

THE WEATHER
Washington, June 17.—Partly cloudy today and tomorrow.
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HOUSE DEFEATS SCHOOL RIPPER BILL BY 139-28

Sterling Measure Aimed to Eliminate Pittsburgh and Phila. Boards of 15 Members

WOULD HAVE SUPPLANTED SEVEN-MEMBER BODY

Proposed to Limit Age of Directors to 65 — John R. K. Scott Praised Wanamaker

Doings of the Day in Legislature

Board of education "ripper bill" defeated in House by a vote of 139 to 28. Walker rent bill passed House by a vote of 140 to 32.

Harrisburg, June 17.—Representative Philip Sterling's bill to rip out the school boards in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh was defeated overwhelmingly in the House this afternoon.

Twenty-six members voted for the bill and 139 against. Nearly all of the Philadelphia members opposed the measure.

The Sterling bill would have legislated the present boards of fifteen members each in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh out of office.

It would have supplanted the present boards in those cities with boards of seven members each.

Would Have New Boards Within thirty days after the passage of the act the board of judges in the two cities would have appointed the new boards.

The bill specified that no person should hold office for more than two consecutive terms and that "on and after the first day of September, 1919, no person shall be eligible to appointment to the office of school director who is more than sixty-five years of age at the time of his appointment."

Debate on Bill The debate on the ripper was opened by Mr. Sterling.

Representative Joseph Marcus, Allegheny, attacked the bill. Mr. Marcus said the present board in Pittsburgh was an efficient body.

Representative Aron, Philadelphia, also opposed the bill. Mr. Aron is a protégé of David H. Lane, a member of the Philadelphia School Board.

Representative J. R. K. Scott, Philadelphia, attacked the measure as "an absurdity."

Wait Till They Roll By Clouds tonight we must endure. Naught tomorrow's clouds can cure.

No "Orgy of Legislation" in Capital, Says McCain

Colonel Asserts Fewer Bills Were Introduced Than in Any Session in Last Ten Years. Many Measures Delayed

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Harrisburg, June 17.—That the present session has been an orgy of legislation, is, I find, a popular impression outside legislative circles.

It is an erroneous conclusion. It has been anything but that.

Up until today there have been fewer bills introduced than at any session in the last ten years.

The session of 1913 under Governor Tener secured high-water mark with 1790 bills in the House and 942 in the Senate.

Patronage Breeds Typographical Errors The number of bills withdrawn from the Governor for purposes of amendment this session, however, has broken all records.

For years the state printer who prints all the legislative bills supplied his own proofreaders.

BOY, 17, CONFESSES \$30,000 ROBBERIES

Tells of Taking Gems and Clothing From Rittenhouse Square Homes in Year of Crime

WOMAN AND TWO MEN HELD

Loot valued at from \$30,000 to \$40,000 was stolen from fashionable homes in the Rittenhouse Square section in a series of robberies committed during the last year by a seventeen-year-old boy.

After making a complete confession he was held in \$18,000 bail for court today by Magistrate O'Brien when arraigned at the Twelfth and Pine streets police station.

Three persons, including a woman, were charged with having purchased some of the stolen articles.

Places Robbed Among the places entered and robbed were those of: Mrs. Francis Green, 1034 Spruce street, \$315; R. M. Elliott, 1824 De Lancey street, no value placed; Mrs. David Myers, 310 South Fifteenth street, \$2500; Mrs. Peter D. Stovall, 324 South Twenty-first street, \$1000; Miss Alice Biddle, 2017 De Lancey street, \$200; W. W. Frazier, 2132 Spruce street, \$1000; Mrs. A. Evans, 1522 Pine street, \$345; Wilson D. Wright, 1738 Pine street, \$350; J. G. Gardiner, 1800 Pine street, \$700; George Wharton Pepper, 1730 Pine street, \$450; Mrs. Frank McFadden, 1800 Lancaster street, no value placed; Stanley G. Flagg, Jr., 1723 Spruce street, no value placed; Mrs. Wentz, \$2000; Samuel D. Lit, 209 South Nineteenth street, \$200; Mrs. William

AGED WOMAN AUTO VICTIM Dies of Injuries Received Sunday. Both Arms and Legs Broken

KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF Reading Couple Had Been Separated for Some Time

Reading, Pa., June 17.—Frank Lots, thirty-six years old, shot and killed his wife, forty, and himself, this morning.

KNOX FIRES FIRST SHOT IN STRUGGLE OVER HIS MOTION

Defends Resolution for Isolation of Covenant From Peace Treaty

BITTER DEBATE FORECAST ON FLOOR OF SENATE

Pennsylvanian Declares He Seeks Time for Consideration of League

By the Associated Press

Washington, June 17.—Senator Knox opened debate today in the Senate on his resolution proposing separation of the covenant of the league of nations from the treaty with Germany.

WILSON HOPEFUL OF SAILING HOME 'IN WEEK'S TIME'

"Swing Around Circle" Will Follow Talk to Congress About July 3

Washington, June 17.—(By A. P.)—President Wilson hopes to leave Paris for Washington on June 24 or 25 if the Germans sign the peace treaty.

It was said at the White House today that the President expected to spend three weeks on his speaking tour, explaining the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant.

PROPOSED DRY LAW REPEAL MEETS CHECK

House Committee Refuses to Favor Stay of Execution to John Barleycorn

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LONGSHOREMEN RIOT IN CAR, POLICE ARE FORCED TO FLEE

Patrolmen Beat Hasty Retreat When Argument Becomes Violent—Reserves Called Out—Four Arrested

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Terms of Peace Modified by Answer of the Allies

Changes in the peace treaty by its revision, are summarized as follows: A plebiscite for upper Silesia with guarantees of coal from that territory.

Frontier rectifications in West Prussia.

Omission of the third zone in the Schleswig plebiscite.

Temporary increase of the German army from 100,000 to 200,000 men.

Declaration of the intention to submit within a month of signature a list of those accused of violation of the laws and customs of war.

Offer to co-operate with a German commission on reparations, and to receive suggestions for discharging the obligation.

German stipulated modifications in the finance, economic and ports and waterways clauses, including abolition of the proposed Kiel canal commission.

Assurance of membership in the league of nations in the early future if Germany fulfills her obligations.

\$3,000,000 CUT IS MADE IN BILL FOR CAMDEN BRIDGE

It's Outrage, Says Mayor Ellis, Declaring That Someone Has Been Caught Napping

A cut of \$3,000,000 has been made by the appropriations committee of the Pennsylvania Senate in the bill to appropriate Pennsylvania's share of the proposed interstate bridge over the Delaware river, joining Philadelphia and Camden.

Dealers Believe That Decline Will Continue—Off Six Cents Today

There was an average reduction of six cents a pound in the medium and best grades of beef.

BEEF PRICES REMAIN LOW

Patrolman's Back Broken

Wedged Between Trucks—Now in Critical Condition in Hospital

CZECHS IN COUNTER-DRIVE

Capture Villages and Cannon From Hungarian Soviet Troops

Czech forces, under command of General Henocque, of the French army, have begun a counter-offensive against the Hungarian soviet troops and have captured several villages after ten hours of fighting, according to a Prague dispatch received here.

ALLIED REPLY DEMANDS FOE ATONE FOR CRIMES; MUST ANSWER IN WEEK

Allied Answer Brightens Prospects for Peace Pact

Conciliatory Terms Indicate Desire of Powers to Avoid Using Armed Pressure and French Labor Troubles Abate

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, June 17.—Conditions are more favorable for the signing of peace by the Germans.

The settlement of the traction strike in Paris points the way to a compromise in the mining strike which began yesterday.

Premier Clemenceau has been taking a hand in the labor situation. The labor leaders evidently have chosen the present as the favorable moment to obtain concessions, but are not inclined to go to extreme lengths.

Meanwhile, conditions have had the effect of increasing the desire of the Peace Conference to have Germany sign voluntarily.

MAY CABLE STRIKERS' APPEAL TO WILSON

NEW YORK, June 17.—Probability that the telegraph strike situation would be placed before President Wilson in a cablegram from the American Federation of Labor, in convention at Atlantic City, was announced here today by Percy Thomas, deputy international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union.

BUENOS AIRES VEHICLE STRIKE ENDS

BUENOS AIRES, June 17.—The transportation strike which began June 12 and threatened completely to tie-up traffic in this city, has been settled.

LABOR DEMANDS IRISH RECOGNITION

Convention Adopts Resolution Asking Congress and Peace Table to Accept Republic

DEPLORE JEWISH POGROMS

Atlantic City, June 17.—A resolution asking that Congress recognize the Irish republic and urging that representatives of Ireland be given a hearing at the Peace Conference at Paris was passed unanimously today by the delegates of the American Federation of Labor, in session on the Steel Pier.

RENT-PROFITEERING BILL PASSES HOUSE

Measure Gives Tenants Right to Appeal to Court in Cases of High Increases

VOTE IS 130 TO FORTY-TWO

Principles of Peace Treaty Stand Unchanged, but Exactions Are Modified

TEUTON ARMY REDUCED TO 100,000 WITHIN YEAR

German People Told They Are Accomplices in Crime and Cannot Try Guilty

LESS ECONOMIC PRESSURE

Teutons Depressed When Terms Reach Weimar—Rumor of Rejection Heard

Brookhoff-Rantzau, chief German envoy, arrived in Weimar this afternoon with Clemenceau's covering note and the allied reply, delivered last evening.

The allied reply leaves the peace principles unchanged, but modifies the terms, opening the way for Germany to enter the league and to exercise a voice in fixing reparations.

The Turkish mission before the Council of Ten today asked that the empire be kept intact.

The majority at the Peace Conference expect the Germans to reject the treaty. One prominent delegate declares they will sign.

By the Associated Press

Paris, June 17.—The detailed reply of the Peace Conference to the counter proposals of the Germans, which was handed to the German delegation at Versailles yesterday, takes up in its order each of the objections made by the enemy to the provisions of the original peace treaty.

The Germans are allowed five days to accept or refuse the treaty as it stands, but two days additional have been granted because of the insistence of the German delegation that not sufficient time had been allowed for proper consideration of the revised terms.

Among the modifications to the treaty are frontier ratifications for East Prussia, a plebiscite in Upper Silesia, with a guarantee to Germany that she will receive fair treatment in securing mineral products from that region, modifications in the clauses relating to finance, economy and waterways phases of the treaty; permission for Germany to retain 200,000 men in its army temporarily and a promise to furnish Germany within a month with a full list of the persons who are to be tried for responsibility for the great conflict and violations of the laws of war.

War Blame Squarely Placed

Taking up the subject of penalties, the reply enters into a discussion of the immediate cause of the war and says that the conflict was brought about through the "decision, deliberately taken, of the statesmen of Berlin, Vienna and Budapest."

Tells of Distress

Representative J. A. Walker, of West Philadelphia, who introduced the bill, declared "there was actual distress, as a result of the greed of landlords in the thickly populated districts of the city where the bulk of the working class dwell."

"WRECK" AT BROAD STREET

Derailed Engine Holds Up Commuters' Trains