



FRANK B. WEEKS, GOVERNOR

Legal Status of Successor to Late Governor George L. Lilley Definitely Settled

OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Handed Down Monday Afternoon—Mr. Holcomb Quotes the Provisions of Constitution of State of Connecticut and Concludes by Saying "I Think you are Authorized to Sign Your Name, Frank B. Weeks, Governor."

Hartford, April 26.—An opinion handed down this afternoon by Attorney General H. Holcomb, settles the legal status of Gov. Frank B. Weeks, who succeeds the late Gov. George L. Lilley in the administration of the state government. In connection with the office of governor, Mr. Weeks, according to the attorney general's opinion, is authorized in the exercise of the powers and authority pertaining to such office, to use the title of "Governor," instead of "Your Honor."

Opinion Addressed to Governor Weeks. The opinion, which was addressed to Governor Weeks, says: "Our constitution provides that upon the death of the governor, the lieutenant governor shall exercise the powers and authority pertaining to such office, and you request advice as to the title to be used in signing your name in the exercise of such powers."

"Gov. George L. Lilley is the first governor who has died during his term of office since the adoption of our constitution in 1838, and there is no precedent in this state to aid in answering your question except the course taken by Lieut. Gov. Charles H. Pond, to whom Gov. Thomas H. Seymour resigned and succeeded the office of governor on October 20, 1852, and thereafter the Thanksgiving and First day proclamations were issued and signed by 'Charles H. Pond, Governor.'"

Relation of the Constitution to the Situation. The opinion then cites the relation of the constitution to the situation, citing from sections 14, 15 and 16. Continuing, it says:

"When the government shall be administered by the lieutenant governor, his position as president of the senate becomes vacant, to be filled by one of its members, and it is obvious that the present incumbent of that office, the lieutenant governor, is concerned, that position is permanently vacated to him. He cannot, therefore, perform the duties of the office of president of the senate. It is clear that under the above provisions the lieutenant governor is temporarily incapacitated to exercise the office of president of the senate."

EASTERN TRUNK LINE RATE WAR INEVITABLE.

Likelihood that the Trouble May Extend to Domestic Traffic. Washington, April 26.—A rate war among the eastern trunk lines is inevitable, in the opinion of the Interstate Commerce commission. Thus far the trouble extends only to rates for import and export traffic, but the likelihood is that it will extend before a great while to domestic traffic.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, April 26.—The Prix Battelle was run at St. Cloud today and won by Herman Durieux's Rose Noble.

Hong Kong, April 26.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Scandia, from Hamburg March 11 for Shanghai, grounded near Hong Kong. Assistance rendered.

Madrid, April 26.—The roof of the cathedral at Toledo in Laogo province, collapsed today while mass was being celebrated inside the building. Nine persons were killed and thirty were wounded.

Lisbon, April 26.—A national subscription, headed by King Victor Emmanuel, has been opened in honor of the sufferers from the earthquake of last week. \$12,000 additional had been recovered from the ruins of Benevento.

Public Utilities Commission AGAIN THE ORDER OF THE DAY. Tomorrow—Gossip Over the Fate of the Measure Now That Its Only Active Champion Has Been Eliminated.

(Special to The Bulletin.) Hartford, April 26.—Whatever may be the result of the discussion of the public utilities commission matter next Wednesday, when it again becomes the order of the day, the probability of passing such a bill because of the wish of Governor Lilley is hardly likely to justify any more effort on the part of its supporters.

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New York Nun Killed on Street

WAS ENJOYING A STROLL WITH HER SISTER ON THIRD AVENUE.

RUN OVER BY A TRUCK

New York, April 26.—There is grief in the Dominican convent of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in East Sixty-third street here tonight over the death of Sister Angela, who was struck and run over by a truck in Third avenue late today.

Knocked Down by Unmanageable Horse. Sister Angela, who before taking the veil was Miss Margaret O'Manning of Troy, N. Y., was out for a stroll with her sister Loretta, whom she had not seen for a number of years, when the accident occurred. The younger woman was able to escape being knocked down by the unmanageable horse, but she was embarrassed by her heavy clothing, could not save herself. Both wheels of the truck passed over her, causing instant death.

Driver of Truck Arrested. The driver of the truck, Isidor Wolf, was placed under arrest, charged with homicide.

Georgia Postmaster SHOT DEAD BY NEGRO. Murderer Captured and Jailed—Lynchings Feared.

Sparks, Ga., April 26.—While searching for two negroes who in succession robbed the Georgia bank a dry goods store and a drug store at Lenox, this county, early today, Assistant Postmaster Rufner of that place was shot through the head and instantly killed by Marshal Lewis, one of the negroes, who had taken refuge in a nearby building.

Chairman KENEALY III at His Home in Stamford Attacked by Appendicitis.

Stamford, Conn., April 26.—There was no change in the condition of Michael Kenealy, chairman of the republican state central committee, who is ill at his home here. Mr. Kenealy is suffering from an attack of appendicitis, which the attending physicians here believe will probably result in his death.

Roosevelt Too Ill to Hunt. Ex-President and His Son Compelled to Take a Day to Rest at Camp.

Nairobi, April 26.—Both Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit are indisposed today, in consequence of their colds, and will not be able to start on their journey from Kapiiti Plains to the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease on the Athi river. They are resting from their fatigue.

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Condensed Telegrams

A High Wind Aided Still Further in clearing ice from the Niagara river.

Many Villages in Portugal were laid in ruins by the recent earthquake.

The Body of ex-Senator Stewart of Nevada was cremated at Washington.

It Was Said at Beverly, Mass., that work on the summer home of President Taft was being rushed.

The President, Vice President and Speaker Cannon will take part in the dedication of Washington park at Alexandria, Va., on Friday.

The Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York delivered a sermon declaring in favor of an "open Sunday" for purposes of recreation.

W. K. Vanderbilt Offered to Pay the expenses of uniting the fragments of John Jay park and gradually breathing a spot for the city.

Members of the Spanish Royal Family were among the thousands who saw a young Mexican torador instantly killed in a bullfight at Madrid.

General Hains Resisted All Attempts of the lawyers who are defending his father to persuade the jury that the actor declared insane at the present time.

The Progressive Republican Senators stood firm for a vote on the income tax project, and the entire tariff programme of Senator Aldrich seemed to be breaking up.

It Was Said at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., that the anthracite operators would sell ten million