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'REDS' DEPOSE KERENSKY; SEIZE REINS IN CAPITAL

U. S. VESSEL ROCHESTER TORPEDOED

Four Killed and Fourteen Missing, States British Report

31 SURVIVORS SAFE FROM SUNKEN SHIP

One of First Two U. S. Steamships to Defy German U-Boats

EVENT OCCURRED FRIDAY

LONDON, Nov. 8.

Torpedoing of the American steamship Rochester was formally announced by the Admiralty today.

Four of those aboard were killed and the second mate and thirteen others are missing, it was stated.

Thirty-one survivors have been landed at Buncrana and Rossport.

The American vessel was struck on Friday and sunk.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.

The steamship Rochester, sunk by a German submarine, was the ship that, with the Orleans, previously sunk, first braved the submarine zone after Germany rescinded her promises to the United States, officials of the Kerr Steamship Company asserted here today. The Rochester was owned and operated by this company when she made her trip, leaving New York February 11. It will be recalled that the Kaiser offered a reward for any U-boat commander who would sink either of these ships.

The Rochester, shortly after this journey, was taken over by the Furness-Withy Company, a British shipping company, it was stated, and now is presumably under British registry. She was of 2561 tons, a steel screw steamship, built in 1912 at Ecorse, Mich.

The Kerr Company officials said there was no other Rochester in Atlantic service. The Orleans was sunk several months ago.

THINK U. S. SHELL SUNK MEDITERRANEAN U-BOAT

Impression Conveyed by Report of Officers of Attacked American Freight Steamship

ATLANTIC PORT, Nov. 8.—Information that an American shell fired by an American naval gunner sank a Teutonic submarine in the Mediterranean is contained in a report made to the Navy Department by the officers of an American freight steamship which arrived here recently, it was learned today.

The vessel, of about 3000 tons gross, was returning from an Italian port in ballast after taking a cargo of war munitions from America to Italy. A report of her narrow escape from a torpedo was recently made public, but the fate of her attacker was not mentioned.

The torpedo was discovered approaching from the starboard side an hour before nightfall, and the crew, expecting an explosion, hurried to the port rail, arriving in time to see the torpedo emerge from under the ship and pass harmlessly on.

The naval gunners had remained at their posts. The periscope of a submarine appeared above the water, the U-boat captain apparently being unaware that the torpedo had gone under the freighter, because with no cargo she was riding high in the water.

Three American shells fired from the ship's bow gun and two from her stern gun missed the submarine, but the sixth shot from the stern gun struck it at the base of the periscope, according to the officer's report. There was an explosion which shattered the submersible's shell and she sank with all on board.

LIVINGOOD ABSOLVED OF POISON ACCUSATION

Princeton Aviation Student Given Small Fine and Sent Back to Work

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Samuel O. Livingood, Princeton aviator student, has been absolved of charges of violating military regulations by having poison in his possession. This was announced today by Lieutenant John G. Livingston, assistant judge advocate of the court-martial.

Livingood, however, was fined a small sum for "having poison" in his possession unknown to his commanding officer." The young man, whose home is in Zanesville, O., has returned to Princeton to continue his aviation studies.

WHAT'S "TEMPTATION RAG"?

Court Officials Puzzled by Suit Against Miss Hannah Randolph

The "Temptation Rag"—what is it? Several puzzled officials of the Municipal Court would greatly like to satisfy their curiosity. A claim was filed today to recover $251.67 from Miss Hannah Randolph by Lucile Ltd., a Paris corporation, and among the items of the account was listed the "Temptation Rag."

Miss Randolph, who is prominent socially, is alleged to have purchased a number of gowns, etc., from the Lucile corporation in 1913.

The "Temptation Rag" is valued at 575 francs, or about $130.

Among the other items listed in the claim are robe du soir satin rose, 650 francs; coiffure, thirty-five francs, and coiffure de soie rose, twenty-five francs.

Miss Randolph is the daughter of Philip S. P. Randolph. Her home is at 300 South Twenty-second street.

WHIPPOORWILL SPRINTS TO FRONT AT PIMLICO

Walls Rides Winning Mount in Opener. The Brook First Home in Steeplechase

PIMLICO, Md., Nov. 8.—The Whippoorwill was a winner today. This bird thrives in the midnight air and generally creates a nocturnal disturbance, but this afternoon this Whippoorwill belonged to the quadrupeds and showed such a burst of speed that the other starters believed she had wings, for Walls's mount sailed under the finish wire in the opening six furlong event well in the advance of Grayson and Medusa.

The winner paid a good price, the machines registering $9.60, $4.20 and $2.90. Grayson and Medusa were well backed.

The Brook was first home in the steeplechase. Robert Oliver was second.

Summary:

FIRST RACE, claiming, maidens, all ages, 6 furlongs:
Whippoorwill, 95, Walls.....$9.60 $4.20 $2.90
*Grayson, 109, A. Collins..... .... 4.00 2.80
Medusa, 92, Erickson..... .... 2.70
Time, 1:14 3-5. Bajaset, Phalaris, *Tippo Sahib, *Polly Anna, Aldeberry, *Jimmy Burns, Portia, *Saturn, Flasper and Millrace also ran. Scratched: Tarquin, Mint Drop, Lary Vara and Top Boots. *Field.

SECOND RACE, Patapsco Selling Handicap, steeplechase, four-year-olds, 2½ miles:
The Brook, 149, Nicklaus.... $4.50 $3.60 $2.80
Robert Oliver, 145, O'Connor. 6.20 3.70
Pigeonsthorpe, 140, Kennedy. 4.70
Time, 5:01. Stone Wood, Melor, Ojala, Eagle and Thistle also ran.

THIRD RACE, selling, two-year-olds, mile:
Mary Maud, 104, Dominick.$26.10 $13.10 $8.80
Sixteen to One, 99, Walls. 9.00 6.10
Poor Butterfly, 94, Erickson 14.30
Time, 1:42 1-5. Wood Violet, George W. Avery, Dalrose, Woodthrush, Jim Hoey and Trophy also ran. Scratched: Felicitation and Green Grass.

Latonia Results

FIRST RACE, $700, maiden colts and geldings, 6 furlongs:
W. P. Dabney, 109, Kelsey..$8.20 $4.40 $3.40
Jackhill, 112, Connolly 3.80 3.60
J. Walker, 112, Lilley 7.20
Time, 1:13 2-5. Jiffy, Stevenson, Great Gull, Unar, Hgaen, Ammunition, All Aglow, Teniac and Charley Nolte also ran.

SECOND RACE, purse $600, three-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs:
Pilsen, 110, Barrett $16.90 $7.00 $4.10
High Gear, 98, Gruber..... .... 15.90 7.00
Sister Susie, 102, Dursch..... .... X.... 3.40
Time, 1:22 2-5. Liberator, Old Eyelers, Safety First, Rhyme, Trusty, Miss Jacko, The Grader, Gleckner, Water War also ran.

BRITISH SUBJECT HELD

Charged With Being Involved in Irish Revolt Plot

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Thomas Welsh, British subject, is held by Justice Department agents here today charged with being involved in a plot for an Irish revolt.

When seized by secret police several days ago as he stepped from a steamer at an Atlantic port, Welsh is alleged to have tried to tear up a secret message from Sinn Feiners to plotters here.

ARMED REVOLT GRIPS RUSSIA; BOLSHEVIKI DEMAND SEPARATE PEACE AND DIVISION OF LAND

Leon Trotsky, President of Soviet, Declares Provisional Government Nonexistent. Three Cossack Regiments Desert Premier, Refusing to Obey Orders

All Troops Directed to Be Confined to Barracks, but Civil War Believed to Have Already Broken Out in Capital. Pacifist Rebels in Control of Wires

LONDON, Nov. 8.

The Maximalists' domination in Russia on Wednesday evening had not extended beyond the city of Petrograd, according to authoritative information received here late today. All dispatches were delayed.

LONDON, Nov. 8.

The Bolsheviki leaders, in control of all communication with Petrograd, today formally announced to the world that they had "deposed" the Kerensky Government.

In its place the institution of a new regime, with a policy of immediate peace, immediate distribution of all land to the peasants, the transmission of all authority to the Soviet and the convocation of a constitutional Assembly, was declared.

The proclamation issued in Petrograd by the Workmen and Soldiers' Deputies on Soviet program to all army corps and divisional committees called for a reunion of Soviets and army committees. They were ordered to send delegates expressing the will of the army for its refusal to take part in deciding the destiny of the revolution. Every 25,000 persons will have the privilege to elect a delegate to the meeting.

No mention was made in dispatches received here of fighting, but it was feared that once again the streets of Petrograd have been dyed in blood from struggling factions. The Bolsheviki, however, assert they control the capital.

The Bolsheviki leaders did not explain how the alleged overthrow of the Kerensky Government had been accomplished, except to assert that the garrison and the proletariat had forced it.

All the news from Russia today was one-sided, the only version being that of the revolting Bolsheviki, due to their control of all means of communication.

A dispatch from the Russian capital says:

"The crisis between the provisional Government and the local Bolsheviki Council (Soviet) of Workmen and Soldiers approached the point of an armed break today.

"Leon Trotsky, president of the local Soviet, issued a statement declaring that the provisional Government was nonexistent.

"Dissolution of the sitting of the preliminary Parliament was decided upon by Premier Kerensky."

"Many Maximalist and Bolsheviki members of this body had previously voted firmly to resist the Government's announced attempt forcibly to crush out all the Bolsheviki movement.

"Three Cossack regiments today formally announced they would hereafter disobey all orders of the provisional Government and give their allegiance henceforth to the soldiers and workmen's local council in its pacifist revolt.

"Some Ministers of the Government, it was announced today, have been arrested by the Maximalists.

"Preparing for an armed clash with the Bolsheviki, Premier Kerensky, through the commander of the Petrograd military district, ordered that all private motorcars be delivered to the Winter Palace. This step was taken to prevent seizure of these vehicles by the Soviet.

"All Russian troops were prohibited under strict penalties from leaving their barracks today."

London had prepared for an armed outbreak following Kerensky's announcement, received yesterday, that "active measures of suppression" were to be adopted against his pacifist enemies. Officials here were awaiting eagerly the Kerensky version of today's happenings in Petrograd.

Russian officials emphasized that the revolt is entirely local in character—affecting Petrograd alone. In the capital pacifism has reached its greatest strength, due to activity of the Bolsheviki Soveit of Workmen and Soldiers.

The Maximalists are similar to the I. W. W. of America. They are a branch of the Bolsevik that broke away from the slightly less radical groups after the revolution and began at once a determined drive for a separate peace with Germany. They have been extremely susceptible to the wiles of German agents, it is understood. Among their desires is an immediate peace without annexation or indemnities. Later objects are division of land

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MAGISTRATE HELD AS EMBEZZLER

Irregularity in Persch's Accounts Charged in Rotan's Complaint

BOND FIXED AT $5000

Magistrate George A. Persch was held in $5000 bail for the Grand Jury today by President Judge Charles L. Brown, of the Municipal Court, on charges of embezzlement and irregularity in his records preferred by District Attorney Rotan.

Bail for Persch was furnished by Eugene J. Loeule, a saloonkeeper, southeast corner Twentieth and Lombard streets.

Four fellow members of the minor judiciary—Magistrates Coward, Tracy, Mecleary and Harris—gave damaging testimony, which tended to show that the accused Magistrate had held back money collected in fines from prisoners whom he released after they had been committed by the other four Magistrates. To prove this the District Attorney's office introduced as evidence the docket of Magistrate Persch, seized during the "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder conspiracy hearing, the dockets of the four other Magistrates and the records of Moyamensing prison and City Controller Walton's office.

For the first time it became known today that District Attorney Rotan's probe into alleged fraud in the magisterial system began long before the "Bloody Fifth" Ward case, in which "Judge" Persch's books came into the District Attorney's possession.

No intimation was given of the amount of money which the accused Magistrate is alleged to have embezzled.

Judge Brown's decision came suddenly, after William H. Schuman, 1020 Pine street, Magistrate Persch's clerk, refused to identify the magistrate's docket or to answer

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WARNS RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS

Get Lodgings in Advance of Visit to Camps, Baker Advises

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Secretary Baker today warned relatives contemplating visits to the National Army cantonments to obtain accommodations in advance.

"The army and the American Red Cross are being seriously embarrassed," he said, "by the large numbers of relatives of men in the training camps who have undertaken to take up their abode near the cantonments and ports of embarkation. Protracted visits are undesirable. The department has no disposition to deny the soldier an occasional visit by his relatives but unless a relative shall have been able to arrange for accommodations in advance it is unwise to go to the cantonment sites."

SALESMAN KILLED BY AUTO

Harrisburg Man Run Down on Highway Near York

YORK, Pa., Nov. 8.—H. A. Forney, thirty-five years old, a Harrisburg salesman, was run down by an automobile driven by J. C. Fastnacht, Harrisburg, in front of the York Motor Club, near here, early today and received injuries that caused his death shortly thereafter.

Forney had machine trouble and went in the middle of the road and threw up his arms for the approaching car to stop, but the driver failed to see him in time to avoid the accident. His head was crushed and his legs broken.

BIG TOWN MEETING GAINS AT MEADE

Soldiers' Vote 2 to 1 for New Party—Expected to Bring Victory

CHARGE CROOKED WORK

By a Staff Correspondent

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Nov. 8.

Evidence that the Town Meeting party captured the soldiers' vote at this camp was furnished late today by Martin J. Kane, one of the election judges in Company E, 315th Infantry. He duplicated a copy of the election record for his company and this, which has been approved by the company commander, discloses that the Vare ticket was snowed under. The vote of 119 men in this company follows: Register of Wills Sheehan, 34; Smith, 64. Receiver of Taxes, Kendrick, 27; Armstrong, 70. Treasurer, Shoyer, 24; Nicholson, 73. Magistrates, Eisenbrown, 74; Borie, 73; Boyle, 74; Campbell, 18; Costello, 16; Neff, 16, and Rooney, 15. Kane, who joined the regiment three weeks ago, was one of the active Town Meeting workers in the 315th Infantry, Philadelphia unit.

"I am certain," said Kane, "that the regiment returned a majority of 1000 for the reform candidates."

"The sentiment for the Town Meeting party was overwhelming in our regiment. The party managers must guard the soldiers' ballots, for it is apparent that an honest count will upset the Vare victory. On Monday we were particularly active in behalf of decent government and received assurances from a majority of soldiers that they would vote the ticket. The returns in Companis E, D, F and L, of the 315th and 316th Infantry, prove that they kept their word. That the vote of Company D, of the 315th, was doctored is the charge made by Joseph Donaghue. Returns from that company, which were given out on Tuesday night, showed that the Town Meeting candidates won, but Donaghue asserts that the plurality was much larger than that recorded.

"In our company," said the soldier, "128 men voted and 124 voted straight Town Meeting tickets. I worked at the polls on

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SEEK NEWS OF HUSBANDS WHO WERE ON ALCEDO

Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Paul Leave for Washington to Obtain Authentic Information

The wives of Lieutenant H. R. Leonard, Jr., and Lieutenant A. J. Drexel Paul, two of the three Philadelphians who were on board the Alcedo when it was struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine, have left for Washington in order to obtain at the first possible moment authentic information regarding the fate of their husbands.

Unofficial advices are to the effect that the two officers named, as well as Ensign W. Frazier Harrison, the third Philadelphian on the Alcedo at the time of the disaster, were among those picked up by American destroyers after their ship went down, but the anxiety of the families of the officers was such that Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Paul decided to go to headquarters where the first official news regarding the fate of those on board will be learned. So far no cable has been received from the men themselves, but this is not considred remarkable in view of the fact that in all probability they have not been so situated as to be able to communicate with their families directly.

BLIND HORSE LEAPS INTO RIVER; SAVED BY POLICE

Men of the Ashbridge Keep Animal's Head Above Water Till Hoisting Apparatus Arrives

In a modest report made this morning to the Superintendent of Police by Lieutenant Grant J. Marple, of the police boat Ashbridge, is contained one of the most interesting stories of man's kindness to a dumb beast that has ever been revealed in the annals of the police.

A blind horse, hitched to a dray, was standing on Baltimore and Ohio pier No. 12, north of Race street, yesterday afternoon. Something happened to frighten the animal, and being blind, he sprang forward without regard to the direction in which he was going and went overboard into the river, dray and all.

Lieutenant Marple immediately sent men out in a small boat in the hope of rescuing the horse. Coming alongside him the men raised the animal's head on to the side of the boat so as to enable him to breathe until they could get him near to a raft in the river, where again his head was kept above water by those on the raft. In this way the horse was kept from drowning until the steamer George Pierce drew alongside. A hoisting apparatus was brought into play and the horse was lifted on board the steamer. Later the animal was taken ashore and turned over to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

EXTRA

GERMANS TRAP RETREATING ITALIANS; SURROUND FORT

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—Successful German flanking operations have cut off the retreat of Italian forces between Tolmezzo and Gemona and also the permanent fortification at Monte San Simone, according to the official report this afternoon.

FOOTBALL SCORE

ST. LUKE'S..... 6 10 — HAV'FORD 3D.. 0 0 —

SUFFRAGISTS HERE DECIDE TO RESUME PICKETING

Suffragists of the national women's party, in a meeting at the Hotel Walton today, announced that picketing of the White House would be resumed Saturday for an indefinite period. Miss Mary Winsor, of Haverford, and Miss Lucy Branham, of Baltimore, recently released from Occoquan, where they served sixty days on the technical charge of obstructing traffic, after they had refused to discontinue their picketing, addressed the gathering.

BRITISH PUSH ON TOWARD JERUSALEM

LONDON, Nov. 8.—British forces still pushed on toward Jerusalem today. An official dispatch from the Egyptian expeditionary army reported the advance out of Gaza continuing on the right to Abuontar and on the left wing to Sheik-Redwan. "As far as Wadi-esi the indications are of general retirement of the Turks," the [illegible] said.

BIG GERMAN SQUADRON MENACES FINNISH BASE

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 8.—A large German squadron of warships is off the Finnish naval station at Helsingfors, according to word received today from Haparanda. Presumably the presence of a German fleet in this location means Germany has resumed her naval drive in the Baltic and is now about to attack the Russian naval fortifications at Sveaborg, guarding Helsingfors.

STOCK PRICES TUMBLE ON RUSSIAN NEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The stock market broke badly this afternoon, when selling orders poured in from the South and West following reports of Kerensky's overthrow. All the gains of yesterday, as well as those of early today, were wiped out in the leading issues. Steel common made a new low of 88¾, a loss of 6¼, and Bethlehem B dropped 8½ points. Reading, Central Leather and American Sugar yielded more than 5 points each, while Marine preferred registered the biggest loss, tumbling 7½ points. There were slight recoveries during the last hour.

TAGEBLATT HEARING AGAIN POSTPONED

The hearing of the demurrer to the indictment of the Tageblatt editors, which was to have been held tomorrow, before Judge Dickinson, Federal Building, has again been indefinitely postponed. The reason was given that William A. Gray, counsel for the defense, is at present engaged in court proceedings at City Hall.

DADE IN CHARGE OF AIR DIVISION, SIGNAL CORPS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Brigadier General Alexander L. Dade, of the signal corps, was today ordered to Washington to take charge of the air division of the signal corps. He will relieve Brigadier General Benjamin D. Foulois, who probably will be ordered to active service in France. Brigadier General Dade has been in charge of the aviation school at San Diego, Cal.

RAILROADS SEEK RIGHT TO RAISE PASSENGER RATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—A concerted effort to increase passenger as well as freight rates was seen in railroad petitions filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the Central New England Railroad asked for an increase in mileage fares from 2¼ to 2½ cents. The principal southeastern railroads asked permission to raise "interchangeable mileage" passenger rates from 2 to 2¼ cents a mile.

DAUGHTER, DISINHERITED, PROTESTS FATHER'S WILL

A protest against the probate of the will of John B. Logan, 1927 East Allegheny avenue, was filed with Register of Wills Sheehan today by Mary A. Thomas, a daughter of the decedent, who was ignored in the disposition of the $20,000 estate. Under the terms of the will the estate is bequeathed to George S. Logan, a son, living in this city, and a daughter, Margaret Shumaker, of Newark, N. J., thereby cutting off the protesting daughter. Mrs. Thomas, in her petition, alleged that her father who, at the time of his death was eighty-three years of age, did not possess sufficient mental capacity to make a will, and that undue influence had been brought to bear upon him by a beneficiary. The hearing in the case will be held next week.

KANSAS COAL SITUATION NEAR NORMAL AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Fuel Administrator Garfield received reports from Kansas today indicating that most of the strikers in coal mines in that field had returned to work and that production was near normal again. Mines in other parts of the southwestern field, embracing Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, are undisturbed by labor troubles. The fuel administration is confident that the miners at their convention in Kansas City next Monday will agree upon the automatic penalty provision in their wage contracts. President Hayes, of the United Mine Workers, reported progress in his efforts toward securing an adjustment.

SAMMEE TAKES 2 CAPTIVES; LEADS 'EM IN BY EARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Two German prisoners were captured by an American soldier of Pershing's command on the Chemin des Dames, according to the New York Courier des Etats Unis today. The paper quoted a letter from Georges Clemenceau, former French Minister of the Interior. It said a small group of Americans was put with French forces for instruction and that one of the Yankees returned to his trench leading two Germans by the ears.

LUTHERAN MERGER COMPLETED BY SOUTH'S VOTE

SALISBURY, N. C., Nov. 8.—Lutherans of America today were united in one solid organization, 2,500,000 strong, through the action here late yesterday by the United Lutheran Synod of the South, indorsing the proposed merger with the General Synod of the United States and the General Lutheran Council of North America.

COTTON GINNING BELOW LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The Census Bureau cotton report issued today shows 7,150,254 bales, counting round as half bales, ginned from the growth of 1917 to November 1, compared with 8,623,893 for 1916 and 7,376,886 for 1915. Round bales included this year are 133,170, compared with 154,141 for 1916, and 68,577 for 1915. Sea Island included are 57,381 bales for this year; 80,727 for 1916, and 55,362 for 1915.

THREATENED MARINE WORKERS' STRIKE AVERTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The threatened strike of 50,000 marine workers which would have tied up shipping indefinitely at the port of New York, has been averted. It was announced today, by representatives of the workers and employers. It was stated that a compromise arrangement had been made which would prevent a walkout of tugboat and ferryboat crews. All organized marine workers at this port had threatened to stand behind the tugboat and ferryboat men.

ELECTION MAY DEPEND UPON 1ST WARD TEST

Claim of Improper Rejection of Five Ballots Before Court

TOWN MEETING WILL BECOME STATE PARTY

Name Pre-empted at Harrisburg for 1918, When Governor Will Be Chosen

URGE ELECTION RECOUNT

20,000 Legal Ballots Thrown Out and Soldier Returns Juggled, Is Charge

Penrose Says New Party Won Election by 20,000

SENATOR PENROSE, declaring the fight "to clean house in Philadelphia has just begun," asserts Town Meeting ticket defeated the Orgnization by 20,000.

Town Meeting leaders allege 20,000 ballots were illegally thrown out by Vare election officials.

Check-up on vote in various divisions going on today.

Court will be petitioned Saturday for recount in city.

Federal Government will be asked to count sailor vote because of alleged irregularities by election commissioners appointed by Governor Brumbaugh.

The official count of Tuesday's election was begun this afternoon before Judges Martin and Finletter, and the success of the Town Meeting ticket may depend upon the decision of the court in regard to five split ballots in the sixth division of the First Ward.

These ballots were thrown out by the election board because they are marked for District Attorney Rotan and candidates of the Town Meeting party. It was contended by counsel for the Town Meeting party that these ballots should have been counted. The court declined to give any decision in the matter and will decide the question tomorrow morning, when the election board of the division in question will be present.

It is asserted by the Town Meeting officials that there were 20,000 such ballots thrown out all over the city. If such should be the case a decision to the effect that the First Ward ballots were correctly marked would elect the Town Meeting candidates.

CONTENTION OF REPUBLICANS

Counsel for the Republican city committee contended that in the absence of a charge of deliberate fraud the court had no jurisdiction to go back of the returns as filed by the election officers, but had the power to correct the returns where mistakes or errors were apparent on their face and which resulted in the proper number of votes cast not being shown by the returns.

The Judges said that, according to the petition of the Town Meeting party, there were five or six votes in the division missing from the ballot box and consequently from the returns. Under such circumstances they contended that the court would send for the election officers who made the return and let them explain why the votes were not counted.

The case of the first division of the Fifth Ward, from which there were no returns whatever, was also taken up. The election officers of this division appeared in court and under the supervision of a tipstaff were escorted to an anteroom, where they will count the vote and make a return to the court.

Sol Rains, a clerk in the Prothonotary's office, superintended the count, assisted by a corps of clerks. Frederick J. Shoyer was the only candidate of either party present.

Plans to make the Town Meeting party a State-wide organization were launched this afternoon, and there is every indication that it will be in the fight with a gubernatoral candidate next November.

Steps to increase the scope of the organization were taken at Harrisburg through the pre-emption of the party name for the State election of 1918 and for use in Philadelphia congressional and senatorial, as well as many legislative districts. The papers were filed in the Dauphin County Court by the following pre-emptors:

A. C. S. Millar, 2815 North Twenty-sixth street; Thomas H. Lee, 3402 North Mascher street; Benjamin H. Hyberg, 693 North Sixty-third street; George H. Locker, 3027 North Broad street, and H. W. Slaster, Fifty-second and Sansom streets.

While many believe that this step might have been taken simply to prevent the Vare-Smith forces from usurping the title for the State election, there is every indication that a more serious object is in view.

When Howard R. Sheppard, chairman of the Town Meeting party, was questioned concerning this latest step of the independents, he said, "You will have to judge for yourself."

Incidentally, he added, "Things are looking better for the future of the Town Meeting party every minute."

CALLED PENROSE MOVE

Upon learning of the pre-emption of the Town Meeting party for the entire State, Senator and Congressman Vare issued the following joint statement:

"Senator Penrose realizes that under the election laws of Pennsylvania he is no longer a qualified Republican elector and is not entitled to and will not receive a Republican ballot at the primary next May. It is only natural that under the circumstances he would need a new State party in order to carry out his alliance with Judge Gordon and the Democratic party.

"The success of the Republican party in Philadelphia, notwithstanding the opposi-

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair and continued cool tonight and Friday; moderate northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises.... 6:27 a.m. Sun sets.... 4:51 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHESTNUT STREET

Low water.... 8:18 a.m. Low water.... 2:39 a.m.
High water.... 8:41 a.m. High water.... 2:57 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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