

# ROUNDS UP SENATORS WITH CLUB

## Sergeant-At-Arms, First Time In Half Century, Uses His Silver-Tipped Mace

# M'NICHOL LOSES SPIRITED FIGHT

## Republican Leader Outgeneraled for the First Time in Years When He Tries to Force Adjournment in Clash With Senator Thompson

For the first time in half a century the sergeant-at-arms of the Pennsylvania Senate to-day took his mace in hand and went out on a hunt for Senators in order to get a quorum. Moreover it was the first time in many years that Senator McNichol, of Philadelphia, the Republican leader of the Senate, was defeated in an effort to control that body.

It was a period of excitement, just as the Senate was ready to adjourn this afternoon. Senator Catlin asked leave to introduce a bill, which was granted, and he presented a measure relating to the mining of anthracite coal which made the owner or operator of the coal mine the responsible person in case of accidents, and placed the mine foreman under his direction, the bill being for the purpose of fixing some mine official to whom the workmen's compensation law would apply.

A similar bill has been in the Committee on Mines for some time, and two hearings have been had on it, the mine owners opposing it. This particular bill was, at the request of Mr. Catlin, referred to the Committee on Elections, and ten minutes after being so referred was reported favorably from committee.

Senator Thompson, of Beaver, who had charge of the original bill in the Mines Committee, got wind of the fact that a similar bill had been reported out of the Elections Committee and at once began to take steps to prevent its further progress.

Clashes With McNichol  
When a request was made that the bill be read the first time Mr. Thompson objected, and then set about to get enough votes to refer the bill to the Committee on Elections. Senator McNichol, of Philadelphia, who favored the new bill, fearing that Thompson would succeed in making a quick motion that the Senate adjourn over until next Tuesday night.

On this motion Thompson demanded a "yea" and "nay" vote. The roll call disclosed that by twenty-four Senators had voted. Twenty-six Senators constitute a quorum. Instead of announcing the vote President Pro Tem. Kline, who was in the chair, announced that a quorum of Senators had not answered roll call, and he summoned the sergeant-at-arms to the bar of the Senate, handed him his ponderous silver-tipped mace and bade him go forth to pick up a few more Senators to make a quorum.

"Go and get them," said President Kline. "Search everywhere. Go over to the House. Search the committee rooms. Search the whole city, but we must have a quorum." And the sergeant-at-arms, feeling the dignity of his errand and bowed down by the weight of the silver-tipped mace.

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# BODY OF BISHOP DUBS TO LIE IN STATE ON SATURDAY

## Death This Morning of Widely Known Clergyman Leaves Vacancy Which Cannot Be Filled Until 1918— Career Was a Varied One

Dr. Rudolph Dubbs, Bishop of the United Evangelical church for twenty-eight years, died this morning at 2:25 o'clock at his home, 225 Harris street, at the age of 78 years. He had been confined to his bed for the past three months with organic heart trouble and other complications.

Dr. Dubbs was one of three United Evangelical bishops in the United States. His successor cannot be selected until the next general conference which will not be until 1918. The other two bishops, the Rev. W. H. Poulos, of Naperville, Ill., and the Rev. Dr. W. F. Swengel, of this city, will assume his duties.

Bishop Dubbs was twice married, first to Miss Elizabeth Wabnitz, of FIRST PAVE WAR. On Clupp GP Grandview, Iowa, who died in 1884, and then to Miss Amanda E. Carothers, of Milton, Pa., who survives him. He had seven sons and three daughters, of whom the following sons remain: The Rev. Dr. C. Newton Dubbs, superintendent of China missions of the United Evangelical church; Edwin A., of Cleveland; Jesse J. and Alfred W., of Los Angeles, California, and Martin C., student at Albright College, Myers-town.

The body of Bishop Dubbs will lie in state at the Harris Street United Evangelical church from 10 to 1 o'clock

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# NEW CENSORSHIP BILL INTRODUCED

## Breitinger Says His Measure Is Endorsed By Governor and At- torney General

# IT CALLS FOR BOARD OF THREE

## Provides Salaries for Twenty Subordi- nate Employees and Gives Chairman the Right to Name More, Subject to the Governor's Approval

A bill providing for the repeal of the present moving picture censorship law and creating in its place an entirely new act was introduced in the Senate to-day by Senator Daix, of Philadelphia. Mr. Daix said the bill was handed to him for presentation by J. Louis Breitinger, the present censor, who informed the Senator that the new bill has the endorsement of the Governor and the Attorney General.

The bill creates a board of three to be appointed by the Governor for terms of three years. The first three appointments are to be for three, two and one year. The chairman of the commission is to be a man at a salary of \$3,000 a year, the vice president, a woman at \$2,500 and the third member of the board must be secretary, at \$2,400.

The bill provides that the board shall approve all views or films which are moral and proper and to disapprove all as are sacrilegious, obscene, indecent or immoral or such as tend in the judgment of the board of censors to debase or corrupt the morals, incite to riot or prejudice the public mind. The bill gives the board power to regulate the display of posters, banners or other advertising matter.

A fee of \$2.50 is to be charged for the examination of 1,200 feet or

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# HOUSE FIXES APRIL 7 AS LAST DAY FOR NEW BILLS

Repeal of the talk that the leaders of both branches of the General Assembly have agreed on May 6 as the date of final adjournment following the passage of a resolution in the House this morning fixing next Wednesday, April 7, as the last day on which bills may be presented to the House for action in this session of the General Assembly.

The resolution went into the House as a report from the Rules Committee and was made by William H. Wilson. It was passed unanimously. The bill exempts measures for local purposes, advertisements for which have already been started.

Adjournment on May 6 would not adjourn any of the administration bills, in the opinion of the leaders, except possibly the road measures of the Governor, his road policy not yet having been announced. Child labor and workmen's compensation are both on the calendar of the House and will be passed and sent to the Senate next week.

Local option of the important administration bills, yet remains to be reported from committee. An open hearing on this bill will be held by the House Committee on Law and Order on April 6 and it will be reported soon thereafter.

A resolution asking the House to favor a continuance of the State road bill, as started by the Sprout bill of 1911, has not yet been called up for action.

# CALLED TO PENBROOK FIRE

## Friendship Auto Responds to an Alarm for Blaze That Burns Roof at Home of Miss Hoover

The Friendship fire company's auto chemical wagon again to-day was called into service to aid in a nearby town in fighting flames, when the roof of the house of Miss Catherine Hoover, Main and Curtin streets, Penbrook, caught fire about 1:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

The fire started from sparks blown from burning brush at the rear of the home. The Penbrook fire company arrived on the scene shortly afterward and was able to extinguish the flames in a few minutes. Only the roof was damaged.

When the Friendship auto arrived the fire already was under control and it was not necessary for the Harrisburg smoke-eaters to do any work.

# C. A. DISBROW IS WORSE

## Reported to Be Rapidly Sinking Into Deeper Stupor

The condition of Charles A. Disbrow, president of the Harrisburg Show Manufacturing Company, who has been ill several days with cerebro meningitis at his home, 1815 North Front street, is reported by his attending physician to be growing weaker.

Each minute his stupor is growing more profound and this morning members of his family were unable to arouse him. However, it is believed his condition will remain the same for a day or two.

# REPORT FOSTER, TOO, WILL RESIGN

## Capitol Hill Hears He Will Be Succeeded by William Uhler, of Philadelphia

# BIGELOW LEAVES; TO TAKE A REST

## Resignation of Highway Commissioner Revives Rumor on Capitol Hill That There Is to Be a Shake-up Involving a Number of Changes

It was reported this morning that Colonel Samuel D. Foster, of Pittsburgh, Chief Engineer of the State Highway Department, will tender his resignation to-day and will be succeeded by William Uhler, of Philadelphia, assistant to the Chief of the Highway Department of that city.

It is rumored on Capitol Hill that there will be a shake-up involving a number of other changes in the department, but this could not be confirmed officially.

Edward M. Bigelow, who to-day retired from the position of State Highway Commissioner by resignation, left Harrisburg for his Pittsburgh home at noon and will not engage in any business activities for the present, preferring to take a long rest.

Mr. Bigelow was at the State Highway Department this morning and took farewell of his personal staff, wishing them well, and they, in turn, expressed regret at his retirement and gave him Godspeed.

"Are you going to resume active business when you get home?" was asked of the retiring Commissioner.

"No," he said. "I don't think I will. I am president of a cemetery company and will attend to the duties of that position, but it does not require much activity."

Mr. Bigelow did not know who would succeed him, he said; but asserted that Governor Brumbaugh had told him he has not yet made a selection.

# EYRE TO ORGANIZE FIGHT FOR LOCAL OPTION BILL

T. Larry Eyre, of Chester county, long known as a Republican leader in that county, has been selected by Governor Brumbaugh to organize the fight in the House for local option. Eyre has long been known as an ardent local optionist and when the Republican State committee met in Pittsburgh last year to adopt a platform he was strong for a local option plank, but was over-ruled.

In a statement issued last night he said he would undertake the work of organizing the local option forces in the House and will do all in his power to aid the Governor in his campaign.

Eyre engineered the gubernatorial campaign of John P. Elkin for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1902 and obtained enough delegates to nominate him, but the wily Senator Quay took the delegates away and selected Samuel W. Pennypacker, who was nominated.

Governor Brumbaugh last night entertained at dinner eight members of the House from Philadelphia—Messrs. W. H. Wilson, Baurle, Reynolds, Cox, T. P. McNichol, Roney, Walsh and Forster. The subject of local option was discussed, and it is said that the Governor is making some inroads on the Philadelphia delegation.

# DO GOUGH'S WORK AGAIN; WANT \$410

## Two of the Three County Auditors Charge That Amount For Duplicate Audit

# CASSEL HASN'T SUBMITTED BILL

## One of His Colleagues Says President of Board 'Has Not Done a Tap' on Report to Which Cassel Neverthel- ess Signs His Name

Francis W. Reigel and Fred W. Huston, two of the three members of the Dauphin county board of auditors, who insist on continuing to serve out their terms of office although there is no work for them to do except that which the law requires of the new County Controller, Henry M. Gough, who did the work long ago, submitted this morning their audit of the funds of the County Treasurer A. H. Bailey for the year 1914. The results correspond exactly with the results of the same work done by Controller Gough weeks ago, as everybody knew would be the case. The two auditors submitted bills totaling \$410.28 for their parts in doing this absolutely unnecessary work.

John W. Cassel, the third member of the audit board, who is the president, signed the report but has not yet submitted a bill for his services, if any services he performed. It may be that he doesn't intend to submit one. Reigel, his colleague, said this morning that Cassel "has not done a tap" of work on the superfluous task.

In his bill Reigel asks for \$225.84 and Huston for \$184.44. Reigel wants \$3 a day for 58 days, making a total of \$174, and has a claim for mileage for 864 miles at six cents a mile or \$51.84. Huston claim 61 days and mileage for 24 miles. Huston lives in Harrisburg while Reigel resides in Elizabethtown.

May Suggest a Compromise  
The County Commissioners, following their meeting this morning, declined to say whether the auditors' claims will be paid in their present shape. One Commissioner remarked, however:

"The whole matter will likely be settled at once. It is likely there will be a compromise." Late this afternoon the Commissioners offered to pay the auditors, Reigel and Huston, on the basis of eight hours a day, a plan which would cut the auditors' claims down by about \$30 each. The auditors rejected the offer, left the Commissioners' office and immediately thereafter went into conference with Oscar G. Wickersham, their legal adviser. Reigel declared emphatically that he would not accept pay for fewer days than he originally demanded. Subsequently the auditors and their counsel went before the County Commissioners and engaged in a lengthy argument on the question of the Commissioners' right to cut down the al-

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# 3 STEELTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS PUT UNDER ARREST

## Accused of Felonious Entry and Lar- ceny Following the Disappearance of Canoe of E. O. Hendrickson, Jr., From the River Front

Following a series of thefts of canoes along the river front in Steelton, three Steelton High school boys were arrested last evening, by Constable Gibb, and accused of felonious entry and larceny.

Constable Gibb, with warrants made out on information prompted by E. O. Hendrickson, Jr., went to the Steelton High school in the afternoon and arrested Frank Frances, Philip Bretz and Christopher Wren, students. They were taken before Squire Gardner and entered bail for a hearing this evening.

The charge grew out of the alleged larceny of a canoe, owned by Hendrickson, and which had been removed from his locker at Francis street and the river, last Sunday or Monday. The canoe was found by Hendrickson in the yard of Emory J. Colestock, where it is alleged to have been placed by three boys declared by Hendrickson to answer the description of the lads now under bail. The authorities are convinced that Colestock was not aware of the alleged theft of the canoe. He thought the boys who brought it to his place were the rightful owners.

Hendrickson is a member of the Steelton Canoe Club. This theft is but one of several cases in which canoes have been stolen in the last two years in Steelton. On previous occasions no arrests were made.

# NOTICE TO MINISTERS

All Easter musical programs to be printed in the Star-Independent Saturday must be in the editorial rooms not later than 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon to insure insertion.

# SOCIETY BELLE ENGAGED TO WED



New York, March 31.—Miss Hope Norman, of Newport, R. I., and well known in society, is reported engaged to wed Elliot C. Bacon, youngest son of Robert Bacon, of this city. Miss Norman is pretty and a brunette and is fond of sports. Mr. Bacon is a gradu-

ate of Harvard. His father was Secretary of State and later was Ambassador to France. The marriage will probably take place in the coming summer in Newport and will be an event in society. Mr. and Mrs. Norman and their daughter, who are in Aiken, S. C., will return to Newport in May.

# AMERICAN LOST AS FALABA SANK

## Resident of Massachusetts Among the 111 Drowned When Ves- sel Was Torpedoed

# MOTHER LIVES IN BAY STATE

## Was Returning From Gold Coast, Where He Had Been Engaged for Past Year, When German Subma- rine Sent His Vessel to Bottom

London, March 31, 12:45 P. M.—Leon Chester Thrasher, who was among the 111 persons who lost their lives when the British steamer Falaba was torpedoed last Sunday by a German submarine in St. George's Channel, probably was an American citizen, although the officials of the Broomfield Mines Company, which had employed him to go to the gold coast, did not see his passport and have no positive proof of his citizenship.

When the company was arranging Mr. Thrasher's insurance he said he has no relatives or friends in America to whom he wanted the money paid; consequently the insurance was made out to the company.

Worked in Panama and Ecuador  
Mr. Thrasher applied to the Bosso Gold Mining Company at its Gold Coast headquarters for work as a mechanic last year. His services were satisfactory and the company remitted money for him to come to New York. Thrasher was employed by the Pan-

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# CARGO OF AMERICAN LARD RELEASED BY PRIZE COURT

London, March 30, 8 P. M.—The Norwegian steamer Taurus, detained at Kirkwall on March 9, and later taken to Dundee where her cargo of American lard was thrown into a prize court, has been released.

The American steamer Antilla, also loaded with lard, which was originally detained at Kirkwall on February 26 in spite of the fact that her cargo had been inspected by British officials in New York, and which was later transferred to Dundee, will be permitted to resume her trip to Copenhagen after discharging her cargo.

Two other vessels carrying lard and other supplies are involved in prize court investigations. One is the Swedish steamer Grekland, detained at Middleboro since March 10. She is loaded with lard, bacon and lubricating oil. The other vessel is the Frogger, a Norwegian boat, detained at Kirkwall, March 15, and then transferred to New Castle with her load of lard, meat and oleomargarine.

Coaling of Eitel to Begin To-day  
Newport News, Va., March 31.—Barge loads of coal for the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich were brought down in Hampton Roads this afternoon. Commander Thierichens plans to begin coaling his ship late to-day.

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# AUSTRIANS LOSE 18,000 MEN IN A DAY

## Column of 4,000 Anni- hilated In an Hour In Battle In the Bereg Province

# KEEP RUSSIANS OUT OF HUNGARY

## The Austrian Troops Are Fighting Desperately and Yesterday Scored a Victory Over the Ozar's Forces in the Bukovina District

Geneva, March 31.—Austrian losses in Lyutta Valley and the province of Bereg (Northeast Hungary) on the day of March 28 are estimated at 18,000, according to dispatches received by Swiss newspapers.

These advices state that a column of 4,000 Austrians was annihilated in less than an hour during a desperate action in Bereg province, six miles north of Verecke.

Austrian troops in this territory are reported to be demoralized as the result of their enormous losses.

Vienna, By Wireless to London, March 31.—The cessation of fighting in Dukia Pass lasted only 24 hours, the newspapers report, the Russians then bringing up fresh reserves.

Fighting in the valley of the Ondava and Laboreza has recommenced and now is in full swing. The Austrian troops are fighting desperately and the Russians, it is reported here, in spite of furious attacks with large forces have not been able to gain their objective at any point for an invasion of Hungary. The fighting in the Carpathians is going on during a heavy rainfall.

The battle in Bukovina yesterday is reported to have resulted in favor of the Austrians.

# Russians Rout Turks From Artvin

## Petrograd, Via London, March 31, 8:55 A. M.—The following official statement from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus was issued last night:

"In the coastal districts there has been gun firing. Our troops acting on the offensive from Borzhka and Ard-nutich occupied Artvin throwing the Turks back to the south.

"The left wing on the Sari-Kamysh front now is in action and there have been artillery duels. Nothing of importance has taken place on the other fronts."

# ALLIES AGAIN BOMBARDING TURK VILLAGES AND FORTS

London, March 31, 10:10 A. M.—A Reuter's dispatch received from Constantinople by way of Berlin, says the allied fleet has resumed its bombardment of villages near the outer forts of the Dardanelles. Turkish aviators are making daily reconnaissances.

London, March 31.—"Sunday's bombardment of the Bosphorus," says the "Daily News" Petrograd correspondent, "was favored by fine weather, giving the aviators a clear view of the damage inflicted. The worst damage was done to Fort Elmas, where the 12-inch guns of the Russians demolished the old stone batteries and the new earthworks round the emplacements where the Germans recently had transferred some of their guns. The garrisons of Fort Elmas fled, unable to stand the fire of the Russian fleet. Kilia fort also was bombarded."

"The Turks have twenty-two guns at Anadol and Kavak and twenty-four guns at the neighboring fort Madjarkali."

Standard Oil Reduces Prices  
New York, March 31.—The Standard Oil Company, of New York, to-day announced a reduction of 15 points in the price of refined petroleum for export, making cases 10.10 cents per gallon, tanks 4.10 cents and standard white in barrels 7.60 cents.

# WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.  
New York, March 31.—Selling became more effective in the final hour when Reading and Union Pacific fell to lowest prices of the day. The closing was irregular. Further furious bidding up of specialties and irregularity in representatives marked the progress of to-day's active market.

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