

### STATE POLICE RULE IN BALTIMORE FAILS

Experiment Tried in Maryland City Since 1867 Gave Governor Whip

By a Staff Correspondent  
Baltimore, Md., April 29.—State control of the municipal police force suggested for Philadelphia—has been tried in Baltimore since 1867.

Leading citizens of Baltimore, more interested in good government than party politics, say that it has been tried and found wanting.

Baltimore had a state-controlled police force saddled on it in the guise of reform, just as Philadelphia may get a state-appointed police commissioner as a reform measure.

Baltimore now regards state control of the police as a dangerous abuse, which in practice has put political control of the city in the governor's vest pocket.

Through the present system has its adherents, there is a strong opposed body of public opinion which makes the charge that state control violates the first principles of home rule.

The board of three police commissioners, appointed by the governor is entirely beyond the control of the people of Baltimore.

Baltimore pays the bills, but has no voice in the spending of its own money for police protection.

The commissioners are not responsible to the people, but to the governor. To remove the police commission charges must be made before the governor, who appoints the commissioners, and conducted by the commissioners' own counsel. If the governor finds in favor of his own appointees, he may order the individual who brought the charges to pay the costs.

The long, persistent, but yet unsuccessful, fight for "home rule" for Baltimore city in the matter of police control is evidenced by the following address delivered before the City Club of Baltimore by Ralph Robinson, one of the city's leading attorneys, who has made a careful study of the situation extending over many years. He says:

"It is with surprise that visitors learn that the city of Baltimore has no police department of its own; that it is policed by an organization which is administered and solely controlled by an agency not responsible to its citizens.

"Taxed, but not represented. Such a state of affairs exhibits a unique instance of taxation without representation.

"The friends of the system claim that it is necessary to keep the police out of politics. Now the view that I desire to submit is this:

"First. It has been so developed as to keep the police in politics.

"Second. That apart from this feature it exhibits cardinal administrative defects.

"Third. That Baltimore city will never have dependable and effective police protection until the system is abolished.

"The heart of the system is the Board of Police Examiners.

"There can be no intelligent comprehension of the system which omits the work of the police examiners. These officials are also appointed by the governor, being three in number, and upon them devolves the task of conducting written examinations on which appointments and promotions are based.

"Puts Police in Politics

"The interest of politicians in the police force under the existing system is unobscuredly avowed by a provision in the laws creating the Board of Police Commissioners and Board of Police Examiners, to the effect that of the three members of these respective boards one each shall be an adherent of the two leading parties of the state.

"Superficially, it appears to be a plan in the interest of a nonpartisan administration. As a matter of fact, it is a plan to obtain domination of those boards by the appointing power, whenever so inclined without arousing suspicion.

"Administrative defects next claim attention.

"(a) To begin with, to give any three public officials, be their characters as white as the snow on Salmon, the expenditure of a sum of upwards of two millions of dollars without direct responsibility to those furnishing them the money, is to do violence to the most fundamental conceptions of the principles of self-government.

"(b) Again, the actual relation between the commissioners and the police force of Baltimore city is the subject of gross misconception. The individual in actual command of the police force is the marshal, and it is to be able to name the marshal that the control of the police commission is so vital to the politicians.

"The marshal of police and the board of police examiners are the realities in the police system—all the rest is camouflage.

"The morale of the police, like that of any similar organization, depends on the caliber of the man really in command of them, on the marshal, not on the police commissioners. The existing law takes no cognizance of this fact.

"I am firmly convinced that the police department should be made a municipal department; that it should be administered by an agency that is solely responsible to the people of Baltimore, whose money it spends."

### LOAN SPIRIT GROWS BEYOND SCHUYLKILL

West Philadelphia Meetings All Give Drive New Impetus

BOY RAPS "FALSE CHEERS"

West Philadelphians renewed their efforts for the Victory Loan with a boom last night. Thousands turned out to the various demonstrations in different sections of the district.

The Salvation Army band, under the direction of Richard E. Holz and Commander Powers Hinkle, drew large crowds to the Victory statue at Fifty-second and Chestnut streets.

Three vocal groups, with talented singers and returned soldiers were stationed at Forty-second street and Lancaster avenue, Fortieth street and Fairmount avenue and Sixtieth and Market streets respectively.

A feature of the demonstration at Sixtieth and Market streets was a stirring speech in behalf of the loan by twenty-year-old Paul Richardson, 519 Reno street.

"What are you going to do?" he asked after he had reminded the crowds what the "Boys" have done in France.

West Philadelphia fell short of her quota." He scolded the crowds for their lack of "real spirit," and rapped what he termed "false cheers."

Some of last night's speakers were: Private Thomas A. Gaston, who served fourteen months overseas; Fred Wright; Sidney Friendly; Sergeant Walter Warner, formerly of the First French Army Corps; Jack Zolner; Abe Weisbord, recently from the navy.

Miss Nan Travelline was one of the singers. Misses Frances L. Miller, Madeline Sisson and Mary Kushner took part in the demonstration.

Lieutenant Hulsh and Corporals Roy A. Hoover and C. Dugan, all of Company B, Home Guards, were on hand.

Mrs. B. F. Richardson, chairman of the West Philadelphia committee, announced last night that more than \$800,000 of the West Philadelphia quota of \$8,000,000 has already been subscribed. This, she said, compares favorably with results of the first week in former loans.

A. I. du Pont Heads Bridge Board  
Wilmington, Del., April 29.—Alfred I. du Pont was elected chairman of the Washington bridge commission at a meeting of the organization in the offices of the Delaware Trust Company.

The commission was created by an act of the last Legislature authorizing the construction of a new bridge over the Brandywine at Washington street. It was decided to appoint an executive officer, who probably will be an expert bridge engineer.

### GRUENBERG ANSWERS CHARTER OBJECTORS IN HOUSE AND SENATE

Attention Also Is Called to Governor Sproul's Four Points of Approval

NO COMPENSATION DECISION

Commission, Sitting Here, Fails to Agree on Changes in Law

Harrisburg, April 29.—Representatives of employers and employees of Pennsylvania named by the workmen's compensation board to discuss suggested amendments to the compensation code failed to agree upon any features of the proposed bill at a conference here yesterday. The statement was made that anything to be said about the meeting would be given out by Governor Sproul, to whom Chairman Harry A. Mackey will report the result of the conference.

It is understood the committee of employers held it inopportune to take up increases in rates or other changes that would add to cost of production at this time.

The representatives of the employers and of labor held meetings separately after the conference.

There is a possibility that a bill to make increases in rates may be introduced by labor people independently of the action of the conference.

### FIRST REFORM CLASH IS WON BY PENROSE

Forces Jubilant as Senate Passes Measures Giving District Attorney More Power

VARE IN STUBBORN ATTACK

By a Staff Correspondent  
Harrisburg, April 29.—Penrose followers here today are jubilant over the defeat of the Vares in the first real showdown in the legislative "battle of the clans."

Virtually unanimous indorsement by the Senate of the measures introduced at the request of District Attorney Rotan, of Philadelphia, enlarging the scope and power of his office, was a hard slap at Senator Vare, who personally led a forceful attack on the bills a week ago during a committee hearing which was enlivened by strenuous personal attacks by Senator Vare and counter-attacks by District Attorney Rotan.

Mr. Rotan wants to see the bill enlarging the scope of his office and increasing the legal staff in the hands of the Governor by the end of next week. He is here to meet any call for a further hearing or to answer any statements that may be made on the floor of the Senate in relation to the conduct of his office or the necessity for the enactment of the proposed legislation.

First Vote Unanimous  
The chief bill, that providing for an increase in the district attorney's staff of assistants, passed the Senate unanimously, with forty-four senators voting in the affirmative.

The second bill, which provides for the appointment of a chief county detective and a corps of assistant county

### detectors, not to exceed fourteen in number, passed by a vote of 41 to 3.

This latter bill was pressed for the reason that it will empower the district attorney to entrust criminal investigation to officials directly under his

### charge, thus making it unnecessary for him to depend upon the police department, which, he said, at the hearing last week, had not been over-diligent in its investigation of the Fifth Ward election scandal and murder.



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