

“DRY” LEADERS EXPECT VICTORY

Declare Final Ratification of Amendment Will Pass Tomorrow

31 ADHERENTS CLAIMED

Highway Bills Expected to Be in Governor's Hand This Week

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—The resolution ratifying the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution on the part of Pennsylvania will be finally disposed of in the General Assembly tomorrow, according to predictions made at the capital today.

The resolution, on which a hearing was held last Tuesday, is on the Senate second-reading calendar for tonight and the plan is to take it up finally tomorrow. Claims of at least thirty-five votes favorable to it have been made and if they are substantiated the resolution will be ratified, with votes to spare.

The Sprout reorganizing department bills, covering both reorganization of the State Highway Department and the appropriations, will be the main objects of interest in the House and will reach the Governor's desk by the end of the week in all probability. The enabling legislation for issuance of bonds for road building under the constitutional amendment will be introduced this week.

Many bills are expected to appear in both houses, as members have been busy at the legislative reference bureau. Some of the administration bills relative to departments may also be presented. The first two bills reorganizing departments affecting the executive and state, will reach the Governor tomorrow. The bill providing for two additional judges in Allegheny County is before the Governor.

Speaker Robert S. Spangler will renew his urgings to chairmen of committees to expedite work on bills so that they will be out of the way when the departmental and appropriation bills appear, and a number of committees will be called for meetings today and tomorrow. Arrangements for a hearing on military training, teachers' salaries and other bills will be made.

Both branches will meet tonight at 8 o'clock. The Senate has eight bills before it, including some emergency appropriation measures and the Baldwin municipal lien bills. The House has more than forty, twenty-five on second reading. The cheapest law amendments are on third reading, while the Neary firearms bill is on the postponed calendar.

Tuesday special elections will be held in Delaware and Dauphin Counties for election of Senators to fill vacancies.

BOARD TO SUPERVISE ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—A bill probably will be introduced soon in the Legislature providing a plan of administering the State Board of Public Buildings so it will have charge of all construction work and supplies for state offices and institutions.

The board is headed by the Governor, with the Auditor General and State Treasurer as the other members and the superintendent of public grounds and buildings as its executive officer.

The proposed new bureau in the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings will be subordinate to the superintendent, who will be accountable to the Governor. The purchase of supplies will be standardized and one bureau will attend to their purchase; another will have charge of the state property and construction work such as new buildings and state bridges. A state architect, a state engineer and a superintendent of construction would be connected with the reorganized department. This force would have charge of the Park department, the construction of new buildings, the erection of the Camden bridge and other state work.

The bill would also relieve the Governor of the duty of appointing and removing members of the board and as a member of the board his duties would assist largely in approving contracts.

CITY REGIMENTS FOUGHT HARD

Old Third and First Lived Up to Reputation, Writes Private

"Well, the old Third and First Regiments of Philly fought hard today. The 10th Infantry now, certainly did live up to their fighting reputation," says Private William Bencher, writing from Base Hospital 103. Bencher, a former Philadelphia, is now overseas with the American forces.

"The Germans certainly wished those regiments hadn't come over here, for we beat them badly at Courville Hill without asking for a barrage," he continues. Bencher and his brother met recently. His brother Ray, a member of 110th Infantry, Headquarters Company, was wounded while fighting in the Argonne Forest on October 15, 1918, but was recovered.

Upon his recovery, Bencher met his brother. At present both are boxing at the various welfare huts in the neighborhood of their station. Bencher says the Americans rounded up the Germans in the Argonne Forest in less than a month than had been expected.

Body Found in Alley Identified

The body found in an alley at 2528 North Ninth street was identified today as Walter Blake, 220 Middlesex street, Gloucester, who came to Philadelphia on Saturday. Frank Jeffrey, barkeeper of the dead man, with whom he lived, will take the body to Gloucester. Blake was a shipbuilder employed at the Pusey & Jones yard. He was forty-two years old.

Table with 2 columns: Produce Name and Price. Includes items like Apples, Beans, Carrots, etc.

OFFICERS OF THE "LAST MAN'S CLUB"



At the left is C. F. Gramlich, sixty-four years of age, president of the "Last Man's Club." In the center is Captain Nicholas Baggs, eighty-five years, chaplain; at the right is George Washington Ward, seventy-five years, secretary. The "Last Man's Club," the name applied to the Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, veterans of the Civil War, held its annual meeting on Washington's Birthday at the Grand Army of the Republic headquarters, 1523 Arch street. The organization was formed in 1881 and numbered 500 men. Eighty members answered the roll call on Saturday.

RUM SELLERS AND USERS RUSH TO ESCAPE NEW TAX

Saloon Men and Consumers Here Purchasing Heavily to Escape Levy Which Goes Into Effect at Midnight of Day President Signs New \$6,000,000,000 Revenue Bill

The Senate may have its mind on the league of nations more than ever now that President Wilson is home, but Mr. Wilson's arrival has turned the thoughts of liquor sellers and liquor consumers to the proposition of accumulating a large supply before the nation's Chief Executive signs the new \$6,000,000,000 revenue bill.

The President may sign the bill today. Those who are interested in liquor from a business viewpoint and those who are interested merely as patrons are hoping he will not get around to it until tomorrow, if at all.

Today there is an unprecedented rush to "get in under the wire" of the increased liquor and beer taxes. Saloons started out to pour orders into wholesale houses and distributors and men who keep it in the house were not far behind.

For the new revenue bill just doubles the tax on whiskey, making it \$6.40 a gallon, and doubles that on beer, making that a \$6 barrel, while there are corresponding increases on other intoxicants, according to the degree of their "kick"—that is, according to the percentage of alcoholic content.

DEATHS OF A DAY

GEORGE WEISBROD, JR.

Well-Known Brewer Dies After Long Illness

George Weisbrod, Jr., president of the Weisbrod & Hess Brewing Company, Adams street above Frankford avenue, Philadelphia, who has liquor or who has been a partner in the business, died yesterday after a long illness. He lived at 12 Lehigh avenue. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Markman; two children, and a daughter, Mrs. Louise Weisbrod. The funeral will be held at his home on Wednesday at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. Weisbrod, who was forty-one years old, was a member of many organizations, among them Hermann Lodge, No. 127, P. and A. M., T. E. Freeman R. A. Chapter, No. 243, Kadosh La Lu Temple, La Lu Temple Automobile Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar; Commandery, La Lu Temple Country Club, Porter's Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, Philadelphia Rifle Club, Chelsea Yacht Club, Philadelphia Turfing and Wednesdays Night Bowling Club, Oriental Building and Loan Association, Philadelphia Lager Beer Brewers' Association and the Philadelphia Brew Masters' Association.

Walter C. Bishop

Walter C. Bishop, principal of the P. D. Bates School, Twenty-second and Brown streets, died last Saturday at his home, 825 North Twenty-first street. He was 83 years of age and had been in poor health for more than two years.

Mr. Bishop was born in Delaware forty-two years ago and at an early age came to this city. In 1877 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania school of number of years he taught at the Stephens public school, and when the Bates school was opened several years ago he was assigned to that institution.

Six years ago Mr. Bishop originated "open-window" classes for the younger pupils of the Bates School, and the plan was later adopted in almost every quarter of the city.

Mr. Bishop was superintendent of the Sunday school at Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church and for a number of years taught in a Sunday school class in that church. He was a member of Olivet Masonic Lodge, a widow, Mrs. Florence Bishop, and three children, Mildred, Callen and William, survive him. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

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BEAT INFLUENZA ON BATTLE FRONT

Philadelphia Physician Describes Fight on Plague in Trenches

KEPT RIGID QUARANTINE

All Showing Signs of Infection Were Removed From Fighting Area

Heroic steps taken to prevent the invasion of the front-line trenches by influenza were described today by Lieutenant James R. Bean, 4517 North Fifteenth street, who arrived home from France on the battleship Kansas.

Lieutenant Bean was head of the mobile hospital at St. Aignan and directed the fight against the plague in that part of France. The hospital had a recognized capacity of 2500 beds, but during the height of the outbreak, more than twice that number were placed in the wards.

"No person who showed any trace of the disease was allowed to pass through St. Aignan and go to the front," the lieutenant said. "In fact, any person who showed any sign of being in such physical condition that they might prove a victim was removed from the fighting area."

4500 Soldiers Inspected Daily

"As soon as influenza was discovered the number of cots at St. Aignan was doubled. Isolation and careful disinfection of the barracks were used in preventing a spread of the disease. But the precautions taken did not stop at St. Aignan. The men were again examined upon arriving in the training area. There were approximately 4500 soldiers inspected daily at our camp.

"It is safe to say," the lieutenant said, "that when the boys reached the trenches they were free of all infectious diseases, due to the splendid supervision of the medical corps and all of its various branches."

The armored cruiser Montana brought the 14th Machine-Gun Battalion complete, thirty officers and 592 men; 116th Ammunition Train, Companies E, F and G, nine officers and 223 men; Casual Company 255, Boise Barracks, two officers and sixty-four men; Casual Company 1291, two officers and 193 men; 202d Trench Mortar Battery, six officers and 148 men and twenty casual officers. Total, 1401.

The 302d Trench Mortar Battery in the first complete unit of the Seventy-seventh Division, New York's National Army men, to return.

The Kansas, which left Brest four days before the Montana, arrived four hours after the cruiser, the battleship having been detained at Bermuda for coaling. The Kansas had on board the 116th Engineers, complete, forty officers and 1342 men; and the 116th Ammunition Train headquarters, motor battalion, headquarters horse battalion, medical detachments and Companies A, B, C and D, twenty-three officers and 525 men. Total, 1920.

Philadelphia on Board Kansas

Philadelphia on the U. S. S. Kansas from Brest were Corporal Bruce Beyer, 2423 Spruce street; Adolph Kohlenstein, 1012 North Ogden street; Bernard Hertzberg, 2951 Moyamensing avenue; Frank R. Smith, 1842 Memphis street; Joseph Saylor, 1151 North Twenty-sixth street; Carl R. Scathemonger, 1924 North Cannon street; Raymond Paul, 224 South Twenty-second street.

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URGES JOBS, NOT CHEERS

Veterans More Interested in Future, Says Lieutenant Saxe



KEPT RIGID QUARANTINE

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This is what Lieutenant Michael Saxe, just returned to his home, 1523 North Fifteenth street, did when he left for France, July 15 last.

Saxe's leg was broken during a rehearsal of a trench raid at Camp Wadsworth, S. C. Lieutenant Saxe was in the base hospital when he learned that his leg was not healed, but he assured them that he would run away with his regiment if they would let him go.

In the Vosges Mountains Lieutenant Saxe got his first taste of gas. He is still in the hospital, but improving.

Today, discussing receptions to be returned soldiers, Lieutenant Saxe said: "We officers would like to see you, but we are not going to the front, rather we are going to the front. They need positions far more."

CONWELL HITS LEAGUE PLAN

Clergymen Says Washington, If Alive, Would Oppose It

George Washington, if he were alive today, would not approve of the league of nations as outlined at the present time, was the opinion expressed yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Russell Conwell in a special Washington Birthday sermon in Baptist Temple.

Dr. Conwell said that the address of Washington warned us against political connection with foreign countries. He also said that if the Farewell Address had been thoroughly understood in the South there would have been no Civil War.

Dr. Conwell said the address should be studied in every home throughout the country. The Rev. Dr. Conwell is in going to Europe, according to Doctor Conwell.

NEGRO SUSPECT ARRESTED

Police Say George Ware Was "Taking Home the Bacon"

George Ware, twenty years old, a negro, was held in \$500 bail for court this morning after the police say, he had been caught "bringing home the bacon."

Ware was arrested at Twenty-second and Oxford streets yesterday, while carrying two slabs of bacon, said to have been stolen from the meat store of Edward Korfow, 1621 North Twenty-second street. The window of the store was smashed and two slabs of bacon are missing.

Ware was arraigned before Magistrate Grelle, in the Nineteenth and Oxford streets station.

BUSINESS MEN SLOW

EMPLOYING SOLDIERS

Federal Employment Agent Declares Only Fifty Per Cent Can Be Placed

Failure on the part of business men to cooperate with the Federal authorities in offering jobs to disabled soldiers is hampering the purpose of the Federal Bureau of Vocational Education according to Jerome B. Scott, supervisor of placements. The condition is particularly marked in the district comprising Pennsylvania and Delaware, with headquarters in the South Penn Square Building.

"Only 50 per cent of the men who apply for jobs can be taken care of. We are asking business men who employ a fair number of persons to take on one extra man from among those who made the sacrifice of their health and strength," Mr. Scott said. "This would solve our problem."

"Employers of America did their wartime bit loyally. Their support of the government was wholehearted. As yet, with the exception of a small number, they have not proved their readiness to do their after-war bit. Armless and legless men are not our chief concern. Only 5 per cent of the entire army are placed in this class of casuals. These are receiving immediate compensation from the government and are being placed in educational institutions."

Unwillingness to accept charity from

the Red Cross or even government loans alone has been noted among the men who have applied at the Vocational Training Bureau, according to the officials there.

"They seek work," Mr. Scott said, "and we must keep them waiting some time for three weeks, exercising all manner of diplomacy to keep up their courage and keep them in touch with the bureau, so that they are not discouraged or not driven by the exigencies of their need to commit crime."

Camp Building in France Burned

Paris, Feb. 24.—(By A. P.)—One building at the American camp at Tarpur-Tille, and not the whole cantonment as previously reported, was destroyed Saturday by fire, says a Havas dispatch. The loss was estimated at more than 1,000,000 francs.

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