

WARE BILL GIVES COMBINE CONTROL OF HARBOR WORK

Asks State for \$250,000 to Be Expended When Council Gives the Word

WATERFRONT SUPERVISION TO BE TAKEN FROM MAYOR

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COMBINE'S GOUGE OF STATE FOILED

Commissioner Sadler Rejects Bids That Would Profiteer by Millions in Labor

ASK TWICE MARKET PRICE

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

Harrisburg, March 9.—A road contractor's ring has been reaching for the throat of the State Highway Department.

That, perhaps, may be considered a brutal way of putting it, but it describes the situation.

There is a combination of individuals, firms and corporations engaged in road and highway building that has planned to milk the Highway Department and pocket huge profits.

This was to have been done by expediting up contract prices to wartime figures and estimating labor cost at virtually double the price at which it can be obtained today.

The department is in possession of facts regarding meetings that have been held in connection with this masterful proposition.

Commissioner Sadler has reversed the process. Before the curtain drops it will be a case of the throtters throat.

He has decided he will sacrifice a part of his road-building program for 1921 rather than accede to the demands of the combination.

A demand that organization in such admissible shape that there will be no delay in proceeding with a large part of the work already determined upon.

Nineteen Proposals Rejected

On February 18 last out of twenty-five proposals for highway construction nineteen were rejected.

A demand for the contractors' contracts instantly sprang to their defense. This took the shape of an attack on the department and its so-called shortsighted policy in failing to appreciate the fact that costs of labor and material for the present year had changed little, if any, from those of last year.

It was recalled today that the Governor's Commission, headed by Commissioner Sadler had all the facts at its command as to costs of material, labor and all else that goes toward highway construction.

The proposals were rejected and rejected in February are being readvertised for and will continue to be readvertised for until the contractors decide to give the state a fair deal.

Between three and four eighths of an expense figuring in a road building contract is for labor. Forgetful of the fact that the war is over, that the country is returning gradually to normalcy, that members of this combination have been figuring their contracts on labor at wartime figures.

The Contractors' Error

This is five cents an hour for ordinary unskilled labor.

It is five cents an hour for their calculations has been forgetfulness that Commissioner Sadler's engineering department, and heads of construction are not only paid but are also paid for their labor cost and material situation that they are themselves.

Under their present system of bidding the contractors have been estimating the cost of their labor at five cents an hour.

While the contractors have been planning for a profit of 100 per cent on their five cents per hour, the department has been receiving offers of labor at from twenty-five to thirty cents an hour.

Thousands of unemployed men are seeking work. Applications are flooding the department. It is the best class of labor.

The New Jersey Zinc Co. at Palmerton, Lehigh county, has offered the services of several hundred men for highway work at twenty-five cents an hour.

Many More Offers

In Lehigh county one concern has volunteered to place at the disposal of the department 1500 men at thirty cents an hour.

Similar offers are being coming in from different parts of the state.

If Commissioner Sadler were disposed to accept the bids at the estimated price of contract labor identified with the contractors in labor alone from twenty-five to thirty cents an hour per man.

It is estimated that the amount saved will reach an enormous sum. It will go toward building many additional miles of state highways.

It will reduce state appropriations and the defeat of the federal appropriation bill for highways in the last Congress, the necessity for making every dollar spent on Pennsylvania highways produce a dollar's worth of results, has inspired Commissioner Sadler with a determination to go the limit in curtailing the combination.

More important than the ascending rate of wages seeking employment, is the rising scale of efficiency. It is important as the wage schedule in contracts and to road building by the department itself.

Last August Commissioner Sadler gave the efficiency scale up to 75 per cent. In November it had risen to 85 per cent. This spring the man on state highway work who is not 100 per cent efficient will be discharged from the roll. And this order will be enforced to the limit. Commissioner Sadler says.

MARK HALLER

Mark Haller, forty-three years old, 2225 South Fourth street, was accused by his wife last night, complaining of severe pains, and died before medical aid could be summoned.

Coroner's Physician Wadsworth testified that the bullet had entered the chest and taken a downward course, entering the mouth and penetrating the chest, and the flesh showed powder burns. Dr. Wadsworth said he did not see the bullet could have taken the course described if it had been fired accidentally by the person striking the floor.

EX-PATROLMAN ON TRIAL

Anthony McGarvey Accused of Murdering His Landlady

Anthony McGarvey, former patrolman of the Twentieth and Berks streets station, went on trial today for the murder of his landlady, Mrs. Anna McNally, 1827 North Broad street, before a jury from which the district attorney had carefully excluded all women.

William Finlay Brown, assistant district attorney, trying the case, challenged two women drawn on the trial panel.

Mrs. McNally was shot August 25 of last year. The patrolman had dropped his gun when in the kitchen cleaning it, and one cartridge had exploded, striking the victim.

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Old Councils Gave Director Say in Funds

"It has been customary for Council to have jurisdiction over the expenditure of the annual state appropriation for wharves, docks and ferries," said Director Sproule, head of that department, commenting on the bill offered by Senator Vane.

"But Council always has given the department free rein in spending this money," he added.

Richard Weglein, president of Council, said: "Those who feel that if the money were given to Council the administration would be hamstrung are missing nothing. A man of straw and wasting useless energy to knock him down again."

By a Staff Correspondent

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Senator Vane introduced a bill in the upper chamber providing an appropriation of \$250,000 to the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries for dredging the Delaware and Schuylkill and improving the harbor.

The money is appropriated shall only be expended as authorized and directed by Council of Philadelphia.

This provision gives Council the final power over appropriations, taking it away from the administration.

The bill also provides for the appointment by the Governor of an engineer at \$4000 a year to cooperate with the city department in the placing of work under contract which is to be paid for out of state funds.

The state appropriation is only effective when Philadelphia has contracted to spend at least an equal amount. The Philadelphia will spend much more than the state amount sum, so the appropriation will be available for Director Sproule.

May Lose Paving Grab

The Dixie Weglein bill for street paving, by which the combine Council would get a grip on the expenditures of \$7,000,000 worth of street paving, is in a precarious position.

The bill has passed the Legislature, but Governor Sproule may not sign it. Furthermore, the bill was denounced by Mayor Moore, chief of the Bureau of Municipal Research, "hot air and a mess," and as being not at all the kind of bill approved by the Charter Revision Commission.

Further, he said, the Dixie Weglein bill appeared to be diametrically opposed to the spirit of the new charter.

Patterson made a trip here to search for the bill, which is contained in the vague terminology of the bill. He had hoped to get the bill finally passed to the Legislature, but when he arrived, he found the combine had virtually strangled the measure through the House and Senate.

Hold-Up Seems Certain

In view of all these circumstances, it would surprise no one here if the Governor took lots of time considering whether he will sign the bill; also it would not surprise any one if the Governor sought advice from the Charter Revision Commission.

Mr. Patterson said the bill as passed, in its amended form, looked like the "worst kind of tinkering."

"It looks to me," he said, "that if the bill is passed in its amended form, it is in its present form it will be plunged into litigation."

Litigation would block for a time the plan to do the paving. To avoid this it is proposed that the bill be made to have the bill repealed by the Governor and remanded to suit all hands.

The Questionable Section

Mr. Patterson said there was a great deal of mystery in Philadelphia as to the precise language of a bill that had passed. The language which is regarded as debatable is as follows:

Section 8. It shall be lawful for such city to borrow money or incur debt in accordance with the provisions of law for the purpose of acquiring property, erecting buildings, bridges or other structures, that not for the repair of the same, raising or improving streets, but not repairing and repaving streets, or other improvements of a permanent or temporary kind, or for capital outlay of any kind provided that all such outlay be payable within the estimated or guaranteed life to the city of such repaving or such improvements as certified to the Council by the city controller, to be capital expenditures as distinguished from current expenses, prior to the expiration of such estimated or guaranteed life to the city of such repaving or such improvements as certified to the Council by the city controller, shall in no wise affect or reduce the loans authorized or issued before the passage thereof.

Mr. Patterson thinks the question made therein requiring "the improvements of a temporary kind," and "capital outlay of any kind," indicate inherent danger in the bill, and that the door may be opened for using the measure to provide for current expenses.

ANOTHER LIMERICK WINNER PROVES IT ISN'T JUST MATTER OF "GRAB"

Miss Byrnes' Friends Had Tried to Persuade Her Merit Didn't Count in This Contest, but She Stuck to It

"I usually am called at the drug store, so I tried there first. Nobody wanted me. I went to a grocery store. No call there. At last some one suggested that the call might have come from the saloon. I took a chance on it."

Makes Good Fiction Scenario

There you are with the scenario of another chapter in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER'S popular serial DRIFT UP A LINE AND PICK UP A LIMERICK.

Scene—Family room in a corner saloon. Time—10 a. m.

Edna, a woman, portrait and miniature painter, hair touched with gray, a member of old Quaker family attending Race Street Meeting, has many good old Quaker families for years. She answers the telephone. And she learns that she has won a limerick prize of \$100. An appointment is made. (To follow her photograph.) She leaves the saloon.

Fiction writers would say it wasn't done. Well, it was.

Sarah Palmer Byrnes, of the Plastic Club, grammar teacher at the Philadelphia School of Design, student at the Academy and at the Ateller Montparnasse, Paris, has submitted an answer to EDNA LIMERICK, SCRAP FAIR TO DATE. Now she has won.

Right here, Popocatepetl, our office cat, who speaks seven languages, asks of Edna, "What's that? You're a dumb young woman will please take the dictation. Tready, shoot!"

As an utterly out of considerable experience in the game of this world, I believe that the winning of Miss Byrnes ought to be a lesson for all of the short sports who have been bragging that these limerick contests were "fraud."

"While strolling back and forth along some of my favorite boulevards at evening (and later), I have now and again heard some of these 'wise guys' tell how they met somebody who kept some body else who had it 'straight' from a man who worked on the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER on the back page.

So today's winning limerick was finished out by SARAH PALMER BYRNES, 1803 North Camac Street.

When William took sweet Miss Edna to meet, he said "I don't care. For much; let me see. What they have that suits me."

Bill said, "Peach, lettuce both be a pear."

It was No. 10 on the ballot, receiving nine votes.

Three other votes were cast for No. 588,862,968 IS PROVIDED IN APPROPRIATIONS BILL

But Amount Asked to Run State is Expected to Be Cut

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—The general appropriation bill carrying approximately \$28,000,000 passed first reading today. It was reported out of committee by the House.

The idea is to have it revised downward by the House appropriations committee.

The appropriations by departments as carried in the bill now are: Governor, \$97,000; State, \$182,700; Auditor General, \$40,247; Internal Affairs, \$142,000; Treasurer, \$374,000; Attorney General, \$274,200; Banking, \$140,000; Public Instructions, \$24,547,000; Adjutant General, \$112,300; State Police, \$140,000; State Prison, \$140,000; State Museum, \$242,190; Legislative Reference, \$15,000; State Reporter, \$22,000; Public Grounds and Buildings, \$80,000; State Commission, \$100,000; Board of Pardons, \$500; Agriculture, \$1,691,280; Forestry, \$6,800; Mines, \$611,500; Fisheries, \$601,800; Public Printing, \$1,394,200; Education Commissioners, \$3800; Labor and Industry, \$2,364,000; State Police, \$23,360,360; Censors, \$138,000; Health, \$142,190; Welfare, \$140,000; Public Service, \$1,077,250; Board of Charities, \$100,500; Judiciary, \$2,413,805; Legislative, \$1,127,735; Legislative Journal, \$1,000; Interest on funded debt, \$44,480,735.

TIPSTAVES' RISE FAVORED

Bill Adding \$500 to Salary Goes to Senate

Harrisburg, March 9.—Salary raises for state employees are not popular in the House since the administration has proposed a program of economy for the year.

The bill to increase the salary of second grade inspectors of the Department of Public Safety, was voted on today and passed overwhelmingly by the House.

A short time later the same group of legislators voted to give the tipstaves of Philadelphia a \$500 increase. The vote on the measure was unanimous and it now goes to the Senate.

The tipstave salary raiser was introduced by Representative W. J. Braddock, who is a member of the Philadelphia ward.

It originally provided an \$800 increase for tipstaves, but was amended to make the maximum salary \$2500, a \$200 increase.

SCHOOL LOAN BILL UP

Measure in House Today Doubles Institutions' Borrowing Capacity

Harrisburg, March 9.—Representative Philip Sterling's bill permitting school boards in Philadelphia and other districts in the state to double their borrowing capacity for temporary purposes has been reported out of committee at the instance of Mr. Sterling. It comes up for second reading in the House today.

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 mail in your last line to the contest office for consideration. The coupon printed below please write plainly. Be sure to add your name and address. 2. All answers to the limerick which are printed below must be received at the office of the Evening Public Ledger by 6 o'clock on the day of the contest. The winner of TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY.

Cut Out and Mail TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST, P. O. Box 1524, Philadelphia.

LIMERICK NO. 75

Said a soldier who went o'er the Rhine, 'This is only a debt; not a fine. The Teutons must pay And there's no other way—'

Write your answer on this line

Name

Street and No.

City and State

No. 1. Have a heart for Bill's no bullionaire. Fred M. Rush, 2411 North Eighth street.

No. 2. She's stranded; and she's canned Bill for "fare." Clara Raturar, 2824 Diamond street.

No. 3. He was freed, but he qualified. I. C. Blair, Mrs. Fred J. Maligrave, Wilmington.

No. 4. Try soft coal; as a "sooter." It's there. F. A. Sykes, Pleasantville, N. J.

No. 5. Bill's grace was a sole insured prayer. Charles Gilpin Allen, Thirty-fourth and Hamilton streets.

No. 6. Bill was out at the plate then for "fare." J. C. Kesaberg, 524 Chestnut street.

No. 7. She was "right"; all she "left" was the chair. George W. Leek, 111 East Madison avenue, Colingsville, N. J.

No. 8. Bill had tongue, and he's mine with despair. John H. Oakes, 2509 North Seventh street.

No. 9. For dessert Bill had custard right there. C. D. Nussle, 75 Nyack avenue, Lansdale.

CHILDREN ASKED TO AID 'CLEANER PHILADELPHIA'

Clubwomen Seek Co-operation of Youngsters in Campaign

The "Cleaner Philadelphia" committee of the Civic Club sent out letters today to all schools in the central part of the city asking for co-operation in the committee's crusade for a "clean city."

Reports have come to the committee from the letter carriers and fruit skins, for which school children are held responsible, and a campaign is planned of periodical talks at the schools on the subject of cleanliness and beauty.

Mrs. W. Howard Magoffin, chairman of the committee, told of this program at the city 8000 to clean parts of Fairmount Park after a certain school picnic there.

The "New Stage Setting in Washington" was discussed by Warwick James, Jr., before a group of friends at the Philadelphia Club this morning. Mrs. Walter Willard presided.

A round table conference was the program at the Mothers' Club of Franklin in the library this afternoon. Mrs. Charles N. Sturtevant presided, and Mrs. L. Duffy, Miss Evelyn Lightowler and Mrs. F. F. Borland were in the discussion. "Frankford Agencies" was the topic.

Methods of Investing: The Difference Between Speculating and Gambling was the subject of a lecture given this afternoon at the meeting of the Women's Club of Media. Mrs. F. W. Lange, Mrs. Clifford A. Woodbury and Mrs. C. P. Pritchard were members of the committee in charge.

The Republican women's committee of the Forty-second ward met this afternoon at the Oak Lane Library. "Americanization" was the subject presented. The speakers were Mrs. Fredrick P. Grunberg and William Henry Walsh. Mrs. William E. Groben was the chairman.

BRIDE RENOUNCES STAGE

Georgette Cohan's Husband Buys N. Y. Stock Exchange Seat

New York, March 9.—J. William Cohan, who eloped with Georgette Cohan, the sixteen-year-old daughter of George M. Cohan and Ethel Levey, bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday for \$90,000, the bid was made jointly with the statement that "Young Bill" was to invade Wall street came the announcement that his wife was to abandon a stage career.

But stage of the Orpheum Theatre in Brooklyn, where she and her mother are appearing in a vaudeville act this week, she declared last night that she did not know the first thing about her young hubby's business ventures, and what's more, she didn't care.

Aprons of her decision to quit the footlight for good and all on Saturday night, Mrs. Southern said: "Really and truly, I'd rather be the happy, loving little wife that I am now than the greatest star on the stage."

Governor and Mayor to Plant Trees

Mayor Moore will co-operate with Governor Sproule in celebrating the first Arbor Day of the year, April 8, by planting a tree in Independence Square. The tree will be planted on the grounds of the world war. Governor Sproule will plant a tree in the grounds of the State Capitol at Harrisburg. Soil from several Jewish colonies of the State will be placed on the tree's roots.

Philadelphians Firm Gets Road Job

Harrisburg, March 9.—Conner & Lev, Philadelphia, have been awarded the contract to build 11,374 feet of state highway in the township of Bucks county, at \$143,854.65. This is the first award to be made on bids opened on the 8th. The bids were received February 18.

Women End Council Smoke

Atlantic City, March 9.—Women's influence, already felt in the appointment of Miss Anna Williams to the Board of Education and of Mrs. Frank Moore as overseer of the poor, has banished smoking from the Council chamber in Ventnor City while the members are in session.

DAYLIGHT PETITIONS START PROBE TALK

Foes of Bill Ready to Let Go Their Heavy Guns to Block Progress

INQUIRY IS IMPROBABLE

Harrisburg, March 9.—Foes of the Edmonds daylight-saving bill may attack the petitions urging passage of the law.

The bill was reported from the committee on retrenchment and reform at today's session of the House.

The bill was reported out of committee this morning will come up for final passage in the House Monday night when the opponents of the measure plan to unload their heavy artillery.

Representative Green, of Philadelphia, wants a legislative investigation of the petitions urging passage of the bill. Green got all wrought up at the hearing before the sub-committee, of which he is a member, over an allegation that some one attached his name to more than one petition. For a minute it looked as though Green would demand an investigation at once.

"I was told," said a speaker, "that one man said at a recent meeting in Philadelphia that he had signed five of these petitions."

"What's that?" said Green in a startled tone.

"You should place the facts with this committee. This committee should know about that. Who was your informant?"

"Do you want me to tell you privately or publicly?" the man asked, somewhat confused.

"Publicly, of course," returned Green.

The man pointed to a spectator. The spectator was cross-examined by Green. He admitted that the man was just such a thing at a meeting in Brookline, a suburb of Philadelphia.

"Do you know the name of the man?" inquired Green.

"I may be able to find out and let you know," the spectator answered.

If the spectator forwards the name of the man who was so anxious for daylight saving that he signed five petitions, there may be trouble. It may involve a legislative investigation by a committee with full power to subpoena witnesses and hold hearings.

Brookline and employ counsel and handwriting experts to examine the petitions.

The handwriting experts may have to examine and compare the thousands of signatures on the petitions and Green may want to subpoena every signer.

Rural members were outvoted by city members of the House Monday night on the bill to license fishermen. If the line-up on the daylight saving bill is anything like the line-up on the fish license bill the House should pass the measure.

Even if it should pass the House it may find rough going in the Senate. Politicians may consider it a political expedient to shelve the daylight saving measure to appease the farmers who are dead set against it.

BLUE LAWS TO BE AIRED

Public Hearing Arranged for Bills Affecting Sabbath

Harrisburg, March 9.—The first battle over the blue laws will be today. A hearing will be held on the McCarty bill to legalize Sunday fishing. Anglers who want to shatter the blue laws by giving the fish no rest are expected to appear before the House.

No defenders are expected to appear for the poor fish, but the Rev. T. T. Mutchler will be on hand for the Lord's Day Alliance.

Leopold J. Glass, of Philadelphia, chairman of the judiciary special committee of the House, announced that a public hearing on blue law bills would be conducted in the hall of the House Tuesday, March 22.

Glass' committee will meet jointly for the hearing with the municipal affairs committee. Special attention will be given the Smith bill providing for local option on repealing the blue laws and the McCann bill, permitting Sunday baseball and football games.

ADVANTAGE FOR JUDGES

Proposed Law Would Place Them at Top of Nonpartisan Ballot

Harrisburg, March 9.—Trickery and efforts to win nominations on the nonpartisan ballot by candidates relying on the fact their surnames begin with "A" would be discounted by a bill introduced in the library by Representative Davis. It would amend the act of 1917 providing for the nonpartisan selection of judges and officers in second class cities.

The bill proposes that the sitting judges shall have the advantage in the ballot and would not be displaced or put at a serious disadvantage by candidates whose names begin with "A" or "B." Sitting judges, candidates for renomination, would have their names placed on the ballot first and these would rank in the order of seniority.

Candidates other than sitting judges would be placed in rank by casting lots.

10,000 N.Y. GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE

Industry Virtually at Standstill Throughout City, Union Leaders Say

COURT INJUNCTION IGNORED

By the Associated Press

New York, March 9.—Approximately 10,000 workers in mills and children's dress factories went on strike today, it was announced at the headquarters of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, where it was claimed that the industry in Greater New York was virtually tied up.

Union officials said the strike had been called for the purpose of establishing minimum wage scales, reducing the wage rates in force before the recent reductions and forcing the entire industry to recognize the union and sign agreements.

Pickets were stationed in front of the factories today and when the workers reported they were handed a copy of the general strike order, forbidding the industry to do business with the picketed plants. Meetings were held where no disorder was reported.

The feather box industry, it was announced, also was tied up by a strike of 1200 members of the Feather Box-makers' Union. The workers demand a "union shop" and a forty-four-hour week.

The action of the union was taken in the face of an injunction granted yesterday by Mitchell L. Erlanger, Supreme Court justice, forbidding the organization, through its general president, Sidney Hillman, and other officers, from conducting a strike against Joseph Skonecny & Co., 606 Broadway, a clothing factory to be shut down and their business on the "open-shop" principle.

Justice Erlanger characterized the union's conduct as "a malicious and unlawful conspiracy to cause the plaintiff's factory to be shut down and their business on the 'open-shop' principle."

The suit is the outgrowth of a strike called on January 27, when the company announced its intention to run its business on the "open-shop" principle.