

MODIFY STATE RULE IS BUREAU'S PLEA

Condition of Finances Proves Need of Simplification of Laws, Statement Says

WOULD SLASH EXPENSES

The present condition of the State finances was cited today by the Bureau of Municipal Research as one proof of the imperative need of simplification of the State Government.

The bureau, in its weekly bulletin, touched on the consolidation of departments, bureaus and commissions affected in several States. The bureau continues:

"No one who is acquainted with the tremendous State Capital and its annexes in Harrisburg, its offices and outposts throughout the State, the myriad of things it undertakes and the multitude of people on its payroll, can be uncertain about the need for pruning and simplifying."

"It is fortunate that the Legislature, two Representatives and three citizens of the State) to look into the possibilities for reorganization and report to the next Legislature. An announcement has been made by the

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"They will have the advantage of knowing the experience, both favorable and unfavorable, of other States, many of them worse off than Pennsylvania, since our Commonwealth made her last direct official efficiency effort. They will have before them the example and inspiration of Illinois, where the Governor responsible for the reorganization program almost won the presidential nomination on the strength of his record. They will have the example and inspiration of Nebraska, where there are practically no more deficiency appropriations."

"Instead, the Governor has been able to insist that each of his department heads receive 10 per cent of each annual appropriation as a reserve, which he may draw on if compelled to, but which he is expected to turn back to the Treasury at the end of the fiscal period, or show cause why he had to spend it."

Keep Your Eyes Open
The homes and good wishes of citizens and taxpayers should be with the new commission, to do a good job and do it thoroughly. As was done in Illinois, the findings of the investigators and the commission's tentative plans for consolidation should be threshed

CUT OFFICIALLY IN PUBLIC HEARINGS

A watchful eye should be kept on the Legislature to see that recommendations of the commission are not rejected or allowed to go by default.

"It is unfortunate that the commission could not have begun work earlier, so that its report could surely be in form before the 1922 primaries and be made an issue in the choice of members of the next Legislature."

LIVELY IN DEATH HOUSE

Slayer of Matilda Russo Now Safe in Trenton
Louis Lively, Negro slayer of seven-year-old Matilda Russo, of Moorestown, N. J., who was convicted of first-degree murder yesterday at Mount Holly courthouse and sentenced to death in the electric chair, spent last night in the death house of the State Prison at Trenton.

Immediately following the pronouncement of the sentence Lively was hustled into a waiting automobile and driven to Trenton in charge of Sheriff Flagg and a keeper from the Trenton prison.

Lively is to die the week of January 16, 1922. The case against his wife Marie, who was indicted with him, was dropped and she was released.

BISHOP OPENS MISSION

Bishop Rhinelander opened the annual Diocesan Teaching Mission last evening in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary, Broad and South streets. The Bishop will be in charge tonight and tomorrow evening.

Next Monday night the Rev. Dr. Bernard Lidings Bell, president of St. Stephen's College, Annandale, will be in charge. He will speak on "The Christian Religion in the Language of Today." The mission will continue ten days.

DOG CATCHER'S AIM POOR

Swings Net at Hound and Falls Pedestrian
A West Philadelphia dog catcher's wild pursuit of an escaping hound proved disastrous last night to J. T. Goughan, a U. S. T. motorman, who was on his way from work.

The dog eluded his pursuer and took refuge between Goughan's legs, as he was entering his house, near Paxson street and Wyalusing avenue. The dog

BROWNING SOCIETY TO MEET

Washington Van Dusen will speak of the "Optimism of Browning" at a meeting of the Browning Society tonight in the rooms of the New Century Club. There will be readings by Mrs. Lewis R. Dick, Mary Brevard Roberts and Mrs. Charles Brodersen.

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