

TOWN MEETING PARTY TRAINS GUNS ON VARES

Final Offensive Begins as List of Speakers Is Announced

ISSUES CLEARLY DEFINED

The heavy artillery of the Town Meeting Party—a corps of fifty-two speakers—was assembled today for the beginning of its final offensive against "government by murder," as bolters from the ranks of the Republican Organization helped swell the ranks of the "allies."

A list of the speakers, chosen by the independents, Republicans, Democrats and Progressives was published today. They will counter-attack the oratorical offensive begun by the Vare-Smith Republican organization last night, when Representative William S. Vare declared that the coming municipal election is of national importance.

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

According to the Town Meeting committee the issues to be discussed by the speakers will be: To eliminate the police and other officers from pernicious political activity. To prevent a two-thirds majority of Council from falling into the hands of an unscrupulous combination which is in politics for profit. To make impossible in the future the assumption of the authority of public office in the private benefit of a group of professional politicians.

To elect to public office public servants responsible to the public. To prevent a sectional boss—for instance, from South Philadelphia—becoming the political dictator to Overbrook and Germantown.

To restore to the people their own political voice. To prevent an increase of tax rate by preventing the further wastes and extravaganzas of the present administration. To make Philadelphia safe for democracy and to insure to it real self-government.

To suppress bullets and blackjacks with the honest ballot. To ensure personal liberty where possible. To prevent a political boss.

The speakers will be: Thomas F. Armstrong, Walter George Smith, William H. Nicholson, William Greenhow, Edwin E. Frank, Joseph S. Boyle, John J. Grell, Frank E. Schreck, the Rev. Samuel Z. Patton, Robert E. Bright, Eugene Bonini, W. Cole, Frederick S. Drake, Robert Lambert, Samuel M. Morfitt, Albert S. Miller, George E. Mape, William F. Reed, Samuel B. Scott, the Rev. John W. Stockwell, A. Merritt, Charles von Tagen, A. C. Ulrich, Frank Kammerer, Mark Epperman, George D. Porter, Dr. J. W. West, George W. Bright, Eugene Bonini, A. F. Dalk, Jr., Charles P. Kelly, Edward A. Kelly, Edward W. Lank, David Lewis, Harry K. Macauley, Clinton Rogers Woodcock, Frank Smith, William J. Schaefer, Harry D. Westcott.

35TH WARD ORGANIZED It was announced today that a complete organization had been affected by the Town Meeting party in the thirty-fifth ward and its active committeemen from each division. At a meeting last night Joseph G. Simcox was elected as representative of the central body.

The meeting endorsed the candidacies of Edward Casey for Select Council and William Blessing for Common Council. These officers were elected: President, Louis Vogel; vice president, Joseph T. Knight; secretary, E. W. Evans; treasurer, Earl F. Tyger.

Congressman William S. Vare, in his first speech in the campaign for the election of the "fifty-fifty" state, last night declared that in the fight between the Republican Organization and the Town Meeting party the Republicanism of Pennsylvania is at stake. Then he said the election is a national affair in these words:

"If the Republican party is weakened in Philadelphia it will be weakened in Pennsylvania. If it is weakened in Pennsylvania it will be weakened throughout the nation."

The Congressman was speaking in his home ward, the Twenty-eighth, at 1333 South Broad street. The candidates also spoke, as they did in a series of meetings held in various sections of the city. While the Town Meeting workers were performing their nomination papers, the Vare organization was busy. And because the independents were tied up by the court proceedings they were unable to hold meetings.

In a speech delivered before the Thirty-second Ward Vare Republican League, at 1212 North Twenty-third street, Senator Vare characterized Senator Penrose as "that big bluff Fenrose," and declared that Mr. Penrose "got Maloney to import gunmen into the city for his own political purposes, without anticipating that murder would result."

A. S. Murphy, former Assistant Director of Public Safety, led a "bolt" of thirty members of the Vare-controlled Republican committee of the Thirty-fourth Ward and who open independent headquarters for the ward at Sixth and Haverford avenues.

Joseph S. Boyle, former Magistrate and ally of Postmaster Thornton, has issued a statement calling on Democrats to work with independent Republicans to bring about the election of the Town Meeting party candidates.

ALLEGED ELOPERS CAUGHT Young Woman Held Pending Arrival of Parents From Baltimore

Dorothy Hallen, of Riverview, Baltimore, is being held in this city pending the arrival of her parents, following a hearing in the central station, at which it was testified that she had eloped to this city with Charles Poliva, a married man, of Baltimore.

Poliva was held for extradition papers by Magistrate Watson. Poliva is known in Baltimore as Slark. It is alleged that he left a wife and child. After borrowing \$150 from the former, and marrying the Hallen girl at a ceremony performed by the Rev. Dr. Fletcher, pastor of a church on Gaugh street, Poliva is said to be twenty-three years old and his second wife eighteen.

He was caught when he applied at the general delivery window of the postoffice in this city for a letter from his first wife, from whom he had asked a loan of more money while the girl was arrested at 250 North Fifth street.

Town Meeting Party Sues Commissioners

Continued From Page One said that he knew only twenty-six of the seventy-seven signers. "Conor" brought this to the attention of the court. "It is not the sense of the act of Assembly that an affiant must know every name whose name appears on the nomination sheet," said Judge Davis. "It states clearly that the nomination shall be legal if the five affiants collectively know all the signers of the nomination sheet to be qualified electors."

The ruling was hailed with delight by the defense. Through rigid cross-examination of James Handall, Thomas Raeburn White, counsel for the Town Meeting party, endeavored to show that the Vare-Smith machine had "planted" Handall in the independent organization in an attempt to discredit its candidates. Handall was one of the chief witnesses in Common Pleas Court No. 3 where the Vares have brought proceedings to attack the validity of signatures to the nomination petitions of independent candidates.

When Handall, who has figured in politics for many years, was called to the stand, he gave his occupation as a private investigator. He admitted that he prepared a petition for the nomination of Town Meeting candidates and asserted that it had been given to him by the independents. He took before a notary when the petition had the names of only two affiants.

In reply to questions of William Connor, counsel for the prosecution, the witness said he was told to take the petition to a friendly notary, but refused. He then gave a detailed description of the Town Meeting headquarters, which he described as a "blatant" office. The general attitude of the witness caused amazement.

"Isn't it a fact," he asked, "that you remained around the Town Meeting headquarters picking up information and selling it to the other side?" Handall denied the charge and said that he never gave or sold information. Pointing to Vare advisors in the courtroom, Mr. White asked, "Didn't you pick up information and sell it to those people?" Handall said that he did not and stuffed the stand.

The court will sit until 7 o'clock tonight and hold a night session tomorrow if necessary, so that the case may be concluded by Saturday, he told a newspaper man as he left the courtroom for lunch today. This decision came as a result of a statement made in the courtroom by William P. Connor, attorney for the Vare-Smith machine, to the effect that every one of the 580 affidants in the case had been subpoenaed and would be called to take the witness stand.

HANDWRITING EXPERT William E. Dennis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the handwriting expert, testified that the names on nomination paper No. 78 from No. 11 to 23, inclusive, had all been written by one person, and from the specimens of Mr. Dunn's handwriting and his own signature on the back of the paper it was his opinion that Mr. Dunn had written all the names. The same opinion was expressed by Aaron Rittenhouse Lewis, another handwriting expert, of New York.

Thomas Raeburn White again expressed his willingness to have all the signatures alleged to have been forged by Dunn struck from the nomination paper, but Attorney Connor would not agree to this and insisted that the whole paper should be thrown out as invalid. Mr. White took the stand that the legitimate signatures on the paper could not be invalidated because some of the other names were alleged to have been forged. The matter was reserved for future argument.

George Sterr, Jr., of the Twenty-eighth Ward, who had given instructions for the obtaining of the signatures of voters to the nomination papers in that ward, was the next witness called by Attorney Connor, but from Mr. Sterr's testimony and those who followed him there appeared to be little on which to base any criticism of the nomination paper. Mr. Sterr knew most of the names signed by the paper and he and Howard Klotz, David Penock, J. Dogolo and Augustus Lee were the affiants.

Mr. Sterr testified that the names to the petition were all legitimate and he and the other affiants had been properly sworn before a notary public on Tuesday evening, October 16. J. Dogolo, one of the affiants, however, who was examined after Mr. Sterr, could not remember any oath having been administered to him, but he explained that this was due to the hurry and excitement of having the papers prepared in time

for filing that night. This witness was a candidate for Constable, which seemed to explain the high state of excitement under which he was laboring. Marshaling testimony to show that names had been forged on some of the nomination papers, the Vare-Smith wing also received many setbacks when witnesses summoned by the prosecution affirmed that they had signed nomination petitions and affidavits and identified other signatures as bona fide.

An effort by William Connor, counsel for the prosecution, to have a Vare-Smith police surgeon appointed to examine a subpoenaed but absent witness was refused by the court, who appointed another physician. The court also expressed its sole purpose to prove the authenticity of the affidavits without taking into consideration previous law methods of preparing affidavits supported by affidavits.

The hearing opened with a determined attack by Connor on the validity of nomination papers in Senator McNichol's Tenth Ward. "We have in our possession a Town Meeting party nomination sheet bearing 110 names," he said. "We have evidence that 580 men wrote the five names on the affidavit. That man is Thomas Gavit."

Connor then asked that a police surgeon be appointed to go to Gavit's home, 1620 Cherry street, to see whether or not he was able to appear as a witness. Gavit, a former Municipal Court clerk, was subpoenaed, he said, but sent word that he was too ill to appear.

CHOOSES HIS OWN DOCTOR Judge Davis, deciding that a police surgeon was not essential, appointed Dr. J. Chalmers de Costa, who was the physician attending James A. Carey, "black-jacked" McNichol leader of the "Bloody Fifth" Ward. Doctor de Costa declining to serve, the court appointed Dr. Hobart Hare, who was one of the physicians appointed by Judge Brown to examine Senator McNichol during the hearing of the "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder conspiracy charges against Mayor Smith.

"We have no objections to a physician being appointed to examine this witness," said Thomas Raeburn White, counsel for the Town Meeting party. "If the names were forged, then, of course, the nomination paper is defective." Doctor Hare examined Gavit and later told the court that although Gavit was evidently nervous, there was no reason why he could not come to court. Judge Davis issued a bench warrant and sent two court officers after Gavit.

The prosecution next attacked petitions in the Forty-fourth Ward, where Dr. William D. Bacon is the McNichol leader. Morris Berger, 5243 Market street, denied that he had signed a nomination blank or that he had authorized John Dunn, a former constable and McNichol follower, to sign his name. Under cross-examination by Mr. White, however, Berger said that he had authorized anyone to sign his name.

Thomas H. McCool, a handwriting expert, testified that a thorough examination led him to believe that eleven or more of the signatures on nomination petition No. 78 of the ward were written "by the same person who signed the name John Dunn to a piece of paper yesterday." Dunn signed his name yesterday at the request of the prosecution.

Mrs. Jennia Ingersoll, 5233 Market street, the first woman to testify, identified the signature of her husband, John W. Ingersoll, on a postcard and then said that it was not her husband's signature on the nomination blank. William E. Dennis, of Brooklyn, and Aaron B. Lewis, of New York, two other handwriting experts, agreed with McCool's testimony.

Many witnesses summoned by the Vare-Smith prosecution failed to show fraud or even lax attention to technicalities in the hasty compilation of the nomination papers. Judge Davis ruled that the prior practice of allowing another to sign one's name in an affidavit will not figure in this case, which he said, was purely one of determining the validity of the present papers. This ruling came about when Harry J. Smullin, 2336 East Jordan street, testified that he had given a man named Landenberg permission to sign his name to an affidavit.

"Why did you allow this man to sign your name?" asked Mr. White. "I have been the custom for years," said the witness. "In many cases only one of the affidants goes before the notary."

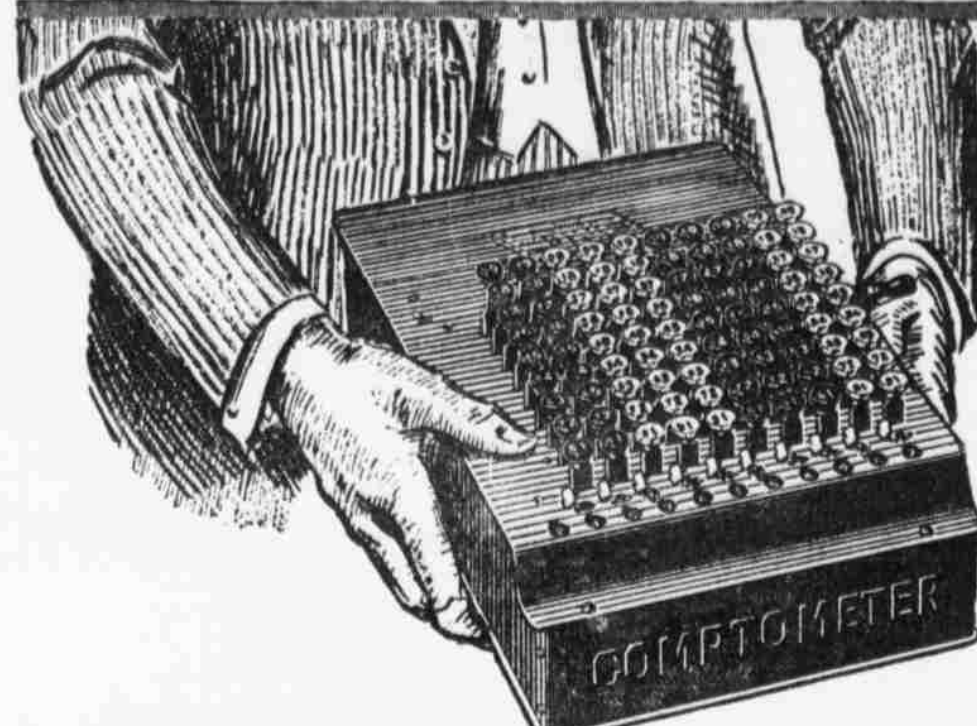
Mr. Connor objected strenuously to this prior practice being brought out, whereupon Judge Davis said he wished both parties to understand that the case was being tried on its merits without any regard for law methods of the past. One of the witnesses testifying about a Twenty-eighth Ward petition was George Stern, the man who several weeks ago challenged Mayor Smith to a public debate with him at the Temple University.

Man's Skull Fractured in a Fall Otto Keller, sixty-five years old, a retired grocer, 2542 Brown street, has a fractured skull and it is believed that his back is broken as the result of a fall from a ladder at his home this morning. Keller is said to have fallen only a distance of six feet. Physicians at the Lankenau Hospital say his condition is serious.

Mrs. Anna H. Knoell Dead Mrs. Anna H. Knoell, wife of Lieutenant Knoell, of the Front and Master streets police station, died Tuesday night at her home, 1014 North Fourth street. Mrs. Knoell was stricken with apoplexy Sunday and never regained consciousness. She was a member of the ladies' auxiliary of the I.O.O.F. and was a leading charity worker in St. Peter's parish. She was forty-four years old. A son, William Knoell, and a daughter, Miss Theresa Knoell, survive.

Complete Home Reorganization The reorganization of the Home Defense Reserve in Philadelphia has been completed, according to an official announcement. A regiment of 1500 picked members will be formed in the near future to replace the National Guard regiments in this city. A committee of ten has been appointed to carry out the organization work. The total membership of the organization in this city is 7000.

Van Dyke Urges Vengeance on Germany An "eye-for-eye and tooth-for-tooth" policy toward Germany was urged by Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton University, former United States Minister to the Netherlands, speaking at the Princeton Club last night. Germany, who premeditated the Lusitania murder, he said, is ruled by the "Predatory Feudal Gang," consisting of twenty-two kings, grand dukes and dukes.



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