

COAL OPERATORS WILL FIGHT PROBE

Organize Opposition in Legislature to Glass Bill Providing Price Inquiry

BLAME PHILADELPHIANS

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—Hard coal interests are lining up their friends in the legislature today for the purpose of smothering the Glass resolution calling for an investigation of the high price of anthracite.

It is expected that State Representative Leopold C. Glass, Vice leader and sponsor for the coal inquiry resolution, will call it up for consideration when the House reconvenes after tonight. The coal operators figure they will be able to block the resolution.

Representatives of the coal interests but they add that of the Philadelphia is in earnest they will continue by calling for an investigation of Philadelphia manufacturers and their prices.

Glass vigorously insists he will push his resolution "no matter what it hits." It looks as though the fight over the Glass resolution, provided it is called up for consideration, will provide the first real fireworks of the session.

The leader of the opposition to the coal investigation is Hugh Dawson, of Lackawanna county, chairman of the ways and means committee. Mr. Dawson is a coal operator. It is said that Representative David Fowler, junior leader from Lackawanna, will join in the attack by Dawson.

"We are prepared to fight any bill that is no reason for an investigation, such as proposed," said Dawson. Mr. Glass maintains that the price of coal is fixed to one house in Philadelphia is exorbitant. I have had long and I propose to tell the House tonight that the price of coal in this city is reasonable and that Philadelphia is paying a high price because of heavy freight rates and because retailers are hoarding on getting a lot more than they are entitled to.

"If Mr. Glass is really in earnest he should look to his city Council in Philadelphia for relief. Let them get after the retailers. They are the ones who by the long run, I am told, and proceed to not only take on the price, but sell a 2000-pound ton. In other words they stretch the ton to more than eleven tons. The trouble is there, not in the anthracite region.

THREE MEN, ONE A BURGLAR, KILLED IN PISTOL BATTLE

Crime Wave in New York Breaks Out With Renewed Violence

New York, Jan. 23.—By A. P.—A revolver duel in which one man was killed and the shooting to death of a burglar were the latest additions to the renewed outbreak of crime in New York city today.

Domestic police officers in the walk street police station, 212 West 14th street, in the back and said he had been shot by one of three men, with whom he had quarreled. He then shot after words. The men, both told the police, came from the neighborhood and one of them opened fire. Point had three shots, but his bullets evidently did not reach their mark.

Paul Lerman, a janitor and street cleaner, arrested from shop by the sound of breaking glass, saw two men attempt to enter his store. He commanded them to throw their arms up and as they approached toward him he fired three shots, two of which struck and killed an unidentified man. His companion escaped.

At about 10:30 p. m. a man carrying a large trunk, obtained hold up of a man on a sidewalk, and as they walked away.

The most conspicuous crime yesterday was the killing of Angelo Partinella, an Italian, by a man named "Red" in the neighborhood of the city.

The body of Partinella, 42 years old, was found in the back of a car in the neighborhood of the Long Island railroad. Although the police are unable to identify the man, the police are confident that the man had been in the neighborhood.

PRIZE-WINNING PONY PROVES GOOD 'SAILOR'

Sir Eric Arrives From Glasgow After Stormy Voyage

Eric, the prize-winning pony, arrived in Philadelphia today after a stormy voyage from Glasgow. The pony, which was the winner of the Glasgow race, was brought to Philadelphia by its owner, Mr. J. H. Warrington.

In a week's time, the pony will be in the hands of the Philadelphia racing association. The pony is expected to be a great success in the Philadelphia races.

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25 KILLED, 25 HURT IN TANK CAR BLAST

Ten Bodies, Torn Beyond Recognition, Taken From Ruins of Row of Houses

WHOLE BLOCK DESTROYED

By the Associated Press Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 23.—A row of tenement houses, a block in length, in the city was annihilated by the explosion of a tank car.

While the police estimate the dead at about twenty-five, the toll of fatalities, it was stated several hours after the explosion, may be as high as a complete block is made of the occupants of the dwellings and the ruins are examined.

The destruction of the explosion was heard throughout the city and the thousands who flocked to the scene added to the confusion and made difficult the work of the police and volunteer rescuers.

The killing station where the explosion occurred was not badly damaged. On the other side was a large brick and concrete building which, although it escaped the force of the blast, windows in it were blown out, but otherwise the building was not damaged.

The block directly south of the one where the explosion occurred was a row of tenement houses. The first bodies found were of four Negro women and a baby. They were found in a short distance of their home, but other bodies were scattered over a radius of a block or more.

While the fire which brought down the first shortly after the explosion the work of the rescuers was made hazardous by the fact that other gas-filled tanks were in the immediate vicinity, in the path of the rescuers and in the way of the tank cars.

One of the injured brought to the General Hospital was an unidentified Negro boy who fell into a nearby barrel of kerosene and after being buried there, was dug out by the force of the explosion.

Another after the first explosion a second tank car blew off its top and sent the contents hurtling to the street. Beyond wrecking the car, this blast caused only small damage.

LAWYER ASKS CLEMENCY

Reuben Bernstein Blames Haste for Use of Illegal Paper

A personal plea for clemency was made by Reuben Bernstein, member of the bar, who appeared before President Judge Briggs in Court No. 1, today, charged with presenting a false copy of a stay of proceedings in a contempt suit of his client.

The court, which against Bernstein was presided by a justice, told to Sheriff Langhorne, after he had learned that one of his deputies had been informed by the lawyer in connection with the case of Snyder et al. and Joseph Lerman.

Instead of producing the original petition, Bernstein is alleged to have used another which had been prepared by the lawyer in connection with the case of Snyder et al. and Joseph Lerman.

Bernstein, in defending his action, said he had been told by the lawyer in connection with the case of Snyder et al. and Joseph Lerman.

The hearing was held at 10 o'clock in the morning in the court.

Deaths of a Day

CAPTAIN F. B. BLACK

Patrol Inspector in Dock Department Incident Dies Aged 76

Captain Francis B. Black, a patrol inspector in the dock department, died at his home in Philadelphia today at the age of 76.

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HIS 30TH ATTEMPT WINS PRIZE IN LIMERICK CONTEST

Haddonfield Man Did Not Get Discouraged by 29 Failures and at Last Finds Himself in Hall of Fame

Here's Encouragement, Fans

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One Hundred Dollars Daily For the Best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

RULES OF THE LIMERICK CONTEST

1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is to write and send in your last lines to the Limerick, using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write legibly, and be sure to add your name and address.

2. All answers to the Limerick which is printed below must be received at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER by 4 o'clock Wednesday evening. Monday's and Tuesday's Limericks should be mailed to P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia; Tuesday's and Wednesday's and Saturday's to P. O. Box 1524. Answers left at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will also be admissible.

3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each Limerick will be announced one week after the Limerick is printed. For example, the winner of the prize for the Limerick which appears today will be announced today a week.

4. In case of ties, prizes will be awarded to each successful contestant. For example, if the judges decide there are two or more answers of equal merit for the prize, the author of each answer will receive ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. The prize will not be split up among them.

5. The decision of the judges in each Limerick contest will be final.

THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY

Cut Out and Mail TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, P. O. Box 1523, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 37

A clumsy fellow named Hall Said, "Tonight I'll propose to the ball." But he danced on her toes And, as every one knows—

Write your answer on this line

Name

Street and No.

City and State

State, Herman Barnes, 1928 Jackson street, Philadelphia, Pa.

No. 6—John Nite had a Waite for his date, Jill J. Hartigan, 25 South Sixth street.

No. 7—Kate, thought Kate, "Being late is poor bait." Harold J. Sotter, 173 North Hanover street, Pottsville, Pa.

No. 8—"Show sherry, I'm drunk," phoned her mate, A. J. M., 1113 North First street, Philly.

No. 9—"But he's been seen a show," when she ate, Myrtle R. Baker, 5200 North Eleventh street, Logan, Pa.

No. 10—Miss Katherine will perform with E. T. T., 410 Woodland avenue, Wayne, Pa.

After the voting was over, Mr. Howard landed his best advertisement for ever, which was strictly on his own merits. It was the names and addresses of the girls on the jury. Here it is:

Lorena M. Kelly, 3717 Aspen street, West Philadelphia.

Marie E. Blee, 1146 South Fifty-second street.

Edna M. Haldeman, 2602 North Jessup street.

Matilda M. Eiles, 1820 McClellan street.

Agnes Hultberg, 824 Bailey street, Camden, N. J.

Maria E. Pearce, 2104 South Ninth street.

Sora Hyatt, 543 Bailey street, Camden, N. J.

GROWING ADE IN ASSEMBLY FIGHT

Sinclair, of Fayette, Deserts Leader and Goes Over to Oliver Allegheny Faction

SESSION ON FOURTH WEEK

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—Confirmation came today of repeated rumors that one of the members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Oliver Sinclair, of Fayette county, the home district of Senator Crow, declared today that he had split with Crow because the latter had recognized the demands of Senator Max Leslie, Allegheny county, in the fight over chairmanships and patronage and had turned down the Oliver men. Sinclair says the defection of which he is a part spreading to other members.

"Western Pennsylvania," said Sinclair, "is not at all in sympathy with Crow's attitude toward Leslie."

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"I wanted to pick my side to it," Heretofore the House has been forced to take sides in the Philadelphia situation and we are now being split up. Now I have simply anticipated that condition."

Sinclair looks to see the Allegheny county row turn the House into a political arena, in which both factions will contend for mastery as a preliminary to the election of a mayor of Pittsburgh to succeed Mayor E. V. Rabbok.

Crow forced to Rest

There is talk that William A. Magee, of Allegheny county, is being urged by the Men's Association in the night against the payment of high rentals to the underlying companies of the P. R. T., will be the Leslie candidate to succeed Crow, which would probably not be in Harrisburg for a month. Sinclair talked to Crow on the telephone yesterday. Crow told him he was going to consult a specialist. Oliver chairs has not yet been unshaken.

Magee is an ex-captain of Pittsburgh and ex-public service commissioner.

Sinclair also brought out that Senator Crow would probably not be in Harrisburg for a month. Sinclair talked to Crow on the telephone yesterday. Crow told him he was going to consult a specialist.

It is understood the state chairman's physical condition requires that he take a complete rest.

The absence of Crow from the Senate will, it is believed, inevitably show up the work of the Senate and the Legislature in general. Inasmuch as Crow is the Senate leader, administrative measures may therefore be delayed in presentation to the Senate, which has talked with Crow, believes that talk of an early adjournment is a joke.

Pennsylvania's 257 lawmakers enter upon their duties with nothing substantial accomplished in the way of legislation.

Legislators and politicians now on the scene continue to be concerned in the possibilities of new factional alignments and intrigues in state politics and the hearing of these things in the halls which develop in the Republican state organization.

Since the opening of the night of January 3, which really marked the beginning of the session, the record of the General Assembly contains the following:

Election of presiding officers of the House and of the Senate.

Appointment of committees and employees.

Reading of the Governor's message.

Introduction of a number of bills in the Senate.

The House has not received any bills, though a large number are expected to be introduced in the near future. It is said that the Legislature will not be in session until the first of February.

It is probable that the committee work will also get under way.

Hope for "Snappy" Session

Legislators do not anticipate that real work will begin until next month. Earnest legislators are hopeful that the Governor's idea of these active months of legislation will be realized.

The session would be February, March and April. It is significant, however, that one group of leaders has engaged hotel accommodations for two months.

The arrangement holds throughout May.

In the way of new alignments, one of the most interesting developments has to do with the holding of the state administration. It is believed that a peace agreement has been arrived at in Delaware, the home birth of Governor Sproul, by the friends of the Governor and John J. McPherson, of the city of Chester, prominent economic politician. That would mean the Governor's leadership is dependent on the support of the city of Chester.

It appears that certain politicians in the county thought they were in a position to get control of the office of the Governor. The friends of the state administration assert that a peace agreement has been arrived at in Delaware, the home birth of Governor Sproul, by the friends of the Governor and John J. McPherson, of the city of Chester, prominent economic politician. That would mean the Governor's leadership is dependent on the support of the city of Chester.

Under the peace treaty, the Governor will have, in addition to the support of his friends, Senator Albert Dutton. Under the arrangement of the friends of the members of the House from that county, it may state wide maneuvering which he may have to execute when on the warpath for votes.

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NIGHT RIDING TO BE PROBED

Kentucky Governor Will Investigate Visits to Tobacco Farmers

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 24.—(By A. P.)—Governor Morrow today planned an investigation of night riding in the Blue Grass tobacco belt of Kentucky, following the appearance of "riders" Saturday night for the first time in years.

Fifteen farmers in Bath and Fleming counties were visited and warned that the selling of their tobacco crop or the planting of a new crop this year would result in the burning of their barns and destruction of other property.

The warnings followed the recent closing of the annual Harley tobacco markets, at which unusually low prices were offered farmers for their leaf.

LYNCH 2 NEGROES AFTER RACE RIOT

Five Whites and Three Negroes Wounded in Fight—Fears of Further Trouble

By the Associated Press

Warrenton, N. C., Jan. 24.—With the imprisonment of thirteen Negroes here from Norfolk and the subsequent lynching of two of them, the Warrenton Negroes have begun to show signs of agitation. Five men who appeared to be leaders have been arrested. All manner of rumors are said to have been spread on them, including rifles, shotguns and pistols. Around some of the guns red handprints have been found. It is believed that the local officers believe to be the badge of some secret order.

A jury was impaneled for an inquest on the two Negroes lynched last night. The eleven Negroes left in the jail will be taken to Raleigh or some other place for safe keeping, it is said.

The lynching, shortly after midnight, was the culmination of several days of ill feeling between negroes and whites of Norfolk, which reached a climax early Sunday in a pitched gun battle there in which fifty white men and three negroes were wounded. Thirteen negroes were arrested and brought to the jail at the county seat here. Last night the mob, numbering about 150, surrounded the jail, quickly overpowered John Green, the negro jailer, under threat of death, took Alfred Williams and Plummer Bullock, two of the prisoners, a man outside the jail, and three armed men with rifles as they stood by the roadside.

Bullock was said to have instigated the clash at Norfolk following a dispute with a groceryman over the purchase of ten cents' worth of apples. Williams was said to have been one of the leaders in that clash. The Negroes, in presentation at the Norfolk railway depot Sunday morning and opened fire on the whites. The mob in its invasion of the jail did not molest the other eleven prisoners.

When the mob gathered Sheriff R. E. Davis, who lives some distance out in the country, was notified. He started three armed men with rifles as they stood by the roadside.

The men explained they were guarding the jail from attack by would-be lynchers. They had been ordered by the sheriff one of the attackers. When Davis finally reached the jail Williams and Bullock had been taken away.

Norfolk and Warrenton are only a few miles apart.

Physicians Buy Club Home

The Assenplian Club, an organization of physicians, has taken title from Rebecca C. Fox to the residence at 20th and Clinton streets, lot 22 by 100 feet, for \$25,000. The assessed valuation is \$25,000. The property will be used for club purposes.

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Missing

Investigator Shays of City Hall was today assigned to investigate the disappearance of Eleanor Oles, fourteen years old, of Cornwells, Allegheny county, who was pulled on a train at Broad Street Station for Pittsburgh on January 4.

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BILL WOULD ASSESS REALTY UNIFORMLY

Measure Said to Place Value of State Setting Power in Hands of State

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—"Unfavorable speculation is being indulged in by arriving legislators over the report that an introduced bill which would assess the present Pennsylvania system of real estate assessments and possibly the Philadelphia board of tax values out of office.

It is recalled here that the Philadelphia board got into hot water over the raising of assessments and that there is an effort being made to have real estate assessment methods more equitably assessed and modernized.

Although there is much gossip about the bill, no one seems able to learn definitely what interests are behind it. It is expected, however, to make its appearance at an early date and possibly tonight.