

1919 LEGISLATURE IS GREATEST EVER

McCain Says Most Revolutionary Legislation in History Was Effected in Session

THIS CITY STORM CENTER

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Harrisburg, June 26.—The Legislature which closed its session at noon today was the most revolutionary that ever met at the Capitol.

It was revolutionary in the sense that by its decrees it has altered the entire future of the commonwealth from a moral, economic and political viewpoint.

The results of its decisions are more far-reaching than those of any similar assembly held in the history of the state since its foundation.

This would be true if only two of its achievements were considered, viz: The ratification of the national constitution and amendments on prohibition and woman's suffrage.

On the threshold of this new era which it has opened it is impossible to anticipate or to predict the ultimate outcome.

Puts State in Foreground
In many ways the Legislature of 1919 has moved in harmony with the advanced thought of an advancing civilization. By its acts it has placed Pennsylvania in the forefront of a new, untired and swiftly moving world movement.

In the aggregate, its performances present a record that is far above the average of many of its predecessors. I speak with reference to its achievements as a whole.

There were factional differences, bitter and uncompromising. Not all of the remedial legislation enacted can be credited to the highest motives. There is an abundance of opportunity for criticism, but it is results in their entirety that count.

So much for the state.
For Philadelphia its decisions have been equally potential. It has placed the third municipality of the United States in the front rank of cities that are seeking higher ideals and a freer and more perfect expression of the people's will in the new charter it has placed a powerful weapon in the hands of citizens.

Election Bills Important
Next in importance to the Woodward charter bill was the enactment of the Daix-Brady election bills. They will purify the political atmosphere of the city. They will act as a disinfectant on existing political disorders.

Much that was objectionable, sordid and at times brutal in the city's system of politics will be eliminated; that is, if the people take advantage of their opportunities.

Possibly not all that might have been desired has been accomplished, but a great step forward has been taken. The exclusion of policemen and firemen from active participation in politics is in itself a notable achievement.

Aside from the severe penalties imposed for violation of this mandate, the fact that any citizen can bring action against any policeman or fireman for violation of this law is one of its most effective provisions.

The abolition of the old Board of Registration Commissioners, notorious for its partisanship and perversity of method will work a revolution in precinct politics provided a new board that is uncompromisingly nonfactional replaces the old.

Civil Service Defeat Not Vital
From a purely party viewpoint I think it is more generally conceded that the defeat of the plan to extend the civil service provision prohibiting all participation by officeholders in politics is a matter not vital to the regeneration of the city.

A city council of twenty-one is an experiment. I believe with those who have studied existing political conditions that it will mean a disintegration of factions and a realignment of the citizenship upon the basis of higher ideals.

It will be a powerful weapon for good or evil. Its best feature is that it will insure a fairer representation of the people's will.

The workman's compensation act assures a better method of adequate compensation to the workman who may be injured in discharge of his duties. It will be, if nothing more, a fairly decent makeshift until a future Legislature can enact an ideal law on the subject.

Partisan Hatred Massed
No session that I recall has ever closed with such a mass of bottled-up partisan hatred. Unfortunately this applies solely to Philadelphia which from today becomes involved in factional strife that is irremediable. It is a fight to a finish.

The Vare leaders controlling the city Republican organization will strive by every available method known to skilled politicians to wipe the Penrose followers in combination with the independent reform element off the map.

The Penrose influence throughout the state was sufficiently powerful to dom-

inate the situation, even so far as it concerned Philadelphia. Without effective leadership it did remarkably well. It took orders unhesitatingly on the simple expression of desire from a senior senator, transmitted through President Cunningham, of the Republican Alliance, and they were obeyed implicitly. The independent element was virtually nil. It was either Vare or Penrose when it came to a question of bills affecting the city.

From now on the factional contest is transferred to Philadelphia. I believe the Penrose people and the men who have fought so valiantly for character revision are entering a fight upon ground that is filled with Vare machine-gun nests.

I can feel safe in predicting that before they are done they will run afoul of conditions unlooked for that will exert a powerful influence on the result. One thing is certain, there will be more money used in the approaching campaign than has possibly ever been used in a municipal election before.

In one respect the Legislature broke all records. It was ready for adjournment with its desks virtually cleared, twenty-four hours before the date set for its final adjournment. Nothing like it has ever been known in recent or even distant legislative history.

Independents Open Vote Fraud Probe

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registered last year. The third district is entitled to one councillor.

Fourth District
In the fourth district, West Philadelphia, represented by Senator Edward W. Patton, 85,313 voters are on the assessment lists, giving that section four representatives in the new city Council. Registered voters in that district last year numbered 44,330.

There are 42,817 assessed voters in the fifth, Senator David Martin's district, thus allowing two councillors. The registered voters totaled 20,460.

The sixth district, Germantown and Chestnut Hill, represented by Senator Woodward, sponsor of the new charter, has an assessment total of 60,090 voters. There were 33,536 voters registered there last year.

The seventh district has an assessment total of 51,828 of whom 28,403 registered. This district is to have three councillors. It is represented at Harrisburg by Senator Augustus F. Daix, Jr.

The eighth district, comprising the northeast, has an assessment total of 64,151 and had a total registration last year of 38,050. Its assessment figures entitle it to three members in Council. Its representative in the state Senate is Senator George Gray, who cast the only vote in the upper chamber against the charter bill.

Winston Pleased
John C. Winston, chairman of the Philadelphia charter committee, expressed deep gratification today over the momentous victory gained in the Legislature.

He is going to start on a western business trip tonight or tomorrow morning and expects to be away a week. "When I return there probably will be a conference called on the majority campaign," he said.

"It is now up to the citizens who want clean, efficient government in this city," he continued. "It is up to them to register and vote to make the new charter effective in giving Philadelphia better government."

Mr. Winston has the gold pen with which Governor Sprout signed the Woodward charter bill. It is at his home.

"It is a very good pen," he commented today, "with a broad smile. He added that he may present it to the next Mayor so that it may be used in signing the first ordinance passed by the new single-chamber Council."

Mr. Winston admitted he was tired after the long campaign to enact the charter bill into law.

"I have been working almost constantly on it day and night for the last six months," he said. "It has been six months of intensive work. Now I am going to take a little rest for a while."

Mr. Winston's efforts for governmental revision in this city date back to 1904, when the committee of seventy was formed. The successful Woodward charter bill was the last of a line of bills which aimed to reorganize the councilmanic system in this city.

HOUSE APPROVES TEACHER PAY RISE

Woodruff Bill Goes to Governor for Signature—Vote 192 to 8

MEASURE PASSES AT 3 A. M.

By a Staff Correspondent
Harrisburg, June 26.—The Woodruff bill increasing the compensation paid public school teachers awaits the Governor's signature.

The bill was passed by the House at 3 o'clock this morning after considerable debate, although the opposition was able to muster only eight votes as against 192 favorable votes.

School teachers who had been lobbying for the measure had gone to their hotels hours before, disappointed that the bill had not passed the Legislature yesterday. They expected it to be reported out this morning from a conference committee.

The Woodruff bill was reported to the Senate and House after a conference committee had a long conference with Governor Sprout.

Cut Two Amendments
The committee struck from the bill two amendments inserted by the Senate, which would have increased the cost to the state by \$2,000,000. These amendments proposed to have the state and districts pay a straight 50 per cent of all increases. The committee increased from \$5 to \$10 a month the amount the state will pay toward the increase granted to teachers holding provisional certificates in second, third and fourth class districts.

Also the definition of a "rural" school was changed. As originally written into the bill, a "rural" school would be one in the open country or any one or two-room school, not a high school.

The new definition classes as a "rural" school, any school in the country or small center of population, which is not a high school. The provision authorizing the superintendent of public instruction to be the final judge of a "rural" school, is retained.

Repeals Pay Provision
A provision was inserted to repeal that section of the school code which commits the state to pay part of the minimum salaries of teachers. When the school code was passed it provided that in each district where minimum salaries were less than the amount fixed by the code, the state would pay the difference. This required an expenditure by the state every two years of about \$2,400,000 from the general funds appropriated to schools.

Repeal of this section returns this sum to the state, but the committee inserted another proviso that it must be used in paying salary increases. It will now be available for meeting increases granted by the Woodruff bill. This will raise the total to be paid by the state every two years for increased salaries to \$8,400,000.

Here Is Sprout's Address to Assembly in Nutshell

"I have found it hard sometimes to do the things which your close associates want you to. I have not been able to do some of the things that I have been urged to do, it was not because of the heart, but because my better judgment decreed otherwise."

"Members of this Assembly can go home with the assurance that the record of achievement of this Legislature is the greatest in the history of Pennsylvania."

Speaking of the Philadelphia charter, Governor Sprout said: "It will permit Philadelphia to organize a government at once simple, concrete and effective."

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Sprout Addresses Closing Assembly

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He referred to some of the "outstanding" achievements.

One of them was the new charter for Philadelphia, which the Governor characterized as "a great piece of legislation which will permit the first city of the commonwealth to progress."

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Among "great public improvements" provided for he mentioned the proposed Delaware river bridge.

The Governor referred also to the preparations for a constitutional convention which will replace the present "code of limitations."

To Appoint Best of Men
"I intend to appoint the greatest minds in the state on the commission to draft the new constitution," the Governor announced. In referring to the long session, the Governor said it was "impossible to crystallize sentiment in a great commonwealth like Pennsylvania in a few days."

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vania in a few days. He said the chief reason he signed the salary increase bill for members was so they would not have to make such sacrifices in the future. Tremendous applause greeted the close of the Governor's remarks.

As soon as Speaker Spangler finished thanking the executive, members of the House broke forth into strains of "Farewell, farewell."

The joint committee to escort the Governor into the House comprised Senators Eyre, Chester, Leslie, Allegheny, and Sones, Lycoming, and Representative Hess, Lancaster; Gans, Philadelphia, and Davis, of Cambria.

The 1919 session adjourned sine die at 12:33 o'clock.

A slight row in the House threatened the otherwise pleasant closing of the Assembly, but serious trouble was averted.

Representative William McCaig, of Allegheny, just before Speaker Spangler declared the Assembly adjourned, introduced a resolution to expunge from the records "all derogatory remarks made about members of the Assembly during the session."

A similar resolution had passed the Senate.

Cox Makes Objection
Representative E. R. Cox, Philadelphia, at once raised an objection. He was sustained by other V. A. members.

After Representative V. T. Ramsey, Chester, explained the purpose of the resolution and announced that an agreement had been reached among the leaders, it was put through by an overwhelming vote. When Cox was interjecting McCaig he asked who was to be the judge of what was to be expunged from the records.

"Sam Maloney," yelled Representative Sig Jans, Philadelphia, from his seat in the rear of the House. A laugh followed. The expulsion from the records will not include the attacks delivered on United States Senator Penrose in the House by Representative J. R. K. Scott and in the Senate by Senators E. H. Vare and S. W. Salus. It applies only to remarks made about members. The vote on the resolution was taken and a moment later Speaker Spangler announced the assembly adjourned.

MORE MONEY FOR NAVY

Senate Adds Many Millions to Appropriation Bill
Washington, June 26.—(By A. P.)—Without debate the Senate today approved a committee amendment to the naval appropriation bill increasing the fund for aviation from the \$15,000,000 voted by the House to \$35,000,000. As revised by the Senate committee, the bill carries about \$782,000,000, as compared with \$485,000,000 provided by the House. Among the important committee additions are \$10,000,000 for federal acquisition of the Cape Cod canal.

Strong opposition in the House to Senate increases in the bill was indicated when the Senate reported passage of the measure and asked for conference.

Chairman Kahn, of the military committee, said he would insist upon acceptance by the Senate of the House provisions.

FALLS DOWN MINE SHAFT

Shenandoah Miner Plunges 1200 Feet to Death
Shenandoah, Pa., June 26.—Plunging head-first down the Gilberton colliery shaft, a distance of 1200 feet, this morning, John Latutakie, forty-five years old, was killed instantly. The man was walking about the opening when he stepped into the mouth of the shaft.

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\$124.00 Value \$155.00	\$194.00 Value \$242.50
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\$374.00 Value \$467.50	\$374.00 Value \$467.50
Scotch Mole Coat—natural squirrel collar and cuffs	Natural Squirrel Coat—natural squirrel collar and cuffs

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