

DEMAND GOVERNOR FRAME FUND POLICY

Revolt Against Delay in Revenue Plan Breaks Out in House Legislative League

FOLLOWS GRUNDY DINNER

Harrisburg, Pa., March 29.—Revolt against the delay in framing an administration revenue policy which would bring in more money for schools broke out this morning in a meeting of the Legislative League, the House organization of members representing rural districts. George W. Williams presided. Virtually an ultimatum was served on the Governor.

The expression of opinion in the league was that unless the Governor drew up a program by next Wednesday, the rural members would get up "ten their hind legs" and "insist on action." This was significant in connection with last night's dinner, given by Joseph R. Grundy, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, of fifty leading representatives of big business, industrial and mining interests of the commonwealth, was the spirit of determination to tax and to a tax on manufacturing corporations—the tax which the Grundy men oppose.

It was said that Governor Sprout really favored such a tax, but that his friendship for Senator Penrose, who is really friendly with Grundy, prevented the state administration pushing such a measure at this time. Another development at the league meeting was that the Grundy men propose as an alternative to a tax on manufacturing corporations, a tax on land throughout the state. This suggestion met with a groan from the country members.

Names Taxes Special Favor

The meeting opened with a report of the submission of the revenue bill which conferred with the Governor on the subject of revenue. Representative Phillips, of Clearfield, said that the Grundy men favor a tax on natural resources, gasoline, show houses and bill boards. He said that the Governor also favored a tax on hard coal.

"But," said Phillips, "it seems to me this tax on hard coal and not on soft coal, is virtually a trick to have no tax at all on coal, as the courts will find the tax on hard coal only unconstitutional."

Phillips further suggested that in the event of a failure to provide more revenue the members fight on the floor of the House. "Cut down the appropriations," said Phillips, "for the departments and when you find your hospital appropriations cut down add to them what you cut from departmental appropriations."

Representative Catlin, of McKean, said Governor Sprout was in favor personally of the tax on manufacturing corporations, but that Penrose was not. Catlin said the Governor asked him to hold his bill laying a tax on manufacturing corporations until next Wednesday.

"If nothing is done," said Catlin, "by next Wednesday, let us insist on getting these bills out of committee and let the House decide what will be done."

League members took the position that the revenue question should be decided promptly and not allowed to drag until the closing hours of the session, when "all might be lost."

To Again Visit Governor

At the conclusion of the league meeting, a committee was named, the same which last conferred with the Governor, to visit Governor Sprout again and acquaint him with the spirit of the rural members. This committee consists of Representatives Phillips, Catlin and Magill.

The committee will try to get all the revenue proposals combined at once into one bill or more.

"But," said Phillips, "the thing is to get the question of more revenue on the floor of the House. We have reached a point where we can't keep still."

Another committee was named to confer with Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of schools, to see just how much money he needs for his program.

The Grundy dinner was a private affair, but it is conceded today that those who gathered at the table were here to map out a campaign to guard against tax and other legislation considered detrimental to business.

On Eve of Conference

Legislators were quick to point out the dinner came on the eve of conference this week by Governor Sprout and leaders for the purpose of devising ways and means of getting additional revenues.

There was an air of mystery also as to any discussion there may have been with regard to the future political action of the business interests. In this connection, it was noted that George S. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, who like Mr. Grundy is at odds politically with Governor Sprout and State Chairman Crow, was in the city.

Bills in House Relieve Women of Duty as Jurors

Harrisburg, March 29.—Representative Green, Philadelphia, introduced a bill in the House permitting women to be relieved from jury duty without being required to give any reason for such request.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Green authorizes judges of the different courts to refuse to allow women to sit on juries where the cases are objectionable.

SCHOOL BOARD BILL HELD UP IN HOUSE

'Tom' Cunningham Appears and Sterling Has Vote on Measure Postponed

SOWERS ALSO SEEKS COVER

Harrisburg, March 29.—Action on bills of vital importance to Philadelphia was postponed in the House last night. The Sterling Philadelphia school board bill, scheduled as a special order for final passage, was postponed. Representative Sterling, sponsor, moved the bill be postponed until Wednesday morning.

A visit to Harrisburg by Thomas W. Cunningham, clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions, and one of the combing leaders, is said to have had much to do with the postponement. It was whispered around the legislative halls that Cunningham came to Harrisburg purposely to choke off any chances that the Sterling bill might have of getting through the assembly.

Another Philadelphia bill postponed was the Sowers bill No. 2. It is the measure which proposes a penalty for policemen and constables who do not hurry persons arrested on sight or warrant to the nearest magistrate.

Sowers had the bill postponed until Thursday morning, the correction of typographical errors.

"Even the state printer is trying to gain the game," was the comment of the sponsor after a fight House Thursday and important bills are seldom called up for that reason.

"That will leave less voice against the bill," said Cunningham, who looks on the bright side of everything.

Women leaders from Philadelphia and the state at large are here in numbers today in the conference on progressive legislation and on the necessary revenue raisers and also to fight bills regarded as detrimental to women and children.

Among those on hand are Mrs. J. Willis Martin, of Philadelphia, a leader in the Republican women's state committee. Others are Mrs. E. E. Mollie, of the state committee, and Mrs. Harriet L. Hubbs, of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. They are to attend a session of the Legislative Council, to be presided over by Mrs. John O. Miller, president of the league and chairman of the council.

The council will pay particular attention to the progress of the Fingnan bill to develop the school system of the state and to the provision of the needed and additional revenue. Miss Florence M. Hiltner and Mrs. Franklin J. Iams, of the Federation of Women's Clubs, and many other representatives of influential women's organizations are on hand.

A number of the women will attend the hearing this afternoon on the Fowler eight-hour bill for employed women. Among the Philadelphia women who will speak are Miss Estelle Lauder, secretary of the Consumers' League, and Mrs. Pauline N. Newman, of the Women's Trade Union League.

James H. Maurer, of the State Federation of Labor, which is behind the measure, also will speak. Proponents of the bill declare shorter hours are a necessary for women in industry to insure their health.

PROGRESS OF BILLS IN SENATE AND HOUSE

Harrisburg, March 29.—Bills given final passage, introduced and moved by committees in both branches of the Legislature are as follows:

Passed Finally in Senate

Reorganizing the Department of Internal Affairs, Bureau of Statistics and Information, and creating a Bureau of Women and Children in the Department of Labor and Industry.

Repealing the Department of Public Instruction provision for withdrawal from the state of any school or schools, before or after the expiration of the term of the board of directors.

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Personnel persons who may now be further assistants shall be compelled to undergo an examination and practice under their own name.

Providing for guarantee in places designated for the sale of liquor and for the purpose of guaranteeing the payment of communicable diseases existing powers to an advisory board.

Smith, DuPont.—Appropriating \$1,000,000 for the soldiers and sailors memorial bridge at Capital Park, under an existing contract for the purpose of enlarging the bridge.

David, Lankowski.—Repealing second-class city newspaper statute system and relating to party election system and relating to party election system.

James, Lawrence.—Providing for three physicians and two nurses on the state board for registration and registration of nurses.

Marshall, Delaware.—Enlarging powers of county commissioners in regard to holding no issued upon by clerks.

Arnold, Philadelphia.—Introducing salary of Philadelphia Orphan's Court clerks to \$3,000.

Phelps, Venango.—Nominating the state main building for the University of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg to Chambersburg.

Arnold, Philadelphia.—Making unlawful publication of notices of proceedings in advertisements, whether in newspapers, by first-class or second-class mail, for a fee of not over \$1000 or sixty days.

Sehara, Lehigh.—Providing plans for parks in Lehigh Valley, and providing for the sale of land in the parks.

Wagner, Westmoreland.—Appropriating \$100,000 for the Lehigh Valley State Hospital for the insane, \$50,000 for the Lehigh Valley State Hospital for the insane, and \$50,000 for the Lehigh Valley State Hospital for the insane.

Edmonds, Philadelphia.—Prohibiting the sale of motor vehicles without proper title and other documents, and providing for the registration of such vehicles.

Richards, Philadelphia.—Providing for the approval of the Public Service Commission in regard to the operation of public utility corporations in force and effect.

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WOMEN JURORS NOT NEEDED, SAYS JUDGE

Bill Exempting Females From Court Duty Indorsed by Two Jurists

PLENTY OF MEN AVAILABLE

Women are not needed on juries and should not be compelled to hear disagreeable cases any more than they should be compelled to carry the hod or work in a coal mine, President Judge J. Willis Martin, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, said today.

Judge Martin gave his indorsement to two bills introduced in the Legislature last night by Representative Daniel J. Green, of this city. One would give judges power to bar women from juries drawn to pass on disagreeable cases. The other bill would allow women to be excused from jury service at their request alone.

"Both bills are excellent and should be passed," Judge Martin said. "The highest duty of womanhood is, of course, to her household or family. We have an ample supply of men to perform jury service. Women are not actually needed, and, therefore, should be excused when their domestic duties demand their attention."

"There are many cases listed for trial in the criminal court that are shocking to persons of sensibility, and there is no reason why women should be required to listen to these disagreeable features any more than they should be required to carry the hod or work in coal mines."

"If there were a scarcity of men to perform jury duty, I know the women would come forward in the same spirit that characterized their splendid work; but until such a scarcity arises, they should not be compelled to serve in a capacity that has a tendency to degrade them."

Judge John Monaghan, noted for the severity of his sentences on confirmed criminals, expressed similar views.

"I fully agree with everything that Judge Martin has said," he declared. "During my term on the criminal bench last month we had a number of disagreeable cases, but there were no women on any of the juries that heard them."

Recently in the Criminal Court, when testimony was about to be heard on charges of vice, tipsters have circulated among the women on the jury panel and quietly hinted at the nature of the case. In the majority of instances the women withdrew from the courtroom until the case had been disposed of.

PROTECTS B. & L. FUNDS

Bill Gives Banking Commissioners Power of View Over Mortgages

Harrisburg, March 29.—A bill designed to guard the interests of shareholders in building and loan associations, in the event of the deflation of real estate values, will be offered in the House today by Representative Smink, Philadelphia.

"A number of building and loan associations through the state and some in Philadelphia," said Smink, "have issued mortgages on property of inflated value, and when the property values fall, the building and loan associations could be compelled to put up the difference in collateral. The necessary funds would be taken from the earnings."

The appraisers of the property in question are to be three in number, one chosen by the banking commissioners, one by the building and loan association, and one chosen by both sides.

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State Commission Expended \$154,384 and Has \$482,173 on Hand

Harrisburg, March 29.—(By A. P.)—The State Welfare Commission has a balance of \$482,173.17 on hand and has expended \$154,384.17 from the State Safety and Defense Commission and its chief expenditures appear to have been salaries, expenses, etc., for administration since October 10, 1919, \$56,718.48; war history commission, \$24,708.57; and department of public instruction for Americanization work, \$50,000, of which \$45,000.72 has been expended. The payments for salaries in these three general lines were \$124,028.40; the traveling expenses were \$10,440.48; rent, \$8,001.81; postage, \$1,011.16; and \$110,550 expenses in rent-profit-making cases.

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