had gone on record as favoring a "fair" investigation. To permit them to amend the resolution in their own way through this amendment would have forced them to support the resolution without having the scope of the probe seriously interfered with.

On top of this, the Penrose leaders made another mistake in not postponing action on the resolution came up on second reading in the Senate Monday night, when there were not enough Penrose votes in the Senate to give Penrose a majority.

The fact that the resolution is so worded that it gives the proposed commission power to probe Mayor Smith, Mayor Armstrong, of Pittsburgh; the burgess of any borough in the State or even any constable, also probably lost votes for it. The State Senators began to hear from their constituents, who perhaps were a little afraid of the threatened investigation, and several votes were changed in this way, according to political experts who have been observing the course of the Sproul resolution closely.

Today both sides are making claims about the fate of the resolution next Monday night, when it again is on the calendar for third reading and final passage in the Senate before it goes to the House.

PENROSE'S BIG CLAIMS

The Penrose leaders say they are sure of between twenty-nine and thirty-one votes for the measure. They include in their claim, "at least" twenty Republican Senators and nine Democratic Senators. They assert that every Democrat except Stewart, who voted for postponement on Monday night, will line up with the Penrose forces for an investigation along the lines Penrose has mapped out.

The Democrats undoubtedly, according to the indications they have given, are heart and soul for a probe of the Governor, but the Vare-Brumbaugh leaders refuse to concede that Penrose can line up nine of the ten Democrats on his side.

The administration leaders are declaring today not only that Senator Stewart will vote against the resolution if it is called up next Monday night, but that Senator Hindman, of Clifton, who voted for the Salus amendment in committee, will also vote against the probe.

The Vare-Brumbaugh leaders also say that two of the Democratic Senators who voted with the Penrose forces against postponement Monday night have switched and will vote against the resolution. They also say their forces have not been broken into by Penrose.

It would appear, to sum it all up, that Penrose will have twenty-seven votes for the Sproul resolution next Monday night, provided all of the fifty members of the Senate are present.

The Democrats are "making hay while the sun shines" during the fight over the Sproul resolution. They have prepared another investigation resolution of their own, and are prepared to offer it to the Legislature for the Republicans to support if the Sproul resolution is defeated.

One interesting feature of the vote on the Sproul resolution is the newly-discovered fact that C. Willis Beale, of Gettysburg, who was elected to the Senate last November, has not yet been sworn in.

Beale has retained his seat in Congress from the York-Adams district. When the Legislature organized on January 2, he was in his seat in the Senate Chamber, but did not go to the president's desk to be sworn in.

The Penrose forces are making every effort to have him resign from Congress and bring him into the Senate before next Monday night.

Both sides, in fact, will bring all the pressure they can to bear upon all members of the Senate before the Legislature reconvenes next week, in the hope of changing votes.

NOTHING DONE YET

The investigation has delayed the ordinary legislative procedure to such an extent that nothing at all has been done during the first month and a regular program of recesses is being mapped out.

Speaker Baldwin proposed in the House yesterday that the Legislature meet four or five days for two succeeding weeks from now on, and adjourn for an entire week every third week. Also an adjournment will be taken from February 15 until Tuesday, March 6. This will combine the usual recesses over Washington's Birthday and the inauguration of President Wilson.

There are two outstanding results of the fight over the investigation resolution. One is the handing of "senatorial courtesy" by the two opposing factions, and the other is the political opportunity which Senator Sproul failed to take advantage of.

Sproul's failure, or demerit, to take advantage of an opportunity that seldom comes to any political leader, is the talk of the Legislature today.

When he was leading the fight against postponement, he declared that the State was tired of being drawn into the factional fight in Philadelphia between the Vares and Penrose and McNichol.

ICE FIELD IN SUSQUEHANNA WORST IN YEARS



Ice floes are packed like this in the river virtually all the way from Harrisburg to McCall's Ferry. There has been nothing like it since 1904, old residents say.

to throw Philadelphia's factional squabbles out of the Senate window.

COULD HAVE DICTATED

A move such as this would have made Sproul absolute dictator of the situation, they declare, and would have placed behind him an organization similar to that controlled by Matthew Stanley Quay, who ignored Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in his State-wide fight.

"Senatorial courtesy" was ignored in the fight over the resolution for the first time in ten years. When the measure came out of committee last week and was on first reading in the Senate the Vare-Brumbaugh forces, through the objection of a single Senator, could have caused the postponement of first reading until Monday of this week. The administration forces did not object, however.

The Penrose forces, however, fought the Vare-Brumbaugh motion for postponement until Monday night and thus ignored "senatorial courtesy." The Vare-Brumbaugh leaders yesterday replied by granting senatorial courtesy and agreeing to a postponement on third reading and final passage, when they knew that Penrose did not have enough votes in the Senate to pass the measure.

The real fight over the Sproul resolution will be between now and Monday. Both sides will bend every effort to switch votes, and the result may be a compromise measure, which would be nothing more than the present resolution altered and amended to the satisfaction of both factions.

Brumbaugh Got Pay From City for Trip

Continued from Page One had to present a bill and also obtain the consent of the Finance Committee of the Board of Education.

UNUSUAL RECORD MADE

When the Finance Committee took action on the bill this unusual record was made:

The superintendent presented a bill for expenses incurred while attending the convention held at Richmond, Va. On motion it was agreed to pass the bill, which provided that the chairman of the committee on elementary schools approve.

William Rowen, chairman of the committee on elementary schools, said today that he did not believe that he was chairman of the committee at that time, but that he was one of the members.

"I think I remember some one making a remark about wishing that he could also go to Richmond and have his expenses paid by some one else," said Mr. Rowen, "but as I remember, he was intended only to be accepted humorously."

Edwin Wolf, who for many years has been chairman of the Finance Committee, said that he signed the bill. The number is so great, he explained, that he could not recall this particular expenditure.

When bills are presented to him they have already been audited, and, for that reason, he seldom gives detailed consideration to each item.

Superintendent Brumbaugh presented his bill to the Board of Education on March 6, 1914. For a round-trip ticket he charged \$9.69; for a Pullman ticket he asked \$1.25 and for meals on the way to Richmond he charged \$2.

ITEMIZED EXPENSE He stayed at a "five-dollar-a-day" hotel at Richmond for four days, making a total charge for this item of \$20. For a Pullman ticket, returning, he also charged \$1.25, and for meals on the return journey \$1.20. For his meals in Richmond he spent \$3 a day—\$12 for the four days. This totaled \$47.39. The bill was filed under the number 2458-1914.

"When Doctor Brumbaugh was superintendent of schools he was a well-known man; and he was popular," said Mr. Edmunds. "But when he left the services of the Board of Education he had few friends among the members."

"I don't like to strike a man when he is down. And I want to see the Board of Education kept out of this trouble. Nevertheless, I must admit the truth. I remember the incident well. I was under the impression that he spent several hundred dollars in Richmond. I am surprised to hear that the bill was for only \$47."

Doctor Brumbaugh was always a good spender. He was liberal in his expenditures, and I remember that his assistant, the late Dr. William C. Jacobs, who later became superintendent, told me that he spent freely of his own money."

David H. Lage, Republican leader of the Twentieth Ward and a member of the Board of Education, said that he did not recall the bill, although he, too, was a member of the committee on elementary schools.

"The incident may have impressed me at the time," he said, "and then left my memory."

STATE PROHIBITIONISTS LAUNCH FIGHT FOR BILL

Claim Large Minority in Legislature and Hope to Win a Faction's Support

Temperance advocates started today to line up legislators in support of their bill for State-wide prohibition after the first of next year. The bill will be referred today or tomorrow to the Law and Order Committee of the State House of Representatives, dominated by the "wets."

Advocates of local option, who have been fighting for years to get a bill through the Legislature so that the question could be squarely before the voters of Pennsylvania, are among the backers of the new plan. They expect to have a strong minority in the Legislature and, if the support of one of the organization factions is obtained, to have a majority.

BILL WOULD LET STATE HELP BOROUGH PAVING

Senator Jones, of Susquehanna, Offers Amendment to Highway Department Law

By a Staff Correspondent HARRISBURG, Jan. 31.—To get around a decision of Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown that State-aid money in the Highway Department cannot be used to help defray the expense of paving and repairing State highways within a borough's limits, Senator E. E. Jones, of Susquehanna, has introduced an amendment to the act creating the Highway Department. It would permit the use of State-aid money for this purpose.

Speaking of his bill, Senator Jones told of the boroughs of Monroe and New Milford going to the expense of issuing bonds for new roads only to learn that the State could not assist in meeting the expense of building the roads. He added that the same is true of Dalton and other boroughs in Lackawanna County. A similar bill has been put in the House by Representative Dell, of Huntington.

Senator Leiby, of Perry County, presented a bill in the Senate making it mandatory for Judges in disposing of liquor license applications to fix a time for the opening and closing of all bars. There would be nothing to prevent the Judges from permitting the bars to remain open day and night, except Sunday.

Harrisburg is any one councilman, due to the death of Councilman Bowman. The law as now framed, calls for a special election to fill a vacancy. Senator Beideman, of this city, Republican leader here, has a bill permitting other members of Council to fill such a vacancy, the new man to continue in office until the following general election. This bill is apt to be hurried along to meet the local situation.

Fire Threatens Schmidt Brewery

Fire originating from an overheated pipe threatened the brewery of Henry Schmidt, Second street and Girard avenue, this morning. Firemen checked the flames before they could reach the paint department, where many combustibles were stored. The fire was confined to the storage room on the fourth floor. The loss is said to be slight.

City Will Mark Navy Yard Boom

Continued from Page One some form of appreciation by the city," he said. "I know that Secretary Daniels expects us to show that we are thankful by marks of official welcome to the new Government enterprises. He has indicated this on several occasions recently. I feel sure that sufficient interest can be aroused in Councils to insure a fitting celebration."

"The expansion of the Philadelphia Navy Yard is apparently the consummation of the hopes and prayers of the city, and of South Philadelphia especially, for the last twenty-one years, or since the rise of the South Philadelphia Business Association.

"We have on innumerable occasions sent committees to Washington to plead the cause of the navy yard, and on several occasions have had councilmanic committees and the Mayor in conferences with the Washington officials. We have never ceased to contend that our navy yard is the greatest natural site in the world for navy yard purposes.

"It has every requisite and every advantage of territory and natural surroundings. It is close enough to a big city to obtain all its needs of skilled and unskilled labor and all forms of material, and yet the city itself can never encroach on the yard or get unduly near. The city and the yard are separated by a magnificent plaza, boulevard and park.

"The time has surely arrived when the yard should be put to a greater use than a mere storage yard for the junk of the navy and a way station for sailors on shore leave. The branching out for building of new ships will benefit the city and surrounding territory as nothing else has done for years. And the time of breaking ground is certainly worthy of being celebrated as a real civic occasion."

Dr. Edward B. Gleason, president of Council, is heartily in favor of a civic celebration. He said to an Evening Ledger representative this morning: "If the Evening Ledger favors and promotes such a celebration I will be thoroughly in accord with it and will support it. If all the members of Council feel as I do there will be no doubt about passing a resolution, or concurring in a resolution passed by Select Council."

"I think it is a good idea and the time is proper for an appropriate civic celebration calling attention of the people to the great benefits that will come to the city through the Government improvements at the Philadelphia Navy Yard."

Ice Skating 52d St. Above Lancaster Ave.

Advertisement for Winter Garden ice skating rink. It features a large illustration of a person ice skating on a curved path. The text includes: 'WINTER GARDEN Ice Skating 52d St. Above Lancaster Ave. Three Sessions Daily Except Sundays. 10:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M. 2:30 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. 8:00 P. M. to 10:30 P. M. INSTRUCTORS SKATES RENTED CAFE MUSIC The Largest and Only Open-Air Artificial Ice Rink in the World. Admission, 50c WINTER GARDEN 52d Street Above Lancaster Ave. BELMONT 3633.'

Advertisement for Mountain Valley Water. It features a central illustration of a mountain landscape with a waterfall. The text includes: 'DRINK Mountain Valley Water TO GET WELL TO KEEP WELL For Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, Diabetes, etc. Sample it FREE 718 Chestnut St. Phone Walnut 2192.'

SUFFRAGISTS HERE RAP WHITE HOUSE PICKETING

Sign Protest Against Tactics Pursued by Congressional Union Leaders

Suffrage leaders in Philadelphia have signed a protest against the picketing of the White House by members of the Congressional Union, the militant suffrage organization, in order to correct the popular and mistaken impression that members of the Woman Suffrage party are in sympathy with such action.

Definite expression of the feelings, delayed because of the desire of members of the party not to air their troubles in the open, was taken at a meeting last night at suffrage headquarters, 1527 Chestnut street.

This protest is signed by Mrs. E. L. Toogood, Anna H. McCoomy, Dr. Eleanor M. Hiestand-Moore, Mrs. W. H. Derr, Lida Stokes Adams, Mrs. Wolstein Dixon, Emily Q. A. Ellis, Gertrude Atkinson, Mrs. George L. Piersol, Margaret W. Piersol, Mrs. Josephine L. Adams, C. P. Grumb, Nettie L. Hahn, Mrs. H. Huberman, Sarah Fisher, Alice E. Claffin, Helen A. Lukens, J. E. Owen-Phillips, H. R. Bernheimer and Pauline Mitchell.

Robert H. Fee

Robert H. Fee, seventy-eight years old, a retired Fairmount Park guard, died yesterday at his residence, 4319 Manayunk avenue, Roxborough, of general debility, following an attack of grippe. He is survived by a son and five daughters. Mr. Fee was born in Manayunk, November 23, 1838. In his youth he was a cotton spinner, and in 1870 he was appointed a guard at Fairmount Park, which post he filled forty-four years. He retired September 1, 1914.

December Lumber Output

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Monthly statement of cut and shipments of lumber by 666 mills in December, issued by the Lumber Manufacturers' Association, shows a total of 972,600,000 feet of soft wood cut, 113,000,000 feet of hard wood cut, 1,115,400,000 feet of soft wood shipped and 119,660,000 feet of hard wood shipped. There was a decrease of one and five-tenths per cent in total production and an increase of five and one-tenth per cent in total shipments as compared with December, 1916. Total production for twelve months of 1916 was eight and seven-tenths per cent greater than for the same period in 1915, and total shipments five and two-tenths per cent greater.

BLIND MAN AIDS DEAF FRIEND

SUNBURY, Pa., Jan. 31.—Sympathy for an afflicted fellow man caused J. W. Wilson, totally blind, to go on the ball head of Frank Edgar, deaf, at a hearing before United States Commissioner N. S. Engle here. Both live in Bloomsburg. Edgar is charged with using the mails with intent to defraud. It is alleged that he ordered an ear trumpet from a New York concern, signing his daughter's name and neither returned nor paid for the instrument. Postal inspectors caused his arrest.

Advertisement for Pearls. It features a large illustration of a woman's face wearing a pearl necklace and earrings. The text includes: 'Pearls An unusually large collection of Oriental Pearls, is now being shown in the Special Exhibition of New Jewels from DREICER & CO., 560 Fifth Avenue, New York. Included are Pearl Necklaces in wide range of sizes, and loose Pearls for addition to centres, or for Earrings, Rings, Pendants, now at RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL (South-West Salon) PHILADELPHIA Until February 14.'



Advertisement for Chesterfield cigarettes. It features a large illustration of a Chesterfield cigarette pack. The text includes: '-but, besides pleasing your taste Here is a cigarette that, in addition to pleasing the taste, does a new thing, the one thing you've always wished a cigarette would do— Chesterfields just "touch the spot," they let you know you are smoking—they "SATISFY"! And still, they're mild! The costly Imported and Domestic tobaccos are blended in a new way—that's what does it. And the blend can't be copied. If you don't believe there can be more to a cigarette than good taste—buy a package of Chesterfields today. Lippitt & Myers Tobacco Co. 20 for 10¢ Attractive tin of 100 Chesterfields sent, prepaid, on receipt of 50 cents. If your dealer cannot supply you, address Lippitt & Myers Tobacco Co., 212 Fifth Ave., New York City.'

Large advertisement for Chesterfield Cigarettes. It features a large, bold illustration of the word 'Chesterfield' in a serif font. Below it, the text reads: 'CIGARETTES of IMPORTED and DOMESTIC Tobaccos—Blended They Satisfy'.