Aron Bill Dies If It Goes to Sproul

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the original full-crew law now in effect.

Alexander, of Delaware, who is noted for his eccentricities of attack on men and measures, offered an amendment that the railroad companies be compelled to show cause to the Public Service Commission why extra men were not needed as members of train crews.

It shifted the burden of proof from labor, which demands a full crew, to the railroad companies, who declare them unnecessary.

The scheme that Alexander desired to enforce would compel the railroad companies to go before the Public Service Commission and present an argument before they could discharge a single trainman.

Representative Walker, of Philadelphia, pointed out that such an amendment if carried would not only clog the Public Service Commission until it could scarcely function, but would mean fresh embarrassments for labor and an undermining of the whole system of the railroad industry. The measure will come up for final passage next week.

Democratic Seat in Danger

If the legislative reapportionment bill gets through it will work a revolution in the political alignment of our sister county of Montgomery.

It will have five representatives in the House next session, instead of four, as at present. Heretofore, the upper end of the county has always returned a Democrat until the last state election. This will be made impossible under the reapportionment scheme prepared by Deputy Auditor General Charles Johnson.

Montgomery county will be solidly Republican as the following rearrangement of districts demonstrates:

The county will elect five members who shall be elected from three districts as follows:

The boroughs of Bridgeport, Narberth and West Conshohocken and the townships of Lower Merion and Upper Merion shall constitute the first district and elect one member. The first district population will be 38,586.

The boroughs of Norristown and Conshohocken and the township of Plymouth shall constitute the second district and elect one member, with a population of 41,001.

The rest of the county shall constitute the third district and elect three members, with a population of 116,923.

WELFARE MEASURE CONFERENCE THEME

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, April 22.—The Woodward bill, classed as an administration measure, is to be the subject of further conferences today.

The bill is reposing in the pocket of Representative Duncan Sinclair, of Fayette, chairman of the "Phony" subcommittee appointed by Representative Steedle, an Oliver man from Allegheny, to "consider" the bill.

As told previously, the welfare bill was intended by the administration as a smoke screen to protect attack from some other far more important measures, but the factions opposed to the administration after falling into the trap raised such a racket about the bill that administration leaders have about determined to force action on the matter.

They can be counted on to get the bill out of committee if they really want to.

Despite all the propaganda to the contrary, the administration controls the House as well as the Senate. This control has been demonstrated time and again when anything vital was at stake.

While administration foes have made much of the talk that the House was against the Governor they have never been able to demonstrate it. When the administration needs the House it generally rises to the occasion emphatically.

Next in importance now to the welfare bill is the legislative apportionment bill.

Members from counties which lose by apportionment have been struggling to block the bill while those from counties which gain have been fighting to get it out.

Speaker Spangler, whose home county of York loses a member, has been accused of being one of those seeking to block a much needed and strongly demanded apportionment.

Spangler held the bill, so those who want immediate action on it say, until the last minute before he referred it to a subcommittee.

Time is growing short and the House rules may preclude action on the apportionment bill, but it is certain attempts will be made to bring it out of committee.

EDUCATION COUNCIL APPROVED BY HOUSE

Harrisburg, April 22.—The House, by a vote of 129 to 6, yesterday passed the bill of Representative Dawson, of Lackawanna, creating the State Council of Education which supplants the present State Board of Education, taking over all its powers and duties. The bill is an amendment to the school code of 1911 and is a part of the school program of Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, state superintendent of public instruction.

The Council is to be composed of nine members, the present Board having six members. Those members are to be appointed under the provisions of the bill by the Governor on or before the first Monday in July. The bill provides for the selection of two members for one year, one member for two years, two members for three years, one member for four years, two members for five years and one member for six years. The Governor annually hereafter will appoint one or two members as the case may be for full terms of six years.

To Serve Without Pay

The members are to serve without pay. The superintendent of public instruction is ex-officio a member of the state council, just as he now is a member of the state board.

The act provides the duties and powers of the State Council of Education shall include the making of recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly of legislation needed to make the public schools more efficient and useful, also the inspection of schools and institutions wholly or partly supported by the State which are not supervised by the public school authorities; the encouraging and promotion of agricultural education, manual training, domestic science and such other vocational and practical education as the needs of the State may require, and the prescribing of rules and regulations for the sanitary equipment and inspection of school buildings and the taking of such other action as it may deem necessary and expedient to promote the physical and moral welfare of the children in public schools.

A companion bill, also sponsored by Mr. Dawson, was passed by the House. That bill confers upon the proposed new council the duties and powers of the college and universities council.

The Dawson bills passed have no bearing on the measure which would combine all of the medical examining boards of the State under one management. That is also a Finegan bill, but so much opposition from various medical schools developed that it has been kept in the House Committee on Public Health and Education. It is dead for this session, and it is the only bill supported by Dr. Finegan that the House has not passed.

Senate Passes Teachers' Bill

The Edmonds bill establishing the new teachers' salary schedule was passed in the Senate by a vote of 40 to 0. The bill goes to the Governor for action. It is a Finegan measure and includes classifications and qualifications of teachers with regulation of State aid for districts.

Among the teachers present, representing the teachers' organizations of Philadelphia, were Miss Emily M. Renshaw, Allied Associations; Thomas Groetzinger, Philadelphia Teachers' Association; Reuben T. Shaw, citizens' committee; Miss Jessie Gray, Philadelphia Normal School of Practice; Robert B. Morris, High School Men's Association, and William H. Balls, Allied Associations.

DON'T CROWD! THESE ITALIAN MAIDENS ARE TAKEN

The above picture shows five of twelve sisters, three of whom are to be married. They arrived in Philadelphia yesterday on the steamship "America." They were greeted by two bridegroom-elects when they docked at the Vine street wharf

BIG APPROPRIATIONS PASS IN STATE HOUSE

Harrisburg, April 22.—Over 130 Senate appropriation bills, carrying $15,853,681.33, were reported to the House by William J. McCaig, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, and passed for the first time yesterday.

Among them are:

Highway Department, credits extended by railroads, $250,000; State Roads, Muncy, $265,100; Valley Forge Park Commission, $101,000; Delaware River toll bridges, Pennsylvania-New York maintenance, $20,000; bridges, $10,000; bridge approaches and rights of way, $10,000; Albright & Mebus professional services rendered Attorney General's Department in 1911, $1069.73; Port of Philadelphia, $100,000; Board of Pharmacy, $10,000; Public Service Commission, abolition of grade crossings, $200,000; Delaware River toll bridges, Pennsylvania-New York, $125,000; Harrisburg fire companies, $6400; Philadelphia County primary election expenses, $600,956.00; Delaware River toll bridges, Pennsylvania-New Jersey, $200,000; Philadelphia School of Design, $25,000; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, $50,000; Philadelphia Museums, $50,000; West Mountain Sanitarium, Scranton, $8000; Eagleville Sanitarium, $60,000; Union Home, Philadelphia, $4000; Home for Homeless, Philadelphia, $2800; Salvation Army Hospital, Philadelphia, $2800; Easton Home, $14,000; Children's Aid, Pittsburgh, $20,000; George Junior Republic, $9000.

Crittenden Home, Germantown, $1500; Children's Aid, Philadelphia, $60,000; House of Good Shepherd, Germantown, $15,000; Friends Home, Philadelphia, $3400; Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, Philadelphia, $4000; Northern Home, Philadelphia, $20,000; Christian Home, Pittsburgh, $2500; Erie Infants Home, $2000.

Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, $25,000; St. Vincent's, Philadelphia, $17,000; St. John's, Philadelphia, $22,000; House of Good Shepherd, Fairmount avenue, Philadelphia, $25,000; St. Edmond's Home, Philadelphia, $3000; St. Vincent's Home, Lansdowne, $20,000; [illegible] Home, Philadelphia, $20,000; Philadelphia Protectory, $30,000; Western [illegible], Philadelphia, $5500.

St. Luke's Hospital, Philadelphia, $40,000; Packer Hospital, Sayre, $45,000; Misericordia Hospital, Philadelphia, $150,000; West Philadelphia Hospital, $25,000; Taylor Hospital, [illegible], $12,000; Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, $25,000; [illegible] Hospital, Philadelphia, $24,000.

Women's Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia, [illegible]; [illegible] Hospital, Philadelphia, [illegible]; University of Pennsylvania Hospital, $200,000; Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia, $145,000; Hospital for [illegible], Philadelphia, $20,000.

[illegible], $60,000; St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, $65,000; Children's Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia, [illegible]; St. Joseph's Hospital, Philadelphia, $70,000.

Institution for [illegible], $131,250; [illegible], $45,000; State [illegible], $200,000; [illegible] Buildings and Improvements, $118,000; [illegible] Hospital, Philadelphia, $3000; [illegible] [illegible].

TEETH OF 'DRY BILL' RESTORED BY SPROUL

Harrisburg, April 22.—At the instance of Governor Sproul the administration enforcing measure again has been amended so that city police and district attorneys will have the power to enter and search saloons without warrant. The Governor also is said to be responsible for amending another section that reduces the license fee and in addition, he wrote in a new section that declares the proposed amendment to the Brooks high-license law shall not become effective until after present licenses have expired.

The sections relating to the police power and the reduced license charges were stricken out of the bill while in committee. At the time the Governor agreed to the amendments and is said to have promised to keep his hands off the bill. There was considerable opposition to the section giving the police power to search saloons on the ground that it infringed [illegible] possibilities. Saloonkeepers in general were opposed to reduction in the license fee, declaring it opened the way for establishing more saloons on a [illegible] basis.

But while the Governor appears to be desirous of reducing the fee his new section will let the saloonmen for the present charge, which in Philadelphia amounts to $1100. His new section, which states the bill is not to become effective until the present licenses have expired, will prohibit the saloonkeepers from taking advantage of the reduction.

The measure was on the Senate second reading calendar yesterday and was recommitted to the law and order committee. At the afternoon session, Senator Eyre, who made the motion, said in reply to a question, by Senator Long, of Franklin, that the sponsor of the code and others had a number of amendments which he thought could be more intelligently considered if the bill were taken up in committee instead of on the floor of the Senate.

"Then you're not attempting to kill the bill?" asked Senator Long.

"Quite the contrary," replied Senator Eyre.

TRANSIT RENTAL BILL 'PICKLED' AND DEAD

Harrisburg, April 22.—The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., or "somebody else," has used the blackjack on the Millar bill. Chairman McConnell, of the judiciary special committee of the Senate, officially let it be known today that, so far as he and the Legislature were concerned, the bill was dead.

This measure, which was supported by business men's organizations in Philadelphia, would have provided that the Public Service Commission would have the power to inquire into the reasonableness of rentals paid by the Transit Co. to the underlying companies. It was opposed by the Transit Co. and David H. Lane, who is still the Nestor of the organization.

After the bill had passed second reading and was on the road to final passage, having already passed the House, it was sent back to committee. Nobody knows, apparently, who made the motion which brought about that result.

One thing is certain, the bill is no longer on the Senate calendar.

"Where is the bill now?" Senator McConnell was asked today.

"In the desk," replied the chairman of the "pickling committee."

"Is it coming out of committee?"

"There will be a public hearing on that matter at 2 a. m. on the fourteenth of July," was the senator's reply.

The Legislature will adjourn sine die on April 28.

REPORT $55,000,000 FOR STATE BUDGETS

Harrisburg, Pa., April 22.—The general appropriation bill carrying the funds for conduct of the state government and interest and sinking fund charges on the public debt made its final appearance in the House of Representatives today on third reading. It had passed two readings and was recommitted to be made up.

As reported the bill carried a total of approximately $55,154,272.06. Arrangements were made for it to be printed. The bill was greatly changed from the way it last appeared, tremendous cuts having been made in departmental estimates.

When presented it called for $58,888,000, but after a conference between the Governor and the chairmen of the two appropriations committees it was agreed to hold departmental estimates to or even below those of 1919 and to provide for increased appropriations for educational and forestry and also for the interest and sinking fund. This has been accomplished, as the bill contains at $24,000,000 appropriation for education, $2,000,000 for forestry and $4,500,000 for the fixed charges.

There are more than thirty grand divisions in the bill, with numerous bureaus and other branches, in most of which reductions were made by the committee.

The Senate today passed scores of House appropriation bills at the first Friday session and with exception of a few which must go to the House for concurrence in amendments they will be sent to the Governor for action. The aggregate of the bills passed is more than $20,000,000.

The Senate also cleared up its own bills and advanced a big second reading calendar of House bills.

HOUSING BILL DIES BY BIG VOTE IN HOUSE

Harrisburg, April 22.—The housing bill, having the indorsement of the state Chamber of Commerce, was defeated in the House by a vote of 99 nays to 36 ayes.

It was attacked by McCurdy, Blair, who said the measure was not intended to help tenants, but real estate men. F. S. Edmonds, Philadelphia, who introduced the bill, said it was not intended to apply to first class cities because of congested conditions. Alexander, Delaware, asked why, if the bill was intended to beautify homes in Delaware county, its provisions should not be extended to Philadelphia. Mr. Edmonds replied it was hoped later to have the act apply to Philadelphia.

Deaths of a Day

DR. SAMUEL L. KURTZ

Reading, Pa., April 22.—Dr. Samuel L. Kurtz, eighty-eight, presidential elector for Harrison in 1888 and an active Roosevelt man nine years ago, when he was almost eighty years old, was found dead in bed at his country home at Old Ferry, Perry County, yesterday. He went there last Saturday. He was a former president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and practiced sixty years.

Dr. Kurtz, oldest of the medical fraternity here, was a Civil War surgeon four years, winning the rank of major. He leaves two children, Dr. J. Ellis Kurtz and Mrs. Nicholas H. Muhlenburg. For many years Dr. Kurtz was active in Republican politics.

Mrs. Mary E. Atmore

Mrs. Mary E. Atmore died Wednesday night in the King's Court Apartments, Thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets. She was seventy-six years old and the widow of Robert E. Atmore, former head of Atmore & Son, mince meat manufacturers.

Mrs. Atmore was for many years treasurer of the Home for the Homeless, 1327 Fitzwater street. Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Horace Shedden, Mrs. David G. Anderson and Mrs. William T. Read, and a son, Craig Atmore, from whose home, at 4725 Chester avenue, the funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

F. C. Philips

London, April 22.—F. C. Philips, the novelist, died here yesterday. He was born February 3, 1849, and was the author of many books, some of which were adapted for the stage. "As In a Looking Glass" by Mr. Philips, was the first English production in Paris by Sarah Bernhardt.

The Rev. Dr. A. W. Halsey

New York, April 22.—The Rev. Dr. A. Woodruff Halsey, sixty-nine years old, secretary of the Board of Foreign Relations of the Presbyterian Church since 1899, died in his home Wednesday night.

HE EVIDENTLY LIKED U. S.

Young Italian, Formerly of N. Y., Brings Twelve Sisters to America

Where but one prospered before, according to Pasquale Porono, who arrived here on board the steamship America from Genoa, Italy, last night, thirteen will henceforth enjoy the liberties and advantages of the "land of the free and the home of the thirsty."

Pasquale, who formerly lived in New York, went back to his home at Naples fifteen months ago. When the America docked at Pier 19, North Wharves, Pasquale and twelve of his sisters were on the passenger list. Three of them are engaged to be married to Italians living in this country and two of the prospective bridegrooms, Fraccero Di Leonar, Newark, N. J., and Coumasa Milans, Brooklyn, were on the pier to welcome their fiancees and their several relatives.

Francisco Mazzola, eighty-two years old, feeble and unable to speak a word of English, was a pathetic figure at the immigrant pier as he waited for his son, Francisco, Jr., to come for him from New York.

Unless the son comes today the old man will be sent to the immigrant detention station at Gloucester, and unless he is claimed by the younger man ultimately will be deported.

The aged immigrant told his story to interpreters. He had eight sons, he said, and seven of them lost their lives in the world war. The eighth son was in the American army and returned safely. Recently he sent passage money to his father, so that the old man could spend his declining years here. It was impossible for the authorities to communicate with the son, as the father did not seem to know the exact address.

END 5000-MILE AIR TRIP

Marine Corps Fliers Return From Journey to San Domingo

Washington, April 22.—(By A. P.)—Completing a 5000-mile round trip aerial journey to the Dominican Republic and return, two marine corps airplanes, which left here March 29, arrived safely today at Bolling Field from Fayetteville, N. C. The expedition was escorted from Fayetteville to this city by three other marine corps planes.

The flight was under command of Major T. C. Turner, chief of marine corps aviation, and the original intention was to blaze an aerial trail from Washington to the Virgin Islands, but an outbreak of bubonic plague at San Juan, Porto Rico, caused the fliers to turn back from San Domingo.

GUN TOTER IS FINED

Man Was Arrested in Probe of Blackmail Case

"Jimmie" Bardonucci, of Reese street above Erie avenue, was fined $10 and costs today on the charge of carrying a revolver by Magistrate Price.

Bardonucci was arrested April 13 in front of the poolroom of Dominick Vatterin, at Rising Sun lane and Reese street, after Vatteria had received a letter threatening him with death if he did not give $1000 to a masked man who would be waiting in front of the poolroom at midnight.

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will do the right thing" was expressed by newspapers here today. The Echo de Paris summed up this unanimous view by saying: "Panic-stricken because of the penalties, the effect of which they understand, the Germans seek shelter behind American mediation. That is their last card, and after President Harding's plain words regarding the right of France to full reparation for damage the chances of German success appear so feeble that to play it thus the German Government must see the game is pretty well up."

Germany's formal reply to the demand of the reparations commission that the gold reserve of the Reichsbank, the German imperial bank, be transferred from Berlin to the Rhineland, which, according to intimations received here, will be a refusal, as already forecast, had not been received by the commission up to late this afternoon. It was believed that in accordance with the German custom it would not actually be delivered until the last minute of the time set, which expires at midnight.

The expected refusal, however, will not be regarded as changing in any way the situation between Germany and the Allies, but merely as one more instance of German resistance to the allied requirements on reparations, to be considered in connection with the whole question by the Allied Supreme Council.

Vienna, April 22.—(By A. P.)—Announcements that the United States has accepted in principle Germany's proposal that Germany assume part of the allied debt to America have been received here, and there have been expressions of satisfaction from newspapers.

In its exchanges with the German Government the United States has not accepted in any way the German proposal that Germany should assume any part of the allied debt to America. The foregoing Vienna dispatch would appear to indicate, however, that advices to the effect that the United States has accepted in principle Germany's proposal had been received at the Austrian capital, probably from Berlin sources.

DESPAIR IN COMMENT OF GERMAN PRESS

Berlin, April 22.—(By A. P.)—The trend of the comment in this morning's Berlin newspapers on Germany's appeal to President Harding for mediation in the reparations question, written in the absence of knowledge of what the American reply would be, was skeptical of any good coming from the German move, the notes most frequently struck being expressive of resignation and despair over the circumstances which had prompted Germany's action.

The Nationalist press recalls the appeal made by Germany to President Wilson in 1918, just before the close of the war, and asks why Germany is placing herself helpless in the hands of an ally of her enemies.

The Liberal newspapers, indicating no expectation of anything advantageous growing out of the German note, declare, however, that it furnished an unexampled demonstration of Germany's good faith in America's conception of fair play.

The Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung captions its comment "Germany's capitulation to Washington," while the Boersen Zeitung declares it saw "no indication of a favorable reception." The Taegliche Rundschau says: "If he accepts, we must reckon with the possibility that President Harding will declare the Paris decisions binding."

The Tageblatt hopes that "the soberthinking men in the House and the Senate will bring their moral influence to bear toward the restoration of the world's peace." The Lokal Anzeiger's comment is:

"We are throwing ourselves helpless into the hands of a man whose message showed how far he was removed from German ideas and sentiments."

NAVAL BILL REPORTED

House Gets Measure Appropriating $396,000,000

Washington, April 22.—(By A. P.)—The naval appropriation bill, carrying $396,000,000 and providing for a reduction in the navy's enlisted personnel from 143,000 to 100,000 men, was reported today by the House appropriations committee. It is expected to be taken up in the House Monday.

The measure carries $90,000,000 for continuing construction work on the capital ships authorized in 1916, the subcommittee having voted against a slowing up of the building after Secretary Denby had expressed vigorous opposition to such a proposal.

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amount of reparations will come up anew in a conference in which this country will be represented, it is likely that he will approach the subject with an open mind.

The administration's attitude is that this country is vitally interested in the economic recovery of Europe, which is at once our debtor and our biggest customer. Every man, woman and child in this country has something at stake, according to the State Department, in the prompt settlement of this question.

There are two ways in which Europe can be restored. One is the Wilson way, which contemplated the restoration of Germany as well as the Allies. The world, especially this country and England, has been more or less under the dominion of that view ever since the peace conference.

The Wilson way has thus far failed. It hasn't saved Germany and it has not restored the Allies. The other way is to admit frankly that the war wrought such havoc in the economic structure that only the victors can survive, at the expense of the vanquished. This theory, for political rather than economic reasons, prevailed in the treatment of Austria, which was stripped of the means of existence.

If it is to be followed now with regard to Germany, France, England and Italy will be strengthened at the cost of making Germany another Austria. Instead of working for the Allies during more than a generation, which is what fixing of reparations implies, Germany will be asked to hand over her assets outright to the victors who will use them to rehabilitate themselves. This is the line France is taking, apparently with English support, in occupying by force the coal and industrial regions of Germany. The Central Empire has had a chance to pay by giving her notes. She has failed and now her property may be seized.

Won't Take German Goods

The difficulty in the way of making payment in annual sums by way of reparation is that no one will take German goods in sufficient amounts to meet these annual quotas, and Germany can only pay with goods.

The 50 per cent import tax upon German goods imposed by the Allies shows the Allies will not destroy their own industrial systems in order to collect reparations in German goods, which can only be sold in competition with their own manufactures.

No intimation has been given here as to which theory the present administration will accept, whether it will go along with the Wilson idea that all Europe must be saved, or whether it will agree to the French view that Germany must be thrown to the wolves to save the victors in the war. Probably the administration has not yet crossed the bridge.

This much is evident, that in the negotiations this government will take the side of the Allies. At most Germany will have one more chance to save herself by working for the Allies and making their recovery possible.

If the havoc of the war has been so great that general restoration seems impossible, so much the worse for the country which started the war.

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