

# NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

## INSURANCE ON AIRPLANES NOW

Bill Enlarging the Powers of Companies Presented in House

Fire and insurance companies are authorized to insure automobiles, airplanes and other aircraft against fire and other hazards under terms of a bill introduced at the next session of the House by Mr. Wallace, Philadelphia. The session was the first Tuesday night meeting of the House and was delayed almost an hour in opening by lack of a quorum.

Mr. Simpson, Allegheny, introduced a bill creating a board of tax revision and assessment of seven members in Allegheny county. The county commissioners are to appoint the board, whose members will be paid \$5,000 per year. The county now has a board of three.

Mr. Brady, Philadelphia, introduced a bill making it unlawful for any telephone, gas, water or other public service company to discontinue service without ten days' notice, under penalty of \$25 fine, to be collected as liquidated damages.

A bill was presented by Mr. Phillips, Clearfield, providing that bituminous miners may collect at law rates duty for mining coal, seventy-six pounds to constitute a bushel and 2,000 pounds a ton. All bills are required to be uniform in package.

Mr. Bowman, Cumberland, introduced a bill requiring the Auditor General make a report to the Auditor General monthly received for payment under compensation act and deducting such sums from appropriations.

Mr. Stadlander, Allegheny, offered a bill authorizing counties, cities and boroughs to appropriate money for aiding, entertaining and caring of soldiers, sailors and marines and validating appropriations heretofore made. The bill was drawn to meet objections on a similar bill which was vetoed.

Other bills presented were:

Mr. Sowers, Philadelphia—Authorizing courts to grant divorces when both married parties were minors, married without consent of parents and did not live together.

Mr. McCaig, Allegheny—Providing for five police magistrates and one for each 100,000 population over 200,000 in second-class cities. Making an appropriation for \$2,000 to meet deficiency for supplies in the Department of Public Grounds and Buildings.

Mr. Curran, Washington—Allowing building and loan associations to receive bids for priority.

Mr. Bowman, Cumberland—Providing that no compensation agreement shall be binding or award made until proof is given that the cost of medical services has been paid.

Mr. Woner, Butler—Regulating admission to practice of pharmacy of persons employed as pharmacists who failed to register under the act of 1887.

## STATE MAY OWN QUARRY PLANTS

Bill Presented Which Is Approved by Highway Department Chief in Statement

A bill to permit the State to own and operate quarries was presented in the Senate at the late afternoon session yesterday following the memorial for the late Senator J. Frank Graff. The bill came from Senator T. L. Eyre, of Chester.

A statement issued by Highway Commissioner Sadler about the bill said the bill amends sections three and thirteen of the act of May 31, 1911—the act which created the State Highway Department as at present constituted. The amendments provide that the State Highway Commissioner may purchase or acquire land or lands containing stone and other materials suitable for use in the construction or maintenance of highways, and quarry and prepare the stone for use in construction or maintenance work. It also provided that the Highway Commissioner may manufacture any other materials used in the construction and maintenance of roads; and use stone or materials so quarried, prepared or manufactured, in highway construction or maintenance or sell, furnish or supply such materials to contractors. The bill provides further that the Highway Commissioner may erect all necessary buildings and purchase machinery and equipment necessary in quarrying and preparing stone, and manufacturing material. The provision of the act of May 31, 1911, that "all work of construction, building or rebuilding of highways, except that of repairing and maintenance done under the provisions of this act, shall be by contract," is amended to read "may be by contract" and the State Highway Commissioner is authorized by the amendment to construct, build or rebuild any highway or highways, for the construction, building or rebuilding of which he was authorized to contract under the provisions of the act of May 31, 1911.

Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler issued the following statement relative to this bill: "Conditions have arisen which would indicate the advisability of the passage of this bill. The State Highway Department believes that with the power conferred upon it by these amendments, it will be in a position to construct a State highway system in Pennsylvania in the most economical manner possible."

## VICKERMAN TO LEAD CONTEST

Ramsey Alcoholic Content Measure Will Have Rough Time of It Now

The attempt to clothe the Ramsey 2 1/2 per cent "enforcement" bill in the House so that it would read like a Simon-pure "dry" measure and at the same time really permit the sale of intoxicating liquors in Pennsylvania, have the dealers pay a license granted by a license court and be permitted to export and import the beverages and liquors under certain conditions has come to a head. Representative Vickerman, the "dry" leader, has found what has been going on since today is routing the wet for with statement that the Governor will not countenance such measures.

Representative Vickerman's statement follows: "The Governor reiterates his statement that he is familiar with any definition as to what constitutes intoxicating liquors will have to come from Congress, as a Statute would be superseded by a Federal law. Congress is expected to give a clear definition of how liquors can be dispensed for lawful purposes. Both are real enforcement measures and will be enforced. He is familiar with my bill and I told him the Fox measure had been amended to satisfy everyone but the liquor interests. I am satisfied that his aid and influence will be thrown behind the Vickerman and Fox bills."

The Ramsey bill was sent to the Judiciary General Committee and yesterday it was reported out without regular committee hearing. That will give it precedence on the House calendar over the Vickerman and Fox bills, which were reported in the evening. The Vickerman measure provides for a prohibition commissioner with deputies, while the Fox measure defines how liquors can be dispensed for lawful purposes. Both are real enforcement measures and will be enforced.

The Ramsey bill is a conglomeration of "wet" and "dry" thoughts, as it is at one and the same time an alleged enforcement measure and one that permits the sale of intoxicating liquors and to grant licenses to permit the same. It is another way to attempt to beat Old Nick about the head and keep him from attacking the Little attempt to pass the Ramsey bill without but make liquor interests and Fox measures will pass.

## TEACHERS WILL GET MORE PAY

House Passes the Woodruff Bill on to the Senate at Night Session

The Woodruff teachers' salary increase bill, which establishes a series of new minimum monthly salaries and has been urged for months by teachers, was passed finally in the House by a 199 to 0 vote just before the adjournment of the night session. Mr. Walker, Washington, presented a petition in favor of the measure and the bill passed without any debate. It now goes to the Senate.

The House defeated the Fox bill establishing a system of physical education in the public schools, the measure receiving only forty-three votes. The Scott military training bill was amended to strike out provisions between 16 and 18 years of age not in colleges or schools and sent to the Appropriations Committee. The Wallace grade crossing bill was also sent to the Appropriations Committee.

By a vote of 108 yeas to only 22 nays, the House voted down the Lantz bill regarding the Governor and Blair, objected to the bill as too sweeping and said if the provisions were enacted the average house could not be built. Mr. Davis, Columbia, supported him. Mr. Lanier said that the bill was too advanced.

The Hess "blue sky" bill, placing issuance of securities and sellers under State Banking Department supervision, passed without opposition. The bill takes limits of net assets for food fish and allowing fishing up to the Great Lakes of California.

The Dithrich motor vehicle bill was amended again. The changes being made by the sponsor after a conference with the Governor and other interested parties. The bill was made 45 cents per gallon for motor cars and the half-year period advanced to August 1st. The bill will be based on chassis speed limits of trucks were increased.

Mr. Martin, Allegheny, introduced a resolution calling upon the Attorney General of the United States to investigate the cause of high cost of leather and shoes.

Messrs. Sinclair, Fayette; Gans and Meier, Philadelphia, were appointed as the committee on the part of the House to arrange for the Legislature to attend the parade of the Keystone Division.

## SEDITION BILL HOTLY DEBATED

Attorney General Says It Is Essential; Labor Leaders Object to Measure

The Flynn anti-sedition bill, which figured yesterday afternoon in one of the most remarkable hearings ever held on Capitol Hill, was declared Attorney General William I. Schaffer in an able exposition of the bill to be essential to the maintenance of law and order in Pennsylvania in event of certain contingencies which may arise and denounced by some of the most prominent labor leaders in Pennsylvania as vicious, ill timed, repressive and wrong in spirit. The hearing was held by the House Committee on Judiciary general and lasted for almost five hours. It was close to 7 o'clock when the hearing ended with a motion picture by James H. Maurer, president of the Federation of Labor, to negative the bill. Chairman W. H. Dithrich announced that the whole committee would consider the bill which was stated by the Attorney General to be amended in several features.

At times, the hearing became very lively. The remarks of the labor representatives, who came from almost every county and represented almost three-quarters of a million of organized workers, were strongly against the bill, especially against the Keating and the Dithrich leader, Morris Phillips, Pittsburgh miners' leader, and Mr. Maurer. The latter closed the arguments. Mr. Schaffer said that the bill was drawn up by the Keating and Dithrich and that it was aimed at enemies of the Government and that labor need not fear it. Labor men rejoined that in event of Bolshevism raising its ugly head, the State organized labor to put down disorder and that no more laws were required.

George Rowan, representing the railroad brotherhoods, said he spoke for 50,000 men in the few years court interpretations. "As to the J. W. W. or Bolsheviki," said he, "when the time comes for them to rise, we will need some police and anti-sedition bill. Give us our present police laws and turn them over to organized labor. I'll guarantee you need have no fear."

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## Will Try Kaiser as Instigator of Crime

London, April 30.—The Evening Standard claims that it has the highest authority for asserting that William Hohenzollern will be prosecuted and tried, not as originator of the war, but as one of the instigators of crimes as provided in the report of the commission on war responsibility.

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## Will Mark Roads Leading to Canada

Regina, Sask.—In preparation for what is expected to be a record-breaking invasion of Canada by autoists from the United States this summer, the American Trail Blazing Association will mark all the principal roads between the leading cities of Western Canada with distinguishing colors.

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A. L. Meigs, president of the association, during the convention of the Saskatchewan Motor League, had a conference with S. J. Latta, minister of highways, and president of the league and obtained permission to paint the signs on the long-distance telephone poles. The work will begin at once.

Saskatoon already has made an initial grant to the Trail Blazing Association and trails will be denoted in colors on the following routes:

Black will mark the roads running from Prince Albert through Saskatoon to Regina by way of Strathroy, Hanley and Davidson, and from Saskatoon to Moose Jaw. Blue will be the distinguishing mark between Winnipeg and Edmonton through Saskatoon by way of Wilkie. Green will be used on the trails from Saskatoon to Calgary by way of Rosemont, and yellow on the roads from Saskatoon to Edmonton by way of Battledore and Lloydminster.

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The reason is that every great nation in the world except the defeated central powers is buying silver and hoarding it in treasuries, either for the issuance of paper money or for coinage in silver and amalgamated coins. Since the outbreak of the war, silver in the United States has gone from less than sixty cents to more than one dollar, and is still rising.

Another fact that has weight is that for some considerable time, nearly the entire length of the war—less silver was mined than formerly. The silver production for the world in 1918 was about 176,000,000 ounces. This was 6,000,000 ounces less than the production in both 1915 and 1914. But the biggest reason for the tremendous, world-wide demand.

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## Narcotic Bill Is Sent to Storage

The Leslie drug bill was unceremoniously taken out of the Senate Committee on Health and Sanitation by the State Department of Health at the hearing held yesterday afternoon. Protest was arisen from all parts of the State against the measure and druggists from every section were here to lodge their protests against the measure. Commissioner Edward Martin asked that the Leslie bill not be considered by the committee.

This bill was presented with a considerable flourish some weeks ago. Immediately the protests began to pour in and letters by the score were mailed to the Senators and especially to the members of the committee. It was claimed that under the provisions of the bill that a man would have to procure a prescription for a headache powder or capsule and also for bromo seltzer or any other medicines that contained any percentage of drugs that might be termed habit-forming drugs. Where the blame for the bill rests is not definitely determined.

It was announced early in the session that he would have a real drug bill to prohibit the sale in any manner of drugs to drug addicts and that the bill would be an administration measure.

**THAT FURTIVE AIR**  
"That young fellow looks furtive. Isn't he apt to try to pinch something?"  
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## New Revenue Raiser From Fayette Men

A revenue raiser sponsored by Representative Duncan Sinclair, of Fayette, was given first reading in the House today. The measure is designed to make up the increased income of the State by imposing a tax of two per cent on stock transfers. Sinclair's bill raises the tax from two to three per cent.

It is anticipated that the additional money derived from the increase will be used to help pay the State's share of the increase in the salaries of the judges provided for in the Woodruff bill. The Woodruff bill, in the amended form, which cuts off all school employees except teachers, passed the House finally last night without a dissenting vote.

So far the main concern of the legislators has been to raise the additional money which will be required to make up the increased appropriations for the teachers. While different forms of taxes and other new revenue raisers have been suggested none had been introduced.

School teachers said last night that they would use their influence to have the Sinclair bill passed.

## Skunk Friend of State's Farmers Now

The skunk was ordered protected by law as a friend of the farmer and of the people generally because of pelt and oil in a bill passed by the House of Representatives at the night session. The measure was introduced by Messrs. Williams, Tloga, Davis, Cambria, and Baldrige, Allegheny, and was supported by the sponsor, Mr. Stark, Wyoming, who said the measure benefited the farmer because of its medicinal value. He said New York, New Jersey and Ohio had protective laws for the skunk.

Mr. Powell, Luzerne, for the animal, said the skunk was under the name of the swamp rabbit that might be eaten in some places. "Pennsylvania is not ready for this, I think," said he. The bill forbids killing the animal except by "dead falls" and smoking out is prohibited.

The vote was 106 to 62.

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