



RACING BILL DIES; THEN IS REVIVED

Measure Providing For Commission Is De- feated In Senate and Then Recalled

ON POSTPONED CALENDAR NOW

Senator Catlin Indicates Confidence in His Ability to Have Bill, Which Regulates Betting on Horses, Finally Passed by Legislature

Horse racing in Pennsylvania was disencouraged emphatically to-day by the State Senate, when the racing commission bill was defeated on final passage. Later a sufficient number of Senators agreed to give the bill another chance and the vote of defeat was reconsidered and the bill was placed on the postponed calendar.

The ultimate outcome of the struggle is a question which is interesting men with sporting proclivities all over the state. The bill was introduced by Senator Catlin, of Luzerne, who is taking a keen personal interest in the proposition. It creates a state racing commission and makes general provisions for horse racing and also regulates betting on the races. Catlin seems to feel certain of getting the bill through.

When the bill came to a vote 18 Senators voted "aye" and 15 voted "no" and the bill fell for lack of the constitutional majority of 26. Neither Senator Beidleman nor Martin voted. Senator Catlin at first voted "aye" but when defeat was apparent he changed to "no" so as to be in a position to move to reconsider. An hour or so later Senator McConnell, of Northumberland, moved for reconsideration and Senator Catlin seconded the motion. Opponents of the motion demanded a division and the count showed 25 votes in favor of reconsideration and 7 op-

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LOCAL OPTION BILL IS OUT CAMPAIGN FOR RE- CALLED

The local option bill was reported to the House this morning by Representative Vickerman, of Allegheny county. The Law and Order Committee yesterday unanimously voted to report the bill to the House.

Following the report of the bill, Representative Glenn, of Venango, called up for consideration the resolution asking for an investigation of money raised and expended in the last political campaign by the liquor dealers of Pennsylvania. The resolution calls for a committee consisting of three members of the Senate and four members of the House to hold complete investigations and authorize expenditures for clerks and other help.

Representative Kitts, Erie, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Elections and there were a dozen seconds to the motion. Representative Glen insisted on a roll call on the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 127 to 36. Representatives Wildman, Shesley and Young voted with the majority and Representative Swartz was absent. Representatives Shoop and Goodyear, of Cumberland county, also voted with the majority.

Representative Wilson, of Jefferson, introduced a resolution calling upon the State Veterinarian to furnish the House with a report of the operations and expenditures of the campaign of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board against the foot and mouth disease. The motion was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Howarth bill requiring the licensing of barbers and regulating barbering was defeated by a vote of 112 to 48.

The bill to place county officers in counties having fewer than 150,000 inhabitants on a salary basis and abolishing all fees was objected to by Representative Milliron, of Armstrong, who led in its defeat by a vote of 151 to 20.

The Mearkle bill enabling second class cities to construct and maintain subways and galleries in congested districts and empowering the Public Service Commission to use the same was passed finally.

The bill giving foreign corporations doing real estate business in Pennsylvania the right to hold real estate was also passed finally. Shortly after noon the House recessed until 8 o'clock to-night.

WILL GRANT A HEARING ON "SOOTHING SYRUP" BILL

Patent medicine interests got busy at the Capitol to-day with the result that the bill introduced by Senator Plymouth W. Snyder, of Blair, regulating the sale of infants' "soothing syrups" and similar medicines, was sent back to the Senate Committee on Public Health and Sanitation for a hearing. The hearing will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bill had reached the third reading stage in the Senate.

The measure forbids the sale of any patent medicine for infants less than three years old if it contains any opium, morphine, heroin or cocaine. It specifically provides that the act shall in no way be construed to forbid a practicing physician from prescribing any medicine containing any of the drugs mentioned.

FIREMEN SAY COMPANIES GET TOO LITTLE SUPPORT

Members of Union at Meeting Last Night Assert They Must Often Meet Deficits—A. L. Patton Elect- ed Delegate to State Convention

At the meeting of the Firemen's Union held in the Mount Vernon truck house last evening, it was the unanimous sentiment of those present that more money was needed for the support of the fire department of this city, each company receiving annually about \$1,000 less than is appropriated to fire companies in other cities of this commonwealth, known as third class cities. Frequently say the firemen they have to chip in to make up deficits on horse feed, harness supplies, horse shoeing, and other necessary items. They are preparing for a carnival on May 17, to raise money to help meet these and other necessary expenses.

The firemen ask for six smoke-protecting helmets, two to be placed on each hook and ladder truck. The importance of these has been made very manifest at recent fires, they assert. They also ask for a revised map, one for each company, showing the location of all the fire plugs in the city. It seems that now and then a plug is changed from one locality to another, and that new plugs are put in without any notice to the fire department.

A. L. Patton, of the Reilly hose, was elected delegate to the next State Firemen's convention. Copies of the new constitution and by-laws of the Firemen's Union were handed to the members. Comments were made upon the unusual number of fires in our city since the first of January, and the small comparative loss attributed to prompt service.

There were no complaints of police interference since the March meeting, and all seems to be harmony again. The Firemen's Union did not deem it wise to take any action on the proposed local option law, since no instructions from the various fire companies on the subject had been received.

It was decided that hereafter when sermons are delivered by chaplains to the respective companies that all the other fire companies be invited to the services. Messrs. Ayars, of the Washington; Wert, of the Citizen; Rahn, of the Friendship; Tawney, of the Royal, and Patton, of the Reilly, were appointed a committee on social events.

ITS "4-TO-1" IN BRADFORD

Mayor of That City Discusses "Split Vote" Among the Commissioners

Mayor Spencer D. DeGroot, of Bradford, who with the Bradford chief of police, is in Harrisburg this week attending the convention of police chiefs, said this morning he was much surprised when he read Harrisburg newspaper stories last evening of the voting of the Bradford City Commission last night, which was 4 to 1.

The Bradford Mayor laughingly remarked that the Bradford City Commission has its "ups and downs" sometimes, but not frequently, but he added that when all is not harmonious, the voting goes "4 to 1." The Mayor covets the honor of frequently being in the minority.

PLANETS CLOSE TO ECLIPSE

Will Seem Almost to Touch, Although About 400,000,000 Miles Apart

A close approach of the two principal planets in the morning sky, Jupiter and Venus, will be visible here to-morrow morning between 4:30 and 5 o'clock. At that hour they may be seen rising almost due east and will be separated from one another by less than half the distance across the face of the moon. They will actually be more than 400,000,000 miles apart. The brighter one is Venus, the other Jupiter.

About 11 o'clock to-morrow they will begin to separate, and by Friday morning they will be five times as far apart as they will appear early to-morrow morning.

BRUMBAUGH AND M'CLAIN CELEBRATE SAME BIRTHDAY

Governor Is 53 To-day and the Lieuten- ant Celebrates 51, and Their Friends Hear Congratulations Upon Them at the Capitol

Senate routine was interrupted early this afternoon when Lieutenant Governor McClain was in the chair. Senator Sprout, of Delaware, "father of the Senate," remarked upon the coincidence that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor both are celebrating their birthday anniversary to-day, the former being 53 and the latter 51.

Senator Sprout presented Mr. McClain in behalf of the Senators with a vase of handsome "red roses of Lancaster." The roses, long-stemmed American beauties, dotted heavy banks of foliage, were borne to the head of the main aisle by two pages while Senator Sprout was speaking. They were set in a vase four feet high. Senator Sprout made some congratulatory remarks to which the Lieutenant Governor replied. The Senate then took a short recess, during which the members, attaches and other spectators crowded about the Lancasterian to extend their good wishes in person.

Governor Brumbaugh put in the same kind of a day which has characterized his entire administration. He seemingly was the only person on the hill ignorant of his birthday anniversary and was too busy in conferences about his local option fight and other matters to receive more than passing congratulations.

WILHELM WANTS TO GO TO DRY DOCK

German Raider's Com- mander In New Move to Take His Ship From Newport News

AN AMERICAN AMONG CREW?

Details of Sensational Sinking of Brit- ish Steamship Bellevue, One of the Wilhelm's Fourteen Victims of the Sea, Told by Members of the Crew

By Associated Press.
Newport News, Va., April 14.—Expecting permission from Washington to move into drydock, Captain Thierfelder, of the German commerce raider, Kronprinz Wilhelm, to-day ordered his vessel made ready to proceed up the James river from her anchorage. The examining board from the Norfolk navy yard was due at any time to check up on his outline of repairs necessary to make the ship seaworthy.

The German commander did not complete his inquiry into the nationality of members of the Wilhelm's crew last night, as requested by Collector Hamilton, but promised to ascertain to-day whether any naturalized Americans are aboard the ship. At least one American is believed to belong to the crew.

Details of the sinking of the British steamship Bellevue, one of the Wilhelm's fourteen victims, stated to-day by members of the crew, reveal that the British ship was held as a prize for 16 days before she was sent to the Liverpool to South American ports with 4,000 tons of coal, 1,000 cases of whiskey and some oxen when she was captured by the Wilhelm December 4, last. She was moored to the Wilhelm with strong cables and stripped of everything of value after her coal had been taken aboard.

When the French steamer Mont Agel was sighted the Bellevue was left in charge of a prize crew while the Wilhelm gave chase and finally sank the Frenchman by ramming. Then, on December 20, after all movable parts were securely lashed down, in order that nothing might be left floating upon the surface to give the British cruisers a clue as to the Wilhelm's whereabouts, the Bellevue was sent to the bottom.

Newport News, Va., April 14.—The German commerce raider Kronprinz Wilhelm, it was learned to-day, is in need of boiler tubes which cannot be supplied at this port and must be manufactured elsewhere. To procure and install the tubes, it is said, would require at least three weeks.

FUNSTON IS AGAIN AT FRONT

U. S. General Will Take Personal Charge in Recent Alarming Con- ditions in Mexico

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 14.—Major General Frederick Funston, commanding the American forces on the Mexican border, is en route to-day from San Antonio to Brownsville, Texas, to take personal charge of the situation there, which has again become threatening in consequence of the falling of Mexican bullets into American territory.

According to reports from Matamoros to the Carranza agency here to-day, the sortie against the Villa troops yesterday resulted in the killing of 300 of the besiegers and the capture of many prisoners, with 200 horses, sixty mules and four machine guns.

Mexican Refugees Sail For U. S.

Galveston, Tex., April 14.—The United States army transport Summer sailed early to-day for Tampico where she will take on about 300 refugees who desire to return to the United States.

SUIT AGAINST THE COLONEL

William Barnes' Complaint Against Roosevelt to Be Argued Monday

By Associated Press.
Syracuse, N. Y., April 14.—Arrangements for the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit of William Barnes, of Albany, against Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, which will be called before Justice William S. Andrews next Monday, were completed and approved at a conference here last night. Special tables for use of fifty newspaper representatives will be constructed.

Chief of Police Caden announced that guards will be assigned to both Colonel Roosevelt and Mr. Barnes.

Misses Bolt, Kills Father of 6

By Associated Press.
Sunbury, Pa., April 14.—F. C. Schope, married, and a father of six children, was killed to-day when John Gaugler, swinging a hammer at the Pennsylvania railroad car shops, missed a bolt he was aiming at and struck Schope on the head, fracturing his skull.

WANT CIVIL SERVICE AND PENSIONS FOR POLICEMEN

Chiefs Invade Capitol to Appear Before the Senate Judiciary Special Com- mittee—Williamsport to Get Next Convention—Old Officers Re-elected

Determined to fight for civil service for police in third class cities of Pennsylvania and to work for pension funds for policemen of all classes the chiefs of police attending the convention of the State Association this afternoon determined to show the Senate Judiciary Special Committee at a hearing this afternoon that there is a popular demand for civil service. This legislation has been backed by the convention.

All of the plans for future betterment of police in the state depend on this issue, according to the policemen. To remove political control from police departments would work for a more intimate co-operation between the municipal and state police, which subject was taken up by George P. Lamb, deputy superintendent of the state police, last evening at the annual banquet which was served in the Board of Trade hall.

He also advocated a state bureau of identification, similar to one now in operation in Albany. This subject was brought up by City Detective Bach, who has charge of the local bureau of identification.

The convention closed this afternoon with an automobile ride over the city, which ended at the capitol. Williamsport was selected as the place for the next meeting. The following officers were re-elected:

President, J. N. Tillard, Chief of Police of Altoona; vice president, Charles F. Evans, chief of the L. V. R. K. police of South Bethlehem; secretary, George W. Harder, Chief of Police of Williamsport; executive committee, James Robinson, Superintendent of Police of Philadelphia; Joseph B. Hutchison, Chief of Police of Harrisburg; Manfred Narr, Chief of the P. and R. police of Philadelphia; L. B. Day, superintendent of Altoona, and William B. Thomas, Chief of Police of Jenkintown.

SAUL OPPOSES HIS NEPHEW

Says Miss Saul, If Anyone, Should Be Made the Assistant Principal

Millard F. Saul, member of the School Board, denied this morning that he is backing his nephew, Bertram W. Saul, a member of the Central High school faculty, for a position that may be created as assistant principal of that school.

"I am not in favor of Bertram Saul for the place," he said, "and I am making efforts to learn where the story started that it is my plan to place Bertram there. If I favor anybody for that position it will be my sister, Miss Anna M. Saul, who has virtually been principal of the Central High school since Professor Steele was taken sick and since his death.

"Bertram was a candidate for the principalship and it is said that he was given to understand that there was opposition to him. The first members of the board heard of a plan to create an assistant principalship was last Saturday when some directors were asked to support the suggestion."

THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, WHO HAS JUST LANDED IN NEW YORK



GENERAL VICTORIANO
HUERTA

General Victoriano Huerta, dictator of Mexico until ousted by the United States, arrived in New York recently, and declared that he was not thinking of Mexico, or of starting any revolution to regain his lost control, but that he came to attend to personal and family business. Despite his assertions he was kept under close surveillance by government agents.

JAPAN PERMITS GERMANS TO LAND

Passengers Rescued From Minnesota En- ter Kobe Under U. S. Consul's Escort

WRECKED SHIP STILL ON ROCK

Among Americans Reaching Yokohama From the Steamer Are Wife and Children of Philippines Governor General Harrison

By Associated Press.
Kobe, Japan, April 14.—Because of the heavy passenger lists of steamers sailing soon for American ports, considerable difficulty is being experienced in making arrangements for transporting to the United States the persons rescued from the Minnesota, which struck a rock Sunday night at the entrance to the Inland sea. Several will sail for San Francisco to-morrow on the Manchuria, while the Pacific Mail Steamship Company will provide extra berths for others on the Tamba Maru, which sails on the 17th for Seattle.

The German passengers on the Minnesota who were brought here by the Onafra have been permitted by the Foreign Office to land under the escort of the American consul on condition that they remain in their hotel until their departure.

The Minnesota still is pivoted on the rock which tore a hole in her bow. The entire bow is visible at low tide. Only one hold was damaged and the cargo is being shifted aft. The steered passengers have been removed.

Yokohama, April 14.—Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison, wife of the Governor General of the Philippine Islands, and her children, who were passengers on the steamer Manchuria, arrived here to-day. Other passengers of the wrecked steamer who have reached Yokohama confirm the previous statements that there was no panic when she struck and that after the accident many of the passengers went to their berths for the night, while others spent the night in the salon playing cards.

Wilkes-Barre Officials Here

Mayor Kosok, Finance Commissioner Bennett and City Solicitor McHugh, all of Wilkes-Barre, were in the city to-day to attend the hearing before the Legislative committee on the bill intended to repeal the anthracite coal tax law.

Warren Van Dyke Named Deputy

Warren Van Dyke, of this city, former secretary of the Democratic State Committee, was named yesterday by B. F. Davis, newly-appointed Collector of the Ninth Internal Revenue district, as his deputy.

SAY A STATE OF SIEGE FOR AUSTRIA IS NOW APPARENT

Rome, April 14.—A dispatch from Trent telegraphed from the frontier to the "Idea Nazionale," quotes an official who has just returned from Vienna as authority for the statement that a state of siege probably will be proclaimed soon in Austria because of the unrest resulting from the Russian advance across the Carpathians. Wealthy Hungarians are said to be making hasty preparations for flight.

The "Idea Nazionale" correspondent says he has learned from the same source that Emperor Francis Joseph has decided to cede to Italy the so-called "Italian provinces." This report is considered in Rome to be entirely without foundation.

THE AUSTRIANS RETREAT AFTER DESPERATE BATTLE

Lemberg, April 13, Via Petrograd, April 14 and London April 14, 3:45 P. M.—In a desperate attack by the Russians on the right flank of the Austrian position at Mezolaberec, on the Hungarian side of the East Beskid mountains and about fifty miles south of Permyl, the Austrians were forced after a 12 hour battle to make a retreat.

The whole main crest in this district which the Austrians considered to be impregnable now is in Russian hands.

Last Struggle for Carpathians

London, April 14, 12:45 P. M.—The struggle for the last of the Carpathian passes remaining in the hands of the German allies still holds the center of the importance of the series of heroic battles being waged along the eastern front from Bartfeld to Bukovina is so fully recognized that the activities in other fields appear relatively of minor importance.

POPE BENEDICT CONTRIBUTES \$50,000 FOR BELGIAN PEOPLE

Rome, Via Paris, April 14.—Pope Benedict has sent to Cardinal Mercier \$50,000 for the Belgian suffers from the war. Accompanying the donation was a letter expressing the pleasure of the Pope that relief committees for the Belgians had been formed in various countries.

The Pope also sent \$5,000 to the bishop of Cracow for the Polish war sufferers.

Greater Danger Than War

Petrograd, April 14, 12:35 P. M.—The chief of the Rumanian sanitary corps has discovered cholera bacilli and other infectious disease germs in the waters of the river Pruth which for part of its course flows along the boundary between Rumania and Russia.

Cotton Not Contraband Says Britain

London, April 14, 3:15 P. M.—The British government has decided against placing cotton on the contraband list.

TURKS OPEN HOSTILITIES AFTER LULL

Fighting in Dardanelles Is Resumed With Sultan's Forces Tak- ing the Offensive

SAYS RUSSIANS GET BIG CHECK

Austrian Official States Czar's Troops Were Given Terrible Setback in the Carpathians, but Denial Is on Heels of Story

After a prolonged lull in the operations at the Dardanelles, fighting has been resumed on a small scale. An official report from Constantinople says the batteries at the entrance to the straits were bombarded yesterday and that a cruiser and destroyer were struck by the Turkish fire.

Messages from Vienna to Rome quote an Austrian official as saying that a state of siege probably will be proclaimed in Austria, on account of popular unrest occasioned by the advance of the Russians through the Carpathians. It is reported also that Emperor Francis Joseph has decided to make the territorial concessions desired by Italy provided that nation will take up arms for Austria and Germany. This report, however, is not generally credited in Rome.

The Austrian announcement that the Russians have been checked in the Carpathians is disputed at Petrograd, where it is said that further advances have been made. Uzoek Pass apparently is the key to the situation, and on account of the strong forces of Austrians and Germans massed in this district, the Russians have been unable to force their way through. The last Russian official report, however, announced the capture of three villages and 2,700 prisoners in the fighting near the pass.

The British Parliament meets to-day for consideration of some of the important collateral issues presented by the war. It is expected the liquor problem will be discussed and the government may announce its decision in favor of a measure to enforce temperance or prohibition. Announcement also is expected concerning the government's plan for utilizing the nation's resources for the manufacture of war munitions.

After a twelve-hour battle the Russians have captured another section of the mountain barrier between Galicia and Hungary. A dispatch from Lemberg, Galicia, tells of a Russian attack on the Austrian forces at Mezolaberec, in the East Beskids. The Austrians were forced to give ground and it is said the main mountain crest in this section, considered impregnable, has passed to the hands of the Russians.

This battle was an incident in a struggle of unusual severity now in progress along a front of more than 100 miles from Bartfeld, Northern Hungary, to Stry, Eastern Galicia. Petrograd reports that both sides are attacking simultaneously and that the losses are heavy. The Austrians in Bukovina and the Germans in Northern Poland are making small movements, interpreted in Petrograd as intended to force the Russians to withdraw some of their troops from the Carpathian front.

In France and Belgium only small engagements occurred yesterday. The official report from Berlin mentions several French attacks in the Meuse-Moselle region, where the fighting recently has been most severe, but says the Germans made a successful resistance.

NEW SENSATION IN WHEAT

Prospects of World Shortage Shoves Prices Skyward

By Associated Press.

Chicago, April 14.—Prospects of a world shortage in wheat available for immediate shipment resulted to-day in a sensational bulge in prices. Business suddenly assumed large proportions in the last hour of trading and prices fluctuated wildly, jumping up at the rate of 1.2 cent between transactions.

May wheat rose swiftly 6 1/4 going 163 as against 156 3/4 at the close last night. The advance was to within four cents of the topmost level since the beginning of the war.

Increased Woolworth Dividend

New York, April 14.—Directors of the F. W. Woolworth Company to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent. on the common stock, an increase of 1/4 of 1 per cent. This places the stock on a 7 per cent. basis.

WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, April 14.—Pressure of profit-taking became more pronounced in the final hour, lowest prices of the day then being registered by many leaders. The closing was irregular. Speculation was again extremely active and broad to-day with all around gains. These were subsequently reduced or effected on extensive realizing.