

PENROSE TO SEEK QUICK PROBE VOTE

Wants Sproul Bill on Second Reading Tonight, Despite Holiday

PUBLIC CENSURE FEARED

Members Not Anxious to Be Criticized for Lack of Respect for Lincoln

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.—The Penrose leaders are now planning to call up the Sproul resolution for a second reading in the House tonight instead of having that body adjourn as a tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

While it is believed by some legislators here that an adjournment may be forced by an ever-zealous member introducing a resolution calling for one because of Lincoln's birthday, it became known today, when Speaker Baldwin returned here after conferring with Senator Penrose in Philadelphia, that he is in favor of having the House get down to business without any further delay.

An adjournment tonight would mean another legislative day lost and would prevent the Sproul resolution from coming up for a second reading until tomorrow. Legislators have not been regardless of the criticism leveled against them because of the dilatory tactics charged since the Legislature convened, and the floor leaders of the House, as well as the Senate, are now desirous to rush as many measures through as they possibly can so as to give the Legislature a businesslike semblance.

THE OPPOSING VIEW If a Lincoln resolution should crop up at tonight's session it would require considerable fortitude for any legislator to propose it for four or five days because of lack of respect for Lincoln's memory. On the other hand, speaker Baldwin and others are expected to argue that, as that body does not receive any honorarium, most of the martyred President's birthday will have passed before the members of the House, as well as of the Senate, will have assembled and that no absence of respect to Lincoln's memory can therefore be shown.

Tribute to Lincoln will already have been shown by the House, as well as by the Senate, as many of the members of the lower chamber will attend the funeral of the Violet Oakley mural paintings in the Senate tonight. One of these paintings depicts Lincoln delivering his historic Gettysburg address.

The plans of the Penrose legislative leaders, who feel that Governor Brumbaugh will veto the resolution to investigate him and his State administration, is to pile up as large a vote in the House for the resolution as possible in order to make an appeal of being able to pass it over the Governor's veto.

The vote in the Senate, which stood twenty-nine to nineteen, however, dispels this illusion of the Penrose forces, as the measure could not pass the Senate over Brumbaugh's veto, even though it should pass the House.

WANT PROBE KILLED The Penrose leaders also, it is being whispered today, are hoping fervently that the Governor will veto it, and with his veto send to the Legislature a long message telling his reasons and urging the passage of a resolution that calls for a "fair and non-factual" investigation. This, in the opinion of the leaders of both bodies, would successfully kill the proposed probe and it would not be heard of again.

Governor Brumbaugh as yet, however, has indicated only that he plans to veto the probe measure, when it reaches him, and the Penrose leaders in the Legislature are bearing in mind the fact that there is a possibility that he may sign it, and thus place them in the position of having to prove the charges and allegations made against Brumbaugh and the heads of the State departments during the Speakership fight.

They are leaving no stone unturned in their search for votes in the House, and every up-State member who has expressed his unwillingness to vote for such a blanket investigation as the Sproul resolution calls for is feeling the strongest kind of pressure to force him into line.

Penrose undoubtedly will be able to force the measure through the House, unless an agreement is reached between the two factions. The fight will come over the efforts of the Vard-Brumbaugh followers and the Democrats to amend it.

The same amendments that were defeated in the Senate will be offered in the House, and every effort will be made to have them adopted in the lower branch.

These amendments provide that the proposed probe commission be named in the resolution, and that a provision be inserted which will make witnesses liable to perjury charges.

An act to make the State primary a union plant is on the calendar of the House of Representatives for first reading tonight. It was introduced by Chairman James F. Woodward, Allegheny, of the House Appropriations Committee. It simply provides that after the first reading, the bill shall be done for or by the State of Pennsylvania shall bear the label of the Allied Printing Trades.

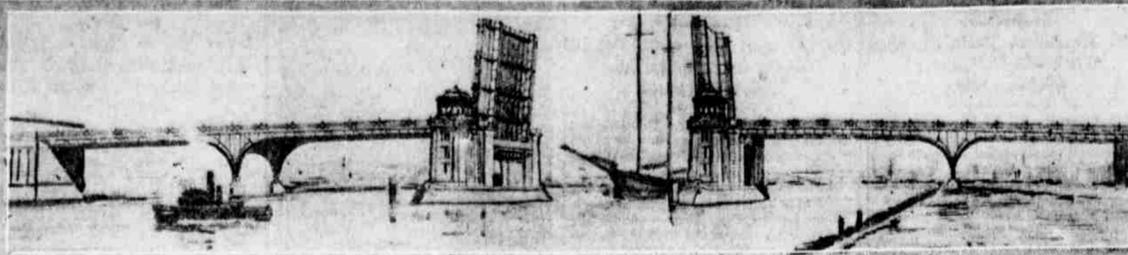
The biennial teachers' license bill has made its appearance in the House, but is still being held in the Appropriations Committee. It was introduced by Representative Black, a Democrat, of Dauphin, and would provide for a board of five examiners who would tour the State with expenses paid to hold examinations. The examiners would receive \$2 a day pay.

TELLS HOW TO FOLLOW IN PATHWAY OF CHRIST S. D. Gordon Says Jesus Made Way Simple for Those Willing to Take It

S. D. Gordon opened his sixth week at the Garrick Theatre, where he is delivering his noon-hour talks. Today his topic was "Getting in Behind," and in part, he said: "It was a long road Jesus came down to our old world and it had some rough places, and some that gladdened his heart. "He asks us to follow along after Him. But He goes ahead. His feet smooth down every pathway for our feet. This is part of His plan for winning this old world back home. "He began the work. He began it by dying. He asks us to carry it on and finish it up. We can do it by following our leaders. "As we follow there will come certain experiences in our lives. We shall know the power He knew. We shall be tempted as He was, and shall have the same victory, too. "There will be the same eagerness to help people, and something of the same suffering that sympathy brings. "And there will be the same gladness in service, and something of the same glad sense of the Father's presence."

Chester Man Killed by Auto CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 12.—Louis Bethas, 411 Myrtle street, ran struck yesterday by a touring car. Charles P. Jack, president of the Chester Shipbuilding Company, was the proceeding along West Third street when he was struck by the car. The driver was killed.

DESIGN FOR NEW SOUTH STREET BRIDGE OVER THE SCHUYLKILL RIVER



The antiquated draw span, which eventually was condemned after it had sagged and threatened to fall into the river, will be replaced by this up-to-date structure, the plans of which have been approved by the War Department and the city Art Jury. It will be 50 feet wide and 600 feet long. The cost has been provided for by setting aside \$400,000 out of the \$42,000,000 loan. The principal feature of the design is a double-leaf bascule span 100 feet wide, with a clear height of 35 feet above high water. This will allow most of the river craft to pass beneath without requiring the raising of the bascule leaves.

Kin of Slain Boy Want Cops Tried

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The Department were too ready to use their guns. "Although I have not investigated the shooting as yet," Coroner Knight said, "from what I have heard about it I would say that it was unwarranted."

ADVISE TO MAGISTRATE Coroner Knight said the two policemen would not be brought before him for several days and the magistrates before whom they were arraigned today ought to send them to jail instead of putting them into the custody of the lieutenant of their district.

"That's what the magistrates ought to do," the Coroner said. "Whether or not he'll do it remains to be seen. Even after I hold the policemen without bail they may be able to get out by going before a judge and appealing to the district attorney's office."

Coroner Knight was reticent to discuss the case until he had some idea of more thoroughly. "The police may have another way to get out of this," he said. "It would only be fair to hear their side, but it certainly looks as though the shooting was unwarranted. Everybody knows how willingly some members of the police department use their guns. Such a condition of affairs must stop. Prudent action is needed. Members of the police department have frequently been severely criticized for the use they make of their revolvers. Coroner Knight recently told policemen that prisoners, unless of the most desperate kind, should be allowed to escape rather than be shot."

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL The body of the victim was taken to St. Timothy's hospital. It was found that one bullet penetrated the head above the right eye. A second wound was found in the neck. Two other wounds were found in the leg and thigh. Physicians said young Kippus died instantly after receiving the bullet in his head.

The shooting occurred about 9:30 last night. Sergeant Caswell responded to a Muncy station that he had seen three boys acting suspiciously near the candy shop of Nathan Coolie, who is a former policeman. Policemen Schottmiller and O'Connor were sent to make an investigation. They said they found the door of the candy shop had been forced. They said they entered and found the three boys in the place.

The boys ran for the police and got away temporarily, the two policemen said. Kippus, the police say, was the last to leave. He rushed for the yard and tried to vault a high fence.

"Come on down! We've got you!" the police say they yelled. Their revolvers were pointed at him. Instead of obeying, they say, he tried to drop over the other side of the fence. Four shots rang out and he fell dead.

A search for Kippus' two companions followed. William Robinson, seventeen years old, of 5443 Ridge avenue, was arrested as a suspect. Another boy, sixteen years old, William Scholty, of 3067 Mitchell street, was arrested later. He was found to have received a slight bullet wound. He will recover.

TOO MANY "FALSE ALARMS"

Battalion Fire Chief Clements Seeks to Reduce Number

An effort to reduce the number of false fire alarms and to prevent excited persons from sending box alarms for trifling fires is being made in a personal campaign of education by Battalion Chief Clements, whose headquarters is at the house of Engine Company No. 27, Twenty-second street and Columbia avenue.

Clements has arranged cards bearing the telephone number of the nearest fire company, which he requests telephone users in his district to post near their phones. The cards are instructions to send a local call to one company when a small fire occurs, rather than pull a box alarm, which calls out from four to eight companies, according to the arrangements of the various fire districts.

AERIAL TORPEDO INVENTED

Marlin Arms Company Said to Have Paid Large Sum for Device

MONROE, Wis., Feb. 12.—Lester Barlow, an Ohio inventor, has been awarded a patent later on the personal staff of Villa in one of his Mexican campaigns, has sold an aerial torpedo secret to the Marlin Arms Company for \$25,000 cash. It is also reported that the terms include an annual royalty for seventeen years guaranteed not to fall below \$50,000 a year and a weekly salary of \$100 as superintendent of the manufacture of his invention.

The torpedo, which Mr. Barlow has invented is said to be dangerous proof in every particular, being nonexplosive until after it has been dropped from an aeroplane. After it has fallen from 800 to 700 feet some compressed air cage the apparatus, and the explosion comes when it is within six or seven feet of the ground.

WILDWOOD BUILDING BOOM

Bungalows Valued at \$100,000 Already Are Being Erected

WILDWOOD, N. J., Feb. 12.—That Wildwood is about to boom this spring, according to business men here, can be perceived from the building of 100 bungalows, each with the lots, approximate an investment of \$1800 each, or a total of \$180,000. To date, twenty of these have been built for Henry H. Ottens.

With this proposition, as well as several individual cottages and large apartments, some of which are already being erected, there will be, at least \$300,000 spent in new operations by the arrival of the 1917 season.

Henry R. Schoch, Builder, Dies

Funeral services for Henry R. Schoch, City Treasurer in 1903-6, and wealthy builder and real estate operator, will be held at his home, 1563 North Sixteenth street, tomorrow morning.

The funeral will be simple and private in accordance with a request made by Mr. Schoch before his death. Only members of the family will attend. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Clinton Balthazet Adams, pastor of the Park Congregational Church. Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Mr. Schoch, who died last night, was seventy-three years old. He was political leader in the Forty-seventh Ward for many years and held many public offices. He was a member of the Grand Lodge and the Red

BILL IN LEGISLATURE TO RAISE TEACHERS' PAY

Senator Snyder's Measure Also Provides for Recreation Centers in Country Districts

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.—Senator Charles A. Snyder of Schuylkill, has introduced bills in the Legislature providing for a substantial increase in the pay of country school teachers, and for the establishment of public recreation centers for children and adults in the country school districts. Both bills have been reported from committee and are on second reading in the Senate.

The bill to raise the pay of country school teachers would increase it from a minimum of \$44 a school month to the following schedule: In districts having a seven months' term, \$500; in districts having an eight months' term, \$550; in districts having a nine months' term, \$600; in districts having a term of more than nine months, \$750.

The minimum annual salary of every other teacher in the public schools of the Commonwealth shall be as follows: In districts having a seven months' term, \$500; in districts having an eight months' term, \$550; in districts having a nine months' term, \$600; in districts having a term of more than nine months, \$750.

The second Snyder rural schools bill provides that in school districts of the second and third classes, the rural districts, the board of school directors may establish and maintain for children and adult persons in school buildings and on the school grounds under the custody and management of such boards, evening schools, vacation schools, reading rooms, library stations, debating clubs, gymnasiums, public playgrounds, public baths and similar activities.

The bill also provides for a special tax assessment in the various districts to pay for establishing these activities in the country schools.

RAN AWAY TO BE PUGILIST

A. J. Drexel Biddle Tells Bible Classes of His Youth

BAITIMORE, Feb. 12.—Describing his regeneration from the life of a rich young idler to that of an earnest worker for Christianity, A. J. Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia, wealthy man and founder of the Bible classes that bear his name, addressed several meetings of the classes here. He said without the slightest embarrassment:

"I was a rich young idler, I ran away from home to become a prize-fighter, and during my school days I listed every one, and was hated in turn by most persons. When the power of Christ came into my heart all this was changed and I listed every one and counted my friends by the hundred."

INJURED FIREMAN DIES

Pennsylvania Railroad Employee Succumbs to Hurts Received in Wreck

WILMINGTON, Del. Feb. 12.—Employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad have cleared the tracks near Gordon Heights, where a freight wreck occurred Saturday night. F. J. McKinnie, of Philadelphia, a fireman on one of the freight trains, who was injured, died later.

The only other man who was badly injured in the wreck was a flagman, whose home is in Philadelphia, and who is suffering from severe burns and a fractured ankle. Six freight cars were burned and about thirty were damaged.

TWO HURT IN AUTO SMASH

Young Man and Woman in Car That Hits Ambulance

A young man and a young woman are suffering injuries today and a seven-week-old infant for whom they had just served as sponsors, narrowly escaped death when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into the ambulance of the Jewish Hospital. The accident occurred at Broad street and Fairmount avenue. The injured persons are Frank Kopicke, twenty-two years old, of 1505 North Waterloo street, and Catherine Schuh, nineteen years old, of 231 West Thompson street. They were treated at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The baby is Joseph Partch, of 204 West Stiles street. He had just been baptized at St. Peter's church, Fifth street and Girard avenue Church, Fifth street and Girard avenue Church, Fifth street and Girard avenue Church.

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UNITED STATES HAS BIG FOREIGN TRADE CHANCE

Experts Are of Opinion War Scare Is Unwarranted, and There Is No Reason to Hesitate

Considerable concern as to their foreign business has been noted among local manufacturers, as the result of the war scare. Many companies engaged in the foreign trade seem inclined to pessimism and are hesitating in their efforts to secure orders for export.

Experts and leaders in the foreign field, however, are of the opinion that such an attitude is unfortunate and based on unsound logic and point out that the American producer has an opportunity, as never before, to establish a profitable export business throughout the world. Steven de Sessnak, of New York city, export head of the International Association of Manufacturers, declares:

"The present international crisis between the United States and Germany will not affect, in any way, shape or manner, our commerce outside of the war zone. One of my reasons for saying this is that Japan has been in a state of war with Germany practically since the beginning of hostilities in Europe, but the Japanese export trade, outside of arms and munitions shipments, has doubled since the war began."

"Therefore, it is only logical to presume that our export trade will continue to increase and it is absolutely necessary for American manufacturers to realize that they now have an opportunity to secure a footing in foreign markets, because not only has the German and Austrian competition been removed, but the competition from Great Britain, France and Italy will also dwindle."

"The only competitor of an industrial nature that we will have, as long as the German submarine blockade lasts in Japan and Japan, comparatively speaking, is a small country and not equipped as well as we are to supply the demands and needs of the peoples of the world."

JOHN S. NAYLER'S ESTATE

Valued at \$222,599.29—Balance, Deducting Annuities, \$211,231.47

The estate of John S. Nayler is valued at \$222,599.29 in an account filed with Register Shoshack, of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities. Of this amount there remains a balance of \$211,231.47 awaiting distribution among the heirs in accordance with the provisions of the will of the deceased.

Included in this balance are the following investments: Fifty-eight shares, Eighth National Bank, appraised at \$24,650; twenty-five shares Glasgow Trust Company, \$21,750; 100 shares Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, \$10,200; 100 shares Germantown Passenger Railway Company, \$10,000; and 120 shares United Gas Improvement Company, \$9,180.

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FARM LOAN TAX FEATURE LEGAL, GREGORY RULES

Exemption of First Mortgages From Taxation by Minor Authorities Constitutional, Attorney General Says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The provision of the Federal farm loan act which exempts first mortgages given by farmers to Federal land banks and also farm loan bonds from taxation by State, municipal or other local authorities is constitutional, according to a legal opinion rendered by Attorney General Gregory to the Federal Farm Loan Board.

The attorney general takes the position that the very life of the new rural credit system depends upon the freedom with which these mortgages and bonds are circulated. Therefore, he says, Congress has the power, under the constitution, to exempt the securities from taxation of minor authorities.

40 Below in the Adirondacks

ROME, N. Y., Feb. 12.—With the mercury registering twenty-five to thirty degrees below zero, this city today is in the grip of the coldest wave of the season. It was forty below in the Adirondacks.

JERSEY'S LEGISLATIVE MILL TO SPEED UP

Sixth Week of Session Opens Tonight—Only Two Measures So Far Enacted

TRENTON, Feb. 12.—The sixth week of the New Jersey Legislature begins this evening, and it is expected that from that time until the end of March, when sine die adjournment will come, the solons will speed legislation as rapidly as possible. In the five weeks of the session that have elapsed only two measures have become laws, the Lehigh Valley Railroad-Morris Canal Basin refund bill and the \$100,000 war emergency appropriation.

A continued hearing on the home rule bill is being held today by the Joint Judiciary Committee. Efforts will be made to induce the committee to include local option in the range of operation of these bills. The Home Rule Commission, which framed the measures, declared it included nothing on the local option question because it considered that the matter was outside its jurisdiction, in that the State had as yet adopted no settled policy regarding this question. Despite this, local option leaders like Senator Osborne, of Essex, and Anti-Saloon League representatives are urging the Judiciary Committee to amend the proposed legislation by allowing municipalities to vote on local option. This is independent of the Gaunt local option bill.

A committee substitute for the Gaunt bill having been reported by the Senate committee in charge of it, which substitute has met with the approval of the Anti-Saloon League, the bill is now in shape for final consideration in the Senate and will likely come up during the week. The chances are that the Senate will repeat its favorable action of last winter on the measure, but there is a probability that the House will defeat the bill.

Two bills of general interest now before the Legislature are the boxing commission measure and the Sunday "movie" bill. Both are getting strong backing from the liberal elements of the State. The boxing bill provides for a commission like that of New York State. The Sunday "movie" bill would allow moving picture houses and other amusement places to operate seven days a week.

A measure said to be doomed to defeat is the Osborne bill allowing women of New Jersey limited suffrage in giving them the right to vote for presidential and vice

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

Presidential electors. The suffrage question having been settled two years ago at the polls, there is little probability of favorable action now.

The banks and trade exchanges were closed in observance of Lincoln's Birthday, and wholesale business in most lines was practically suspended. In the absence of fresh information on which to base reliable quotations, our usual market reports are omitted from today's issue.

Invents Self-Guiding Torpedo

WILLISTON, N. D., Feb. 12.—A self-guiding torpedo, based on magnetic control, has been invented by Charles K. Field, of this city, a grandson of Cyrus K. Field, who laid the first transatlantic cable. Mr. Field in announcing his invention said that it had been turned over to the United States Government. Tests he said, credited the device with seven hits out of eight attempts.

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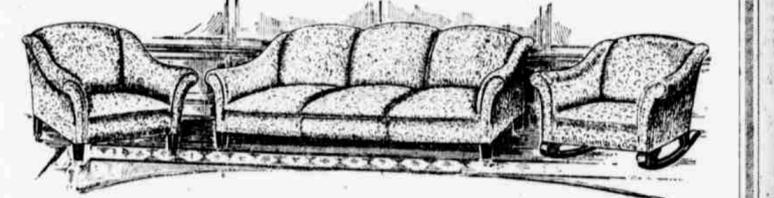
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