

ASSEMBLY STARTS FINAL RUSH TODAY

Fewer Bills to Be Considered at Last Session Than for Years

HOUSE CLEARS CALENDAR

Pet Measures Go Into Discard to Make Way for City Transit Legislation

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, June 27.—The 1917 Legislature, when it starts on the last twenty-four hours of its labor today, will try to rush through fewer last-hour measures than any General Assembly for many years.

The Senate has cleared its calendar and will have to consider bills that come from the House of Representatives. The lower branch has less than 100 bills to consider before noon tomorrow, when final adjournment will be taken.

The House calendar was cleared of 165 House bills last night by the Vane-Brumbeugh forces, who wanted to advance the Salus transit bill and make certain that it would come up for a vote before the Legislature adjourns sine die.

Representative Powell, of Luzerne, started this maneuver by offering a motion to strike from the calendar six measures which he had introduced and which were on third reading. Representative Phillips, of Clearfield, then offered an amendment to the Powell motion to include all House bills that were on the third reading calendar. The Senate members and the "country" members voted with them on the motion. When they checked things up, however, they found that many of their measures had been sent to the scrap heap.

The Philadelphia smaller council bill was among the measures that went into the discard through the adoption of the motion. The Vane forces wanted this and had this in view when they had the motion offered. The amendments to the workmen's compensation act that were introduced by the labor element in the Legislature also were sacrificed in order to advance the Salus bill.

The House last night passed the Tompkins Senate bill providing for a pension system for teachers with control of the supervision of the State. The measure does not include those in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. It was amended in the House to provide pensions for all teachers who are sixty-two years of age or over and who have served for forty years or more. The teachers will pay one-half of the cost of the system, the school districts one-fourth and the State one-fourth. The vote on it was 122 to 17. It goes to the Senate today for concurrence in the amendments, and will then be sent to the Governor.

The Vane anti-dope bill, which was passed by the Senate last Monday night in the House calendar today for final passage. It had to lie over for a day because of the delay of the State printers.

The House last night finally defeated the State bill granting a State appropriation of \$100,000 for the improvement of the suburban roads in Philadelphia County. It also defeated the Vane bill granting an appropriation of \$50,000 as a preliminary move toward establishing a State highway department at Philadelphia. This bill will come up again today, however, when the Vane members will make an effort to have it reconsidered.

An agreement has been reached upon the last revenue-raiser still on the calendar. This is the auto license bill. The Buckman bill, which increased the license fees, will be dropped and the Meade bill, which was the original bill, will be amended and rushed through the Senate.

Incidentally, the amendments to the Meade bill that have been agreed upon include a provision that all members of the Legislature and the general officers of the Legislature shall receive free auto licenses for the State.

The bill would increase the State's revenues from \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year. It reduces the age limit for drivers from sixteen to sixteen years of age, and changes the time limit for half-year licenses from July 1 to September 1. The minimum fee for pneumatic tire vehicles, or pleasure cars, under thirty-five horsepower, is placed at \$10, which is an increase for all light pleasure cars.

The new schedule of fees for trucks and motor and tire automobiles is as follows: 3000 pounds or less, \$10; between 3000 and 4000 pounds, \$15; between 4000 and 5000 pounds, \$20; between 5000 and 7000 pounds, \$25; over 7000 pounds, \$30. The fees for trailers are increased proportionately. The new law would go into effect on January 1 next.

WOULD ADD \$3,015,519 TO STATE HIGHWAY BILL

Senator Jones Reports Measure With Amendment to Pay for Townships

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, June 27.—The State Highway budget bill, which has already passed the House, was reported from committee in the Senate last night by Senator Jones, of Susquehanna. An important amendment provides an additional sum of \$3,015,519.78, money owed by the State to the townships under the provisions of the "dirt roads" act passed in 1913, and which was sponsored by Jones.

The bill as now drafted places \$18,520,519.28 as the disposal of the Highway Department during the next two years. It is estimated that \$4,000,000 of this will be raised through the issuance of automobile licenses; the rest will be raised by taxation. Seven million dollars has been set aside for "dirt roads," \$2,000,000 for State-aid roads and the \$3,015,519.78 for the townships.

New Castle Co. Tax Jumps 15 Cents WILMINGTON, Del., June 27.—Members of the Levy Court fixed the budget for the coming year, and in consequence of this it was necessary to raise the county tax rate from eighty to ninety-five cents on the \$100. There is considerable feeling over the increase, but the members of the body held that the wet and dry election, which is to be held this year, and the special registration for it, will cost \$40,000.

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Admission by card, which can be had at the Executive Telegram office in the Lincoln Building.

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BALA-CYNWYD HOME GUARD ENTERTAINS BATTLESHIP CREW



More than 100 officers and sailors from vessels stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard were the guests of the Bala-Cynwyd Unit, Home Defense Reserves, at an open-air supper, followed by a smoker and entertainment, some of the guests participating in the program.

GLI ITALIANI RIBUTTANO ATTACCHI DEL NEMICO

Le Artiglierie e le Mitragliatrici Mietono i Reparti Austriaci sull'Ortigara

DIVERSIONI ARRESTATE

La Nuova Offensiva Nemica Prova l'Importanza delle Posizioni Occupate da Cadorna

ROMA, 27 Giugno.

Come poche settimane fa gli austriaci non sapevano accennare all'idea di aver perduto il Cuceo ed il "Vedice" ora essi non riescono a metterli l'uno in pace per la perdita delle fortissime posizioni dell'Ortigara. Lanciano grandi masse all'attacco delle nuove posizioni italiane nella zona dell'altopiano di Asiago, ma sono finora sforzi vani, inutile sacrificio di interi reparti che vengono mietuti inesorabilmente dal fuoco violentissimo delle batterie e delle mitragliatrici di Cadorna.

Ieri sera il generale Cadorna annunciava violentissimi attacchi contro le posizioni italiane dell'Ortigara, respinti con altrettanto violenti contrattacchi. Ma la battaglia continua ancora e non dà segno di volgere alla fine. Il fatto è che le nuove posizioni italiane sull'Ortigara minacciano una importante linea austriaca stabilita nell'anno scorso durante l'offensiva del maggio. Il generale Cadorna è riuscito ora a chiudere completamente la via ad un nuovo possibile attacco da parte delle forze teutoniche nell'altopiano di Asiago, ed è appunto questo vantaggio che gli austriaci cercano ora di correggere.

Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna, pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra:

Sull'altopiano di Asiago la battaglia fu ripresa nella giornata di ieri. Da ieri sera le nostre truppe hanno frustrato disperati sforzi del nemico che, nonostante le gravissime perdite subite, tenta sempre di riprendere le posizioni perdute sul Monte Ortigara. Attacchi e contrattacchi si succedono sulle posizioni conquistate. Nel tempo stesso alcuni divisioni, onteutate dal nemico in altri settori sono state completamente arretrate.

Sull'altopiano del Carso ieri sera le nostre truppe rettificavano ancora le nostre linee avanzate a sud di Verisic. Nella giornata di ieri le squadriglie aeree furono attivissime. Una macchina nemica fu abbattuta dal fuoco delle nostre artiglierie e cadde al di là delle linee austriache a nord di Asiago. Nella notte i nostri velivoli bombardarono le opere militari di Nabresina e di Prosecco e ritornarono senza danni alla loro base.

LA STAMPA ITALIANA

Il Giornale d'Italia pubblica il testo dei discorsi pronunciati in New York dal sindaco Mitchell e dal dr. Nicholas Murray Butler e commenta in termini di gratitudine i ricevimenti entusiastici fatti alla missione italiana in New York. Tutti i giornali poi esprimono la soddisfazione per l'unanimità di vedute nel pubblico americano circa i nuovi legami tra Italia e Stati Uniti e per la cordialità dimostrata dal presidente Wilson e dal governo americano verso la missione capitanata dal principe di Udine.

ANCORA MGR. GERLACH

La sentenza della Corte d'Assise Italiana che tratta il processo contro monsignor von Gerlach ed i suoi complici nel reato di omicidio e di tradimento a danno dell'Italia, condanna, come sapete il poco degno monsignore all'ergastolo a vita. La sentenza è stata ora pubblicata.

Nella sentenza si legge che nessuno degli atti imputati al famigerato Gerlach fu commesso nell'interno del Vaticano ed in altri posti appartenenti alla Santa Sede, di modo che il Vaticano è pienamente assolto da ogni sospetto. La sentenza dice che non è necessario discutere la questione dell'immunità diplomatica del Gerlach o quella dell'extra-territorialità del Vaticano, giacché le testimonianze hanno stabilito il fatto che il famigerato monsignore agiva clandestinamente e con mezzi suoi senza aver nulla a che fare col Vaticano.

La sentenza di condanna ha prodotto impressione favorevole dappertutto in Italia. La causa dura' due mesi. I due personaggi più interessanti tra gli accusati sono naturalmente il Gerlach, che si professa cattolico.

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COST OF COAL TO P. R. R. TO DOUBLE THAT OF 1916

Railroad Executives' Advisory Committee Says Jump Is From \$1.23 to \$2.85 for Each Ton

NEW YORK, June 27.—The report that the Pennsylvania Railroad will pay for its 1917 coal supply at \$2.85 a ton, as compared with \$1.23 in 1916, was given by the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee as an example of the increase in the cost of transportation. A statement by the committee called attention to the fact that when Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system, testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in March in the rate case hearing he estimated that this road would have to pay sixty-five cents a ton more for coal than in 1916.

Must Have Rifle Machines

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Special rifle-making machines, costing \$1,200,000, must be obtained at once by the Government if the new army is to be properly equipped for speedy service abroad, Secretary Baker today advised the House. A bill to make the appropriation probably will be introduced immediately.

HAWLEY URGES 20,000 U. S. PLANES FOR RUSSIA

Will Also Recommend Sending of 5000 American Aviators to Aid Slav Armies

NEW YORK, June 27.

President Allan R. Hawley, of the Aero Club of America, announced today that he would recommend to the American Government the building of 20,000 battle planes and the training of 5000 American aviators for the Russian front.

"Russia is fighting blind," said Hawley. "And the greatest practical service we can render that struggling democracy is eyes for her army and artillery."

"She has multitudes of men. She has more guns and ammunition than is suspected. She is more ready to fight than we know."

Russia's worst handicap is lack of aircraft. We are the only one of the Allies in a position to remedy the shortage.

"If we can equip the Russians with good aerial eyes at the same time we overwhelm the Teutons on the western front with our 20,000 aviators and 100,000 fighting planes, the crushing power of our blow will be augmented by at least 50 per cent."

"Plans are well advanced for the manufacture of the 100,000 planes and training of the 25,000 men for the western front."

"We can add 5000 men and 20,000 planes to the program without much trouble, because our machinery will soon be standardized for immense production."

Hawley's idea is that he would send one air squadron to the Russian front as quickly as possible, for moral effect.

"One air squadron would accomplish wonders in battle," said Hawley, "and it would convince Russia that America is in to fight for and with her."

"One squadron consists of thirty-six machines and nineteen officers and 184 mechanics and assistants."

"Two of the thirty-six machines are for actual service and the remaining thirty-four are held in reserve."

Industrial School Graduates Twelve

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., June 27.—The annual commencement exercises of the State Soldiers Orphans' Industrial School, at Scotland, near here, was concluded yesterday and twelve girls and boys were graduated. The boys' band gave a concert, the boys' battalion a dress parade and drill, and all the pupils gave a calisthenic exhibition. Curtin Literary Society held its declamation contest tonight.

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ALLIES TO ASK WOMEN OF U. S. TO STAY HOME

Will Point to Burden on Shipping Should Fate of Wounded Draw Them Across

LONDON, June 27.

The Allies will shortly call upon American women to make one of the supreme sacrifices of the war. They will ask them to put patriotism ahead of love for their husbands and sons—and stay at home.

When the first American expeditionary force takes its place in the Allied line on the western front, first holding a piece of the Flanders battle line in Belgium and later taking part in one of the great "pushes" against the Germans, many Americans will be killed and many more wounded.

It is the wives and mothers and sweethearts of the latter who must then "come across"—by not coming across. The Allied chiefs realize what a sacrifice this will mean—and American women will, also, when the time comes. Americans who have fallen and are wounded in hospitals here or in France will want their wives and mothers, and the women of the United States will want to come to them.

The serious food shortage here and in France, however, makes it undesirable for these countries to feed the enormous number of women who will want to come. There is also a shortage of hotel accommodations and of transportation facilities. There would be the increased responsibility of caring for the American women and providing them with safe transportation across the Atlantic.

This is another great lesson of the war which England has learned and which America cannot profit by. When the Canadians took part in the big campaigns of the last two years and thousands were wounded and brought back to hospitals in England and France, 60,000 Canadian women passed the ocean of the Atlantic to get by their sides. And England finally had to send more than half of them back home.

The State Department at Washington has been apprised of the facts by the American Embassy here. A special action, probably taking the form of an appeal to the women of the United States, may be expected.

shortly. The British Government has issued no statement on the subject, feeling that it is strictly an American matter which they will leave for America to deal with.

"KULTUR" BEGETS HEROICITY

German Technical Professor Would Let Crews of Stricken Ships Drown

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The State Department received a telegram informing it that the Freie Zeitung, of Bern, Switzerland, says that Professor Flamm, an authority on ship construction in the Charlottenburg Technical High School in Germany, has written in Die Woche as follows:

"The fewer persons who are saved from the crews of sunken ships the better, and it were better still when the stricken ships, with all lives on board, should sink without leaving a trace, for then fear would quickly be born."

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