

VARE LEADS SUFFRAGE FORCES IN SENATE

Advocates of Equal Franchise Expect to Unite Factions in Support of Cause

BRUMBAUGH FRIENDLY

Samuel A. Whitaker, a Penrose Lieutenant, Sponsor of Amendment in House

Suffrage strategists have announced a political coup, which on their opponents has admitted will go far toward lining up all factions in the present Legislature in support of the woman suffrage amendment bill.

The full significance of this revelation may be appreciated when it is recalled that Representative Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester County, a Penrose lieutenant, is sponsor of the suffrage amendment in the House, and suffragists declare that the leadership carries with it the full strength of Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh, who, in fact, suffragists say, has promised to do all he can to have his entire following in both House and Senate vote to pass bills which will authorize a woman suffrage amendment in 1920.

Upon the other hand, although opponents of suffrage say that the suffragists are basing their hopes of Senator Penrose's support upon statements made by him last fall, the suffragists also reveal for the first time that they have had recent reiteration of Senator's promise of aid.

Thus, the suffrage forces declare that any who oppose them in the Legislature not only will be repudiating their national party platform, but will be repudiating their leaders, under whatever factional division they may come, and in most cases will be basing their opposition upon allegiance to some force which they will not openly admit.

When the alignment on the amendment comes the suffragists declare that they are prepared to show how opponents have stood upon other progressive legislation.

Apert from their strategy in choosing their House and Senate leaders, the suffragists are known to consider as their best weapon the 1916 election, which did not oppose, but which they declare in all its phases parallels the woman suffrage amendment. This amendment was defeated at the polls in 1915, and must pass again this session to secure a vote again in 1918.

Senator Vare, who is chosen by the women as their Senate leader, has been a constant front of suffrage, and was a valuable asset in their last fight in the 1913 and 1915 sessions of the Legislature.

In contrast to the seasoned campaigner who will direct the progress of their amendment bill in the Senate—Senator Vare—suffragists have chosen as their House leader a younger tactician, Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester County.

When last elected to the Legislature, Mr. Whitaker was serving up the Mexican border with the Phoenixville Battery, the oldest organization of its kind in the State. Mr. Whitaker was graduated from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1895, and practiced in Philadelphia. He has been president of the State Institute for Feeble Minded at Spring City, and has been interested in public libraries and other activities in his home county and in the eastern part of the State.

ORDER GUNS TO AVIATORS

Pennsylvania Guard Equipment Will Be Sent to Buffalo

HARRISBURG, March 8.—Adjutant General Stewart was directed by the War Department at Washington today to send some of the machine guns of the Pennsylvania National Guard to Buffalo for use by the Government aviation squad there.

These weapons, of which there are thirty-six in the Pennsylvania militia, will be replaced by others now being turned out under Government contract.

Police Court Chronicles

The suggestions which various persons in the northeast made recently to reduce the high cost of living bored Tom Radecky. He decided that the best way to solve the problem was to go out and get the food, without bothering about such a little thing as price. Tom proceeded to carry out this plan, but his action was a little slow; otherwise he would have been successful.

He saw a large bag of beans resting innocently on the floor of a Clearfield street grocery. Knowing that beans possess a large number of calories, he embraced the bag and coaxed it to the door.

The beans reciprocated, and everything was going well until Radecky attempted to pass through the doorway. His aim was bad and he knocked a number of things over in trying to swing clear. The proprietor heard the commotion, caught Tom on the sidewalk and turned him over to a policeman.

"I just wanted to cut down der high cost of livin'," said Tom, when he faced Magistrate Wrigley, at the Belgrade and Clearfield streets station.

"It's not a bad idea to reduce the cost of living," said the Judge, "but we'll have to do it along straight lines. Five hundred bail for court."

As there was no great rush of friends to go Tom's bail, he was sent to jail.

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NOW SUFFRAGE CHAMPION



SENATOR EDWIN H. VARE Votes for women leaders effect coup when they get him as sponsor for their bill in the upper chamber at Harrisburg after winning over a man on the other side of the political factional fence, Samuel A. Whitaker, of Chester County, an out-and-out Penrose man, to father the bill in the House of Representatives.

LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED TO DIVORCEES

Mrs. May M. Wyeth to Wed I. C. Flitcroft, and Howard Coward Eleanor C. Morrow

Among the marriage licenses granted today were two to divorcees. Mrs. May M. Wyeth, 292 North Thirty-third street, will wed Ivan C. Flitcroft, 121 North Thirty-third street. She is thirty-one years old; he is twenty-nine. Mrs. Wyeth was divorced by the Chancery Court of New Jersey March 1, 1916. Flitcroft is a bookkeeper.

The other divorcee to get a license was Howard Coward, forty-one years old, of 4935 North Broad street. He will wed Eleanor Caroline Morrow, twenty-seven years old, of 2852 Jasper street. Coward's first wife was granted a divorce March 7, 1909. He is a shipping clerk.

Other licenses granted were: David Bellow, 330 Cantrell st., and Jennie C. Dougherty, 330 Cantrell st.; Howard Doherty, 114 S. 42d st., and Annie Milbourne, 3717 Warren st.; Robert Stein, Wilmington, Del., and Sara Doull, 1113 S. 9th st.; Robert E. Johnson, 1713 Addison st., and Cora G. Boston, 1713 Addison st.; J. Elmer S. Key, 2921 N. Crosskey st., and Ethel J. Van, 2422 N. Huntington st.; Meyer Lewittas, Baltimore, Md., and Bertha Mettel, Camden, N. J.; Joseph S. Lenth, 281 S. 4th st., and Genevieve Ho Vera, 1901 Chestnut st.; James H. Lantz, 409 N. 5th st., and Ethel M. Lee, 2637 N. 17th st.; William F. Deans, 4628 Newhall st., and Mildred C. Follett, Oak Lane; Ira D. Hoxey, League Island and Julia R. Schwarz, 1108 Vine st.; Anthony Brown, 1731 Dover st., and Josephine Schmidt, 2962 Reister st.; George Banks, 1422 South st., and Frances Stratton, 1422 South st.; Meyer Phillips, 2209 Lombard st., and Elizabeth Kessler, 2052 South st.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., March 8.—The following obtained marriage licenses in Elkton today: P. Frank Donovan and Grace Lyman, Harold L. Wilson and Charlotte Hogelgler, Clifford Souder and Irene C. Benson and William Wright and Elizabeth Glynn, all of Philadelphia; William Brown, Lansdowne, Pa., and Blanche Dock, Darby, Pa.; Harold Eveland and Elsie Weer, Atlantic City, N. J.; Mart Maley and Edith McMillan, Shenandoah, Pa.; Joseph R. Heinrichs, Arcmore, Pa., and Christine Calderwood, Wilmington, Del.

TOM, THE GATEKEEPER, DIES

Well-Known Figure in the Bourse Was Ill Short Time

Thomas Harris, fifty-six, 1915 Wallace street, died today after a short illness. For twenty-five years he has been in charge of the gate at the Maritime Exchange and was known in that capacity to scores of men who are in the Bourse every day. He was familiarly known as Tom.

About a year ago he was operated on for kidney trouble and never has been quite well since. He is survived by a widow.

BROTHERHOODS MEET TO CONSIDER STRIKE

Chiefs of "Big Four" Resent Delay in Supreme Court Ruling on Adamson Act

CLEVELAND, O., March 8. Plans for an immediate strike if the United States Supreme Court holds the Adamson eight-hour law unconstitutional were discussed today at a meeting here of the heads of the big four brotherhoods with 600 district chairmen from the East and West.

W. S. Carter, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and J. E. Sheppard, acting head of the Order of Railway Conductors, arrived yesterday and were in consultation the greater part of the night with W. G. Leo, chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and W. S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The district chairmen began drifting in early today. They assembled at Leo's office in the American Trust Building and, after being handed printed circulars, the contents of which were kept carefully guarded, were sent to the assembly room in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers building, across the public square.

All four of the brotherhood chiefs today absolutely declined to discuss the meeting or the steps planned. A district chairman from Indianapolis was authorized for the statement that a strike was being discussed. "We want to be all ready to hit and hit hard," he said. "The time to strike is when the railroads and the public need you the most."

The Indianapolis chairman said the majority of men he had talked with were in favor of striking without a decision on the constitutionality of the act from the United States Supreme Court.

"The men feel that the delay of the high tribunal in handing down a decision means that the law will be knocked out," said the district chairman. "They feel that the delay is giving the railroads an opportunity to prepare for the strike, and hence is hurting our cause."

"Only a declaration of war will avert the strike if the Supreme Court decision is adverse to the interests of the men. In such an event the patriotism of the men would come to the front and overcome their feeling that they had been treated unfairly by the railroads."

GRADE-CROSSING CRASH MAY BE FATAL TO ONE

Three Injured When Atlantic City Railroad Train Strikes Truck Near Glassboro

Three men were injured, two of them probably fatally, when a train on the Williamstown branch of the Atlantic City Railroad struck a delivery truck at a grade crossing near Glassboro, N. J. The truck was hurled fifty feet.

Those injured were William Scharnagie, twenty-six years old, of Glassboro; William Riley, twenty-seven years old, of Pittman; and Charles Deval, thirty-eight years old, of Pittman.

Both Scharnagie and Riley were brought to the Jefferson Hospital in this city, suffering from concussion of the brain and other injuries. Their condition today was said to be critical.

The scene of the accident is said to be one of the most dangerous spots on the Glassboro-Clayton pike. The men are employees of the Electric Company of New Jersey.

'Alf and Alf Jury Tries I. W. W.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 8.—Six men and six women composed the jury here sitting in judgment over Thomas N. Tracy, first of the seventy-three members of the I. W. W. to face trial under a murder charge growing out of the riots at Everett last November. The specific charge against Tracy is complicity in the murder of Jefferson Beard, one of the citizen posse killed when the boatload of I. W. W.'s arrived in Everett for "vengeance."

PITY THE POOR GYPSIES! LEAVE IN AUTOS



Bands of the fortune-telling trust departed from Philadelphia yesterday in brand-new automobiles. They crossed to Camden and struck off in the neighborhood of South Jersey. The police of the city were responsible for their leaving, after their pernicious activities had been revealed by the EVENING LEDGER.

NEGROES NEAR DEATH IN FIGHT OVER TRIFLE

Pennsylvania Railroad Laborer at Seaford Slashed as He Beats His Assailant

SEAFORD, Del., March 8.—Following a fight between laborers living in a Pennsylvania Railroad construction camp near here last night two negroes are dying in the Salisbury Hospital. George Graham, known as "Bright Eyes," is suffering from razor slashes on the body. Garfield Graham, his assailant, was injured by a shovel in the hands of "Bright Eyes."

The fight followed a trivial dispute. Both men closed in combat and only dropped when too weak to continue. Two other negroes have been arrested as material witnesses. Both Gravhams are under arrest.

Girl Lodger Commits Suicide

Plugged crevices about doors and windows prevented gas escaping from the room of Miss Mary McCaffrey, twenty-five years old, who committed suicide early today in a lodging house at 2498 North Fourth street. Miss McCaffrey engaged a room in the house seven weeks ago and was little known to the other lodgers. Her body was taken to the Morgue, while police endeavored to find relatives. The reason of the suicide is unknown.

HUDSON MARU'S CAPTAIN FAVORS SHIPS' ARMING

Declares His Vessel Could Have Escaped Capture if She Had Carried Guns

The arming of all merchant vessels was advocated today by Captain Takeshima of the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru, which arrived here yesterday after having been captured and released by a German raider in the South Atlantic.

Captain Takeshima said that the capture of his ship could have been prevented if his vessel had carried guns. He said that it was not a question of speed or relative strength of the crews of the raider and of the Hudson Maru, which resulted in the capture of his ship, but the fact that the raider had guns and he had none.

He said also that the conveying of merchantmen would prevent the capture of many vessels and said that such measures should be adopted if possible.

The Hudson Maru was captured off the coast of Argentina on January 5 and was held a prize by the raider for seven days. At the end of that time 223 prisoners were placed on board and orders were given the captain to make the nearest port, which was Pernambuco, Brazil.

FIDDLES MODERN DANCES AT HIS GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vanartsdalen Celebrate Half Century of Matrimonial Happiness

Photographs illustrating this story appear on B page of the pictorial section.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Vanartsdalen, of Newtown, Pa., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday night by attending a reception given in their honor by their daughter, Mrs. Charles Eagle, 443 Norway avenue, Trenton, N. J. Fifty guests, including five grandchildren, were present.

The happy bridegroom, who has just passed his seventy-seventh birthday, played the violin while his younger friends danced. Modern dances were on the program, as well as some which were in vogue when the couple were wedded in Bridgewater, Pa., a half century ago.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Vanartsdalen, whose maiden name was Lottie Shaw, taught a school at Bridgewater, Pa. Among the guests was a former pupil, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tompkins, of Philadelphia, who were also among those present at the celebration.

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