

INQUIRY PROMPTED BY LEGISLATURE

House Authorizes Governor to Name Commission to Report in 15 Days

WOULD LET CITY SELL HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—The food crisis was the principal object of legislation when the General Assembly reconvened and within thirty minutes the House of Representatives did the following:

Heard a message from the Governor asking power to appoint a committee of citizens to investigate the situation in this State and report to the Legislature within fifteen days.

Passed a resolution introduced by Mr. Glass, of Philadelphia, authorizing the Governor to appoint such a commission.

Passed a bill introduced by Mr. Cox, of Philadelphia, giving the Philadelphia city government the right to buy food at wholesale and sell it to retailers.

Received a resolution introduced by Mr. Beyer, of Philadelphia, providing for the establishment of a commission of legislators to investigate the situation and directing the State Public Service Commission to prove charges that the railroads are responsible for the food shortage.

Passed a resolution introduced by Mr. Black, of Harrisburg, directing the Secretary of Agriculture to report before noon, Wednesday, full information concerning the quantities of food and vegetables now in storage in the State and information showing why it is enjoying the benefits of the current high prices.

RESOLUTIONS SUSPENDED The rules of the House were suspended in the case of the Cox bill, which was reported from the Committee on Judiciary Local at once and passed on first reading. It will be passed finally on Wednesday and not later than March 8. The measure passed the Senate and is at the outside the Philadelphia City Councils should have full authority to appropriate money for the purchase of food to relieve the present situation.

The bill, after being passed by the House for the first time, was laid over for second reading tomorrow.

When the House met, Mr. Glass, Philadelphia, presented a resolution, which was passed immediately, empowering the Governor to name a commission, to serve without compensation, to investigate and report the cause or causes of shortages in the cost of foodstuffs and other necessities of life.

The commission is to be empowered to cooperate with similar bodies from other States and to investigate, through marketing or other facilities, the possibilities of reduction of cost. The commission is given wide powers and may sit in any part of the State to compel reference of witnesses and production of books and papers and certify to the courts the refusal of any person to testify or comply with orders of the commission. Courts are authorized to commit such persons to prison for contempt.

Another resolution for an investigation of the increased cost of foodstuffs was presented by Mr. Beyer, Philadelphia, which calls for a joint legislative committee, consisting of three Senators and four Representatives.

This committee is to make "a full, free and unobstructed, comprehensive and impartial investigation," and its powers are to make "careful inquiry through his office of the cause of conditions," in so far as the storage and speculative operations within the State may or may not affect the price of foodstuffs. He is to report March 1.

The State Public Service Commission is directed to inquire into certain charges that the transportation companies are responsible for delaying or failing to promptly transport foodstuffs and to report March 12, with any suggestions.

WILMINGTON MERCHANTS OPPOSE VOTE ON LICENSE

Delegation Argues Against Bill Pending in the Delaware Legislature

DOVER, Del., Feb. 27.—A large delegation of Wilmington business men appeared before a joint legislative committee on Temperance Committees of the House this morning to protest against the bill pending in the House providing for a special election in Wilmington on the liquor license questions. A number of the leading merchants of the city were in the delegation, and they declared that such an election would be an unwarranted expense to the State.

The Highway Committee of the House today reported favorably upon the affiliated bills providing for a State Highway Department with power to construct a highway through the State. The Senate today passed Senator Hart's bill providing for an appropriation of \$3000 annually for two years to be expended for improvement of the colored schools of the State.

VICTIM OF STABBING DIES

Mahanoy City Ex-Councilman Succumbs to Wounds—Two Alleged Assassins Held

MAHANAY CITY, Pa., Feb. 27.—James J. Graham, fifty years old, ex-councilman and merchant, died this morning from stab wounds inflicted, the police say, at Shenandoah, February 9, by Michael Witniski and Michael Richnick.

The two men are in the county jail at Pottsville. The stabbing is said to have been the result of a dispute over superiority of automobile making. Graham is a brother of David M. Graham, president of the Merchants Bank, and postmaster of this city for more than ten years.

DEATHS
D. husband of Minnie B. Cobbyler. Services at mother's residence, 811 Wharton St. Int. private. Feb. 25, ANN, wife of Frederick Cobbyler, aged 76. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Mt. Zion Church, 23rd St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery. Feb. 25, ABRAHAM A. wife of William Daniel, aged 61. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Mt. Zion Church, 23rd St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery. Feb. 25, CAROLINE E. DAIRYMPLE, widow of Roy Dairymples, aged 80. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Mt. Zion Church, 23rd St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

DE MANGE.—Feb. 25, CHARLES JEAN DE MANGE, aged 56. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery. Feb. 25, SARAH EMILIE DICKINSON, widow of George A. Dickinson, aged 80. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery. Feb. 25, EMMA M., widow of Amos E. Wright, aged 70. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

THE REV. A. W. BROWN MILLER Transferred to Sunbury, the former pastor of Christ United Evangelical Church threatens to fight the appointment made by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

\$50,000,000 for Flood Control WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—A bill appropriating \$45,000,000 for controlling floods on the Mississippi and \$5,000,000 for similar work on the Sacramento in California was passed last night by the Senate by a vote of 40 to 15.

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ADAMS.—Feb. 25, JOSEPH, husband of Clara Adams. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

ANDERSON.—Sudden, Feb. 25, JANE McARTHUR, daughter of Peter and Isabella Anderson, aged 12. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

BARRETT.—At Mt. Zion, Feb. 25, MARY, widow of Joseph B. Barrett, aged 70. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

BENNETT.—At Methodist Episcopal Home, Feb. 25, MARY E. BENNETT, aged 85. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

BRYAN.—Feb. 25, MARY, widow of Joseph Bryan, aged 70. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

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COLE.—Feb. 25, JOHN, son of Samuel C. Cole and Maria Cole, aged 12. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, 9 a. m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Paul's Church, 4th St. and Locust St. Burial in Graceland cemetery.

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PETEY
GOSH, I'M GETTIN' COLD FEET ON THIS AEROPLANE. TRIP - I'LL GO OVER AND TELL SNOOGLE IM SICK OR SOMETHING.
SAY PETEY, SHE WON'T GO. SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE MOTOR.
TOO BAD, TOO BAD!! JINGOS, I DID WANNER TRY IT TODAY - BULLY DAY FOR IT, ISN'T IT?
OH, YOU'LL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED PETEY - I GO AN OLD PLANE OVER IN THE HANGAR - WELL USE THAT.
Yes, the Old One's a Bit Weak, but I'll Do It