

PUBLIC WILL DEBATE PHILADELPHIA BILLS

Hearings Scheduled Here March 30 on Legislation Affecting City Affairs

By a Staff Correspondent
HARRISBURG, March 21.—A public hearing will be held in Philadelphia on the afternoon of March 30, on the series of bills affecting the city of Philadelphia. The Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs, of which Senator Edwin H. Vane is chairman, will conduct the hearing.

On March 28, the boiler inspection bill, which gives the city boiler inspectors the right and power to inspect all boilers, and eliminates the present system of their having to accept the certificates of inspection made by insurance companies, will be the subject of a hearing for the same committee in Harrisburg.

The bills which will come up for consideration at the hearing in Philadelphia include the following:

- To consolidate city and county government (constitutional amendment).
- Providing for a City Council of sixteen paid members.
- Making the budget system of handling the city's finances mandatory.
- To restrict the use of the mandamus.
- To make the School Board of five elective.
- To remove from the judges the duty of passing upon liquor licenses and placing this power in the hands of the County Commissioners.
- Giving Councils control over the Board of Revision of Taxes and relieving the judges of the burden of appointing assessors.
- Requiring a more equitable and accurate return on personal property tax.
- Abolishing the State tax on municipal bonds.
- Giving the city power to do its own street cleaning, repairing and erecting its own garbage disposal plant.
- To have the City Solicitor appointed by the Mayor.
- To have the Receiver of Taxes appointed by the City Treasurer.
- To create a Bureau of Elections to take the place of the Board of Registration Commissioners and take control of elections from the County Commissioners.
- Elimination of the assistance to voters clause in election laws.
- Abolishing the magistrates' system in Philadelphia.
- Giving the Municipal Court the jurisdiction now held by the magistrates.
- Prohibiting political activity by officeholders.
- Prohibiting officeholders from contributing to campaign funds.
- A constitutional amendment providing for the removal of officials "for sufficient cause."

COL. PAUL R. SHIPMAN DIES AT EDGEWATER PARK

Well Known as Editorial Writer and Literary Man—Former Associate of Henry Watterson

EDGEWATER PARK, N. J., March 21.—Colonel Paul R. Shipman died at his late residence late last night after an illness of only a week of Bright's disease. He was a notable figure in the newspaper and literary field.

Colonel Shipman was ninety-two years old, and up to the time of his illness had been active in literary work. He was a writer known from coast to coast and in Europe. He was a member of one of the oldest families of New York State, that of the Shipmans of Falls. When a young man he was postmaster of his native place. He was closely associated with men of distinction on both sides of the Atlantic. He studied law and was associated with Judge Hartman.

During the war Colonel Shipman was editor of the Courier-Journal, of Louisville, Ky., now owned by Colonel Henry Watterson, and was the latter's close friend. It was largely through Colonel Shipman's efforts and his strong appeal at the outbreak of the Civil War that Kentucky was held in the Union.

In 1868 Colonel Shipman resigned as editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and returned North. He married Miss Alice Davidson, daughter of Colonel Henry Davidson, of Louisville, Ky., who was residing at Beverly, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman spent their honeymoon in Europe, returning two years later to their new home at Edgewater Park.

Colonel Shipman's literary work was chiefly editorial. He was a warm supporter of President Wilson from the time he entered politics. He denominated President Wilson as the "wonderful man" who had "preserved the peace of the nation." Despite his great age, Colonel Shipman went to the polls on November 7 last and voted for President Wilson. He had been a lifelong Democrat.

Colonel Shipman leaves a widow, Mrs. Alice D. Shipman; one sister, Mrs. C. V. Vananda; a niece, Mrs. Judith Hewitt, of New York, and a nephew, Paul Robert Drane, editor of the New York Herald. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

CONSTABLE BILL WINS IN NEW YORK SENATE

Measure for State Police Like Pennsylvania's Carries Over Protest of Labor

ALBANY, March 21.—Over the protests of organized labor the Senate passed, by a vote of 26 to 24, the Mills bill creating four troops of State Constabulary of forty-five men each, with officers. The Democrats, who voted almost solidly against it, characterized the bill as "a patronage producer" because the police, who will receive \$900 a year each and their commander \$5000, will be selected without civil service examination.

The bill appropriates \$500,000 for salaries and expenses. It now goes to the Assembly.

"The purpose of establishing a State police, primarily is to maintain law and order, and second, properly to cooperate with the industrial police," said Senator Mills. "Now laboring men are urged by their organizations to join the National Guard, and if we take away the police duties now imposed upon the guard, it will encourage the National Guard enlistments among the laboring men."

Shore Waiters Threaten Strike

ATLANTIC CITY, March 21.—Plans have been outlined here by William F. Cozart, former president of the Head Waiters' National Association, for a movement of a disaffected faction of the colored hotel waiters to take advantage of the Easter season rush to force bonifaces to agree to an advance in wages. Cozart called a meeting for Thursday night to discuss action.

Actress Marries and Quits Stage

BOSTON, Mass., March 21.—Margaret Brinnard, leading woman this season for William Collier in the production in New York of "Nothing But the Truth," was married to G. K. Worme, a New York banker and broker. She has given up her professional career. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hills Hall, 87 High street, Charlestown.

Tumulty Bred by Friends

NEWARK, N. J., March 21.—Friends of Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson, gave him a testimonial dinner here last night. More than 600 prominent New Jersey men were present, including hundreds of Republicans. Speeches were made by Senators James, of Kentucky; Hughes, of New Jersey, and Representatives, Nicholas

SUBMARINES SPELL NO TERROR FOR YOUNG NORWEGIAN SAILOR

First Officer of Bark Storegut, in Port Here, Tells Thrilling Story of U-Boat Encounters

Thomas Salmensen, first officer of the Norwegian bark Storegut, which is in port today after a forty-two day sail from Havre, France, has had the unique experience of being on board three ships which have been halted by German submarines. Two of them were sunk before he was again reprieved, with the third was permitted to escape, being in ballast.

Once after his ship had been torpedoed the crew were adrift in an open boat in a rough sea for twenty-eight hours before they were picked up by a passing steamer. And yet this sturdy Norwegian when asked if he was not afraid to venture out on the open sea again replied, with a smile, "No."

When the Norwegian ship Storegut was halted by a submarine on August 6, 1915, Salmensen was first officer, and it was his whose attention was first attracted to the coast of France bound for Liverpool from Chili with a cargo of salt-peter.

SEPMARINE OPENS FIRE
"The submarine rose quickly to the surface and fired a solid shot across our stern and we knew what that meant," said Salmensen. "We hauled to as soon as we fifty feet of the Storegut. The captain appeared on deck and shouted for our papers. Our captain took them over to him. I was one of the party that went aboard the submarine."

"The U-boat commander glanced at our papers and then said: 'Gentlemen, I am sorry, but I will have to sink your ship. You are carrying contraband cargo to England. Salt-peter is used in the manufacture of gunpowder. I will give you twenty minutes to provide yourselves with provisions and clothing.'"

"We went back to the storeroom and packed all our belongings and put off in two boats. The crew of the submarine waved to us as we pulled away from our ship. Then we heard a terrible explosion and saw the Storegut disappear beneath the waves. The submarine took a course opposite to ours and was soon lost to sight. We kept our boats together, each hoisting a sail. The Storegut was sunk about one o'clock on the afternoon of the 6th, and we were picked up by an English freighter the next night. The sea became very rough during the day and we almost gave up hope of being rescued. We were at least 200 miles from shore."

Salmensen said it was impossible to determine the identity of the submarine. He said the U-boat carried no number, nor name and he got very little time to talk to the officers while he was on her decks.

As a member of the crew of the barken-



THOMAS SALMENSEN

the Katrina, Salmensen again was compelled to take to the lifeboats to save his life when the ship was halted in the North Sea by a submarine and later sunk by gunfire. This time, however, the young officer and the other members of the crew were rescued by a British patrol boat after being adrift a few hours.

One other time, as a member of the crew of the Norwegian sailing ship Kentegren, Salmensen saw a submarine approach his ship and demand its papers. This time, however, he was subjected to a hurried departure from his vessel because the submarine commander decided not to sink the ship, as she was in ballast.

ENJOYED HIS EXPERIENCES

Salmensen declared he rather enjoyed his experiences with the submarines. He said he never feared for his life because he thought the U-boat commanders would always give due warning of their intention to sink a ship. He was greatly surprised when informed that three American steamships had been recently sunk. He declared that Great Britain has lost many more ships than have been reported.

The Storegut left Havre on February 2, on route from Christiansand, Norway, to Philadelphia. She left Christiansand on December 19.

While coming out of Havre the Storegut ran afoul of the partially submerged wreck of a French steamship, which had been torpedoed. Several of the steel plates on the starboard side amidships were sprung and a big dent was made in her side. The collision occurred after nightfall, and it was extremely fortunate that the injury to the Storegut was not more severe.

She will go into drydock while in this port while repairs are being made. Outside of this affair the entire voyage across the Atlantic was without incident, fine weather favoring the giant ship sailing across the Atlantic. The Storegut came here in ballast. Salmensen is twenty-five years old.

CONSULS LEAVE GERMANY

Two American Representatives Assigned to Duty in Switzerland

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Two of the American Consuls lately in Germany have been assigned to duty with the Consul General in Berne, Switzerland. They are J. W. Donegan, formerly stationed at Magdeburg, and William P. Kent, who was at Leipzig. William H. Gale, lately Consul at Munich, who left Germany with Ambassador Gerard, has been detailed to duty temporarily in the consular bureau, State Department.

The four American Consuls ordered from Germany to Turkey upon the severance of relations still remain in Germany, unable to proceed to their posts.

NEGRO SHOTS PHYSICIAN

Slayer Alleges He Found Maine Doctor in His Home

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 21.—Dr. E. J. March, of Bangor, Me., was shot and killed here. The police are holding George Thompson, a negro, who is alleged to have declared he fired on March when he found him in his home.

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