



## THOUSANDS MARCH ON THE CAPITOL IN LOCAL OPTION FIGHT THIS AFTERNOON

Practically Impossible to Enter or Leave Hall of House of Representatives an Hour Before Time Set For Hearing This Afternoon on Brumbaugh Bill, So Great Is the Crush—Three Big Meetings Are Planned For To-night When the Governor Will Speak

### MORNING SESSION OVERFLOWS HALL

Philadelphia Delegation of More Than 1,000 Merely Able to March Through Chestnut Street Auditorium. Then Holds Rally in Grace Church—Next Sunday Picked For "Local Option" Day—Message From 'Billy' Sunday Brings Cheers—3,500 to 4,000 Visiting Optionists Parade the Streets Singing Temperance Songs—Foes to Bill Strongly Represented

More than 2,500 persons in Chestnut street hall this morning pledged themselves to work for local option. It was the opening meeting in a series of the day's big demonstration in favor of the legislative bill for which Governor Brumbaugh is fighting with all his might. Chestnut street auditorium was filled to overflowing and many of those who went there were able merely to march through. There was a morning overflow meeting in Grace Methodist Episcopal church, State street. By noon it was estimated that between 3,500 and 4,000 out of town local optionists, chiefly from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, were here to lend the weight of their presence to Governor Brumbaugh in his fight. The anti-local option forces also were largely represented. The supreme effort was put forth this afternoon when the optionists marched to the Capitol building where the Law and Order Committee of the House held an open meeting on the county unit local option bill.

The crush at the Capitol just before the Law and Order Committee hearing started this afternoon was probably without precedent, so great was the crowd. By 1.30 o'clock access to the hall of the House was almost impossible. George W. Williams, of Tioga county, sponsor of the bill, which has the backing of Governor Brumbaugh, and chairman of the House committee, presided at the hearing. Speakers on each side of the question were given an hour to address the committee.

An afternoon overflow meeting was held on the plaza at the State street entrance to the Capitol building, following a parade of the optionists behind the Commonwealth band from the Commonwealth hotel. The parade moved at about 1.30 o'clock. Three meetings will be held this evening. The biggest one will be held in the Chestnut street auditorium at 8 o'clock. Governor Brumbaugh will be the principal speaker. This will be the only address which Governor Brumbaugh will make to-day, but he was an interested listener at the hearing this afternoon in the House.

Overflow meetings will be held in Grace Methodist church and Pine Street Presbyterian churches this evening.

Go to the Capitol Before Noon  
The Philadelphia delegation, numbering more than a thousand men, arrived in a special train shortly after 11 o'clock and headed by a band marched through the Chestnut street auditorium during the course of the meeting there. The men then marched to Grace Metho-

### UNPRECEDENTED THROUGH IN HOUSE AS THE LOCAL OPTION HEARING STARTS

The hall of the House of Representatives never saw such a jam of people as was wedged in upon its floor this afternoon when the Law and Order Committee met to hear the arguments for and against the Williams local option bill, advocated by Governor Brumbaugh.

Literally every inch of space was taken an hour before the time set for the hearing—2.30—and it was a difficult matter to get in or out of the big hall. Every seat was taken; every aisle was crowded with persons standing; along the sides people stood four deep and the lobbies near the doors were jammed so that the doors could not be closed.

The crowd extended down the grand stairway and out into the corridors. The galleries were packed and what was unusual, even the aisles and the passageway in the gallery were jammed, men and women using the space used for the clerks and some more bold than others held down the steps of the Speaker's rostrum.

The heat was insufferable and to clear the atmosphere all of the big windows were opened by direction of Chief Clerk Garvin, who saw to it that there was a bit of comfort. The space in front of the Representatives' desks was occupied by twenty-five persons favoring the bill and twenty-five opponents. The crowd at the clerk's desk was finally cleared out and the members of the Law and Order Committee took seats in that space.

Quiet, Orderly Crowd  
It was a very quiet orderly crowd at the outset, and there was no demonstration by either side. Cold water fountains and liquor fountains were jammed together in one great throng, incapable of moving in any direction. The local option people wore white badges bearing the words "Local Option," while the opponents of local option wore small American flags.

Outside of the Capitol a big over-

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### M'CORMICK MARCHES IN THE RANKS TO CAPITOL

More than 500 optionists headed by the Commonwealth band and two troops of Boy Scouts from Harrisburg marched from the Commonwealth hotel at 1.30 o'clock to the plaza in front of the State street entrance of the Capitol where an overflow meeting was held. The songs of the marchers and the tunes of the band could be heard by the committee holding the hearing inside the Capitol in the hall of the House.

The troops of Boy Scouts were the surprise of the afternoon. J. J. Shriver, scoutmaster of Troop 18, of the Covenant Presbyterian church, received a request of Governor Brumbaugh to lead the parade and he augmented his troop with that of Troop 4 of the Immanuel Presbyterian church, marched at the head of the procession which went north on Second street to Third and then to the front of the State House.

Fully a thousand were awaiting the arrival of the marchers and the plaza was crowded when the speeches began. Vance C. McCormick, defeated Democratic candidate for Governor, was in the parade from the time it left the Commonwealth hotel, marching in the ranks.

Dr. George W. Shelton, of Pittsburgh, presided at the meeting. Principal speeches were made by Congressman M. Clyde Kelly and the Rev. Dr. E. E. Piper, pastor of the Immanuel Methodist Episcopal church, of Harrisburg.

### BRUMBAUGH AND OLIVER WILL SPEAK HERE TO-NIGHT

Governor Brumbaugh will make his only speech on this, the day of the public hearing on the bill, in the Chestnut street auditorium this evening. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

After this hall is filled the Grace Methodist church will be opened and if that is not sufficient to handle the crowd the Pine Street Presbyterian church will be opened.

At the meeting in Chestnut street auditorium W. W. Follansbee, secretary of the Follansbee Tin Plate Company, of Pittsburgh, will act as temporary chairman. He will present United States Senator George W. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, who will act as permanent chairman. The presiding officers of the other two meetings have not yet been determined. Among the speakers for to-night will be:

A. Mitchell Palmer, Judge of the Court of Claims, Washington, D. C.; George E. Alter, of Allegheny, former Speaker of the House; George B. Reimsnyder, an attorney, of Sunbury; A. R. Ruppel, former Congressman, Carlisle; E. Z. Wallower, of this city; Dr. C. C. Elmer, Juniata College, Huntingdon, and W. G. Landes, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association, of Philadelphia.

Chicago, April 6.—The principal issue in the township elections in forty-five Illinois townships to-day is the wet and dry question. Nearly 400 saloons, it is estimated, will be closed should the anti-saloon forces win.

### EFFORT TO AMEND CHILD BILL FAILS

House By Vote of 102 to 92 Preserves Brumbaugh Measure As It Is Reported

### LIVELY DEBATE PRECEDES VOTE

Rothberger Asks Appropriation Committee to Present Itemized Account of Expenses Incurred in Visits to Inspect Institutions

When the Cox child labor bill came up for consideration on second reading in the House of Representatives this morning Representative Baldwin, of Delaware, offered an amendment making the hours of employment ten a day and 54 a week instead of 9 a day and 51 a week. The amendment after a long debate was defeated by a vote of 102 to 92.

Governor Brumbaugh sent communications to each member shortly before the bill came up in which he stated that the hours were fair and the bill dealt "humanely by childhood and justly by the manufacturers."

Mr. Baldwin declared that if the hours of juvenile labor were reduced below the hours of female labor the ultimate result would be that the juveniles would lose positions and many families in want would suffer through the inability of juveniles to obtain positions. Mr. Baldwin said that no objection had been made to the 54 hour law and the widows and children dependent are asking for it.

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### FOES OF LOCAL OPTION PRESENT HUGE PETITION

Early this morning crowds began to gather at the Capitol and although the hearing on the local option measure was not scheduled until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, long before the House was called to order every bit of space in the big hall was taken up by friends or opponents of local option. So great was the confusion at times that the Speaker could scarcely be heard. There were hundreds of local option badges in evidence, and the opponents of local option were out in force.

The local optionists were led by Representative Vickerman, of Allegheny, who was very much in the lime light arranging for the hearing, while the anti-local optionists were marshaled by James Mulvihill, of Westmoreland, president of the State Liquor League, who had a great many followers from all parts of the State. A feature of the morning was the carrying into the Capitol of a petition on a reel, five feet in diameter, which liquor men said contained the names of 337,000 people opposed to local option. It was surmounted by a banner telling what it was. This huge petition was taken to the door of the House, placed in the ante-room, where all could see it, and then taken out by the Fourth street basement door. It was gotten up by the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of Philadelphia, and purported to represent signers from every county in the State. A delegation of the association accompanied the petition.

Chairman Williams, of the Law and Order Committee, which has the local option bill in charge, announced that each side would be allowed one hour in which to present its case, and they might divide it as they pleased, but he proposed, by direction of the committee, to close the speaking when the two hours were up. Governor Brumbaugh was announced to attend the meeting, but not to speak. The Governor will make his address at the Chestnut street hall meeting to-night.

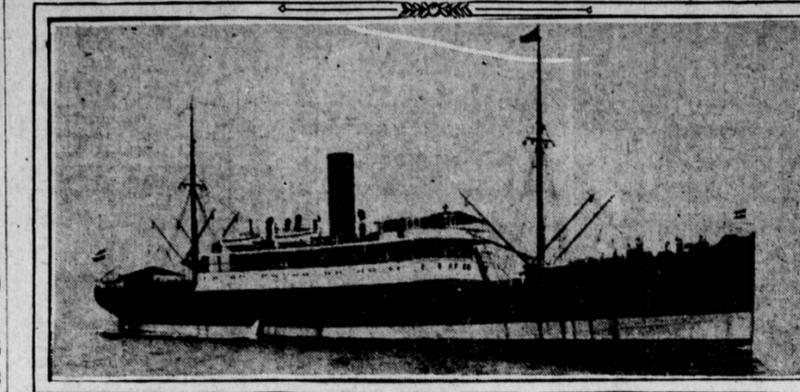
### GOVERNOR TO ENTERTAIN LAWMAKERS TO-MORROW

The reception to be given by Governor Brumbaugh at the executive mansion to-morrow night, beginning at 9 o'clock, will be to the members of the Senate and House, heads of departments, the Public Service Commission and the legislative newspaper men, the ladies being included.

The Governor will be assisted in receiving by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. McClain, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Woods, Attorney General and Mrs. Brown, President Pro Tem. of the Senate and Mrs. Kline, Speaker of the House and Mrs. Ambler, and Adjutant General Stewart. The reception will last from 9 to 11 o'clock. The executive mansion will be beautifully decorated with flowers and an orchestra in the palm screened alcove will furnish music.

King's Son, 14, Enlists in Army  
Dunkirk, April 6.—The Duke of Brabant, eldest son of King Albert of Belgium, although only 14 years old, has enlisted in the Twelfth infantry. He was marching in the ranks with a rifle on his shoulder when the regiment was reviewed by his father and the queen at Broqueville.

### STEAMSHIP WITH 54 ON BOARD REPORTED SUNK



THE PRINS MAURITS  
Here is the steamship Prins Maurits, reported sunk off Cape Hatteras, with a crew of fifty and four or more passengers. Wallowing around in great seas whipped up by the worst storm that has swept the Atlantic coast in many years, a number of vessels searched in vain for the steamer, but nothing was seen of her, and it is feared that all on board are lost, unless some good Samaritan ship appeared on the scene.

### LOPS \$32,000 OFF WATER EXPENSES

Bowman, in Annual Report, Shows the Saving Effected by Economic Methods

### GERMS ARE KEPT OUT OF SUPPLY

Commissioner Says That Competitive Bidding Has Been Responsible for Materially Reducing Expenses—Receipts Fall \$5,000 Below 1913

Harrisburg's water supply during 1914 was perfectly free from disease germs and practically free from bacteria and common dust, according to tests made by Dr. George R. Moffit, city chemist and bacteriologist, as reported in the first annual statement of Harry P. Bowman, Commissioner of Public Safety, which was presented to the City Commissioners at their meeting this afternoon.

The voluminous report gives a complete history of the workings in the Public Safety Department—chiefly with reference to the water division—detailing financial conditions, repairs and improvements made and carrying comparisons of 1914 statistics with those of the previous year. The report shows that much money was saved during the year and also declares that the piling down of expenses did not in the least impair the efficiency of the department. Thirty-three new fire hydrants were installed during the year; 524 "tags" were made to mains, the majority being connections for domestic use; thousands and thousands of feet of new water pipe were laid, the greater part of which was six inches or more in diameter; 1,046 meters were repaired and tested, of which 328 were found to be frozen and 334 new meters were installed.

The Water Rates Reduced  
The general reduction of the water rates, chiefly the cut of \$1 from the \$6 minimum charge for domestic use, and the fact that the large manufacturers did not work full time during the year,

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### AUTO PLUNGES INTO RIVER

Three Young Men Are Drowned When Machine Goes Through an Open Drawbridge

Newark, N. J., April 6.—Three young men, members of the Montclair Academy Alumni Association, were drowned early to-day when an automobile in which they were riding with four others plunged through an open drawbridge into the Passaic river. Gordon Knapp, of East Orange, was the only one of the victims recovered.

The men were returning home from a dinner in New York and were given a ride in the automobile by William J. Bittles, Jr., who was saved with three others. A gateman at the drawbridge was knocked into the water and was rescued, but suffered severe injuries.

From a list of the occupants of the car, the police later fixed the identity of the two missing men as Clarence Stanton and Eugene Stephens, both of Newark.

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### TREAT OF INJUNCTION MAY HALT THE PLAN TO CLOSE RIVER WALL GAP

Strenuous opposition to the plan to close the gap in the wall along the river front at Market street has been raised and is cause for the temporary abandonment of the whole plan, so the City Commissioners announced at a conference following their session this afternoon.

Mayor Royal and other City Commissioners let it be known that they have been warned not to proceed with the plans to close the wall gap at the present coal wharf, a representative of the Harrisburg River Coal, Sand & Stone Company threatening, they said, to take out a court injunction and stop the work if it is attempted.

Besides, Commissioners Gorgas and Lynch both said that the City now may Lynch both said that the City now may indicate that the previously planned work will "eat up all money available."

The deed by which John Harris in 1784 surrendered that section of the river front between South and Paxton streets, the Mayor said, will prohibit the closing of the wall at Market street, where a wharf for years has been maintained.

City Solicitor Seitz recently rendered an opinion to the Board of Public Works holding that the city has authority to close the gap with a wall such as is proposed in plans recently prepared by the engineers of the Board of Public Works. The Public Works Board, however, did not close the wall at Market street, under its original plan, because of the threatened court proceedings. This information all was laid before the City Commissioners this afternoon.

An ordinance changing that section of Plum street, between Pear and Boas streets, to Grant street, is provided in an ordinance introduced to-day by Commissioner Lynch. The measure passed first reading. Commissioner Taylor introduced a measure accepting a 12-acre tract of land which has been donated to the city by Mrs. Helen Boyd Dull for the continuation of the Cameron parkway.

### LAFRANCE GETS CONTRACT FOR CITY FIRE APPARATUS

Commissioners at Meeting To-day Make Award for Two Combination Wagons and One Motor Tractor at Bid of \$10,800

With the Democratic members—Mayor Royal and Commissioner Gorgas—voting "no" and deeming the plan to be "unfair," the Republican City Commissioners this afternoon put through Commissioner Taylor's plan to award the contract for three pieces of fire apparatus—two combination wagons and one motor tractor—to the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company under that company's private bid of \$10,800. The award was made by an ordinance adopted by a 3 to 2 vote.

A similar vote was recorded, the Democrats again being in the minority, when Commissioner Taylor sought the approval of his board of the contract for two additional motor tractors to the Front Drive Motor Car Company, of Hoboken, N. J., for \$7,200. This award was made under proposals obtained through competitive bidding.

All other bids were rejected. The American LaFrance company was one of the high bidders and would not have received the contract for any of the five pieces of apparatus, Taylor said, had the award been made under the competitive bidding plan. Taylor selected this method of fire apparatus, he said, after the Morton Truck & Tractor Company, of this city, the low bidder for the apparatus, withdrew its bids, presumably because Taylor had planned to give it a contract for only two pieces of apparatus.

Commissioner Taylor argued that the adopted plan was the only feasible way to get the five pieces of apparatus.

### 2 MORE VICTIMS IN GERMAN SEA RAID

British Steamer Northlands, 2,000 Tons, Sent to Bottom In English Channel

### SANK 10 MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT

The Trawler Agantha Attacked Off Longstein and Sunk by German Submarine—The Crews of Both Sunken Vessels Were Rescued

London, April 6, 11.21 A. M.—The British steamer Northlands, of 2,000 tons, with a cargo of iron ore, was sent to the bottom by a German submarine in the English Channel off Beachy Head on Monday morning. The Northlands sank in ten minutes. Her crew of 24 men were picked up later by the Belgian steamer Topota.

The Northlands was built at West Hartlepool in 1900 and was owned by the Northlands Steamship Company, Limited, of Cardiff.

New York, April 6.—The British steamer Northlands, sunk by a submarine in the English Channel Monday morning, should not be confused with the White Star liner Northland, now in the Dominion service, according to the agents here. The Northland left Liverpool April 1 with 189 passengers for Halifax and Portland, Me.

Blyth, England, April 6, 12.42 P. M.—The trawler Agantha was attacked by a German submarine yesterday off Longstein and sent to the bottom. The crew of 13 men were rescued by the Swedish steamer Tord and landed here to-day.

Sinking of Italian Ship by Germans  
Genoa, April 5, 9.35 P. M.—Via Paris, April 6, 1.30 A. M.—Additional reports received here regarding the sinking by a German submarine of the Italian steamer Luigi Parodi indicate that she was torpedoed near the Spanish coast. If these advices are well founded they show that German underwater craft are able to operate at a greater distance than had been supposed from their home base.

A dispatch from Genoa last night announced the sinking of the Luigi Parodi, which left Baltimore on January 22 with a cargo of coal consigned to Augusta, Sicily.

Germans Seize Swedish Steamer  
Copenhagen, April 6.—The Swedish steamer England, from Buenos Aires for Gothenburg, has been seized by the Germans in the Baltic and taken into a German port. The England was loaded with maize and bran. She had discharged part of her cargo at Gothenburg and was proceeding to Stockholm when seized.

### DYNAMITE HALTS TRAINS

Explosion Feared in Burning Shed Does Not Occur and Traffic Is Resumed

Palmyra, April 6.—The burning of a small shed containing dynamite, at a stone quarry between this place and Annullville at 3.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, caused the delay of the Philadelphia & Reading local due at Harrisburg at 4.40 as well as of several freight trains.

The railroad passes near where the shed was burning. Word of the danger was sent the train crews by Dispatcher C. E. Campbell, in fear that the dynamite would explode. There was no caps with the dynamite, however, and it did not explode.

The explosives stored in the shed were to be used for blasting in the quarry. The place caught fire through sparks carried by the wind from a field which was burning nearby.

## U. S. AWAIT'S NEXT MOVE OF BRITAIN

American Note to British On Proclaiming Blockade Against Germany Published

### IS COUCHED IN FRIENDLY TERMS

Denies Right of Great Britain and Allies to Blockade Neutral Ports and Reiterates That U. S. Will Insist Upon Its Rights

Washington, April 6.—With the publication to-day of its note in reply to the British government's order in council proclaiming a virtual blockade against commerce to and from Germany, the American government rested its case. Great Britain is now looked to make the next move and her course is awaited with interest in official and diplomatic circles here.

The note, though couched in the most friendly language, denies the right of Great Britain and her allies to blockade neutral ports and reiterates the intention of the United States to insist upon its rights. It declares that to admit that right "would be to assume an attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of Great Britain which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this government in the present circumstances and for Great Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and other circumstances."

More Drastic Than Actual Blockade  
The communication takes note of Great Britain's declaration that the enforcement of the order is left largely to the discretion of the prize courts, the customs officers and the navy, and the hope is expressed that the order will not be enforced in such a way as to prevent the free transit of neutral vessels from one neutral to another through the cordon of British warships.

"This government, therefore," the note says, "infers that the commanders of His Majesty's ships of war engaged in maintaining the so-called blockade, will be instructed to avoid an enforcement of the proposed measures of non-interference in such a way as to impose restrictions upon neutral trade more burdensome than those which have been regarded as inevitable when the ports of a belligerent are actually blockaded by the ships of its enemy."

Serious Interruption of Trade  
It is then added that many possibilities are seen for "serious interruption of American trade," which would "im-

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German Submarine Entangled in Net  
Paris, April 6 5 A. M.—A German submarine has become securely entangled in a net specially designed for that purpose and placed off Dover, according to the "Petit Journal's" Dunkirk correspondent, who adds that the French naval authorities expect to capture the submarine when it comes to the surface.

Germans Suspend Parcel Post Service  
Berlin, Via London, April 6, 9.57 A. M.—The German postal officials have suspended until further notice parcel post service to Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Greece, the Italian colonies, the Dutch West Indies, Panama, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela.

### LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

An attack which the German military chiefs regard as the opening of a new phase of the western campaign has been initiated by the French in the section of the front between the Meuse and the Moselle. The official statement from Berlin to-day says that the French employed strong forces with a large amount of artillery in making assaults at several points yesterday. The fighting was particularly spirited in the neighborhood of Verdun and Pont a Mousson. Berlin expects a continuation of these attacks.

So far as it is shown by the German statement, little was accomplished by these assaults, although it is admitted that in one section the French gained a temporary foothold. The official statement from Paris gives few details of the fighting, beyond the claim that in two places advances were made. On the eastern front there has been further fighting near the Russian border. The German War Office says that Russian attacks were repulsed.

Germany's new and powerful submarines are striking effectively at British

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### WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, April 6.—Buying of the Harrimans was resumed in the final hour, with weakness in minor railways and some specialties. The closing was strong. Further extensive selling for home and foreign interests provoked some irregularity in to-day's market, but the undertone was consistently firm.