COUNCILS TO PASS 1920 BUDGET TODAY

$2.85 Tax Rate and Allotment of Funds Will Be Among Bills

BONUS PLAN COMING UP

Legislation for 1920, including the tax rate, the budget, the bonus system and an effort to have the present Councils provide for the organization of the new Council of twenty-one, will occupy the attention of Councils today.

Both branches of Councils will pass the bill fixing the 1920 tax rate at $2.85 and alloting certain parts to specific municipal undertakings.

Both will pass the budget which provides $54,859,965 for the next twelve months as compared with appropriations of $47,789,620.73 for the present year. This figure has since been augmented to total about $50,000,000.

The budget, as it goes to Councils today, provides $2,500,000 for the bonus pay of employes and specifically fixes 10 per cent as a bonus. This will be altered either by amendment or a new bill to provide for 10, 15 and 20 per cent bonuses for men now receiving up to $3000 a year.

Bill Going to Moore

The bill framed by Charles B. Hall, for the organization of the new Council of twenty-one, will be referred to the committee on municipal government and cannot be acted upon for the next two weeks. In the meantime it will be referred to Mayor-elect Moore for his approval or disapproval.

Although the employes of the Bureau of Water have threatened to quit if wage demands are ignored, no bills are ready for introduction today complying with their demands, and the bonus measure will likely go through, as decided upon by Councils' finance committee.

Chairman Gaffney, of Councils' finance committe, and other members of that body are familiar with the crisis in the Water Bureau affairs, but so far have made no move to remedy conditions.

No Move Made Today

In speaking of the demands of the workmen, Chairman Gaffney today said:

"The only thing possible is the introduction of an ordinance dealing with the situation. I know of no such move for today."

Should the water bureau men quit it is believed that 1700 men in the system would lay down their tools, leaving the city without a supply of adequate water. This is the second or third time that employes of the water bureau have threatened a strike and one time scores actually walked out only to return when they were assured more pay.

ALL IS WELL, SAYS LANSING

No Difference With Wilson Over Mexican Situation, He Declares

Washington, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—There is not and never has been any difference of opinion between President Wilson and the State Department on the handling of Mexican affairs, Secretary Lansing said today.

Mr. Lansing was discussing published reports that the President's attitude on the Fall resolution requesting a break with the Carranza Government was a reversal of the policy adopted by the department.

Dispatches from Washington yesterday told of rumors in the capital that Mr. Lansing, nettled by the alleged overthrow of his Mexican policy by the President, might leave the cabinet.

Outside Influence Says Moore in Row

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night from a duck-hunting trip aboard Commodore Louis H. Eisenlohr's yacht in Chesapeake bay.

David J. Smyth, who will be his city solicitor; Thomas W. Cunningham, clerk of courts and president of the Republican Alliance, and George W. Coles, chairman of the Town Meeting party, were his companions on the trip.

Mr. Moore was asked if he knew that leading independents had started a new movement to have Mr. Coles named director of public safety in recognition of his campaign work.

Coles and Cunningham "Splendid"

"Mr. Coles is a good campaigner and a splendid fellow," was his comment.

"How about Mr. Cunningham?" was asked.

"Mr. Cunningham is a good campaigner and a splendid fellow," was the reply.

"As to reported breakers ahead," said the Mayor-elect, when asked if the incoming administration was threatened with opposition, "I have heard little and care less.

"The Philadelphia 'ship of state' is in new hands and will be steered in a straight course, despite the 'rocks' or 'pitfalls' or 'traps' that have been predicted. Resisting elements, if there be such, will learn this sooner or later. The Mayor is not impotent and four years is a long while to be on bad terms."

Names His Majority

Mr. Moore named the majority of eleven members of the new Council who were elected on his ticket. They are: In the Fourth district, Francis F. Burch, George Connell and James A. Develin; Sixth district, Sigmund J. Gans, William W. Roper and Charles H. von Tagen; Seventh district; Alexis J. Limeburner, Hugh L. Montgomery and Richard Weglein, and Eighth district, William R. Horn and Robert J. Patton. "Those eleven men were elected on the same ticket with the Mayor," he said "and stood squarely for the things he stood for in the campaign.

"In the other ten members who constitute a minority of the body as elected, we have from the First district Edwin R. Cox, William E. Finley and Joseph P. Gaffney; from the Second district, Charles B. Hall and William McCoach; from the Third district, Isaac D. Hetzell; from the Fourth district, David G. Frankenfield; from the Fifth district, Eduard Buchholz and Simon Walter, and from the Eighth district, John J. McKinley, Jr.

"Not one of the above twenty-one members has expressed to me any sign whatever that would lead me to believe they proposed to attack or obstruct the incoming administration. On the contrary, all those to whom I have spoken have expressed a willingness to serve. These men will be bound together with the Mayor for four long years. Is it conceivable that any of them, or particularly a minority of them, would seek to oppose the city charter under which they were elected and put themselves in opposition to the administration without good public cause at the very outset of a four years' term, during which they must confer more or less freely with regard to official affairs? I do not believe it and I am not going to assume it now."

CAPT. KARL W. DETZER

Formerly in charge of all criminal investigation at the American embarkation base at Le Mans, France. He is on trial before a court-martial at Governor's Island, N. Y., charged with cruel treatment of the enlisted men of the A. E. F. to obtain confessions

Hitchcock Puzzles Political Gossips

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Mr. King does not mean to have any such doubt during this campaign. For rumor credits Mr. King with the ambition to be national chairman in succession to Will H. Hays. Mr. Hays, by virtue of his position, is absolutely nonpartisan among candidates. His business, as he defines it, is "to elect, not select," but it is hard to love a boom which threatens your job, especially when you love your job as much as Will H. Hays does.

Mr. Hays Loves His Job

Mr. Hays is absolutely happy as national chairman. He would rather be national chairman than anything else in the world, unless, of course, the supreme command of the party should compel his relinquishment of that place in order to accept the duty of running for the presidency. And Mr. Hays's love of his job has resulted in greater energy and enthusiasm about Republican headquarters than has been seen in many a year.

And the members of the national committee desire to see Mr. Hays retained as party manager by the nominee for President, whoever he may be. There was a movement started in Washington to this end. This movement is spontaneous and genuine. It has a good deal of force behind it. It is unusual for the between-season party manager to remain national chairman during the campaign, but it is not unlikely that Mr. Hays will do that unusual thing. If Mr. Hays should remain chairman, and Mr. King should be General Wood's general representative, in case of the general's nomination, and Mr. Hitchcock should be as conspicuous about headquarters as in 1916, there would be complications.

Not Like Four Years Ago

The adhesion of Mr. Hitchcock to Governor Lowden would be another circumstance connected with this Washington gathering tending to minimize the Wood boom. It probably would not be important. But Mr. Hitchcock's efforts to attach himself to the general have curiously promoted the belief that the general was in the lead. His moving elsewhere would shake that belief, so much faith exists in Mr. Hitchcock, a political weather vane.

Contrast this meeting of the national committee with that of four years ago. In 1915 the corresponding meeting made almost certain of the nomination of Hughes, if he would accept. This meeting makes nothing certain. The national committee is not against Wood, as it was against Roosevelt four years ago. It is not for any one, as it was four years ago.

It had to unite on some one four years ago to assuge itself against Roosevelt. It has no such motive for union this time and it is not united. The politicians prefer not to have the Wood candidacy shoved down their throats by the forces that once backed Roosevelt. They like open conventions. They specialize in picking candidates and they prefer not to have the new-fangled primaries do their work for them.

PLAN TO KEEP HAYS AS CAMPAIGN CHIEF

Washington, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Organization and co-ordination methods for the coming campaign were discussed today at a meeting here of the National Association of Republican State Chairmen. Will H. Hays, the party's national chairman, and other officials of the national organization participated.

Every state was represented, each chairman who could not attend sending some one in his place. The meeting was executive, and it was said most of the time was taken up in exchanging views without any attempt to fix policies.

While the state leaders were in conference officials of the national committee began laying out the details for the national convention which the committee decided yesterday is to be held in Chicago on June 8. A. T. Hert, the Kentucky committeeman chosen chairman of the convention, was flooded with applications for tickets.

Friends of Chairman Hays started a movement today to insure his retention as head of the national committee through the campaign, regardless of who is nominated for President.

PHILA. MEN ON IMPERATOR

Liner Sails With Relief Workers After Coal Charge Is Settled

The former German passenger liner Imperator, now a British ship, sailed from New York today for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton. She was to have departed at noon yesterday, but her clearance papers were held up while charges that she had exceeded her supply of bunker coal were being adjusted.

The offer of the British ministry to replace the excess coal was accepted last night and the ship released. She carried 2700 passengers.

The American Friends' relief committee, formed by Herbert Hoover, for relief work in Germany, was included in the passenger list. This committee was composed of Alfred G. Scattergood, treasurer of the Provident Life and Trust Co., of this city; Dr. Henry Pratt, professor of biology at Haverford College, and who was director of relief work in northern France and Belgium for the relief commission during the war; Arthur C. Jackson, head of the Miller Lock Co., of this city; James Vail, Herman Newman, Richard Cary, Alfred Lewry, Harold Evans, Edgar Rhodes, of Wilmington, and Alfred Brown, of Indianapolis.

The Imperator carried the largest consignment of American mail ever sent in a single ship. The Postoffice Department announced that the ship carried 10,023 sacks for transatlantic destinations.

URGES PATIENCE IN SOCIAL UNREST

Rev A. H. Hibshman Makes Plea to Capitalist and Worker Alike at Interchurch Conference

BLOW AT HOUSING PROBLEM

A plea for the capitalist and for patience was entered by the Rev. A. H. Hibshman, of Milton, at today's session of the Interchurch World Movement conference in the Chambers-Wylie Memorial Church, Broad street near Pine.

"We have to say 'Patience, Patience,'" said Mr. Hibshman. "We must be honest. The majority of men who employ labor have a passion to be right. I believe these men are fair and honest, but they don't know any better than we do how to settle the world turmoil in a short time.

"These men are interested in the industrial problems of their laboring men and are willing to get together and work the thing out. It is our duty to teach the men who employ men that labor has its rights, but we must also teach the laboring men that the employers are fair and honest."

Daniel Poling, of Boston, called attention to housing conditions in western Pennsylvania, which he said were indescribable. "Bathtubs are filled with coal! Supplying bathtubs will not solve the problems of sanitation. We must teach the people to use them for taking baths.

"Any man who enjoys institutions and government without doing his share to maintain them is a sponge. And we can have an efficient and representative government only in proportion to the interest which individuals take at the polls and in other matters."

The Rev. J. M. Farr criticized the Pennsylvania state legislators for deliberating successfully on an increase in their own salaries and reducing the appropriation to the mothers' assistance fund so that it cannot adequately meet the needs of widowed mothers in the state.

Churches are finding it increasingly difficult to attract and hold their congregations, the movies, motoring and periodicals being often preferred to sermons and prayer, delegates to the conference declared today.

The Rev. Dr. L. W. Lutz, of the United Brethren Church, of Chambersburg, Pa., asserted the indifference of parents is a big factor in the growing lack of interest in the church.

"They may send their children to Sunday school, but they don't send them to church. The parents in many cases do not go to church themselves. The movies or automobile rides or Sunday reading are preferred to sermons and prayer. Is it any wonder that many children are growing up with a total lack of interest in church-going?"

Tiger Is Cheered by London Crowd

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ceau's visit to London, which places him in the British capital at the same time with Foreign Minister Scialoia, of Italy, has given rise to talk of the possibility of the forming of a new triple alliance, with the object of securing the execution of the German peace treaty and effecting other objects on the league of nations program.

In the opinion of French newspaper writers, notably "Pertinax" in the Echo de Paris, and St. Brice, in the Journal, the departure of Under Secretary Polk and the other American delegates from Paris closes one stage of the Peace Conference—the stage of the league of nations. It is declared that while "the hollow shell of the league may perhaps remain, the era of alliances has returned," and M. Clemenceau goes to London to tighten up the entente cordiale.

"But with America," remarks "Pertinax," "it will be more difficult. The French people, and even the government, labor under the delusion that it is only necessary to revel in idealist programs to be assured of American assistance. This is quite untrue. Americans are fond of humanitarian sentiments, but believe that charity begins at home."

M. Clemenceau's paper, L'Homme Libre, however, takes an optimistic view of the situation, saying: "The American Senate's attitude, although contrary to the veritable interests of the world's peace, is not representative of the American people's sentiments toward us. Business is business, but the time has passed when nations content themselves with dealing strictly with business.

"America, which made war so well, came into it late, but regained the time lost. America is coming into the peace also belated, but when she does she will enter the league of nations, including a financial and economic alliance with all democracies, with vigor, energy and efficiency."

WHO SHOT MOORE'S DUCKS?

Mayor-elect, Back From Gunning Trip, Tells of Canvasbacks

Who shot the ducks Mayor-elect Moore and his party enjoyed while on a hunting trip in Chesapeake bay?

"We ate canvasback ducks every day," Mr. Moore said this afternoon, and he added that seven ducks had been shot.

"Did you shoot any?" he was asked.

"I brought home two," he replied, emphasizing "brought."

He also announced that George W. Coles had "'brought' home two ducks."

Then he admitted that "a heavy fog set in over Turkey Point just as Mr. Coles went into action with the gun."

It is whispered that Colonel Bill Douglas, a former county commissioner in the city and now an expert duck hunter, "advised" the Mayor-elect's party how and where to slay the ducks.

U. S. Tug Reported Lost

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The United States shipping board tug Bison, bound from the Great Lakes for Halifax, has been lost, according to reports received here.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Howard S. Crawford, Ribera, Calif., and Jessie M. Liddell, 3435 Tampa st.
Earl A. White, 3717 S. 52d st., and Dorothy E. Ashby, 8605 Pacific st.
Ted H. Rinehart, Vendig Hotel, and Eleanor Simms, 1713 Summer st.
John H. Mullineaux, Jr., 2206 E. Gordon st., and Emma F. Dittmar, 2162 E. Gordon st.
Jacob Shore, 4261 Lancaster ave., and Rose Hirsh, 1002 N. 6th st.
Jack Boylis, 1602 S. 6th st., and Rose Spector, 642 N. 7th st.
Arthur Walton, New York city, and Georgia Beckman, New York city.
Morris L. MacCaffrey, 2026 W. Estough st., and Ethel J. Hortman, 2022 W. Dauphin st.
George Abell, Herman, Pa., and Lillian Babely, 1920 N. Ubert st.
Max Kaplan, 2542 S. 9th st., and Fannie Weiss, 730 N. Front st.
Charles J. Stephany, 426 Sayville st., and Christine Grief, 426 Sayville st.
Henry V. R. Abrams, 5851 De Lancey st., and Alma M. Weber, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Joseph Gershenhorn, 1926 N. Franklin st., and Rose Finn, 2149 N. 9th st.
Jacob A. Wanold, 2115 N. 4th st., and Violet D. Kasper, 2257 N. 5d st.
Jacob Greene, 2088 Mercy st., and Clara A. Jelp, 1710 Ruyder ave.
Walter Peppey, 1718 Wingohocking st., and Lillian West, 2424 N. 5th st.
Abraham Berman, 5838 Island ave., and Minna Goldberg, 5340 Keswick st.

EARTH DISTURBANCE RUMOR JUST PURELY BUNK OR HUMOR

Planets Are Due to Pull and Sun Is Expected to Spot, but Gloomy Predictions Are Nothing but Rot

The crack o' doom
Colossal rains
And cosmic pains
And lots o' gloom,
May come some day, remember!
But they ain't due this December!

And that ought to relieve a great many minds which have been harassed here o' late by rumors that the earth is scheduled to suffer a cataclysm on December 17, because six planets will be lined up on that day and will pull with united force on the sun.

Students of the heavenly bodies say that rumor is all bunk. And yet it has been a persistent rumor, that floats around the barber shops, to the market stalls and over neighborly back fences.

"When these planets get to pulling on the sun," whisper the calamity howlers, "there'll be terrific sun spots, which'll cause hurricanes on the earth, and lightning and colossal rains, and lava flows and volcanic eruptions and tremendous cold and solar disturbances. And there ain't no telling what'll become of us folks."

"Tell the people of Philadelphia they can go to bed as usual December 16 without worrying about the next day," said Dr. John Miller, head of the department of astronomy at Swarthmore College. "And tell them they'll wake up next day to find the world just as rosy and good to live in as it ever was.

"It is true that the planets will be lined up in the eastern part of the morning sky. There'll be Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune on one side the sun, and Uranus on the other. But that doesn't make any difference at all. That isn't a unique thing. It doesn't occur every year, but it occurs often enough to be usual.

"And those planets do not affect the sun by causing sun spots. Sun spots are caused by eruptions in the molten mass of the sun. They are similar in a sense to our volcanic eruptions. Sun spots often are 60,000 miles across. But the only effect sun spots have on the earth is to disturb the behavior of the magnetic needle. And since magnetic needles aren't generally carried around, nobody notices the difference.

"There is always a certain class of people willing to adopt a pretext for a morbid rumor."

EX-STOOL PIGEON ACCUSES DETZER

Says Former M. P. Chief at Le Mans Assaulted Enlisted Men

MANY CRUELTIES CHARGED

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 11.—After testifying that Captain Karl W. Detzer, facing a court-martial here for the alleged brutal treatment of army prisoners in Le Mans, France, had assaulted enlisted men, Louis Schmitt, of Long Island City admitted in cross-examination that he was "sore" at the captain. Schmitt, who served in the Thirty-eighth regiment of infantry, also admitted that he acted as a "stool pigeon" for Detzer by collecting evidence against accused men.

Schmitt emphasized that his antipathy to Detzer was due to an insulting remark the witness declared Detzer made about Schmitt's mother. He added that his duties called for giving information against men accused of being absent without leave. He denied that his "soreness" at Detzer developed after the privileges of a "stood pigeon" had been refused him.

Schmitt asserted Detzer frequently had sworn at him and that he had seen Detzer strike a drunken corporal. He declared that he himself had been kept on a bench for five days without sleep.

In reply to questions by Lieutenant Thomas L. Heffernan, counsel for the defendant, Schmitt insisted that he had offered to give testimony at the court-martial merely "in justice to men who had been mistreated." It was brought out that Schmitt had been court-martialed four times for being absent without official leave.

The defense then read what purported to be a report of the inspector general before whom Schmitt had testified at Le Mans. Schmitt, according to the report, testified that "some corporal struck a drunken prisoner—not Detzer." Schmitt said, "Some error must have been made in the report."

Glen Burrell, of Bedford, Ia., formerly of the 168th Infantry, testified that he had been slapped on the face by Detzer and Sergeant Frank L. Hoyt.

President Thanks Miners' Officers

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ed were highly satisfied today with the agreement reached by the general committee of the miners in their session here yesterday.

It is indicated that the convention of the mineworkers, decided upon as a means of more fully explaining to the miners the reasons for ending the strike on the basis proposed by President Wilson, would not be called until after January 1, 1920.

Mr. Lewis left Indianapolis this afternoon for Washington to attend the conference of the heads of national and international unions called by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Circulars to be sent to the 4000 local unions, containing formal instructions to the miners to return to work, will not be mailed before tomorrow.

There was much speculation today regarding the probable personnel of the commission to be appointed by the President to adjust wages and coal prices in final settlement over the miners' controversy. It was learned that the question of the miners' representative on the commission came up at yesterday's session of the general committee, but that this body refrained from indicating a choice. It was said that the miners desired that the President should be free to make his own choice.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who came here Monday afternoon to advise with government attorneys in connection with the court proceedings against the union leaders, left Indianapolis this morning for French Lick Springs, Ind. He will leave there for Washington tomorrow.

The Federal Grand Jury investigation of charges of violation of the Lever act and anti-trust laws, scheduled to start last Monday but postponed until December 17, will proceed when the jurors appear next Wednesday, according to the best information available. The probe will be nation-wide in its extent, it is declared, and will involve both operators and miners.

Billings, Mont., Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Miners of Montana will not go back to work so long as soldiers stay in the coal fields, declared Henry Drennan, president of the United Mine Workers for this district.

Belleville, Ill., Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Doubt whether the 11,000 coal miners in the Belleville subdistrict would return to work today was expressed by James Mason, subdistrict secretary-treasurer, last night.

NEW YORK SEEKS RELIEF

Easing of Coal Restrictions Asked by Local Administrator

New York, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Permission to allow department stores and office buildings here which depend upon the use of soft coal for light, heat and power to keep open regular hours, provided they cut down their light and heat 25 per cent, was asked of the fuel administration at Washington today by Lewis Nixon, fuel director for New York city. He expressed the opinion that coal restrictions of some kind will be necessary until early in February.

WALSH IS COUNSEL FOR SOVIET ENVOY

Martens Reveals Employing Former Joint Chairman of War Labor Board

TELLS OF CONFERENCES

By the Associated Press

New York, Dec. 11.—Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet ambassador to the United States, recalled as a witness before the joint legislative committee investigating radical activities, today, after the court had denied his claim for exemption, testified that Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the National War Labor Board, had accepted a position as his counsel.

Mr. Walsh, who also was one of three delegates of the United Irish Societies appointed to lay Ireland's case before the Peace Conference, did not appear at the hearing today.

Martens said that he had two or three conferences with Mr. Walsh at his home and office about November 20.

Martens was accompanied by Santeri Nourteva, secretary of the "embassy," and Isaac Hourwitz, counsel for Martens. He said that one of the functions of the "embassy" was to dissipate false impressions circulated in this country about the Russian soviet government and that he wanted Mr. Walsh's services in that connection.

Martens asserted that he addressed several meetings of the Socialist and Communist parties in this city, but said he had confined his remarks to describing conditions in Russia. He admitted that he had interviewed James Larkin, Irish labor leader, now awaiting trial on a charge of criminal anarchy. He said that he saw Larkin two or three times, but denied that the "embassy" had any part in raising bail for him or other persons indicted for violation of the state's anarchy laws.

Martens was asked whether he favored the principles of the Communist party of America. He replied that he was "not against those principles." He declared that he had nothing to do with the Communist party in America and that his interest was solely in Russian politics. He expressed the opinion that the application of the principles of the Russian Communist party would be good for the rest of the world, but refused to answer directly a question as to whether he favored their application in this country. He said he understood the principles of the Russian Communist party and those of the American Communist party were virtually identical.

CLOTHING AGAIN TO SOAR

$60 Will Be "Popular" Price for Suits Next Spring

Chicago, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Clothing prices will continue upward next spring, Charles E. Wry, secretary of the National Association of Retail Clothiers, announced today, explaining steps taken by the association to assist Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer in combating the high cost of wearing apparel.

The causes of high prices are beyond the control of the retail dealers, Wry declared, but members of the association are preparing to hold further price advances to the minimum, at the sacrifice of their own profits.

Popular priced suits, which sold before the war at $25 and now retail at $50, will bring $60 or more next spring, Wry said.

Wilson Reverses Court-Martial

Washington, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Court martial sentence of dismissal imposed on Lieutenant Colonel Virginius E. Clark, signal corps, formerly head of the engineering section of the aviation service has been disapproved by President Wilson and the officer restored to duty. The President held that the evidence was insufficient. The charges were not made public.

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URGE SECOND TERM IN GOVERNORSHIP

State Constitution Committee Suggests Elimination of Single Period Clause

FIRST SESSION IS ENDED

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Dec. 11.—With adjournment today, members of the constitutional revision commission, which has been in session in the state Capitol here since Tuesday morning, departed for their homes with the consciousness of a great work well under way and with a comprehensive plan for future meetings virtually adopted.

After yesterday's three sessions as a whole and an equal number of meetings of the five committees to which the consideration of grouped portions of the present constitution has been deputized there was an air of relaxation as the members assembled in the Senate chamber at 10:25 o'clock this morning.

Only four Philadelphians were present. They were former Judges Sulzberger and Gordon, former Attorney General Carson, and City Solicitor Connelly. Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton, Philadelphia's woman representative in the commission, left Harrisburg after the first day's session, and Provost Smith, George Wharton Pepper, T. DeWitt Cuyler and William Perrine departed last night.

Secretary Lewis to Return

William Draper Lewis, secretary of the commission, also left for Philadelphia this afternoon. The former dean of the University Law School has an address to deliver in West Chester tonight. He will return to Harrisburg to take up the task of preparing permanent headquarters for the commission, so as to have all in readiness before the reconvocation at noon next Wednesday.

Submission of committee reports, already outlined in previous news dispatches, occupied the commissioners today. One of the most important of the suggestions is that removing the second-term disability from the governor's term of office.

"I look for the work of the commission to be cleaned up and ready for submission to the Governor by the 15th of May," said Attorney General Schaffer, chairman of the commission. "The result of the three days we have been here have been surprising in the volume of their accomplishment and the progress has been particularly pleasing to me.

Start Collecting Data

"Mr. Lewis has begun the collecting of data on constitutional subjects from other states so that every facility for speedy progress and intelligent deliberation will be at hand. State departments and bureaus are co-operating with us.

"Citizens in parts of the state have signified their intention of appearing at the public hearings, while our mail confirms how general is the interest in our purpose and proceedings. Not only have suggested amendments been submitted to us, but some of the communications go so far as to inclose drafts of entire new constitutions.

"Mr. Lewis will maintain a permanent office in the Capitol with one of his assistants constantly in attendance. We have obtained for the use of our members a special cross-indexed reference book of the constitutions of all the states. This was compiled by Columbia University for the New York constitutional convention of two years ago. We also have planned to obtain the complete records of the New York convention for our special information. All of our proceedings will be issued in printed form daily after the manner of the Legislature."

FIRE IN TOOL WORKS

Blaze Quickly Halted in Griffith Plant Tempering Room

A fire which started in the tempering room of the Griffith Tool Works, Second and Duncannon streets, shortly before midnight last night, caused a $1000 loss and was only prevented from destroying the entire plant by quick work on the part of Engine Co. No. 51.

The blaze, which was discovered by John Stroud, a night watchman, and Patrolman Gessner, of the Branchtown police station, gained headway because of the quantity of oil-saturated material in many rooms. The cause of the fire is undetermined. Work will be carried on as usual today.

TIE-UP ON HOG ISLAND LINE

Several Thousand Persons Delayed Half Hour by Derailed Car

Several thousand persons were held up for a half hour on their way to work this morning when a Hog Island car jumped a switch at the intersection of Forty-ninth street and Chester avenue, shortly before 7 o'clock. No one was hurt.

The car was crowded with Hog Island workers. The lines held up were Routes 13 and 50 to Hog Island, and the lines running in both directions on Fifty-second street and Chester avenue.

Many persons, tired of waiting, left the stalled cars and walked to Woodland and Baltimore avenues for cars. This caused an unusual congestion and some delay on these lines also.

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DEATHS

QUARLES.—Dec. 10, HARRIET B. (nee Jones), widow of Charles H. Quarles. Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, Fri., 2 p. m., 5647 McMahon ave. Int. private.

DE COSTA.—Dec. 10, JULIETTE BIDDLE, wife of Charles Frederick De Costa. Funeral services at residence, Villanova, Pa., Sat. 13th, 2 p. m. Int. Good Samaritan Churchyard, Paoli.

MILLNER.—Dec. 11, HERMAN, husband of Malki Millner, aged 73. Relatives and friends, also Sons of Halbertstein Frieda Lardman Lodge, No. 885, I. O. B. B., invited to funeral services, Fri., 2 p. m., at 1828 N. 23d st. Int. Har Nebo Cem. Kindly omit flowers.

DUNLAP.—Dec. 11, ALEXANDER, husband of Annie Dunlap, aged 47. Relatives and friends, also employes of the 49th St. Car Barn, R. R. T., and Stonemen's Pal. lovedale of Derby, invited to funeral, Sat., 2 p. m., from 1001 Tasker ave., Darby. Int. Mt. Zion Cem. Friends may call Fri., 7 to 9 p. m.

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WOMEN FOR JURY, CONSTITUTION PLAN

Two Members of Commission's Committee Say It Naturally Follows Ballot

DR. THORPE BACKS IDEA

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—Women in the jury box as well as in political office—that is one of the likely suggestions of the Constitutional Revision Commission, which is closing its first week of deliberation here today.

Mrs. John O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, is a member of the committee to which the question of suffrage and the qualifications of electors and county officers has been referred. Mrs. Miller also is chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Women Citizens. She likewise is a suffragist of the nonmilitant sort, but thorough in her belief that the jury box follows the ballot.

Francis Newton Thorpe, protessor of constitutional law at the University of Pittsburgh, is chairman of the same committee. In the absence of Secretary Wilson and Dr. Isaac Sharpless, of Haverford, Doctor Thorpe and Mrs. Miller constitute a majority of the committee, whose fifth member is R. L. Munce, of Washington county. Mr. Munce is the agriculturist of the commission, but he is not known to be a "farmer" in the matter of gallantry or the modernness of his view on the suffrage question.

May Be Unanimous

Consequently the question of feminine jurors, or jurywomen, may receive a unanimous affirmative vote in the committee's report to the commission which is rewriting a constitution for the Keystone commonwealth.

Doctor Thorpe for fourteen years was a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. Despite his connection with the Pittsburgh university, he is a "transplanted" Philadelphian. He expressed much interest in the matter of prospective women jurors.

"Why not?" he asked. "We have given them the ballot and have admitted their equal intelligence; why should not they occupy the jury box the same as men. We have permitted them to hold office, some of high degree, as in the case of Miss Rankin, whom Montana made a congressman. They have been presidential electors and, I think, even have been voted for as presidential candidates. Now that we have made them full citizens, we should let them enjoy the privileges that go with citizenship. Perhaps we ought to draw a line somewhere limiting their burdens and obligations. Take the matter of military service. I do not think we ever should go so far as to subject women to draft for military duty to the extent of bearing arms in defense of the state, yet a conscription in emergency for nursing or kindred duty might be deemed reasonable.

Women Members Praised

"The question of eligibility of women to public office is another matter for consideration by our committee and action by the commission. We do permit them to hold places on various commissions and boards. Our body, for example, has Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Warburton, and both certainly have demonstrated their fitness and intelligence for the intricacies of the subjects falling to their committees that augurs well for their future usefulness to the state. Shall we open state and county offices to women? That phase of the question we shall thresh out at future meetings.

"We are abolishing what we deem obsolete and antiquated as we are adding what we consider progressive. Take the subject of dueling. Our present constitution disfranchises the duelist. Our committee already has decided to urge the elimination of that clause."

WOULD MAKE WORLD DRY

Wayne Wheeler Urges Churches to Unite in Campaign

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—That the churches should unite to drive the liquor traffic from the whole world was the recommendation made at the meeting here today of the federal council of churches by Wayne B. Wheeler, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League.

Mr. Wheeler declared that the only way to enforce the national prohibition amendment would be through the building up on the part of church people of a "great militant public sentiment for law and order."

"The government," he added, "is going to ask every church in the United States to get back of the amendment."

CITY OWES U. S. FOR WORK

Bills in Excess of $500,000 Go Over to Moore Administration

More bills for the Moore administration to meet come forward. They exceed $500,000,000 to be paid to the United States Government for municipal improvement during the war.

Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, introduced this afternoon in Councils an appropriation to the bureau of surveys of $216,062.39 to pay the long delayed bill for grading and sewer work done by the Federal Government during the war on the Elmwood tract in the Fortieth ward, between Sixty-first and Seventieth streets.

He also introduced an appropriation to the bureau of highways to pay the United States Government $99,-[illegible] for highways constructed and water pipes laid by the government during the war.

The bills were presented with the understanding that they will be part of the first loan program under the new administration. They were referred to the finance committee.

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