

## PENROSE PROBE IS NOW UP TO SENATE

### Resolution to Investigate Campaign Funds of U. S. Senators is Reported Favorably

## WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE OTHERS

### If Senate Adopts Resolution, Probe Will Cover States Besides Pennsylvania and Illinois Where Charges of Corruption Are Made

Washington, Feb. 5.—By unanimous vote the Senate Elections Committee today recommended investigation of Senatorial campaigns in Pennsylvania and Illinois and in any other States where charges of corruption have been made. The original resolution by Senator Norris, Progressive Republican from Nebraska, proposing inquiry into the campaigns where Senator Penrose was re-elected from Pennsylvania and Roger Sullivan was defeated by Senator Sherman, Republican, in Illinois, was adopted, but, at the insistence of Republicans on the committee, it was amended to authorize similar investigation into any such charges from other States. Chairman Kern said the committee's recommendations would be put at once before the Senate.

Senator Sutherland, Republican, offered an amendment specifically naming Alabama, Indiana, California and South Dakota, but it was rejected and the amendment was made to provide for inquiry into campaign expenditures "in any other States which evidence brought before the committee may justify."

Should the Senate adopt the resolution, the inquiry probably would be conducted during a recess of Congress.

## THREE SLAIN AS THEY SLEEP

### Horrible Triple Tragedy in Which Two Women and Girl Are Killed With Sledge Hammer

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The bodies of Mrs. Lizzie Drake, 65; Mrs. Irene Spencer, 35, and her daughter, Gertrude Spencer, 12, were found in their beds at their homes at Salamanca today. Their heads had been crushed in with a sledge hammer. The hammer, smeared with blood and hair, was found on the floor in one of the rooms.

Boys passing the Drake homestead found the rear door open and made the discovery. The bodies were in separate rooms and there was no evidence of a struggle. Apparently the victims had been slain as they slept. Physicians who examined the bodies said that the murder had been committed three or four days ago. The police have sent out an alarm for a former boarder at the Drake house. Mrs. Drake was Mrs. Spencer's mother.

## WHEAT JUMPS UP TO \$1.67

### Swiftly Advances to a New High Record War Price, But Takes a Sudden Drop

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Wheat advanced swiftly today to a new high record war price. It only took a brief time for the May option to reach \$1.66 1/2, a jump of 2 3/8 cents compared with last night. The previous top notch quotation was on February 3, \$1.66. Most of the trading today, however, was in the July delivery, in which the upturn was not quite so radical.

Something like a selling stampede ensued after the market had climbed to \$1.67 for May. Seaboard offers to resell wheat in Chicago surprised the bulls, and there was also an element of depression in the fact that corn substituted to a large extent may be substituted of wheat, was not keeping pace upward with the more expensive cereal. The result was a sudden drop of more than three cents from the top figures attained by wheat.

Breaks in prices continued until 4 1/2, had been taken from the earlier values. Closing prices were extremely nervous as a range varying from half a cent off to half a cent up compared with last night.

## TRIES TO CUT WAY OUT OF CELL

### Man Detained in Police Headquarters Uses Knife on Panel of Door

Being dissatisfied with his lot upon being "committed" to a detention cell in police headquarters, where he could "sleep it off," Herman Sherman, brought in last night by Patrolman Carson, who accused him of being drunk on the street, tried to cut his way out of the cell by using a pocket-knife on a wooden panel of the cell door. Patrolman Honich, going on duty at 10 o'clock in the evening, happened to see the man so engaged and placed him under arrest. Sherman, according to a report made to Chief of Police Hutchison, then tried to use his knife on Patrolman Ronich. Sherman was committed to jail to await a hearing on a "disorderly practice" charge.

## ROBBER HAD CHLOROFORM BUT DIDN'T HAVE TO USE IT

### Got Away With \$140 From the Home of Noah S. Moyer—Eight Cases of Burglary Have Been Reported to the Police in the Present Week

Eight places in this city, five of them stores, have been entered by robbers since Monday. Two arrests have been made on burglary charges and one man is being held on a charge of receiving stolen goods, as shown by the records at Police Headquarters today.

So skillful was a sneak thief, who made away with \$140 from the home of Noah S. Moyer, Twentieth and Brookwood streets, Tuesday night, that Moyer did not know of his loss until Wednesday when his housekeeper found his keys on the floor of his home.

## SCATTERS OIL IN TWO ROOMS

### Victim, Awakened by Smoke, Tried in Vain to Batter Way Through Entrance Blocked by Curtain Pole—Flames in Two Places Conquered

Awakened by smelling smoke in the second story of his dwelling, 745 South Front street, Steelton, at 11:45 o'clock last night, Peter Ostio, employed as a driver by E. G. Irvine, of the bottling works, Front and Walnut streets, that borough, jumped out of bed and went to investigate. Finding no flames in the second story, he went to the first floor and learned that the dining room door had been barred against his entrance. Going back to the second floor, he climbed out on the front porch roof and by means of the porch posts reached the ground safely. He was attired only in his night clothes.

By this time several neighbors had appeared on the scene and the outside kitchen door was forced in. When this door was opened thick volumes of smoke rolled out and Ostio hurriedly ran to box 12 and sent in an alarm, bringing out the fire engines.

While Ostio was sending in the alarm a bucket brigade was formed with such success that before the firemen arrived the flames had been conquered. An investigation made by Fire Chief Shoop, however, showed that the entire first floor had been saturated with oil and gasoline and that two blazes had been started, one of a wicker rocking chair in the parlor in which had been piled curtains which had been torn from their fastenings. These curtains and the chair were entirely consumed.

## GAVE AWAY \$324,657,399

### Andrew Carnegie Says His Donations Up to Close of 1914 Run Into Fabulous Figures

New York, Feb. 5.—Andrew Carnegie went on the witness stand today before the Federal Industrial Relations Commission and testified that up to the close of 1914 his donations totalled \$324,657,399.

"The work still goes bravely on," said the iron master. "I am indeed a most fortunate man and think myself in nothing else so happy as a soul remembering my dear friends, to whom I owe so much."

After Mr. Carnegie had settled himself in the witness chair and prepared to read a statement he was asked what his business was.

"My business," he replied, "is to do all the good in the world that I can."

His statement was in part as follows: "I never bought or sold shares on the Exchange; all my earnings were from manufacturing. If it were necessary for me to return to that, calling I should not consider the problem of labor as at all difficult."

## NEW X-RAY MACHINE HERE

### Expert Will Install Them in Harrisburg Hospital Monday

Two new X-ray machines to be installed in the Harrisburg Hospital arrived at that institution this morning. On Monday an expert at installing such apparatus will arrive in the city to set them up.

A room in the hospital, formerly used as a class room for the student nurses, will be equipped with what is termed a "high frequency" machine. All the skin diseases which are now being treated with the aid of the Roentgen rays, will be treated in this new laboratory.

The X-ray machine to be used for general purposes will be installed in the present electrical laboratory in the basement.

Fire doors are now being placed in the hospital building. Other improvements are being contemplated.

## \$75,000 P. O. BILL IS REPORTED

### Appropriation for Harrisburg Building Advanced in U. S. Congress

A dispatch from Washington today announces that the sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to Congress yesterday carrying among its items \$75,000 for the Harrisburg postoffice.

It was at first thought here that this was an additional appropriation to increase one of similar amount made some time ago, but the postoffice authorities here say that it was the original appropriation on which the plans for the enlargement of the postoffice here were based and are now being carried out.

The bill is now certain to be passed, and the work will go on uninteruptedly.

## LOCOMOTIVE STRIKES TRACKMAN

### James Elvold, of Enola, a Trackman for the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Enola yards, was struck by a locomotive this morning and suffered an injury to his left side. Several ribs may be fractured. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

## FIRE DWELLING; BARS THE DOORS

### Burglar Tries to Burn Building to Cover the Theft of Box Containing 100 Quarters

## CLERGYMAN IS VICTIM OF A CLEVER FORGER

### The Rev. J. V. Adams, of New Cumberland, Pays Over Money to Stranger Who Had Signed the Name of a Member of Congregation

(Special to the Star-Independent.) New Cumberland, Feb. 5.—The Rev. J. V. Adams, pastor of Baughman Memorial Methodist church, was called from his study yesterday to see a man who wished to consult with him upon an "urgent errand." The visitor, after greeting the pastor in a courteous way, produced a letter which has proved to be a forged order upon Mr. Adams for money. The pastor, thinking it to be an accommodation to the man whose name was affixed to the order, paid over the amount asked for. The signature was so well copied that the minister thought it was genuine. The crook had used an assumed name for himself and forged the name of Charles Ross, a member of Mr. Adams' congregation, whose place of business is in Steelton and who was out of town at the time.

As soon as the man left the parsonage he began to act strangely. Persons who saw him come out of the house and who recognized him informed Mr. Adams of his actions. As the clergyman came out of the house to investigate, the man started on a run down Third street toward the Pennsylvania railroad station and was seen to turn up an alley and disappear.

The Rev. Mr. Adams has since learned the real name of his early morning caller and has in his possession the name and address of the family in Harrisburg with whom the man had been staying. When seen today by a representative of this paper the clergyman said:

"As a man of my profession, I have, I presume, had as many demands for assistance as the rest of my ministerial brethren. They have come in requests small and great—from a night's lodging to a railroad ticket from Harrisburg to the Pacific coast—but this is the first of the forgery class. I would rather, if a fellow means to pick my pocket, that he would at least give me the privilege of giving him the grip. A good, stout punch might be a real moral relief to such fellows, even from a preacher."

## DAM BUILT AND PAID FOR

### Contractor Receives \$10,855 as Last Installment on Contract for Work on Structure in Susquehanna

The four-foot high concrete dam extending across the Susquehanna river from a point near Iron avenue is completed so far as Frank N. Skene, the contractor, is concerned, and Skene this morning got a check for \$10,855.70, the final installment on the \$77,000 job.

Skene at once left for Lockport, N. Y., to which place he has moved most of his equipment. The finishing touches to the dam, which will consist principally of placing 140 concrete blocks on the breast, will be done by the City under the supervision of the Board of Public Works. These blocks all have been made and are ready to be put in place. This part of the job can be completed in three or four days, so the engineers say, and it will not cost more than \$150. These slabs will be put in place, early in the spring, or as soon as the water recedes.

## READING GETS TABERNACLE

### Structure Used by Stough Party Here Will Be Torn Down and Shipped Within Next Few Days

The Stough tabernacle, minus the sawdust trail, which cannot be transported, will be pulled down within the next few days and sent to Reading, where, after many days of trials and tribulations, the Stough committee arranged for the evangelist's visit to that city, has finally succeeded in selecting a site.

The Stough tabernacle in Harrisburg was constructed by the Bogar Company for \$3,500, the lumber to be retained by the company at the close of the work in Harrisburg. The Bogar Company disposed of the tabernacle as it stood to John E. Dare, and the latter was about to tear it down when an offer for it came from Reading, which was accepted.

Mr. Dare says that he is ready to begin tearing down the building and shipping the material to Reading just as soon as the Reading people come to Harrisburg with the contract to be signed. The tabernacle can be taken down and shipped to Reading within the next two weeks.

## ELDER TO GET SEWER JOBS

### He Will Obtain Contract for Work in Market Street and Square

David D. Elder, an Elizabethville contractor, will get two of the four sewer contracts which the Harrisburg City Commissioners will award at their meeting next Tuesday, bids for which were opened by Highway Commissioner Lynch at noon today.

Seven contractors competed for the jobs as follows: W. F. Martin, Stucker Brothers' Construction Company, William H. Opperman and Henry Opperman, of this city; G. W. Ensign, Inc., Camp Hill; Municipal Construction Company, Reading, and David D. Elder, Elizabethville.

The low bidders were as follows: Sewer in Market Square and Market street, David D. Elder, \$7,643; Wisconsin street from Fifth to Lexington, David D. Elder, \$4,543; Cumberland street, from Fourth to a point 110 feet west of Fifteenth street, Henry Opperman, \$346; Third and Geiger streets, William H. Opperman, \$737. Ensign lost the Cumberland street job by a small margin, his bid being fifty cents higher than Opperman's.

## FOX TO HEAD BAR ASSOCIATION

### He Will Be Chosen President at Meeting to Be Held To-night

The annual meeting of the Dauphin County Bar Association will be held in the Court House this evening at which officers nominated at a recent session will be elected. The incoming officers will include these: President, John E. Fox; vice president, Simon S. Bowman; treasurer, William H. Mueser; secretary, Job J. Conklin. Directors, S. S. Bypp, C. H. Hollinger, Thomas S. Hargst, Frank J. Roth and H. B. Saussaman. Censors, John H. Shopp, Elmer W. Ehler, William H. Earnest, Edward E. Beidleman and John C. Nissley.

## OPERA STAR WHO AWAITS FREEDOM OF ARABIAN TO BECOME HIS BRIDE

### French baritone, at present a prisoner of war in Bohemia. Mr. Gilly is a handsome, swarthy chap, whose parentage is half Arabic, half French. It is said that he has been married, while Miss Destinn never has been. Whether Mr. Gilly will add American citizenship to his Arabic-French nationality when he marries remains to be seen.

## GUESS OBJECT OF BRUMBAUGH PROBE

### Hill Employees Worried by Governor's Activity in Ascertaining Political Backing

## FACTS MAY GO TO THE SENATE

### One Member of That Body Favors a Re allotment of Jobs So That Each County Would Get Proportionate Share of Plums—Shake-up Feared

Heads of departments on Capitol Hill, whose employes come directly under the appointment of the Governor of the State, were busily engaged today in making out the lists of all connected with their departments, giving their names, positions, salaries and the amount of their appointment, as required by Governor Brumbaugh.

It was suggested today, following the publication in yesterday's Star-Independent of the news of the Governor's activity in calling for this information, that perhaps the Governor desires to see how the jobs are distributed and whether the various counties are getting their fair share of the places, and whether some counties are getting more than their share. Whatever the purpose is, there are many Hill employes who are speculating as to whether they are to be fired.

It was said by one legislator today that his county had but two Capitol positions and that there were other counties nearby that had many more than they were entitled to, but whether this will be laid before the Governor, or has already been called to his attention, could not be learned.

The fact remains that the Governor has asked department heads for the names of employes and who are backing the employes politically. What use he proposes making of this information he has not announced, but there is a good deal of uneasiness manifested among Hill employes.

One rumor is that there will be none but Republicans kept in office and that those in office, with the backing of other political parties, will be dropped in due time and Republicans put in their places.

The fact that the Governor is obtaining this information has excited much interest in legislative circles. A western Senator said today that the information the Governor is getting would be mighty interesting for the Senate, as many attempts have been made to ascertain who are politically backing many department attaches, but the information could never be obtained. This western Senator is in favor of a resolution reciting the fact that the Governor has obtained this information and that the Governor be requested to furnish lists of attaches with facts regarding their salaries and political backing to the Senate. This may be done by resolution on Monday night.

Twenty Killed in Boiler Explosion—Madrid, via Paris, Feb. 5, 6.15 A. M.—Twenty persons were killed and many injured by the explosion yesterday of a boiler in a furniture factory at La Guardia.

## SERIOUS ASPECTS IN GERMAN MOVE

### Declaration of Naval War Zone in British Isles as Seen by U. S. Officials

## MAY CAUSE THE NEUTRALS TO ACT

### Speedy Conference Probable by Representatives of Latin-American Countries to Devise Means to Reduce Losses to Commerce to a Minimum

Washington, Feb. 5.—Germany's declaration of a naval war zone around Great Britain and Ireland, including the English channel and the northern passage by the Shetland Islands, is regarded here as one of the most serious developments of the war.

It was regarded as highly possible, for one thing, that it would hasten the movement begun by the Latin-American countries for a speedy conference of neutral states to devise means to reduce losses to neutral commerce to a minimum.

At first there were some intimations in administration circles that it might be the subject of a protest by the United States but the official view developed that there was little or no ground for that and it was recalled that no protest was made when the North Sea was strewn with mines.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland have repeatedly addressed the State Department here to secure American backing for measures to relieve distress in their own commerce and the latest German proclamation is expected to cause a redoubled effort of all the neutrals for measures to protect themselves.

Counselor Lansing, of the State Department, took Secretary Bryan's chair

## 30,000 GERMAN TROOPS GO TO ASSIST HUNGARIAN FORCES

### Venice, via London, Feb. 5, 9.19 A. M.—Dispatches from Vienna state that 30,000 German troops have arrived in Hungary on the way to Korosmeo, in the Carpathians, to assist Hungarian forces said to be threatened with envelopment by the Russians.

## FUNERAL OF MISS WILHELM

### Burial Will Be Made at York Following Services Here To-morrow

Funeral services of Miss Sara Hand Coleman Wilhelm, who died on Tuesday at her home at Paxtang, will be held here at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The officiating clergymen will be the Rev. Dr. A. W. Rudolph, of Baltimore, and the Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, rector, of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. Burial will be made at York.

Miss Wilhelm belonged to the Harrisburg Civic Club, the Wednesday C. B. and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## CARPATHIAN PASSES LOST BY RUSSIANS

### Latter Admit in Official Report the Withdrawal of Forces in the Mountains

## 84,000 GERMANS IN 6-MILE FRONT

### Kaiser's Forces Keep Up Desperate and Stubborn Fighting in Russian Poland—Russians Claim Successes in Engagements at Various Points



Petrograd, Feb. 5.—The official report of the Russian general staff, given out here today, relates that the forces of Emperor Nicholas have relinquished some of their mountain positions in the Carpathians. The troops opposed to the Russians in these positions are strong numerically and they are fighting with energy.

Near Borjimow, in Russian Poland, the desperate and stubborn fighting which has been going on for several days past is not yet at an end. The Russians claim progress, but mention no decisive outcome. The Germans, according to the Russian report, brought seven divisions (84,000 men) into a front six miles wide.

The official statement is as follows: "Fierce Fighting Continues. In East Prussia we are making progress by fighting our way along both banks of the river Schescheppe, in the vicinity of Lazdepen, to the east of Tilsit.

"On the left bank of the river Vistula the fighting between Borjimow and Wola Szydlowiecka has continued with extraordinary ferocity. The enemy has brought into the engagement compact masses of men. In the endeavor to penetrate our front the Germans have here introduced into a sector of ten versts (about six miles) no fewer than seven divisions, supported by 100 batteries of artillery. Certain divisions advanced on a front only one verst wide.

Drive Germans From Trenches. Our counter attack began the night of February 3 and was immediately followed by a series of engagements at the point of the bayonet. We succeeded in compelling the enemy to assume the defensive. At a point near Borjimow we took possession of two lines of German trenches, and we drove the enemy out of Goumine. After desperate fighting, which had lasted two days, our troops entered Wola Szydlowiecka. The fighting here is still going on with desperate stubbornness, particularly around a neighboring distillery, which was still in the possession of the enemy the night of February 3.

The Carpathian Campaign. In the Carpathians the fighting continues along the front, which is between the Dukla Pass and Mount Wyzskow. We advanced at a point near Svidnik, in the valley of the river Labortoch, moving in the direction of Oujok. We took 2,000 prisoners and 10 machine guns.

At Mount Toukhol and at Mount Beskid our troops during the last few days have been confronting the enemy with a desperate resistance. They accepted no less than ten engagements at the point of the Bukia. On February 3 we resolved to withdraw our soldiers from the mountain positions, the positions previously selected and occupied by us.

Offensive operations of the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Wyzskow have been repulsed with the infliction of heavy losses."

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## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

### One of the most furious battles of the war is now at its height along the Russo-German front west of Warsaw. Large bodies of German troops have been brought up for Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's third desperate effort to batter away through the Russian line. The attack is centered near the Polish village of Borjimow around which for the last few days has been raging a battle that for intensity compares with the struggle in Flanders earlier in the war. Official statements make no mention of the extent of the losses which, judging from the nature of the fighting, must be enormous.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

### New York, Feb. 5.—Recoveries of a point or more were sustaining influence for a time, but prices sagged again in the final dealings. The closing was heavy. Heavy selling of standard stocks, largely for Europe, was the feature of today's stock market. Some of the loss was regained in the later trading.

Deny Russians Sank German Cruiser—Berlin, Feb. 5, Via Amsterdam and London, 3.05 P. M.—Official denial was made here today of the announcement from Petrograd on February 3 that a Russian submarine had sunk a German destroyer in the Baltic sea, off Cape Moon, Denmark, on January 29.