

CONVENTION SEEN ON CONSTITUTION

Changes by Revision Commission Will Be Too Voluminous for Voters, Is View

LIVELY SESSION HELD

Harrisburg, Dec. 17.—The constitutional revision commission this afternoon held its busiest session.

Consideration of three articles, including the declaration of rights, occupied more than two hours, and the bulk of the discussion was voiced by the Philadelphia delegates.

Even cursory supervision of the day's accomplishments demonstrates the necessity for a recommendation by the commission of a constitutional convention.

The amendments suggested, with only three articles considered, and those tentatively, already indicate a contemplated revision that shall be voluminous.

The eighteen articles of the constitution, as they leave the commission, will vary for so many changes in form and verbiage that no legislature could have the temerity to submit such a numerous array of amendments to the voters. Virtually a new constitution will be the outcome of the commission.

Too Much Distrust of Officials

Too much distrust of one public official was assailed today by George B. Alter, former speaker of the house, in defending an amendment to section 6 of Article II of the constitution, denou-

ing disqualification of members of the Legislature to hold other office.

The amendment offered by former Judge Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, at the afternoon session, would strike out from such disqualifying offices those which shall have been created during his term of office.

Judge Sulzberger's amendment to the effect that the limitation upon the Governor's appointive power over legislators should extend to all offices was carried, 11 to 7, after Mr. Alter had argued adversely.

The substitution of a majority vote in the jury box in civil cases, instead of the present requirement of unanimity, also came up for discussion on a question by Clifford Pinchot.

Pepper Wants Present System

George Wharton Pepper, of Philadelphia, championed retention of the present system.

The section was retained by unanimous vote, following Mr. Pepper's argument. The preamble and bulk of the article dealing with the declaration were adopted without debate. By vote to retain Section 1, of Article II, covering the Legislature, the commission tentatively disposed of the suggestion to abolish the bicameral Legislature and substitute a single chamber of lawmakers.

Constitutional requirement of punctation in legislative bills also caused a debate that involved former Judge Sulzberger and Gordon, and ex-Attorney General Carson, of Philadelphia. The argument of the Philadelphians prevailed and the provision for punctation before final passage was voted down unanimously.

Twentieth Century Limited Restored

New York, Dec. 17.—The twentieth century limited, operated between New York and Chicago, which was discontinued December 10 during the coal shortage, today was ordered restored next Saturday by Regional Director of Railroads Hardin.

Girl, 16, Is Timid at Trial for Life

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Cornell, former county treasurer, of Doylestown; Clement Eberhardt, retired, of Spinnertown; Edwin A. Halde-man, a farmer, of New Britain, and Herman L. Becker, a farmer, of upper Bensalem.

Miss Agnes Baehr, 2534 Spangler street, Philadelphia, sister of Clara's mother, expressed the fear today that Mrs. Bartel might be drawn into the case because of charges made by the dead man's family that Mrs. Bartel urged Clara on.

Aunt Expects Girl to Be Freed

Miss Baehr said she expected to see Clara freed. "I fear, though, it will blight her life," she added.

"Everybody but the Bartels loves Clara. They hate my sister, too. Our family and theirs never visit."

Mrs. John Baehr, mother of Mrs. Bartel, did not come to Doylestown for the trial. She is worn out with worry over the trouble of her granddaughter, said Miss Baehr.

The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Tyrrell, of Roelofs, principal witnesses for the defense, caused some concern to Clara's lawyers this morning. Their son, Francis Tyrrell, was killed by a train Saturday. "The mother is prostrated with grief."

The lad, who was nineteen years old, was a childhood friend of Clara Bartel. She heard of his death only today, and then by accident.

"Is Francis dead?" she asked, her face instantly sober. She had been chatting gaily a moment before.

The girl looked horror-stricken today, as yesterday, getting luncheon at the Nightingale home, where she has been staying, for her mother and some-

neighbors who had come to town for the trial.

Fewer Arrests Under Dry Regime

Harrisburg, Dec. 17.—Only half as many arrests were made in Harrisburg this year as compared with 1918, the reduction having occurred entirely since the discontinuance of the sale of liquor July 1. Police officials say not more than a fourth as many arrests were made in the latter half of 1919 as in the same period last year. Already the force at the Dauphin county prison has been reduced.

URGE TREATY RATIFICATION

New York and Chicago Business Bodies Want Peace Agreed On

New York, Dec. 17.—Immediate ratification of the peace treaty "with such reservations as will either now or later permit our participation in a league of nations without impairing the sovereign powers of the United States," was urged in resolutions adopted by the directors of the Merchants' Association and sent to President Wilson and members of the Senate. Early action on the treaty is a moral and economic obligation of the United States, the resolutions asserted, and President Wilson was asked to resubmit the draft to the Senate in order to provide for its early consideration.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade have adopted

resolutions asking President Wilson and the Senate "to get together and adjust so that it can be sized up."



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