

SEDITION BILL TEST IN COURT PROMISED

State Labor Head Says Measure's Constitutionality Will Be Tested if It Becomes Law

'VICIOUS,' ASSERTS MAURER

Samuel Gompers Against Anti-Sedition Law

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is at Atlantic City, made a brief statement today condemning the passage of the anti-sedition bill.

It is just this kind of legislation that breeds the spirit of resentment. It was all right during the war. Almost any measure was justifiable then.

But we are now at peace, and the people will be jealous of any attempt to violate their rights and their freedom.

Harrisburg, June 24.—Pennsylvania's workers will test the constitutionality of the anti-sedition bill if it becomes law.

James H. Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, today authorized the statement that his organization will immediately take the bill into court in an effort to prove that it violates the basic rights of citizens.

The bill was rushed through the House last night, and within fifteen minutes had passed first reading in the Senate.

Under the rules of the Legislature he would not be permitted to speak unless the legislative committee of the whole for the express purpose of hearing him, and this is unlikely.

Mr. Maurer condemned the anti-sedition bill in strong terms. He also charged that the administration had been consistently during the last week for the passage of the measure and that the efforts of Governor Spruell and his cabinet had been backed up by the manufacturing interests of the state.

"I believe the bill is going through," said Mr. Maurer. "The question now is how to make it a test case of it. I am convinced that the bill is unconstitutional. I believe it is defective technically; likewise I believe it is unconstitutional because it violates the inherent rights of free speech and a free press. If the bill is passed, we intend to petition to the acts of public officials, because such criticism will hold them up to contempt."

The bill could not be more vicious. They say it is for the purpose of crushing the bohemia and radicalism. These are the very evils they are going to create by the passage of such legislation.

They are trying to inflict on Pennsylvania the system tried and found wanting in Russia. These men are incapable of learning from history. The present Legislature is the most reactionary in the last fifty years.

Labors fight on the anti-sedition bill, which began in the House last night, continued until this morning, when the administration forces succeeded in putting the bill through the House finally by a vote of 135 to 82.

The turbulent scene followed the roll call on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was defeated last week. Speaker Spangler ordered the roll call on the final passage of the bill, to follow immediately.

FEAR OF PROHIBITION RUINING HIS HEALTH LEADS TO SUICIDE

Man Accustomed to Drink All His Life Hangs Himself in Fairmount Park

Fear of prohibition and its effects on his health is given as the reason for the suicide of Walter Walsley, fifty-two years old, of 409 Ripka street, Roxborough.

Mr. Walsley was found about 10 o'clock last night hanging by a clothes line from a tree in Fairmount Park near Giles street and Gargala lane. For eight days, Mr. Walsley called on his neighbors, but the rope and called for assistance. The ambulance from St. Timothy's Hospital was summoned and the body was removed to the institution. He was dead when the ambulance arrived there.

A note in his pocket read: "My name is Walter Walsley. I live at 409 Ripka street. I hope you will forgive me for what I have done. I am sorry. He was always a fan of prohibition. He was married to a woman named Emma Walsley, the woman's widow said today that she never heard from him since she divorced him. She said that her husband had been drinking and that he had not been home since last Sunday.

He is survived by a widow and five children. The youngest child is twelve years old, and the oldest twenty-two years.

REALTY MEN IN CITY

600 Members of National Body Are Guests of Philadelphia Association

Six hundred members of the National Real Estate Association were guests this afternoon of the Philadelphia real estate board at a luncheon given in the ballroom of the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

The affair was preliminary to the opening of the national association's annual convention tomorrow at Atlantic City. William C. Benkert, chairman of the entertainment committee, presided. Speeches of welcome were made by Herbert B. Worrell, president of the Philadelphia body; Bishop Garland and E. J. Cattell, city statisticians.

Following the luncheon, the visitors were taken in automobiles to Hog Island for an inspection of the world's greatest shipyard, and particularly the government's housing project in connection with that plant. Late this afternoon they went to the shore in a special train.

Delegates to the convention came from all sections of the United States and Canada, and many of them were accompanied by their wives and other members of their families.

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Point of Order Denied

Hog Island Survey Bill on Calendar

TEACHERS WIN FIGHT FOR HIGHER SALARIES

State Senate Has Passed Bill Raising Pay of School Employees

APPROPRIATES \$6,000,000

Harrisburg, June 24.—The Senate today passed the teachers' salary bill, granting pay increases to all public teachers in this state.

The bill has been sent back to the House for concurrence in amendments made in the Senate. It is expected that the bill will be taken up in conference.

The teachers' bill carries along with it an appropriation of \$6,000,000 for the next two years. It provides higher pay for all public school teachers.

The bill enjoin salary increases for school teachers on all school districts, under penalty of forfeiture of their right to share in any future state appropriations for schools.

It increases the pay of school nurses in the same ratio as that of teachers, provided they are regularly engaged at full time.

In addition to establishing a minimum wage for teachers, it provides that the state shall pay an extra \$10 a month to each teacher in a rural school who holds a certificate higher than that of a provisional teacher.

Teachers holding provisional certificates, \$60 per school month; professional certificates, \$70 a month; normal school diplomas, college permanent certificates, college provisional certificates, \$80 a month.

Teachers who in 1918 and 1919 received less than \$100 per school month, but whose salary is not increased by at least 25 per cent, under other stipulations of the bill, are to receive an increase of \$100 and \$150, an increase of 20 per cent, between \$150 and \$200, an increase of 15 per cent, and those receiving more than \$200 a month an increase of 10 per cent.

Of the salaries provided for in the bill in second, third and fourth class districts, the commonwealth shall pay as follows:

Those holding provisional certificates \$5 per school month; professional or state normal school certificates, \$2.50 per school month; college permanent, college or state permanent certificates or college provisional certificates, \$20 per month.

First class school districts (Philadelphia and Pittsburgh), are also to pay the 25, 20, 15 and 10 per cent increase of all increases and the state the other half.

'LIBERAL PARTY' TO FIGHT ESPIONAGE ACT PLANNED

Campaign Opens Here Thursday to Obtain Release of Political Prisoners Jailed During War

Organization of a so-called "liberal party," which its promoters declare cannot be crushed with the epithets "radical" and "Bolshevism," is one of the objects behind the campaign to start here on Thursday for repeal of the espionage act.

Senator Joseph Irwin France, of Maryland, is to come here for an address at the Broad Street Theatre under the auspices of a committee of well-known Philadelphians interested in the release from jails here and overseas of so-called political prisoners incarcerated during the war.

The committee includes, among others, Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, former head of the Home and School League; Miss Mary Ingham, of the National Woman's party; Stanley Yarnall and the Rev. Joseph Morris, of Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs. Grice Approves

New Order Arises

Two Men Identified AS OFFICER'S SLAYER

Prisoners Held on Charge of Murder to Await Action of Grand Jury

Two alleged automobile thieves arrested in connection with the murder of Motorcade Detachment Abner Braun, of Trenton, were identified as the slayers of Braun today by Fred Morrell, of Langhorne, at the coroner's inquest in the case at City Hall.

Both were held on the charge of murder to await the action of the grand jury. Mr. Morrell said that while driving along Bensalem pike on the day of the shooting he saw Braun holding the two prisoners over a revolver. The prisoners were standing up in an automobile with their hands up, according to Morrell. "Braun told me to ride down the road and get another policeman to help him while he held the prisoners,"

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FOURTH CELEBRATION TO BE GREATEST EVER

Chorus of 10,000 Voices to Take Part in Big Program at Belmont Plateau

FLYING CIRCUS TO APPEAR

Celebration of July 4th promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted by the city. A big program has been arranged by Council's Fourth of July committee, and will be held at Belmont Plateau, Fairmount Park, on the afternoon of the Fourth.

It includes a flying circus from Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., hand concerts, a chorus of 10,000 voices and solos by world-famous grand opera stars, including Margaret Aounaine and Henri Scott, and many other special features that will make the day epochal.

William B. Wilson, United States secretary of labor; Judge John M. Patterson, of the Court of Common Pleas; Freeman W. Kendrick, receiver of taxes; Benjamin Golder, state legislator; and Charles B. Helms, Pennsylvania state secretary of the P. O. S. of A., are among the speakers who will make addresses.

John H. Shaw, chairman of the subcommittee on entertainment, said yesterday that a huge display of daylight fireworks would be given during the afternoon. A flag-raising has been arranged, where he promises a surprise.

NO LOAN CONFERENCE TODAY, SAYS GAFFNEY

CONTEST IS CLOSE IN CITY CLUB VOTE

Edmonds, Pepper and Acker Still Lead in Referendum for Mayoralty Candidate

VOGEL DIVORCE IN COURT

Wife Starts New Suit Against Manufacturer, Naming Correspondent

BANK ROBBER GET \$5000 AND ESCAPE

ENGAGEMENT RINGS

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SOUTH PHILA. HIGH GRADUATION TONIGHT

104 Boys Will Receive Their Diplomas at Commencement in Auditorium

The seventeenth commencement exercises of the South Philadelphia High School for Boys will be held this evening in the school auditorium, a class of 104 receiving diplomas from the school.

Dr. Henry Gehman will offer the invocation, the salutatory will be delivered by Taurus Irwin Eldridge, Jr., and Arthur Martin Sell will be the valedictorian. A violin solo by John Malloy and an oration by Louis Gilger, together with numerous musical features, will complete the program.

The class officers this year were: William B. Schwartz, president; Harold M. Charlap, vice president; Joseph S. Stark, treasurer, and Maxwell Searf, secretary. The class day officers are: Jacob Dubinsky, class poet; Jacob Rosen, historian; and Jacob Salzman, prophet.

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BUILDING BAN SEEN IN TEACHERS' RISE

Salary Increases Will Leave Little or Nothing for New Structures, Say Educators

Board of Education members believe teachers' salary increases will absorb most of the extra revenue from an increased school tax and leave little or nothing for the \$4,000,000 school building program.

Governor Spruell yesterday approved a school levy bill which will increase this city's school tax next year from six to seven mills. This increase, it is estimated will yield \$1,620,000 additional revenue.

But the Woodruff teachers' salary bill provides an increase of 25 per cent in the "compensation" paid teachers. Part of this is to be borne by the state.

"The Woodruff teachers' salary bill," said Simon Gratz, a board member, "will take virtually all the funds accruing from the extra tax levy to pay the Board of Education's share of the salary increase."

No Increase Until 1920

"Compensation" Puzzles

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