

# THE CAPITOL WRAIGLE

### Against Vigorous Protest the Commission Rejects All Plans.

### THE GOVERNOR DISGUSTED

### Withdraws from Meeting and Will Probably Resign.

### The Proposed New Capitol Will Not Be Built in Time for the Meeting of the Next Legislature--While the Governor Protested, the Commission Rejected All Bids Received. The Governor's Formal Letter of Disapproval.

Harrisburg, Sept. 9.—The proposed capitol will not be erected in time for the meeting of the next legislature as required by the act appropriating \$500,000 for a new state house. This was settled this afternoon when the capitol commission, against the vigorous protest of Governor Hastings, rejected all the plans recommended by the board of experts and will ask the architects for new ones. The governor was so displeased with the action of his colleagues that he withdrew from the meeting and declined to further participate in its proceedings. It is expected that he will resign from the commission. The governor's friends assert that he has no alternative.

The commission was in session in the executive chamber for nearly three hours discussing the question of selecting a plan for the proposed capitol. Senator McCarron, of Harrisburg, submitted a resolution disapproving the action of the board of experts in excluding from the competition the designs of Harding & Gooch, of New York, and Furness, Evans & Co., of Philadelphia. The resolution also provides that the envelopes containing the names of the thirty competitors be requested of Judge Simonton and opened, and that if the names of the two plans thrown out be found among them that all designs be sent back to the competing architects.

Senator McCarron and Attorney General Mylin spoke against the recommendation of the board of experts and urged the adoption of the resolution. Governor Hastings was emphatically opposed to the resolution and made a formal statement which he requested to be placed on the minutes of the commission. John McCarron, of New York, speaking for the board of experts, said that they had acted in what could be termed a judicial capacity, that their report should be accepted as final and that they declined to make another examination of the rejected drawings.

### NOTE ON THE RESOLUTION.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of four to one, Governor Hastings voting in the negative. Those favoring the resolution were Auditor General Mylin, Senator McCarron, State Treasurer Haywood and Speaker Boyer. The governor called Speaker Boyer to the chair after the vote was announced and retired from the room in company with Attorney General McCormick, who acted as legal adviser of the commission. Professor Johnson, of Philadelphia, professional adviser of the commission, protested against the adoption of the resolution as the representative of his profession.

Mr. Laird also filed a protest, which sets forth that all the objections upon which the action of the commission was based, is immaterial and not germane to the vital points at issue and that they are calculated to confuse and cloud the issue. A second resolution was offered by Senator McCarron and adopted, after which the commission adjourned to meet next Monday. Governor Hastings sent word by Private Secretary Galt that he would not attend the session and cancel all the provisions of the competition, save only those provisions describing the buildings to be covered by the designs and the mandatory provisions limiting the cost of the legislative building.

The resolution further provides that "in order to procure a satisfactory design with the least possible delay, the secretary is hereby authorized to notify all architects who have previously submitted designs that the commissioners will, at the executive department, Harrisburg, Pa., on the 29th day of September, 1897, at noon, receive such designs for the buildings mentioned in the aforesaid programme, as they or any of them, may then desire to submit; that the commissioners insist that all designs submitted for the legislative building shall be of such size and form, and provide for such arrangement of rooms as may be necessary for the convenient use of the general assembly, within the limit of statutory appropriation, and are hereby requesting that in said designs provisions be made for the direct admission of light and air from the exterior to the rooms designed for the senate and house of representatives, and expressly reserving to themselves after examination and conference with their architectural advisers the right to reject any and all plans so submitted, as also the right to fix the compensation to be allowed to any of the architects for such plans."

### THE GOVERNOR'S PROTEST.

Governor Hastings' formal protest against the action of the commission follows:

I desire to say, my fellow commissioners, most seriously and with great earnestness, that in my opinion, if you follow the course suggested by the preamble and resolution presented by Senator McCarron, you are not only acting in bad faith to every architect who has submitted his plans, but you will be violating the

insurance Commissioner Lambert declining the offer of the position of secretary of the commonwealth for personal reasons known to the executive. My personal relations with you for many years," Colonel Lambert adds, "and my official relations during the time have held the insurance commissioner, have been such as could not be in any wise strengthened by my transfer to another position."

The governor has not yet selected a man for General Reber's place and probably will not for several days.

### FAILURE OF BROKERS.

### New York Firm That Had Extensive Business Relations in This City Makes an Assignment--Local Effect of the Failure.

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In my judgment, if we take the step proposed in this resolution, we will be acting in bad faith to ourselves, in bad faith to the architects whom we invited to compete and in bad faith to the people of the commonwealth to whom we are responsible. I am in favor of carrying out the programme as originally prepared in perfect good faith. I know no architect and I know no contractor. There shall be no favoritism so far as I am concerned. The only right I desire further to say that if you take the step which you now propose, you are likely to plunge this commonwealth into a legal struggle of which we will not see the end during our terms of office, not one of us. This action will be bound to place the capitol for the next legislature; that we have turned our backs upon our word of honor; that we have broken our promises to all competitors. I hope you will not take the step. I warn you of the pitfalls you are preparing for yourselves. It will subject this commonwealth to public criticism that unfortunately for us will be just.

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### INTERESTING NAVAL DRILL.

### The Big War Ships Go Through Full Fleet Manoeuvres.

Port Monroe, Va., Sept. 9.—The Dolphin returned to Hampton Roads today with Assistant Secretary of the Navy, who just completed an inspection of the North Atlantic squadron at sea and while under full fleet manoeuvres. This is the first time that the Dolphin has been under such conditions and the results were highly satisfactory. Under the eye of the assistant secretary, an extensive programme of exercises was successfully executed in a limited period of time.

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### ATTORNEY-GENERAL AT SOMERSET.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Attorney General McKenna will leave tonight for early tomorrow morning for Somerset, Pa., where he will have a conference with the president on important public matters, the nature of which is not known.

### THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, Sept. 10.—In the middle states and New England, the weather will be clear and more sultry weather will prevail with fresh to light southerly to southwesterly winds and maximum temperatures exceeding 90 degrees. On Saturday, in both of these sections, fair, warmer and sultry weather will prevail, with slight temperature changes and fresh to light southerly winds, followed by cooler conditions in the northern districts.

### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather indications today: Fair; variable winds.

1 General-State Capitol Commission Rejected All Plans. Governor Hastings Disappointed.

2 Genuine Yellow Jack on the Louisiana Coast.

3 Heroes of the Santa Fe Wreck.

4 Sport-Eastern, National and Atlantic League Base Ball Games.

5 Fleetwood Trusting Meeting.

6 Local-Superintendent Taylor Resolves Reunion of the One Hundred and Forty-Third.

7 Editorial.

8 Comments of the Press.

9 Local-Vice and Immorality Committee Receives a Setback.

10 Closing Sessions of the Abington Hospital Association Convention.

11 Local-West Side and City Suburban.

12 Lackawanna County News.

13 Story--"Johnson's Little Romance."

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