

# BOLSHEVIA MENACE GROWS, WHILE PEACE TARRIES; AUSTRIA IN TURMOIL; MAY JOIN HUNGARIAN SOVIET

## CHARTER BILL BOOSTERS RAP CITY'S SYSTEM

**John C. Winston Tells Legislators Third of Voters Control Affairs**

**AGAINST CONTRACTORS AS POLITICAL BOSSES**

**Inform Senate Committee Citizens Are Dissatisfied With Existing Government**

**NO TALK IN OPPOSITION Advocates Smaller Councils and Salaries for Those Who Serve Municipality**

**Smaller Council Urged as Prime Need of City**

A reorganized city council was declared Philadelphia's prime need for a really representative government by John C. Winston, chairman of the Philadelphia Charter Committee, who today, at Harrisburg, addressed the Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs.

Mr. Winston advocated a salaried council of twenty-one members, elected by senatorial districts, each councilman representing 20,000 assessed voters.

He asserted the present two-chamber system was a council of the most monstrous size and cumbersome character in the world.

He advocated stripping the Mayor of power to appoint the Civil Service Commission and of using the police and firemen for political favoritism.

He urged a budget system of city finances.

**Boosters Given Clear Field**

Advocates of the new charter were given a clear field when they appeared before the committee.

No speakers appeared to oppose the Woodward bill. Senator Vare announced before the hearing that there would be no one to oppose the charter measure. Charter revisionists had anticipated an array of speakers in opposition to their bill.

No set program was arranged by Senator Vare for the conduct of the hearing, nor was any time limit set on the speeches of those urging the passage of the bill. Each speaker was permitted to talk as long as he liked.

Mr. Winston, Thomas Raeburn White, chairman of the charter revision subcommittee which drafted the charter bill, and James Collins Jones, a member of the committee, led the list of speakers who urged the passage of the bill.

The committee headed by Senator Vare, which conducted the hearing, follows:

Senators Salus, Patton, Daix, Woodward, Martin and Nicholson, of Philadelphia; Schantz, Lehigh; Baldwin, Porter; Dyce, Chester; Nelson, Erie; Leslie, Murdoch and Einstein, Allegheny; Campbell, Mercer; Marlow, York; Sones, Luzerne; Hackett, Northampton; Thompson, Cambria, and Buckman, Bucks.

**Denounces City Contract System**

A political leader, who is also a contractor, can, under the existing system, Mr. Winston charged, amass an income of \$100,000 a year.

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**THE WEATHER VANE**

Fair and warmer tonight with a wind that is shifting.

Cloudy tomorrow — oh, where are we drifting?

"Becoming unsettled with probably rain."

Wouldn't the weather man give you a pat?

## Baldwin Men for, Cramp's Oppose League of Nations

**Proponents Still Lead by Heavy Majority, However, in Poll Being Taken in Philadelphia—Soldiers Favor by 2 to 1**

Soldiers, workmen at the Baldwin Locomotive Works and hundreds of voters who are sending in the ballots published by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, have again recorded a majority "more than two to one" in favor of the plan for a league of nations proposed by the Peace Conference at Paris.

The poll of the Cramp shipyards yesterday, however, showed a majority against the plan.

This was the one "reversal of form" in Philadelphia's voting on the world question during the last twenty-four hours.

The total vote as tabulated today stands 5335 for and 2384 against the league, while the ballots sent into the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER offices show a total of 668 for and 172 against the league.

The student body and faculty of the University of Pennsylvania yesterday began a five-day poll at the office of the University's daily paper, the Pennsylvania. This ballot will continue until Friday afternoon, during which time views for and against the league are being printed in the college publication. The balloting yesterday showed 33 in favor and 5 against the league of nations.

**Greatest "Landslide"**

The greatest "landslide" recorded for the league of nations in any single ballot came when a poll of the employees of the Farm Journal and their friends were taken. The poll resulted in 35 for and 3 against the league of nations.

The poll being taken throughout the country shows the vote in favor of the league of nations to be about three to one.

New York city now reports 21,945 persons in favor of the league of nations and 6482 against it. Boston has reported 6482 for the league of nations and 1152 against it. The other cities voting on the question report the following results:

**DRAMATIC TURN IN WILL HEARING**

**Unopened Letter Written by Henry W. Bartol Eight Years Ago Handed to Son**

**TELS OF BEQUESTS**

An unopened letter, written by a man nearly eight years before his death, furnished a dramatic incident at the hearing in the Henry Welchman Bartol will contest before Register of Wills Sheehan today.

The letter, written by Mr. Bartol, was addressed to Captain Henry G. Bartol, son of the testator, and was dated September 21, 1911, one day before the contest, which disposes of a \$3,000,000 estate and cuts off two daughters.

The letter was written by the father of the testator, the Girard Trust Company, produced the letter, which he handed to Captain Bartol, who was seated beside his sister, Mrs. Joseph M. Bartol, of Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Bartol's daughter, Katherine de Moncloa, the daughter who were cut off in the will, are the contestants.

Volumes of documentary evidence were offered by both sides at the hearing, it being the contention of the daughters, according to Mr. Saul, that Mr. Bartol was under "imane delusions" as to his children, with an unnatural cruel disposition toward his kindred.

Efforts will be made to prevent the probating of the American will in favor of the French document, because under the former the daughters will receive nothing. Later, under the children, will receive one-fourth of his estate.

The French will was offered in evidence. The document as yet has not been offered for probate in Paris. Other papers offered included letters to the Girard Trust Company, Mr. Bartol's executor; letters by Mr. Bartol to various relatives; a marriage settlement contract with his second wife dated October 12, 1892; an agreement entered into on February 10, 1887, between his first wife and the testator's widow, who obtained a divorce from him in 1889, and the remainder will be divided among the daughters and other relatives who would share under the intestate laws.

Mr. Bartol made his money in sugar refining and railroad stocks, and thirty-two years ago, after being divorced from his wife on the grounds of desertion, went to live in France. He later married a French woman in Nice. She survives him and inherits \$5000, together with \$12,000 she loaned the testator. The laws of France relative to decedent estates may play a part in the legal controversy, and the question of residence will also enter into the case.

**Window Cleaner's Fall Fatal**

George Retzinger, fifty-four years old, who fell from a third-story window in the Drexel Building, Fifth and Chestnut streets, Thursday, died last night at the Pennsylvania Hospital. He lived at 221 West Selzer street.

**Accommodations Assured**

"If a sufficient number of coaches cannot be stationed along Delaware avenue, we can have some of the men on train along Washington avenue, as far west as Broad street. If necessary, we'll provide accommodations."

The general staff will select the camp or camps to which the division is to be sent with a view to having it nearest the predominating body of geographers, local units in the organization. Camps Meade, Dix and Lee are understood to be the points under consideration, with Dix as the probable camp should the division land in New York.

The War Department also directed attention to the fact that Philadelphia must not expect to have its formal review of the division until several days or a week after the soldiers arrive in this country.

**2 DIE IN FLAMES: WOMAN 70 YEARS OLD AND CHILD 3**

**Septuagenarian Trips on Stairs Carrying Lamp—Boy Playing With Matches**

An aged woman and a three-year-old boy died today from burns received in their homes yesterday.

Mrs. Suzette Holmes, seventy years old, of North Wales, died at the Chestnut Hill Hospital. She was burned about the body. Mrs. Holmes stumbled while carrying a lighted lamp up the stairway of her home last night. The oil caught fire and ignited her clothing. Members of her family extinguished the flames and rushed her to the hospital.

Three-year-old Horace Feise, 4053 Cresson street, Manayunk, died in St. Timothy's Hospital. The child played with matches, which ignited his clothing. He was burned about the face, arms and body.

The accident occurred in the second-story back room while Mrs. Frank Feise was attending to household duties in the front room. The child was a mass of flames when Mrs. Feise hurried into the room in response to his screams. She wrapped the boy in a rug, which caught fire and ignited the curtains and carpet. The blaze was extinguished while the child was being rushed to the hospital.

**FOURTH RORKE BILL HEARING**

**Desire of Coal Men to Support Measure Threatens Delay**

**By a Staff Correspondent**

Harrisburg, March 25.—Another hearing may be held on the Rorke bill, to amend the blue laws by permitting orchestral concerts, lectures and movies of an educational nature after 7 o'clock Sunday evenings.

Representative Rorke, sponsor of the bill, said before the committee met this afternoon to act on the measure, that he might ask for delay in order to hold a fourth hearing in the anthracite region.

"I have just received petitions from more than 15,000 men, representing union labor in the anthracite districts, asking that they be heard in favor of the bill," said Mr. Rorke. "We have had no hearing in that district."

The Rev. T. T. Mutchler, head of the opposition to the bill, announced that no further delay would be tolerated. He said that a negative report, which would require 104 votes, a constitutional majority for further consideration of the measure, would be demanded.

If the bill is reported out neither affirmatively nor negatively, Mr. Mutchler said, opponents of the measure would put it on the calendar for defeat. They could place the measure on the calendar by obtaining sixty votes.

**FOE WANTS RECONCILIATION**

**Dernburg Says Germany Will Sign No Other Kind of Peace**

**Zurich, March 25.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, sometime chief of the German propaganda service in the United States, writing in the Tagblatt of Zurich, says that the German people will not sign a treaty of peace that is not inspired by impartiality, justice and a spirit of reconciliation, which, he says, President Wilson guaranteed in his messages.**

The German people, Doctor Dernburg adds, "will not sign a treaty that does not contain the rights of the German people. Germany is admitted with full rights, and will consent to disarmament only when other members of the league disarm."

**ADMINISTRATION BILLS PASS**

**Constitution Revision Commission Provided Without Opposition**

**Harrisburg, March 25.—The bill creating a commission to study the question of the necessity of calling a constitutional convention, was passed finally by the Senate today without discussion and was sent to the House. There were no votes against it. The bill is an administrative measure.**

The bill provides for the creation of a constitution revision commission, and abolishing the office of executive controller and transferring the duties of the office to the auditor general's department.

Providing for biennial, instead of annual, reports by the several state departments.

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**PROVINCES IN HUNGARY NOT UNDER NEW RULE**

**Russian Drive Declared Untrue — Bolsheviki Reach Brody, Says Another Report**

**BRITISH SHIPS FIRED ON**

**Rumania, Threatened by Big Army, Mobilizes Military Forces**

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The Peace Conference is powerless to stop the wars. Ukraine pays no attention to its orders. Bolshevism Hungary also will pay no attention. As an example of the capacity of the league of nations to prevent war, the conference is not impressive. Every step it takes starts a new war or plants the seed of future war. The Hungarian situation is alarming, not merely because it brings Bolshevism into direct contact with the German-speaking world, but because of the parallel between Hungary and Germany.

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