

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SENATE PASSES GRISTS OF BILLS

Clearing of the Decks in Upper House Progresses With Rapidity

The two-platoon police bill for Philadelphia passed finally in the Senate last night after a plea for the measure by Senator Vare. There was no opposition to the measure. The Kline bill which allows deputy sheriffs to act for sheriffs under writs of injunction, condemnation, inquiry of damages, lunacy or habitual drunkard proceedings also passed finally. The law as it now stands compels sheriffs to be present in person. The original Kline bill provided for the appointment of a special deputy to represent the sheriff. An amendment offered by the Allegheny county senator gives the deputies the power prescribed.

The Craig bill relating to the appointment of persons to the police department of cities of the third class, providing for and regulating examinations, the manner of appointments and the manner and power of removal of employees of the police department passed finally. The bill would create in Harrisburg, as a third class city, a civil service board to be chosen by council to pass on all applicants for positions in the police department. One of the commission would be an educator and one a physician. This bill now goes to the House. Senator Beideman voted against the measure.

The Lynch divorce bill was referred back to committee. The Senate received the resolution pledging the loyalty of the Commonwealth to President Wilson in the present crisis from the House with the information that the House had refused to concur in the amendment which eliminated criticism of senators who had stood in the way of the passage of the law empowering the President to arm merchant vessels for the protection of life and commerce of the high seas. The message of the House refusing concurrence was referred to the committee on judiciary special.

By the terms of a bill introduced by Senator Burke, of Allegheny, the salaries of second class city employees who receive \$1,500 per year or less are to be increased \$50 per year and court of common pleas are given power to enforce the provisions of the act by mandamus proceedings. Another bill increases the salaries of State employees who receive \$1,500 or less \$150 per year and provides that the increases shall appear in the general appropriation bill and be effective June 1, 1917.

Other bills included: By Mr. Croft, for an additional law for the several courts of Montgomery county, the thirty-eighth district; by Mr. Sproul, empowering banks and trust companies to accept drafts and issue letters of credit; providing for the appointment and expenses of a commission of five persons to codify the laws relating to banks and trust companies; by Mr. Kline, providing for the appointment of a commission of five to revise and codify the lunacy laws of the State and appropriating \$10,000 for the purpose; by Mr. Burke, making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 for any employer of labor, including corporations, to coerce voters; by Mr. Burke, conferring upon certain corporations the right to take and appropriate lands and water for the erection of dams for the purpose of irrigating farm land.

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PARTIAL BUDGET BEFORE HOUSES

Economy and Efficiency Commission Files Its Report For Legislature

The State Economy and Efficiency Commission last night sent to the Legislature in response to a resolution passed last week the first budget or estimate of the money needed to run the State government for two years from next June 1. The budget is only partial and the commission explains in a letter that it was prevented from doing more by absence of legislators. The commission also says it will make a report giving its recommendations.

While the commission's recommendations eliminate nearly \$44,000,000 from the \$63,000,000 estimate, they mark an actual cut of only between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000. The discrepancy in figures of the reduction is caused by the fact that the proposed highway appropriation of \$18,000,000, the requested school appropriation of \$18,000,000, the requested appropriation of all public buildings of nearly \$3,000,000 and requests of \$550,000 from the Department of Forestry for land purchase and new employes come from the \$63,000,000 estimate. They are not ordinary expenses of the government. Therefore these items were simply left to the discretion of the Legislature. The commission's report as submitted is incomplete in that investigations were not made into the requests of all departments. One of these is the Public Service Commission.

Some of the actual cuts made by the commission in department requests were:

- Department of Agriculture—Indemnity fund for condemnation of diseased animals reduced from \$400,000 to \$200,000.
- Attorney General—Fund for employing special attorneys reduced from \$20,000 to \$10,000.
- Auditor General—Increased fund for collection of delinquent taxes from \$30,000 to \$35,000 and added recommendation of \$25,000 for carrying out of economy and efficiency and \$10,000 for publishing monthly general and sinking fund statements.
- Board of Public Charities—Reduction of item for clerical assistants from \$30,000 to \$28,000 and of traveling fund for commissioners and officers from \$25,000 to \$20,000.
- Vocational education—Increased from \$677,800 to \$739,300.
- Distribution of documents—Cut in item for shipping documents from \$75,000 to \$50,000 and contingent fund from \$10,000 to \$5,000.
- Fishery Department—Cut from \$467,200 to \$233,000.
- Free Library Commission—Cut of \$7,000 from traveling library fund.
- Health Department—Voluntary cut by Health Commissioner Dixon of estimate from \$5,543,802 to \$5,412,284.
- Highway Department—Contingent fund cut from \$60,000 to \$50,000 and salary item from \$400,000 to \$352,000.
- Insurance Department—Contingent fund cut from \$50,000 to \$25,000.
- Labor and Industry—Incidental and traveling fund cut from \$295,000 to \$221,800 and \$260,000 eliminated from Bureau of Employment, leaving \$68,000 for that work.
- Moving Picture Censors—Contingent fund increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000.
- Department of Public Grounds and Buildings—Special furniture and supply item cut from \$165,000 to \$150,000 and general supply item from \$500,000 to \$450,000. Emergency bridge construction item cut from \$100,000 to \$50,000.

The chief recommendations are as follows: Adjutant General, \$661,760; Agriculture, \$910,800; Attorney General, \$184,200; Auditor General, \$459,000; Banking, \$214,000; vocational education, \$739,300; Executive, \$50,760; Fire Marshal, \$203,200; Fisheries, \$323,000; Forestry, \$829,000; Game, \$368,800; Health, \$5,412,284; Highway, \$1,838,000; Insurance, \$216,000; Labor and Industry, \$1,342,892; Mining, \$539,800; Censors, \$92,920; Public Grounds and Buildings, \$1,326,680; Public Printing, \$1,208,025; Public Service, \$969,160; Board of Education, \$433,000; State, \$315,000; State Police, \$804,635; Treasury, \$230,940; Valley Forge Park, \$227,100; Water Supply, \$150,400; insurance fund, \$300,000.

In the cases of the Agriculture, Labor and Industry and State Board of Education the items are contingent upon the enactment of pending legislation. In the cases of the Army Board and Forestry Department the appropriations made are contingent upon an increase in the State's revenue.

Accompanying the figures was this letter from the commission, signed by the Governor as chairman:

"I beg to hand you herewith the statistical data compiled by this commission in pursuance of the mandate of your resolution.

"This information in full was ready for submission to your honorable bodies at the time indicated. You were not then in session. Meanwhile arrangements were made to have meetings of the Economy and Efficiency Commission and the respective chairmen of the appropriation committees of the Senate and House with the heads of the several executive and other State departments. These meetings began on March 14, 1917, upon the return of the appropriation committees from a tour of the institutions throughout the State seeking appropriations. The commission, therefore, did submit this information in this manner to your honorable chairman and have steadily since with them sat in conference to hear the reasons for departmental appropriations and to secure such reductions as a sound economy and a due efficiency could support, based upon the revenues of the Commonwealth.

"We have also prepared and will at an early date submit a report suggesting such modifications in the organization of the several departments as will promote greater economy or efficiency or both.

"Your commission has sought by careful investigation to assist you in your work and thus to lessen the laborious task of ascertaining the necessary data to guide you in making appropriations to those departments.

"Our general report has been postponed by reason of the fact that we have not as yet received any information from you of the amount of additional revenue you intend to provide for the next two fiscal years as a result of taxing measures proposed by the Revenue Commission created for that purpose by your honorable bodies.

"Information of the approximate amount of such expected additional revenue would manifestly have a material bearing upon the amounts which could be profitably expended by such of our departments as have to do vitally with the welfare of our people and the conservation and promotion of wise industrial activities in our State, and such information is essential to any suggestions which this commission may have to submit.

"When this information is given us your commission will at once make further report to your honorable bodies or to your appropriation committees, as you may direct, of the sums which in our judgment will secure an economic and efficient performance of administrative duties."

DECEDENT CODE IS SUBMITTED

Work of State Commission Presented in the Form of Seven Complete Acts

Seven bills representing the work of the State Commission to revise and codify the laws relative to decedents' estates were introduced into the Senate by Senator Buckman, Bucks, and in the House by Mr. Swartz, Dauphin. They are the work of the commission consisting of Judges John Marshall Galt, Philadelphia, and Thomas J. Baldridge, Blair, and Ex-Speaker George E. Atlee, Allegheny. The code is one of the most elaborate made since the school code and makes a number of changes, notably that husband and wife shall share alike and abolishing the distinction between real and personal property. The bills regulate also the making of wills and orphans court procedure. The bills attracted much attention as they were accompanied by a comprehensive report.

The Rev. J. Bradley Markwood of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, who offered the prayer at the opening of the session of the House invoked divine guidance in this momentous hour and that the cause of

the nation might be for the best interests of civilization.

Many New Bills

Other bills presented were Mr. Walker, Philadelphia, permitting prisoners who have no dependents to draw earnings before end of term under rules made by prison board.

Mr. Powell, Luzerne, exempting from operation of alien gun law those who have declared intention to become citizens and who are members of any organization for military training; conferring on poor districts power to take land for farm buildings.

Mr. Cook, York, appropriating \$94,135.20 to pay township amounts due for road maintenance for 1910 and 1911.

Mr. Smith, Bedford, increasing the salary of Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Mr. Hecht, Philadelphia, a bill au-

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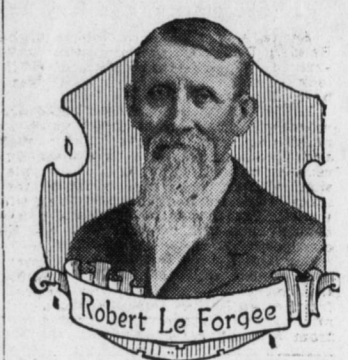
EASTER SALE AT DAUPHIN

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