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Harrisburg, Dec. 10. - Democratic politicians and their allies, the insurgent leaders, have failed in a desperate effort to create the impression that there are serious dissensions among the regular Republicans in the state. They have endeavored to arouse personal bitterness over the issue of the next governorship and have sought to place Senator Quay in a position of hostility to Attorney General John P. Elkin, and to have it appear that they

are at loggerheads. While Mr. Elkin has been very favor ably mentioned in connection with the next governorship, he has up to date made no announcement of a determination to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for that office. It is true that the only county which has elected delegates to the next state convention, Berks county, unanimously indorsed Mr. Elkin for governor, but no formal declaration has as yet come from the Indiana county leader as to whether he will or will not be an aspirant for governor.

QUAY AND ELKIN CORDIAL.

Most persistently, however, were rumors circulated that Senator Quay and Mr. Elkin had parted company and that Senator Quay and he were no longer in accord. These reports were quickly disposed of when it was learned that Senator Quay, who was directed by his physician to go to Florida for a couple of weeks, had invited Attorney General Elkin to be a member of his party and to remain with him for a short time at least.

Mr. Elkin, while unable to be away but for a brief period, accepted the invitation and accompanied Senator and Mrs. Quay when they left a few days ago for the south.

While no special political significance can be attached to this incident, it simply put an end to the silly stories about there having been a rupture between Colonel Quay and Mr. Elkin, who have been fast personal and political friends for so many

The circulation of the rumors regarding Senator Quay and Mr. Elkin was but part of the general scheme of those who are planning for an independent campaign next fall. They are doing their utmost to bring about factional differences in every county in the commonwealth. They have the active support of the Democratic newspapers in the state and the insurgent organs of Philadelphia, and neighboring counties, which are under the Wanamaker influence.

While Wanamaker has gone abroad for a couple of months for the benefit of his health, which has not been good those who have been associated with him in his recent campaigning against the regular Republican organization appear to be quite as well supplied with funds for political purposes as ever, and they are spending money the same lavish recklessness which has characterized their operations of the last five years.

A MISLEADING STATEMENT.

During the last week there was put out for publication an alleged statement of expenditures in the recent contest by the Union party against the Republican state ticket. Chairman Riter, of the state committee of the Union party, announced that but a little over \$4,300 had been expended by his committee in the campaign. It is possible that this sum was all that Mr. Riter was permitted to handle in that fight, but those familiar with the inworkings of the insurgent and Union party fusion combinations know that half a million dollars would not cover the full output of money against the Republican state ticket in the recent campaign.

Over their own signatures, Union party managers in Philadelphia in an appeal for funds, stated that \$80,000 was absolutely necessary to cover certain expenses which they itemized. But it is known that as much as \$10,000 was spent in a single ward in Philadelphia for the Union party ticket. In Luzerne and other counties in eastern Pennsylvania it is charged that enormous sums of money were used against the Republican candidates.

Evidence is at hand of the use of money in a preliminary campigning now under way to weaken the Republican organization for the coming

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### PENROSE TO THE FRONT

Young Pennsylvania Senator Leads In Two Important Issues.

WILL KEEP OUT THE CHINESE

Pennsylvania Workingmen Are Also Pleased With His Determination to Block the Importation of Foreign Labor.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Dec. 10.-Admirers of United States Senator Boies Penrose are delighted over the national prominence he has received since the reconvening of congress through his leadership of the movement to re-enact the Geary Chinese exclusion law and to have introduced such additional safeguards against the invasion of foreign labor as may be deemed expedient. Senator Penrose is chairman of the important committee on immigration, which is made up of some of the strongest members of the senate, including Lodge, of Massachusetts; Mason, of Illinois; Fairbanks, of Indiana, and Sewell, of New Jersey. The initial move of Senator Penrose in the crusade against the invasion of the Chinese was the introduction of a bill simply re-enacting the Geary law, with a provision for the exclusion of Chinese laborers for a period of twenty years This time limit is not, however, intended to mean that at the expiration of that period the Chinese will be admitted, but for diplomatic reasons it has not been deemed wise to have such a clause inserted in the bill.

CONFERRING WITH ROOSEVELT. Senator Roosevelt has been in consultation with President Roosevelt, and they thoroughly agree as to the general terms of the bill to be reported from Senator Penrose's committee. There have been so many bills and amend-ments introduced on this subject that Senators Penrose and Lodge, who have been constituted a sub-committee of the senate committee on immigration on this measure, will get together and draft a new bill, that will be known as the Penrose Chinese exclusion bill, and which will meet every requirement of the situation.

Senator Quay took a hand in the matter before by presenting an amend-ment to Senator Penrose's bill to exempt from exclusion all Chinese who have embraced Christianity and the Chinese who took part in the defense or the relief of the foreign legations and in the defense and the relief of Pe-ting Cathedral in Pekin in the sum-mer of 1900. Senator Quay stated that the cathedral was entirely defended by Chinese.

PROTECTING AMERICAN LABOR. Another matter in which Senator Penrose has taken a conspicuous part is that of the regulation of immigration. He has introduced a bill which embraces 50 sections, and which is the outcome of numerous conferences he has had with Commissioner of Immigration Powderly.

This measure provides for boards of special inquiry at the various ports of the country to examine immigrants and order the deportation of those who shall be found undesirable or ineligible for admission to the country. Provision is made for a physical examination of every immigrant by the United States Marine Hospital service. The purpose of the proposed legislation is to further restrict immigration with a view to giving more protection to American labor and to excluding the undesirable elements which have been introduced in many regions through the present too liberal laws.

Senator Penrose has been in receipt of many letters from leaders of labor organizations, particularly the coal miners, assuring him of their hearty co-operation in his efforts to curtail importation of laborers to the detriment of those American-born and naturalized citizens now employed in this state.

With the intended reduction of the there will be better opportunities af-forded labor in every direction to procure more satisfactory remuneration and to have the hours of the workingmen shortened without reducing their compensation.

WILL FIGHT AGGRESSIVELY.

Senator Penrose will make several speeches in support of his bills for the restriction of immigration and the ex-clusion of the Chinese laborers when they come before the senate. He does not anticipate much of a fight on the Chinese issue, but says that he fears some of the corporations that are benefited by the importation of foreign labor will do everything in their power to keep the immigration laws as liberal as possible to further their business

The workingmen of Pennsylvania, who are so keenly interested in this issue, are gratified over the determination manufested by Senator Penrose to take up their cause and contest it to a successful conclusion.

Senator Penrose has always been popular with organized labor. Some of his staunchest friends in his public career have been men who stand high in the councils of workingmen's or-ganizations. He has made it a point to keep in touch with the laboring interest, and during his career at Harrisburg in the Pennsylvania legislature and since he has been in the United States senate he has followed a consistent course as a friend of the wage

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