PENROSE FACES **DEFEAT IN WAR ON BRUMBAUGH**

Up-State Members of House Assembly, Afraid to Pass Inquiry Measure

FEAR POLITICAL DEATH Bill Too Evidently a Factional Fight Proposition-Lawyers May Not Serve

By a Staf Correspondent HARRISBURG, Feb. 9.—Senator Penrose facing the biggest fight in his political mreer in attempting to force the passage of the Sproul resolution calling for an in-vestigation of Governor Brumbaugh and the State administration in the House of Representatives. The senior Senator has brought the full power of his political and hashess connections to bear upon the mem. business connections to bear upon the mem-business in an effort to swing them into line

n support of the resolution. The Representatives are being called up limost hourly by big business interests and by influential personal friends who are ligned with the Penrose forces in the pres-

aligned with the Penrose forces in the pres-ent factional fight. The members who come from outside of Philadelphia are bitterly opposed to the proposed investigation, and if they support it when it comes up for final passage by the Legislature in the House next Tues-day it will only be because they are obeying the investing Penrose. The investing strict orders from Penrose. The investiration is being handed around like a hot from among the persons associated with it. Even the counsel who had been serected to conduct the probe are fleeing from it.

SCARLET WILL NOT SERVE

Penrose and his "war board" selected ex-Judge James Gay Gordon and James Scar-let, of Daville, who prosecuted the Capitol graft cases, to handle the legal end of the long-promised probe. Scarlet today informed many of his personal friends that he would not have anything to db with such a "Lexow" as the Sproul bill proposes. The up-State members of the House have adoptthe view that the investigation as pro-sed in the Sproul resolution would kill em politically in their home districts, beof the purely partisan nature of the

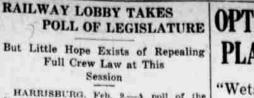
"We discharged our obligation to Senator "We discharged our obligation to Senator Penrose when we voted for Baldwin for Speaker and we cannot afford to touch any such an investigation as this," said one of the most prominent up-State House leaders today.

The lengths to which the Penrose forces have gone in the fight over the probe resofution is shown in the Senate vote. One of the Senators, who, incidentally, voted spainst the measure, even received a cablegram from a personal and business assocase who is stationed in Petrograd, Rus-ia. The cablegram formally asked him to vote for the resolution. Even the Senators voted for the measure are today relating the fact that they would not have voted for it had they not recognized the fact that they would have humiliated Sen-Sproul by defeating it.

Sproul sponsored the resolution and openby led the fight for its passage in the upper house. Personal friendship and a display of "senatorial courtesy" caused some of m to line up in support of the probe as mem to line up in support of the probe as proposed. Senator Penrose in his efforts to force it through the House also is be-littling the possibility of a taxpayers' suff to the up the investigation in case the measure is passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

LIE PASSED TO HECHT

Chairman James F. Woodward, of the House Appropriations Committee, today passed the lie to Representative Herman L. Hecht, who represents the home district of Mayor Thomas B. Smith, and declared in statement that Hecht not only falled to Geliver a speech credited to him before the Appropriations Committee when that body passed upon the Sproul resolution, but that him and per



HARRISBURG. Feb. 9.—A poll of the Legislature is being made by the strongest lobby the railroads ever sent to Harris-burg in order to determine whether the re-pealer of the full crew law will be introluced during the session of the General

Assembly. The present political factionalism and the strong stand taken by Governor Brum-baugh in the matter have indicated to the railroads that it will be impossible to wipe the law off the statute books this year. The Penrose wing of the organization and the other factional forces who are aligned with the vote-producing associations in antici-pation of the gubernatorial election to be

held next year have warned the railroads, it was declared today, out the lobby is here just the same. Chief among the lobbyists who are active

in the matter are Ben K. Clarke, of Phila-dolphia; David Reese, of Luzerne County, who has become well known as a corporawho has become well known as a corpora-tion lawyer since his legislative days; John Gross, of York, a retired Pennsylvania Rall-road official; Ivan St. Clair, assistant train-master, Wilmington, Del.; A. J. Packer, of Harrisburg, and William McCarthy, pur-chasing agent for the Philgdelphia Terminal Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Research as the construction

Recee is credited with the appointment of Representative Hugh A Dawson, of Scranton, as chairman of the House Railroads Committee, to which the repealer would be submitted.

LICENSE MONEY RESTRICTED

Fees Obtained From Hunters Must Be Applied to Game Commission

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 5.—In an opin-ion given to Joseph Kalbfus, secretary of the State Game Commission, Deputy Attorney General Davis holds that unappro-priated moneys collected under the hunters' license law, or moneys appropriated from the fund created by that act and remainng unexpended, do not lapse

He says that the Legislature in providing for the hunters' license revenue to consti-tute a fund for the activities of the Game Commission and payment of bounties adopt-ed a definite policy "whereby the income produced from a certain class shall be de-voted and restricted in its expenditures to the purposes and reasons for which the bur-den was imposed upon that class." It is also held that no further legislation is required to make the fund available for payment of bounties.

Lancaster Sells Old Fire Trucks LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 9.-Lancaster's horse-drawn fire apparatus and all of the

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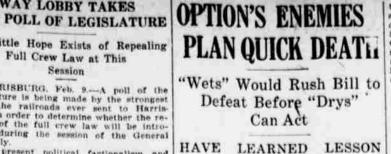
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Last Contest Showed Danger of

Delay, Which Would Permit Demonstration By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 9 - Apparently nort work is to be made of the local op-

on question by this Legislature. Accord ing to plans annunced today the Vicker-man bill, supported by the local option eaders and the Anti-Saloon League, will be shot out of the House Law and Order committee early next week and rushed to its doom before any great agitation in its favor can be fomented as was done two years ago and in former legislative sessions, With it out of the way, other local option bills in both the House and the Senate Law and Order Committees will be pigeon-holed on the ground that the Assembly already has passed upon the subject.

There may be a vigorous howl when friends of the project learn of the plans made to rush it through to defeat. They have been counting upon the piedge made by Speaker Baldwin when he was a candidate for that position that local option and all other legislative subjects would have full hearing and a square deal.

But there is to be no hearing, according to present plans. The request for one early in March was made by the local op-ing advanced education.

tionists to Speaker Baldwin through In-surance Commissioner O'Neil and is de-oled. Following O'Neil's chat with him the Speaker conferred with W. C. Wagner, of Carrick, chairman of the House Committee, naving the bill in custody, and before Wag-ner's departure for Fittsburgh last evening be anonexed that his custody and act he announced that his committee would act on the measure, probably on Tuesday.

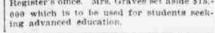
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The hearing on this subject last mession was one of the features of the winter. Enthusiasts from all sections of the State focked here in great delegations in an bocked here in great delegations in an ef-fort to impress the legislators with the popular demand for an option on. Repre-mentatives of the liquor interests and a large number of cluzens not directly conted with the business but who believed that their rights were being infringed upon came equally strong. The Capitol was thronged, and there was keen rivalry for seats in the hall of the House, where the hearing was held. Thousands were unable to get inside of the building. Both sides had parades, and orators mounted on soap bixes in the Capitol Park and on promient street corners.

Evidently it is proposed to take up and cill off local option before similar demon-trations can be arranged. More than that, egislative leaders declare that to keep hanging fire would only widen and compli-cate the breach exacting in the Assembly. That the "wets" have sufficient votes with which to railroad the bill to its finish there a no doubt. Following the sending of the bill to the

House next week it could, of course, be sent back to the committee.

Leaves \$15,000 to Educate Students PITTSBURGH, Feb. 9.-Needy students eeking higher education, charities of all denominations, friends and relatives are remembered with bequests in the will of the late Catharine Graves, widow of Joseph Scott Graves, which has been filed in the Register's office. Mrs. Graves set aside \$15.-

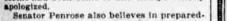




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The resolution introduced in the ness. House on Wednesday by Speaker Baldwin is a "backstop" for the investigation. The Baldwin resolution, for which the Speaker went down to the floor of the lower house urge its passage, will be for a standing mmittee of the Legislature.

PERSONNEL OF BODY

It will consist of the chairman of the Appropriations, Education and Roads Com-mittees of both houses and of the chair-man of the Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate with the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore, of the Sen-ate ex-officio members.

The committee on the face of the resolution is empowered to recommend legisla-tion for additional revenue. Under the plea that the State needs \$75,000 revenue for the next two years, an increase of more than \$5,000,000 over the appropria-tions of two years ago, the committee can "investigate" not only Governor Brumbaugh but also every department and bureau of the State government. Senator Penrose last week called atten-

tion in a public statement to the fact that the invesigation may be thrown into the hands of a standing committee of the Legis-lature in the event of the defeat or the veto of the Sproul resolution. Even the Penrose leaders admit that the "revenue committee" the standing committee organized for is purpose.



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