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Washington, March 19.—Rain and snow today; Saturday rain in morning clearing in afternoon.											
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PARTY LINES BREAK IN DELAWARE OVER ISSUE OF SUFFRAGE

Wily Politicians of Both Organizations Trying to Please Both Women's Factions

JUDGE GRAY'S STATEMENT STRIKES AT RATIFICATION

Eminent State Democrat in Pronouncement That McAdoo Fails to Answer

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
Wilmington, Del., March 19.—From Rehoboth Beaches to the Pennsylvania coast, the Blue Hen's chickens, without regard to sex, age, or previous condition, are all atwitter this morning.

Delaware, a small state in size, has suddenly assumed a place of first importance in the eyes of suffragists of the nation.

Will or will not the extra session of the Legislature, which begins in Dover Monday next, ratify the equal suffrage amendment? Will Delaware become the keystone of the equal suffrage arch?

The contest has resolved itself into a straight fight of "for" or "against." It has reached a nonpartisan stage, with each party waiting to dodge the responsibility of defeating it.

For once the Democrats and Republicans have sunk their hereditary hatreds and are orating from the same platform. They are pulling wires, regardless of political lines.

Publicists on the Job
Meantime the press agents of each woman's faction are camping on the deck of every city editor in Wilmington. They would have their meals served in their homes, and they had time to last night witnessed the last big state rally of the equal suffrage women.

Equal suffrage association. The star of the evening was to have been former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who was supposed to be the banner bearer. He came in, but he was not there. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, national president of the Equal Suffrage Association, graciously and persuasively, was the leading lady.

Half the society women of the peninsula served as patronesses. The lights in the big ballroom of the Hotel du Pont gleamed on the two members of the clever political leaders than they have done in any month.

Opponents Meet Tonight
Tonight conditions will be reversed. The anti-suffragists will proclaim their opposition in the same room. Former Justice George Gray, the state's most eminent jurist, will preside and the other half of Delaware's fair representatives of wealth and culture will be patronesses.

The express trains last night and tonight were ordered to halt at stations no self-respecting express ever stopped at a station. The anti-suffragists and "anti-suff" delegations hurrying to the fray. It is no graceful notation to say that the list of patronesses, for and against, reads like a social register of the state.

But this is all preliminary. It is the beating of tom-toms summoning to battle. The real fight opens Monday in Philadelphia when the state members of the House and Senate meet in special session.

Under the law the session is limited to thirty days. The anti-suffragists expect a quarter of a century. I venture the prediction that it will be a historic event from all the state's politics such as even Delaware has rarely known will be played—that is, if confident predictions of today hold good.

Situation Greatly Changed
Six months ago Delaware had her fate as the rigid law of a prizefighter, set against the more pliant law of a change has gradually been taking place. State leaders of both parties, Continued on Page Four, Column One

TO SHIFT RESERVES' HOURS
Contemplated Plan Provides for Traffic Men Starting Earlier

Traffic policemen in the central section may start work an hour earlier if contemplated plans are adopted.

The reserves and the mounted traffic men are now scheduled to be on their posts no later than 8:15 o'clock each morning, except in the traffic men on the men on foot is held at 8 o'clock at City Hall.

The police authorities are considering a 7 o'clock roll-call for the traffic men that would enable them to reach their posts in the central section. The plan, it is said, provides for the men quitting their posts an hour earlier.

Dampness
Rain and warmer tonight. Rain and colder on Saturday. Fresh winds blowing light on a clear raindrop-patter-day.

FIRST ACT ON LEASES, THEN FARE, SAYS M'CRAIN

Traction Rental Problem Should Be Settled Before Rates Are Adjusted

PUBLIC, AT CORPORATION'S MERCY, MUST MEET RISES

If Rentals Are Held Unreasonable, P. R. T. Has No Right to Raise Fares, He Holds

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
ONE can get the longest trolley ride for five cents in Philadelphia of any city in the country.

With all her rolling stock moving, the distance traveled by Philadelphia traction cars every twenty-four hours is equal to ten times around the globe.

In view of this and the further fact that this city has always stood at the head of electrical development in street-car traffic, it is almost inconceivable that the financial affairs of her transportation companies should be in such a deplorable condition.

The law which established the Public Service Commission gives it the right to fix rates of fare. It likewise has the right to refuse a grant for an unreasonable rate of fare. But to establish a decision it is the duty of the commission to investigate sources and amount of income and matters of legitimate expense.

If the rental paid to the twenty or so underlying companies for the use of their lines made years ago, a rental that runs from 7 per cent per annum on the amount of paid-in capital down to 10 per cent as the lowest, is a just one, then it is right for the Philadelphia traction company to increase its rate of fare above five cents.

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What's the Matter With Philadelphia?

No real solution of the transit problem, says Colonel McCrain, "until perpetual payment of outrageous interest" to underlying companies ends.

A big legal question is involved—a question so big that corporation lawyers have feared to tackle it. Colonel McCrain says the question must be acted upon now and ended for all time.

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METHODISTS ELECT TO BEGIN CITY WORK

4 Lay Delegates Highway Projects Alone Total \$3,250,000—\$800,000 in Asphalt Repairs Downtown

Two From Phila. and Two From Out of Town Picked for Des Moines Conference

CLERICAL BALLOT DELAYED

Bridge and Water Plans

Public improvements on a large scale, including the most ambitious program of street paving and repairs in recent years, are about to be launched by Director of Public Works Winston.

Work on the city's highways alone calls for an expenditure of \$3,250,000, with more than \$800,000 for asphalt repairs on city roads. Of course with more water works and the building of bridges and sewers bring the grand total to \$4,050,000.

Very little has been done to put the streets in order during the last four years, Director Winston stated. "I feel there is nothing more important to be done at this time and nothing that will add to the clutter and confusion of the people more than to get the streets cleaned and properly repaved."

I am bending every effort in that direction and will make a big showing in the appearance of the city."

The first job tackled beginning next week, will be \$800,000 worth of asphalt repair work, so that dangerous ruts and holes in all sections of the city may be filled in.

The program for paving and street repairs is divided in this way: Grading, \$300,000; new street paving, \$800,000; repaving, \$1,000,000; country roads, \$25,000; work on city roads, \$800,000; asphalt ditches, \$50,000; and curbing and footways, \$100,000.

Chief Dunlap, of the Bureau of Highways, who submitted the figures to Director Winston, said today the entire program will be under way within a month.

It will take a year to complete the job," the chief stated. "The city streets then will be in good shape, although \$3,000,000 is really needed for repaving work."

Work Begins Next Week
Asphalt repair work is to begin early next week, and the contract for five months to complete. The Barber Asphalt Co. holds a \$600,000 contract for work by the Union Trust Co. contract is held by the Union Trust Co.

About one-half of the 600 miles of city streets will be repaved under the contract. Particular attention will be given to the following: Girard avenue, Columbia avenue, Ridge avenue, Chestnut, Walnut, Locust, Spruce and Pine streets.

The asphalt paving work in West Philadelphia is to cost \$125,000. In the territory below South street and between the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, \$100,000 will be spent on South street to Lehigh avenue, \$225,000 will be expended, and north of Lehigh avenue, east of Broad street, including Kensington and Frankford, \$200,000. The repair work in Germantown will cost \$50,000.

Chief Dunlap informed Director Winston that when the proposed city asphalt plant is in readiness the repair work can keep pace with the street work.

Mayor Signs Paving Contracts
Mayor Moore today signed contracts with the Barber Asphalt Co. for paving the following streets: Woodland street, from Forty-second to Forty-third, \$17,000; Seventh street from Bristol to Cayuga street, \$82,000; Lincolnton street from Chestnut to Locust, \$22,000; and Erie avenue from Sixth street from Thompson to Master, \$55,000; Windsor street from Fifty-sixth to Fifty-seventh streets, \$52,000; Warrington street, from Fifty-sixth to Fifty-seventh streets, \$10,500; Sixth street from Labor road to Olney avenue, \$85,000.

A contract also was signed with the Barber Asphalt Co. for repaving Emerald street from Ontario to Atlantic streets, \$15,575; Thirty-fourth street from Locust to Lancaster avenue, \$75,750; and Erie avenue from Tenth to Nineteenth streets, \$34,800. The big program of street improvements planned for this year is made possible by the largest appropriation in years available for the work.

FINAL TREATY VOTE TODAY; BIPARTISAN PREAMBLE PASSES

Affirmative Acceptance of Reservations by Foreign Powers Not Required

EXPECT PACT TO MEET DEFEAT IN FIRST TEST

Republicans Hope Ratification May Be Obtained on Reconsideration

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 19.—Preparation for a final vote on ratification of the peace treaty, the Senate today adopted the modified reservation preamble worked out in the bipartisan conference under which affirmative acceptance of the reservations by the other powers would not be required.

The preamble provides that "failure on the part of the allied and associated powers to make objection to the reservations and understandings prior to the deposit of ratification by the United States shall be taken as a full and final acceptance of such reservations and understandings by said powers."

The preamble was offered by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and accepted without a roll call.

The final vote on ratification of the treaty is expected today. A long night session was devoted to discussion and adoption of a new reservation declaring sympathy for self-government in Ireland.

The ratification resolution still was incomplete when the senators met for the session destined to become historic. Plans for perfecting the resolution yesterday were swept aside by the bitter controversy over the Irish qualification, rivaling in some respects the long drawn out fight over the reservation to Article X, which was adopted unexpectedly in an unsuccessful effort at modification. Between the two there was no time left for other than minor questions.

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Despite the fact that the Democrats put forward and assisted in the adoption of the Irish reservation, Senator Lodge and prevented a compromise. He predicted the treaty would fail to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. He predicted the treaty would fail to receive the necessary two-thirds majority.

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3 HURT AS CAR JUMPS TRACK ON SOUTH ST. BRIDGE

Three persons were hurt when a west-bound trolley car jumped the track on the South street bridge at noon today and was prevented from plunging 75 feet to railroad tracks below only by the iron railing with which it collided. He injured are: Benjamin Hare, negro, 1015 Nordain street, internal injuries; Mrs. A. M. Jones, 1337 North Forty-ninth street, shock and bruises; Thomas Monteith, 1830 North Allison street, shocks and bruises. All were taken to University Hospital.

BISHOP RULES AGAINST NEW METHOD OF SELECTIONS

An attempt to change the method of selecting District Superintendents in the Methodist Church was ruled out of order by Bishop Berry this afternoon at the annual Philadelphia Methodist conference.

Several ministers signed a memorial asking that each of the five districts elect two candidates, one of whom the bishop would be bound to appoint. Bishop Berry ruled that this question would have to be taken up at the general conference at Des Moines, Iowa.

BELL ASKS TO DROP FOUR-PARTY LINES

Increase in Rates Also Asked in Petition Filed With Public Service Commission

High Expenses Are Cited

Here Are New Rates Bell Telephone Asks

New Rates Present Rates

RESIDENCE
Individual Line
Sixty calls or less 700 calls annual—\$2.50 monthly. Additional calls each: next five cents or less, 100, three cents dependent upon each call; additional the number used.

Two or More Party Line
Forty calls or less 700 calls or less a month, \$2.50 monthly. Additional calls five cents each.

Four-Party Line
Forty calls or less a month, \$2.00. Abolished.

Unlimited Local Messages
(Residence Only)
Individual Line
\$6 per month. \$4.75 per month.

BUSINESS
Individual Line
Same as residence Same as residence
Two-Party Line
Forty calls or less a month, \$2.50. Abolished.

Abolition of the four-party line and increase in some rates, effective May 1, are asked by the Bell Telephone Co. in a petition filed today with the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg.

Emphasizing that new capital is essential that the company may serve properly its 618,000 subscribers in Pennsylvania, L. H. Kinnard, president of the Bell in this state, declares that operation expenses per month have increased \$586,000 as compared with 1919.

Business and residence telephones are affected by the proposed new schedule of tariffs. The company seeks to increase to \$6 a month single-party residence service calling for unlimited local calls. The present charge for this service is \$4.75 a month. For two-party lines under this service an increase from \$4 to \$5 is asked.

No increase to residence phone subscribers is asked for those on two or three-party lines who use forty calls or less a month.

For business telephones on individual lines the company would charge \$4 a month for sixty calls or less, with four cents being charged for the first four additional calls and for the next 100 calls. Under the present system the charge for this service is at the rate of \$3.50 a month. Abolition of two-party lines for business telephones is asked.

It is pointed out that under the present system the charges are now made on an annual basis, while under the proposed new system the tariffs are on a monthly basis, as they were when under the control of the postmaster general. The new rates asked for are in some cases lower than they were under federal control, while in other cases they are higher.

Mr. Kinnard makes it plain in his petition to the commission that \$10,000,000 will be needed this year to meet the demand for extensions and improvements in the service. "Even if no new patrons were added," he says, "and if we attempted to restrict the service to those who now have it there would still be required \$17,000,000 to cover the present level in prices as compared to those of four years ago."

Menace to Credit
Mr. Kinnard makes it plain that the result of operations under present rates is a serious menace to the company's credit, which he says, will be entirely destroyed unless immediate relief is granted.

The new rates were prepared in order to meet the new operating costs and are estimated to produce additional revenues to meet the increase in revenues attributable solely to the increased costs of operation and maintenance by the public by reason of the high cost of living affords neither pleasure nor gratification to the company. We are constrained to take this course by the plain duty to our patrons, our employees and holders of our stock and securities."

Staley Gets Forestry Job
Pinchot Puts Him in Charge of State Bureau of Operations

Harrisburg, March 19.—(By A. P.)—Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania's new forestry commissioner, today announced the appointment of L. F. Staley as chief of the bureau of operation in the Forestry Department.

Mr. Staley has been in charge of the Mount Alto forest reserve for the last ten years. He will direct all engineering work on reserves, conduct timber sales agreements, and handle construction of roads, trails, steel observation towers, telephone systems and topographic surveys.

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EBERT'S BAYONETS RULING IN BERLIN, FIGHT BOLSHEVISM

National Assembly Will Meet at Capital on Tuesday. Noske Resigns

DEATH PENALTY FOR ONE REACTIONARY PROPOSED

Blood Flows in Many Cities. Kapp Troops Fired on

Bauer Charges Kappists Planned War of Revenge

Berne, March 19.—(By A. P.)—Chancellor Bauer caused a sensation at yesterday's sitting of the German National Assembly at Stuttgart when he revealed the conditions presented the government by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and General von Luettwitz before they entered Berlin last Saturday morning.

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