# SPROUL TO NAME HOUSE SPEAKER

## Republican Faction Leaders Leave Selection With Governor-Elect

## "DRYS" ALSO FAVORABLE

### Many Prospective Candidates Already in Field for Legislative Honor

Harmony is virtually insured in the Republican ranks over the election of a Speaker of the House of the next Legislature.

Governor-elect William C. Sproul will be permitted by the rival Republican factions to select the Speaker, if he cares to exercise that privilege.

United States Senator Penrose and State Senator Vare, it has been learned, will leave the choice of Speaker up to the Governor-elect. Neither will insist on the election of a strictly factional man and both will support the choice of the Governor-elect.

The "dry" members of the House also will abide by the decision of Governor-elect Sproul and will not lock horns with the "wets" over the election of a Speaker at the opening of the Legislature next January. State Representative John W. Vickman, of Allegheny County, leader of the "dry" forces in the last House, announced that the "drys" would not put up a candidate, after conferring with Senator Sproul and W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Republican State committee.

The "drys" will support the choice of Senator Sproul, believing that he will see to it that they get a fair show.

**"Drys" Confide In Sproul**

Because of Senator Sproul's pledge for the ratification of the national prohibition amendment it is generally conceded that the next Speaker will be a "dry." The "drys" named the speaker in the 1913 session when the independents controlled the House and elected George E. Alter, of Allegheny.

Representative John W. Williams, of Tioga, is acceptable to the "drys," but Republican leaders are not inclined to think that Williams will win the speakership honor. He has been a consistent "dry" advocate and has acted independent of both factions. In the last session he declined to line up with either the Penrose or Vare-Brumbaugh forces. Prior to the Republican caucus he was a candidate for Speaker, but withdrew on the eve of the caucus.

The "drys," according to Representative Vickerman, who is an official of both the Anti-Saloon League and the Dry Federation, will control the next House, and have hopes of getting a majority in the Senate.

Mr. Vickerman declined to say just what the majority would be in the House.

"The large vote given Senator Sproul in the 'dry' counties," said Mr. Vickerman in discussing the speakership, "indicate that the 'dry' counties have the utmost confidence in him.

"We want to help make his administration the best Pennsylvania has ever had. For that reason we deem it unwise to make any contest over the speakership at the beginning of the Legislature.

**Predicts Prohibition's Passage**

"The 'dry' people will support the candidate favored by Senator Sproul because we have the utmost confidence that he will give us a fair deal.

"The sentiment for ratification has grown so strong that a canvass of the State shows we will have a majority in the House."

Representative Vickerman predicted that as a result of the recent election thirty-nine States would ratify the amendment. Only thirty-six are required to put it through and fourteen already have done so.

A number of other candidates for the speakership have been put forward, but few of them possess the necessary qualifications.

Representative Aaron B. Hess, of Lancaster, also has been mentioned prominently for the Speakership. Hess also declined to line up with either faction in the last Legislature and Congressman William W. Griest, Republican leader of Lancaster County, has consistently pursued a neutral course between the rival Republican factions.

Hess would receive the backing of the "wet" forces, but his candidacy would not meet with much favor from the "drys."

**Chester Man Also Mentioned**

Representative William T. Ramsey, of Chester, also has been mentioned rather prominently. Ramsey is a "wet" and the fact that Speaker Baldwin of the last House came from Delaware County would combine to lessen his chances.

He may be chosen to head the important Appropriations Committee of the House, Representative Woodward, chairman of that committee in the last House, having been elected Secretary of Internal Affairs.

It is definitely understood that the speakership in no event will come to Philadelphia, but that it will be tendered some member from the State.

Allegheny County is making a strong bid for the honor. Mayor E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh; Coroner Samuel C. Jamison and Senator-elect Max Leslie came here to confer with Senator Sproul apparently on that question.

Others who have been mentioned for Speaker are Sigmund Gans, of Philadelphia; Hugh Dawson, of Lackawanna; W. F. Stotzenfader and Carl Baldridge, of Allegheny, and Duncan Sinclair, of Fayette.

# TELL OF GOOD WORK DONE IN HOME FIELD

## Women's Missionary Society Opens Convention in First M. E. Church, Germantown

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia district, began its annual convention this morning at the First Church, Germantown avenue and High street, Germantown. The meeting continues today and tomorrow.

Mrs. C. W. Buckley, president of the organization in this district, opened the session today, which was largely attended by Philadelphia women who are active in the missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal church.

This evening the younger members of the society will give a pageant at the First Church, portraying the work of the home missionary society in this country and in Porto Rico and Hawaii.

The annual election of officers will be held at the session tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. W. L. Boswell, vice president of the society, will preside at this meeting. Tomorrow evening Bishop Quayle, here for the general meeting of the home missionary society, which has been in session at Seventeenth and Arch streets, will lecture before the Woman's society at the Fletcher Methodist Episcopal Church, Fifty-fourth and Master streets. Several of the prominent ministers who have been taking part in the general conference will address the women at tomorrow's meeting in the morning and afternoon.

**Donation Day for Aid of Blind**

The board of managers and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chapin Home for the Aged Blind, are observing donation day today, at 6713 Woodland avenue. Luncheon will be served from 12 o'clock until 2, and dinner from 5 until 7. The home is non-sectarian and receives no support from the State or county.

# NEW BOARD FOR WORKERS' DISPUTES

## McAdoo Announces Body to Adjust Differences Between Employes and R. R. Chiefs

*By the Associated Press*

Washington, Nov. 14.

Employment disputes involving railroad telegraphers, switchmen, clerks and maintenance of way men hereafter will be adjusted by a new railroad administration board of adjustment, "No. 2," establishment of which was announced today by Director General McAdoo.

This body, consisting of four representatives appointed by the regional directors and one each by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Switchmen's Union, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, will not pass on wage matters, but only on disputes over interpretation of contracts if the employes and railroad executives are unable to agree. Its functions are similar to those of previously organized boards of adjustment for the four trainmen's brotherhoods and for ship employes. Members will be named soon.

The director general also authorized the railroad administration's division of labor, directed by W. S. Carter, to consider disputes involving employment conditions, but not wages, for employes of the American Railway Express Company. This was prompted by sporadic strikes of expressmen yesterday in the south after discharge of certain employes.

"Now that a proper method has been established for the adjustment of such controversies," said the director general, "there is no longer any occasion or excuse for employes of the express company adopting any other methods for securing what they believe is just treatment."

He referred to a former order specifying that no discrimination may be made against railroad employes on account of membership in unions, and explained that this applies to express employes.

Disputes are to be referred to the railroad administration division of labor only after employes' organizations and chief operating officer of the express company have failed to agree. Wage matters will continue to be handled by the board of railroad wages and working conditions.

**TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES**

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# SHIP NEWS

## SHIP MEN TO HEAR SENATOR FLETCHER

### Commerce Committee Chairman Will Address Atlantic Coast Association

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, will be the principal speaker tomorrow at a general meeting of shipbuilders, arranged by the Atlantic Coast Shipbuilders' Association.

The meeting will be held in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Charles Piez, vice president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, will preside.

Other speakers will be Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, and J. G. Rossiter, manager of the fleet corporation division of operations. Charles M. Schwab, director of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, may also address the gathering.

The membership of the association includes the officials of all the shipyards engaged in building steel vessels on the Atlantic coast, from Jacksonville, Fla., to Bath, Me.

The sessions of the Association will be held in conjunction with the three-day convention of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Joint headquarters of the two associations have been opened in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

**George Casper** has been promoted to the position of leader of Hoosier boiler construction in the boiler shop of the Pusey & Jones Company.

**John Develin**, formerly of the boiler shop but for the last few months working in the Pusey & Jones Pennsylvania yard as a fitter, has returned to the shop.

**Bert Pennington**, who until June 1 worked in the finishing department in the Merchants' yard, died of pneumonia in France October 13, Pennington, who was very popular with the boys in his department, came to the yard September 7, 1917. He enlisted early in June and was sent to Camp Humphreys. He sailed for France a month later. Pennington lived at 800 Penn street, Camden, and is survived by his widow.

# EVERY CITIZEN IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FUNERAL

*Public Turnout to Precede Cremation of William Hohenzollern Tonight With South Philadelphia's Foremost Residents as Chief "Mourners" at Final Ceremonies.*

WHALE of a big funeral downtown tonight.

Public funeral. Yes, sir, the "publiest" kind of a public funeral. Everybody invited, and undertaker Bruder guarantees that a large time will be had by all.

Been getting ready for it since Monday down around Sixteenth street and Snyder avenue. The corpse has been on public view there for several days. They've had it lying in state in a Liberty Loan booth.

You can judge the importance of the funeral by the eminence of the honorary pallbearers. Here they are: William S. Vare, Congressman; Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of Council's finance committee; William H. Wilson, Director of Public Safety; James E. Lennon, president of Select Council, and James M. Haslett, Recorder of Deeds.

Only trouble is they can't get a parson to officiate. Not much wonder, though, come to think of it. For they're going to bury one William Hohenzollern. Which fact might cause surprise at the distinguished character of the pallbearers. It's not because they loved him so much, but because they're so darned glad to get rid of him.

As is proper, the remains will be cremated. But this interesting ceremony will not take place until the "hearse" has been paraded from the starting point at Sixteenth street and Snyder avenue to Independence Hall, proceeding over Broad street to Chestnut, then to Fifth, then out Market to Broad and back again.

There will be a monument, of course. It will be thus inscribed:

Kaiser William Hohenzollern
Born 1859
Taken sick April, 1917
Died November 10, 1918

Doctor Peacock, Frank Gilbert, Joseph Malone, J. Cox, Dave Parke and M. Fahey will carry the corpse when necessary, but at other times it will be trundled along on a machine gun, with a guard of soldiers to see that it stays dead. The Police Band will be considerably on the job; likewise the Boy Scouts and sailors from the Fourth Naval District. Just about everybody in the southwestern section will be among those present.

**Investigate Workman's Death**

The sudden death of Emil Knecht, fifty-five years old, of Westville, while working in the Pusey & Jones Company shipyard at Gloucester yesterday is being investigated by Coroner Pratt, who has ordered an autopsy. Knecht collapsed while drilling a plate and died on the way to the Cooper Hospital. Knecht, who was a prosperous baker, joined the shipyard forces at the outbreak of the war.


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