BROWN STRIKES BACK AT PENROSE AND ALLIES

Attorney General Orders All Expense Accounts of 1914 and 1916 Campaign Impounded

MAY BE "LOST OR MISLAID"

Move Designed Apparently as Checkmate on Plan to Probe

Attorney General Francis Shunk Brown announced this afternoon that he had ordered impounded all expense accounts in the Statewide campaign of both last fall and 1914.

He said that he had ordered Secretary of the Commonwealth Woods on Monday fast to see that all accounts desired were kept safe. "Yo know," he explained, "in case of an investigation they might be lost or mislaid."

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The action of the Attorney General caused no excitement out of the ordinary in the Penrose camp, although it places the supporters of the senior Senator at a disadvantage if they probe too hard and too deep. Their election expenses, too, are held by orders of the Attorney General; not only members of the Legislature but all the candidates may be investigated. candidates may be investigated.

If Attorney General Brown cares to do so, he can investigate the election accounts of Senator Penrose. Auditor General-elect Snyder, Lieutenant Governor McClain, Secretary of Internal Affairs Houck and others in official position who have shown hos-tility to Governor Brumbaugh.

TRIUMVIRATE STEALS A MARCH By this master stroke-for such it seemed o many politicians who are informed of t this afternoon—the Vare-Brumbaugh-brown traumvirate have stolen a march on Penrose. It was said that the expense ac-counts of the political boss of the State would not bear minute inspection, especially as neither the Pennsylvan a Manufacturers' Association, nor the Liquor Dealers' Association, nor the Brewers' Association filed accounts covering their expenditures at the time of Penrose's re-election to the United States Senate in 1914. All three of these bodies aided greatly in his successful cam-

paign.

The minor political gentry, such as certain members of the city and county committees, will not be free from possible probing. Their accounts are just as unsafe as those of the big leaders, if Brown desires to single out any particular man. Although the Vares rule the Phitadelphia City Committee, the Penrose wing control many of the city and State Committee, and also the Republican State Committee.

Attorney-General Brown's statement was: "Last Monday I requested Cyrus I. Woods."

"Last Monday I requested Cyrus i . Woods, secretary of the Commonweath, to place campaign expense accounts of all cardi-dates in the State-wide rampaigns of 1914 and 1916 in a safe place and to safeguard them so that they might be available in case of an investigation."

FOLLOWS PENROSE THREAT

The Brown statement came at an oppoune moment. It was issued only a fectours after Senator Penrose had said the Legislature should stay in session until Dember to watch the Governor. "Some one bught to be in Harrisburg for the remainder of the term of the present State Administration to guard the interests of the people. he said. "The Legislature could do that very well. It need not be in actual session all the time, of course, but would be subject to convening any time. In that way it would be a splendid corrective of anything unwise contemplated or done by the Admin-

This contingency of a protracted session was considered at a meeting of the "war board" in Penrose's office: Penrose was also believed, after those statements, to have a club to hold over the

heads of Mayors Smith and Magee, the lat-ter of Pittsburgh, to force them to keep "hands off" at the next election. This be-lief dissipated in the wintry a'r when Brown's statement became known, "Check-mated," was the way Brown's move was characterized.

Senator McNichol last night, in booming Ernest L. Tustin, former Senator and Recorder of Deeds, for Mayor, also rapped Brumbaugh. In regard to Tustin, "Sunny Jim" urged that Tustin be supported "for a higher office than he ever held before." The dinner was one of the "get together" dinners of the Penrose faction. Frank Cay-

en was toastmaster and Jimmy Waldron a capable chairman of the charge of the affair. Charlie Snyder, Audi-tor General-elect, who may be one of those probed instead of probing, won the speech-making honors of the evening.

WHAT OUR GUARDSMEN

Lessons of Mobilization and Long Wait to Be Told in Next Sunday's Public Ledger

The real story of the guardsmen's stay on the border and what lesson in prepared-ness they obtained from fighting windstorms will be told exclusively in the magazine section of next Sunday's Public Ledger. The writer is a cavalryman who spent six long weary months in the land of the cactus and lizard, and his story is written with a vein that is real in its sarcasm

"THE BLOKE IN THE BATHROOM"

Nocturnal Roomer Wanders Into Wrong Place-Costs Him Money

Henry Coons, of 1510 Girard avenue, paid Hanry Coons, of 1310 Girard avenue, par-fig. 13,50 this morning for the privilege of play-ing the leading role in the new drama, "The Bloke in a Bathroom." The first act pro-ceeded peacefully with the amateur actor registering at the Hotel Vendig shortly after the chimes boomed the hour of midnight.

The climax came before it was intended to when Coons was yanked from somebody else's bathroom behind the scenes. He should have been out front in the spotlight, but he landed in the calcium glare later before Magistrate Tracy, who plastered the fine on him when he heard of Coons's nocturnal wanderings into various betal scene. turnal wanderings into various hotel rooms.

Police Court Chronicles

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"Danger—Keep Off."

A sign bearing this warning was suspended from a side of beef in a Front street butcher shop. But that was not all. Under the sign was a red lantern in full glow. Many persons stopped and grinned. A few candid kids told the butcher it was a good idea to warn the people when his meat was bad.

The butcher, it seems, had been too busy to notice anything but the cash register, he banged the sign down and kicked fand the lantern into the street. He was much peeved. Glancing across the street, he noticed Pat Lucas smiling broadly. He accused Pat of trying to put him out of business.

business.

Pat laughed. While the men were at close quarters Policeman Vogt came along and brought Lucas before Magistrate Deltz.

The sign was getting all wet out in the street," said Pat, "so I just hung it on the beef so that it wouldn't git broke. The lantern seemed to belong with it, so I put them together."

That sign means danger for you as well as anybody else." said the "Judge."

"I don't understand," murmured Pat.

Three months on the river," whispered the Judge.

"Ah, but that's quite plain," Pat designed.

Get Navy Recruits in Coal Field MAZLETON. Pa., Feb. 2.—Recruits obned from the Lehigh coal fields are such ray young men that Captain John Martin for enlisting men in the United to may, yesterday ennounced the estate.



FRANK B. BLACK Highway Commissioner, who has started negotiations to abolish tolls on the road from Rosemont to Paoli.

TRY TO FREE LANCASTER PIKE OF TOLL NUISANCE

State Highway Commissioner Black Will Invoke Delaware and Chester Courts

Steps to free the Lancaster pike of toll from Rosemont to Paol) will be taken by State Highway Commissioner Black. It was learned today that Attorney General Brown has prepared to begin proceedings in the Delaware and Chester county courts. Such a course is necessary for the reason that the road passes through portions of both As the Lancaster pike has been desig-

nated as part of the Lincoln Highway, automobilists have been seeking to elimi-nate the toll travesty for some time. Thousands of automob lists from all sections of the country use this road when en route east and west, and the toll system has been proved to be a general missance. It has also subjected the community to much crit-icism by those who are obliged to pass through

It is generally believed that the steps to eliminate the toil over this section will meet with success, as the project is ap-proved by Governor Brumbaugh and the political leaders, regardless of factions. Sufficient funds to take care of the road without resorting to toil will be provided, it is believed by the present

it is believed, by the present Legislature. The general opinion of legislators is that the toll system savors of provincialism and should be eliminated for all time. Argument will also be heard during the present month for the elimination of toll from two roads in Bucks County. These cases have been pending for some time.

HIGHWAY CHIEF DENIES JOY-RIDING CHARGES

Black Tells Brumbaugh State's Auto-Are Not Being Misused and Are All Marked

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7.—Governor Brum-baugh, who asked Highway Commissioner Frank B. Black to stop "joy riding" in automobiles of the State Highway Department, received a letter from Mr. Black teday asking for "information" on the

Mr. Black says he has no knowledge of

the alleged joy r ding.
"If you have any information regarding the misuse of the cars we would be pleased to have it." suggests the Highway Com-missioner. He also states that he found all cars marked when he came into office, in reply to the Governor's order that the department's automobiles be properly des-

ignated.
"I know of no car in the use of the deartment," he says, "that is not conspicu-ously marked on both sides of the car with the coat of arms and the lettering 'Penn-sylvania' above and 'State Highway De-rartment' below or with the words 'Perm-sylvania State Highway Department' plainy lettered on both sides of the car without the coat of arms.

LEARNED ON BORDER TWINING NAMES SQUAD BOSSES FOR TRANSIT

Engineers Will Start Work on Units, for Which Plans Have Been Finished

Director Twining, of the Department of Trangit, today appointed six assistant engineers, who will be assigned to the position of squad bosses and will be given super-vision of different classes of draftsmen and engineers employed on plans for new transit

tine units planned for early completion.

The squad bosses will assume their duties at once and will take up the work for which construction estimates will be asked during 1917 and early in 1918. Three of the new appointees, who will receive \$2000 a year, are from this city and three from a year, are from this city and three from neighboring cities. They are Thomas E. Bruder, 1438 South Broad street; Jules L. Bradford, Ambridge, Pa.; Webster N, Haas. Pottstown: Guy N. Harcourt, 429 West Bringhurst street; Henry Hyman, New York city, and Harry K. Ellis, 5641 Broomall street

Otker city appointments today include Edward J. Addison, 1240 North Warnock street, elevator operator, Electrical Bureau, \$2.75 a day; Charles T. Conwell, 225 North street, elevator operator, Electrical Bureau, \$2.75 a day; Charles T. Conwell, 22's North Fifth street, watchman, Board of Recreation, \$720 a year; Samuel Cohen, 807 South Fifth street, special evidence agent, Department of Law, \$1500; C. Walter Johnson, 1708 Rodman street, inspector, Bureau of Highways, \$1200; Arthur E. Hunter, 111 Walton avenue, clerk, Bureau of Water, \$800; Charles Hasson, 524 North Fifty-third street, apprentice, Department of Transit, \$480 a year, and William Clelinski, 4848 Melrose street; Daniel J. Harkins, 702 East Thompson street; Jesse H. Smith, 1748 Norwood street; Daniel A. Callahan, 1139 South Marshall street; Charles H. Haslett, 186 West Lehigh avenue; Thomas J. Hanley, 2421 Arilington street; John T. McLaughlin, 5646 Greenway avenue; Fenton N. Washington, 4233 Fairmount avenue; Nicholas F. Slavin, 1249 Fillmore street, and Edward Gillespie, 2516 South Thirteenth street, substitute patroimen, bureau of police, salaries \$2.25 a day. eau of police, salaries \$2.25 a day.

Nicholson's Honeymooning on Coast Mr. and Mrs. William R. Nicholson are honsymooning on the Pacific coast, accord-ing to word received in this city today. Mr. Nicholson is president of the Land Title and Trust Company, and his bride, Miss-Katharine Y. Justice, was for many years in the employ of the company.

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O'NEIL INVITES PROBE OF INSURANCE OFFICE

Commissioner Leaves for Harrisburg to Study Methods of Penrose Men

WOULD OUST "WILD CATS"

Dishonest Methods Must Be Abandoned. He Says, or Companies Must Quit

Dishonest insurance methods must be abolished, declared State Insurance Com-missioner J. Denny O'Neil today before his departure for Harrisburg, Commissioner O'Neil said he was returning to the capital O'Neil said he was returning to the capital to look up certain records in his department which were placed there when that office was virtually operated by appointees of the Penrose-McNichol wing of the Republican Organization. He also declared he was determined to have a law passed bringing all the fraternal organizations in Pennsylvania under the direct jurisdiction of the State Insurance Départment. "Penrose and his constituents have been making threats to investigate my department," said Mr. O'Neil, "Why do they make these threats—instead of going on with their investigation? I wish Penrose

make these threats—instead of ging on with their investigation? I wish Penrose and his crowd would go ahead with an investigation. An investigation would show that the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, which has a deficiency of more than \$1,000,000, was protected while the Insurance Department was in charge of Penrose appointers."

WILL KICK THEM OUT "Every dishonout insurance company is going to be kicked out of Pennsylvania. While I am Commissioner of the Insurance Department I am not going to permit in-surance to be turned into Trenzied finance like Lyndon D. Wood attempted when he started to put his idea into operation, which was to consolidate a bunch of companies into one gigantic combination without look-ing after the interests of the policyholders. "Penrose has formed an unholy alliance Penrose has collected about him the saloo keepers and a few cowardly rich men. Per rose is their prime minister. I tell yo that conditions in the State are most appall ing, and they must be cleared up. I refuse to be intimidated and I refused to be coerced. The issue is not political so much as it is moral. I didn't bring politics into the office of Insurance Commissioner; I want to rid it of politics. Penrose has de-bauched politics in the State. I am in this

tight as long as the present conditions prevail, and I welcome a fair investiga-WILL CLEAR AIR "I am going to clear up the atmosphere of the insurance business in Pennsylvania. I am going to work to the end that when person takes out a life insurance policy in this State it will be as safe as money in the bank."

Referring to the \$1,000,000 in personal notes solicited by Wood's agents for the Pension Mutual Life, for which bonds were obtained from Henry 1. Doherty, of New York, Mr. O'Neil declared that the signers of those notes were more guilty than Wood, in that they were grasping and expected to receive \$1000 each for them, after being assured that they would never be collected. It was with this security, he said, that Wood tried to convince the State Insur-ance Department of the solidity of his com-

RICH WOMAN DENIES COLLUSION IN DIVORCE SUIT

Appeals From Decision of Special Master Who Refused to Grant Decree

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 2 .- Mrs. Heler W. Brown Knittel, heirers of a Pittsburgh steel magnate, whose suit for divorce from Charles W. Knittel, a real estate operator of Philadelphia and this city, evolved sensation after sensation and terminated even more sensationally when Special Master Thompson refused the plaintiff a decree on the ground of countyance, has taken an

In her plea Mrs. Knittel charges that the In her plea Mrs. Knitts charges and master's allegation that there was collusion between her agents in the obtaining of evidence and Miss Kathryn Murray-Abrams. The "missing corespondent," is not supported by the evidence in the case. Miss Abrams never did appear at the inouiry. She figured dramatically as "Baby" last year in a fruitiess attempt to obtain \$75,000 from Robert Gaskill, a Mount Holly

lawyer, in a breach of promise suit.
Robert Wade, one of Mrs. Knittel's star
witnesses, was arrested for perjury following the hearing here. Subsequently Justice Black ordered the grand jury to investigate rumors of connivance in a divorce action, but no developments yet have come from

that quarter. Knittel has closed his offices here since the divorce hearing. He calls regularly at his wife's home in Chelsea, however, to see his two children, of whom he is very fond.

Hiram N. Bridges

With mass ln St. Thomas Aquinas Church the funeral was held this morning of Hiram N. Bridges, who died last Monday of pneu-moria at the home of his son-in-law, Judge Joseph P. Rogers, 1710 South Fifteenth street, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Bridges was for many years engaged in the milling business at St. Louis, but had of late made his home with Judge Rogers. Besides his daughter two sons survive him.



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MRS. J. C. BEDFORD Mrs. J. Claude Bedford, chairman of the finance committee of the Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage As-sociation, accuses Speaker Richard J. Baldwin, of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, of forgetting his previous promises to support the suffrage amendment

GROUNDHOG SEES HIS SILHOUETTE

Now the Weather's Cold and Wet for Six Weeks, They Say

The ground hog shed its earthy cloak dawn and shiv ring, quickly spoke. Comprendy" ground hog talk"): "By Circe, the ground I see my shadow, now there'll surely he a six weeks' stormy walk."

And straightway snowflakes filled the air
and temperature grew rather rare. Thus
was the little beast's full justified in coming

out and making trouble for its gout—or getting chilled at least. Then back into his hose we dodged and in the home securely lodged, resumed his broken map. This little porker of the soil doth neither spin nor think nor toil—but why his manners rap?

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The Russian Army (to its scorn) has sausages served every morn—that's what the war spribes say. But in these broad and kindly States, we are no one harbors stomach-bates, there's but one Ground Hog

Day, The ground hog is but seldom seen-(Just like a wriggling, live sardine—who ever saw a sard?) Yes, some folks say that earthen pig has never done its famous jig. (Their heads are stuffed with lard). For t'andlemas is on this date and tho it's not observed of late, it's old as man-

built huts. Along with it there runs a verse which makes the ground hog doubters worse, in mental power, than nuts.

Today, so reads the German tome, the ground hog comes out of his home and, if the sun shines not, we'll have six weeks of weather fair; but if the sun sends forth its plane a foul six weeks we've as its glare, a foul six weeks we've got.

its glare, a foul six weeks we've got.

To one who doubts the groundhog role, "Please seek an intellectual hole and hide this current year. The little animal is right. You're in a sorry mental plight. You're think-tank's out of gear."

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

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E. Tagtmire, 1928 S. 60th st., and Claire M.
Mulholland, 4202 Chester ave.
Wladyslaw Huras, 2560 Westmoreland st., and
Karolina Wolowieg, 3009 Salmon st.
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Wollowska, 2711 Vork st.,
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LANSDALE. Pa., Feb. 2.—Beginning foday, when a Lansdale chap's girl gives him the "once over" and remonstrates about a fringe of hair growing over the back of his collar, it will do no good. For, especially sif that chap is planning matrimony and is on the save, he can't afford to have his thatch moved as often as has been his wont.

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If, perchance, the Lansdale Beau Brum-

mell wants to get silcked up a bit for Sunday and drops in the barber shop on Saturday, the price of a haircut is thirty-five cents. And if "John" or "Bill" is told by his spouse that his beard is a trifle straggly, the answer will be "nothin doin on the trim stuff for another week."

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of the billiard ball." The resolution is signed "Committee on Human Right," and has been sent to the

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