

G. O. P. JOCKEYS MUST DRIVE TO NIP M'SPARRAN

Grandstand Tired of False Starts and It's Harmony or Ruin, McCain Warns

FIELD CAN'T "GET AWAY" RUNNING IN CIRCLES

Mention of Dr. Smith, Ex-Provost at Penn, for Governor, Proves Startling

WELL QUALIFIED FOR POST

Attorney General Alter Prefers "Rail Bird" Role—Senate Situation All Gummed

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN

Pittsburgh, March 23.—Unless the Republican State leaders get together and agree upon a compromise candidate for Governor John A. McSparran, Democrat, will stand a first-class chance of being the Governor of Pennsylvania.

The situation is rapidly drifting toward a modified chaos. Everybody is waiting for somebody else to do something; at the same time the supposed leaders are running around in circles, in Philadelphia as well as in Pittsburgh.

It is interesting to know that this question of a compromise candidate is assuming a new importance: one hears more about it than at any time since the present ruckus started.

The paramount problem, however, is to get a candidate, a man upon whom all the factions can unite, an individual who would dignify the position and dispense fair play all around.

Attorney General Alter has been suggested to me twice since reaching Pittsburgh. Another name tentatively set forth is Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Alter Opposed to Use of Name—Attorney General Alter, has been approached on the subject; he is, frankly, opposed to the use of his name. To all inquiries on the subject he submits that he does not wish to be considered in that connection.

In the first place, he says, he cannot afford it. He cannot sacrifice his splendid prospects at the bar for four years as Governor; besides, he wants to get out of politics.

The Attorney General is not a wealthy man, but he is the possessor of that admirable asset as a lawyer, a legal and judicial mind.

"If George Alter should be decided as a compromise, he would have to be forced to accept the nomination," said one of the potential factors in Allegheny politics.

The use of the name of Dr. Smith is a new and startling suggestion. It is a radical departure from the usual line of such suggestions.

Watch That Pole "Hoos" and Turn 'Em Slow!

There are so many entries in the race for Governor that the event may be run off in two divisions. There are six on the G. O. P. list, including Lieutenant Governor Beidleman. He "threw a shoe" going away in the first heat in the form of a \$5000 check, and now he is regarded by the railbirds as an "also ran."

INGER SEES SHIELD IN MOTHER'S SKIRTS

Brought Up for Sentence, His Counsel Says He Thought Only of Family

MIGHT BE GIVEN 57 YEARS

Walter E. Unger, confessed looter of more than \$155,000 from the Evans Institute Fund, tried fearfully to shield himself behind his mother's skirts today when brought up for sentence by Judge Shoemaker.

A possible penalty of fifty-seven years and a \$3000 fine confronted the tall, stoop-shouldered youth who had access to the institute's funds because he was its trusted assistant treasurer.

Judge Shoemaker halted a trial while he held a side-bar conference with John Weaver, chairman of the fund's Board of Directors and a former Mayor of Philadelphia; Assistant District Attorney Gordon and L. Pierson Scott and Arnold P. Mowits, Unger's attorney.

It was Mr. Weaver who signed the affidavit on which a warrant for the embezzler was issued. Mr. Weaver today asked to be excused from court because of pressure of other business. The judge agreed and Mr. Weaver hurried away.

Through counsel Unger sought as light a sentence as possible on the plea that he was a mother's boy and a sister and brother, who were ill.

Unger cringed and wept when first arraigned. But today he had pulled himself together for the ordeal of sentence. His clothes were in a shabby state he was shaved, and he tried to appear cheerful, although his lips quivered occasionally.

Pick Up Jail Jargon—Already Unger has picked up some of the jargon of prison life. Before he was taken to the hold of the schooner, Sally Persis Unger, his sister, told him to do his "bit." He said he realized he has done wrong, but that it is too late now.

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METHODISTS FOR OPEN ELECTIONS

Indorse Plan to Have Conference, Not Bishop, Pick District Leaders

TERM OF OFFICE CAUSES SHARP DEBATE BY CLERICS

Present Superintendents Lead in Advisory Vote Taken by Ministers

Methodist ministers, assembled for the second day of the 135th annual meeting of the Philadelphia Conference, voted this morning in favor of choosing district superintendents hereafter by universal suffrage among the ministerial body, and not by the presiding Bishop's appointment.

The conference is meeting in the Wharton Memorial Church, Fifty-fourth and Catharine streets. A resolution, introduced by the Rev. Samuel M. Thompson, of Glenside, was adopted submitting this plan to the next General Conference, in the form of a memorial.

Bishop Berry, presiding at the present conference, yesterday took a step in the direction of election, not appointing district superintendents. When he announced that he would take a vote among the members of the conference to find out their choice for district superintendents, he did not count himself to appoint their nominees, however.

Present Holders Favored—The names of the four men who received the greatest number of votes for the four superintendencies were announced today. They turned out to be the incumbents, namely, the Rev. Dr. John G. Wilson, Charles V. Straub, George W. Henson and G. Bickley Burns. Fifty-three candidates were voted on.

In announcing the returns today, Bishop Berry said: "I am greatly pleased with the result of yesterday's balloting. I gladly would accept any one of the fifty-three men named on ballots. At those men on the ballots are choice men, fine men, and I would like to have them all for superintendents if there were enough to go around. I assure you that I shall give your votes my prayerful consideration. It hardly would be good taste to mention any names, but I will say that the four men who stood highest today are the same four men who are now in office."

The highest vote was 192, the next 138, then 128 and, finally, 109. The other votes ranged from thirty-two down to ten. Thirteen men received one vote each, and this announcement drew both applause and laughter.

Thompson Submits Plan—After the voting Mr. Thompson introduced his memorial on the change in position of district superintendents. He said he would memorialize the next general conference on this subject and ask that the plan be submitted to the next conference within the general conference.

Mr. Thompson's resolution provided that district superintendents should be chosen by universal suffrage among the ministers of the conference.

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10 DOCTORS AND 6 NURSES, BUT ARMOUR CHILD DIES

City of Chicago Aids Packer and His Millions in Vain

Chicago, March 23.—(By A. P.)—Gwendolyn Armour, six-year-old daughter of Philip D. Armour, 34, died today from a form of septemia after a week's illness during which the millions of the Armour family, the skill of a dozen physicians and a host of nurses and attendants of the entire city of Chicago proved unavailing.

Seidom in Chicago's history have such heroic efforts been made to save a life. A week ago the little girl contracted a throat infection. At that time several of the city's best physicians were summoned. A special staff of nurses was employed in the Armour home on Lake Shore drive—the "Glen Court."

As Gwendolyn's condition became worse, city officials were appealed to and orders were issued yesterday to close all traffic on that section of the city. Special policemen were stationed all around the neighborhood to prevent noise. The homes of Chicago's richest were cut off from traffic completely.

Along toward last midnight it became apparent that the fight was a losing one, and the end came with the little girl's death at 11 o'clock.

May Doom Her Father

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(c) Underwood & Underwood—BETTY PEETE. Who will give evidence expected to clear her mother, Mrs. Louise L. Peete, who was found guilty of the murder of Jacob Jackson, in Los Angeles, and convict her father of that same crime

INCOME AND PROFIT TAXES FALL OFF \$200,000,000

Estimate by Treasury is Based on Collections in March

Washington, March 23.—(By A. P.)—On the basis of reported collection of income and profits taxes of the March 15 installment, a shortage of \$200,000,000 in revenues from these sources for the calendar year 1922 was estimated today by the Treasury.

Original estimates, high officials said, were \$1,740,000,000, while returns from the March installment now indicate the total for the year will be \$1,540,000,000.

Final reports on receipts for March will not be in hand before the end of the month, officials said, but reports received from collectors so far indicate that not more than the first of this year's receipts, as compared with about \$728,000,000 for the corresponding quarter last year.

The shortage in tax collections on March 15 officials said, was due entirely to the business depression during 1921, the year on which the taxes are due, as the new tax law did not become effective until the first of this year.

The expected shortage of revenues, high officials asserted, would retard the Treasury's program for continuing the reduction of the public debt, as appropriations made on the basis of budget estimates would have to be met by further Government borrowing to provide the funds.

Secretary Mellon has been understood to regard the drop in tax receipts as making it all the more difficult to take care of any proposed bonus legislation calling on the Treasury for financing.

MARK GOES TO LOWEST RECORD IN HISTORY HERE

Less Than 3 for a Cent After News of Reparation Changes

New York, March 23.—(By A. P.)—All previous low records for German exchange here were shattered today. The mark fell to 30 1/2, or less than three for a cent.

Dealers attributed the further weakness to the changes in the German reparation payments announced in Paris last night and the firm attitude of the United States Government for the payment of the expenses of the army of occupation on the Rhine.

Today's early selling came in part from a report that much of the liquidation was precipitated by local speculative offerings, which have been in progress three days.

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SOLDIERS' BONUS CERTAIN TO PASS

House Votes, 291 to 121, to Suspend Rules for Consideration

DEMOCRATS CRY 'GAG RULE,' BUT ARE SWEEP ASIDE

Plan to Jam Bill Through Causes Hot Fight in Chamber

By the Associated Press—Washington, March 23.—Passage of the \$4,000,000,000 soldiers' bonus bill by the House before adjournment was made certain today with the adoption of a resolution providing for consideration of the measure under a suspension of the rules.

The vote on the resolution was 221 to 121 and was without a rollcall. Previously the House had adopted a motion for the previous question by a rollcall vote of 276 to 126.

As the rollcall proceeded there was more than the usual hubbub on the floor and those in the crowded galleries, straggled to congressional customs, looking on in surprise as the members milled about, talking and laughing while the clerk read the 435 names on the list. Those voting were forced to shout at the top of their voices in order to have their vote heard at the clerk's desk.

Fuss Spooks for Bill—Urging adoption of the resolution, Representative Fess, of Ohio, said that two years ago he voted against the soldiers' bonus bill because it did not provide for an equitable distribution of benefit and would have entailed a heavy drain on the Treasury at that time. He announced that he would vote "without hesitation" for the pending bill, however, because the case provision had been omitted and benefits arranged so there would not be too heavy a burden placed on the Treasury for the next three years.

He reminded his Republican colleagues that the Republican party was pledged to passage of an adjusted compensation measure. Representative Poy, of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the Rules Committee, opposing the suspension resolution, declared that the bonus bill should not have been made a partisan question, that it was "beneath the dignity" of the Republican party to make it a party issue.

"I regret exceedingly that the measure comes before the House in this way," said he, "It looks as though somebody drew this measure who really was not in favor of it. It certainly is brought in here in a way to invite the minority to vote against it, but for once you are going to be disappointed. You are not going to line up the minority against it."

Launching into an argument for the bill, the North Carolina member pleaded with the United States House to stand at the head of the list of the allied nations which have paid adjusted compensation to their World War veterans. Mr. Poy said the bill was not what he had wanted and added:

"I regret that there was lack of courage and statesmanship to bring out a bill to pay the veterans a cash bonus and to provide the means of raising the money."

Predicts Presidential Veto—Concluding his argument, the North Carolina member declared that President Harding would not sign the bill as drawn.

Representative Snell, New York, Republican member of the Rules Committee, declared everybody in the country was eating his salt.

SEVEN ARE IMPERILED BY BLACK-HAND BOMB

Home of Marcus Hook Man Wrecked by Blast While Family is Asleep

A bomb exploded early today under the home of Marcus Sgro, 25 Church street, Marcus Hook, wrecking part of the building and imperiling the lives of Sgro, his wife and five children.

Sgro had received several "Black Hand" letters, containing threats. The last reached him March 18 warning that he and his family would be killed if he did not leave \$5000 at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and Graye street, Philadelphia, the next morning at 2 o'clock. No attention was paid to the letter.

At the time of the explosion, Sgro and his family were sleeping on the upper floor of the two-story brick house. The damage was confined to the first floor.

Sgro was at one time head of the commissary department of a large chemical company, but recently went into business for himself.

Today's \$100.00 Limerick Winner

Morris Horwitz, Student, 16 Years Old, 831 N. 12th St.

Poison Kills Lonely Girl, Father's Arms About Her

Goldie Thompson Dies in Hospital After Days of Agony After Attempt to End Life Following Love Affair

Goldie's final hours were not unhappy. Those last three days with her father's arms about her and her father's whispered words of forgiveness in her ears.

Goldie, the doctors said when it was all over, died in agony, which had persisted since the day she was carried in, then her real name, Goldie Thompson, and said that her father was a farmer near Greensburg. A Mate (trooper) was sent from Greensburg last Monday and partly identified her. He notified the father and the old man was at her bedside that evening.

Kept Vigil at Bedside—From Monday until the girl died he scarcely left the bed where she lay. She told him of the two years spent working here in Philadelphia, after she had left the husband whom she had married in spite of her father's pleas and warning.

Her married life had lasted only a few days, and then, perhaps because she could not bear to go home knowing that her father's warnings had been justified, she came to this city to make a living among strangers and bearing a strange name.

She lived in a boarding house at 1120 Spruce street, where all who knew her death's quiet sleep. She merely said:

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LAST-MINUTE NEWS

UNGER GETS 8 TO 12 YEARS FOR HIS \$175,000 EMBEZZLEMENT

Walter A. Unger, who looted the Evans Dental Institute Fund of \$175,000, was sentenced to from eight to twelve years in the Eastern Penitentiary by Judge Shoemaker today. The judge arraigned the bucket shops which had made it possible for Unger to gamble and lose this money and said his only hope was that he would be able to sentence also some of the persons responsible for the "boy plunger's" downfall.

OPERATE ON DONALD HEAD, PENN ATHLETE, AT SEA

An operation at sea for blood-poisoning on Donald Head, of the Penn relay team, may keep him out of the competition with Oxford and Cambridge, according to a wireless received today from the steamship Aquitania.

KILLED IN 7-STORY FALL AT CITY HALL

North 11th Street Man Plunges Down Elevator Shaft as Scaffold Collapses

Frank Fearn, 658 North Eleventh street, fell seven floors down an elevator shaft at City Hall today when a scaffold broke under his weight.

Fearn, a carpenter employed by the Dahlstrom Door Company, was on work in connection with the putting in of the new City Hall elevators. He was seated on the scaffold eating his lunch.

Where Fearn fell was close to the office of Receiver of Taxes Kendrick, who was startled by the sound of the falling body just beyond the wall near where he was seated.

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TIDAL WAVE FLOODS VENICE

More Than Three Feet of Water Covers Public Squares

London, March 23.—(By A. P.)—A Central News dispatch from Venice says a tidal wave late last night inundated the city, the water rising to a depth of more than three feet in some of the public squares.

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Today's Developments at National Capital

Attorney General Daugherty issued warning that no violence in connection with the coming coal strike would be tolerated. He promised drastic action.

Democratic leaders waged a sharp fight against suspension of House rules to pass the Bonus Bill today. Speaker Gillett overruled a point of order designed to prevent the bill being rushed through.

Power forestry began over Four-year Treaty signed in Senate with Administration leaders pending ratification tomorrow, with no reservation except one approved by Foreign Relations Committee.

THE JOB YOU ARE LOOKING FOR MAY BE FOUND IN THE HELP WANTED COLUMN ON PAGE 23.—Ad.