

ALLIES MEET GERMANS BY COUNTER ON RIGHT WING

Pressure on Left in Belgium Causes French to Push New Assaults in Woevre and Argonne Districts.

German Bombardment on St. Mihiel Communications Is Met by French, Who Take Thann in Vosges Mountains.

Kaiser's Forces Meet Strong Opposition by Intrenched Defenders and Are Checked After Successful Drive Across River Yser.

The Allies replied to the German assault on their Belgian lines today by counter attacks in the Woevre and Argonne districts.

Following their successful drive across the River Yser, the Germans have been unable to advance further in the face of the firm stand taken by the Allies, according to the French official communique issued today.

Though the Germans have succeeded in bringing up their heavy artillery with which they are shelling the entrenchments of the defenders, it is asserted the Allied front has been everywhere maintained.

It is stated that the battle line now extends from a point near Nieucourt, between Dixmude and Roulers, in Belgium, across the French border between Armentieres and Lille, to the west of La Bassee and Lens and to the east of Arras.

Ostend, Nieucourt and Dixmude have suffered severely from shell fire, and the last-named city is in flames after a terrific bombardment by the Germans.

In an effort to check the German advance, the Belgians have flooded the country around Dixmude and Nieucourt by cutting the dykes.

Fire from the British fleet has forced the Germans to abandon the roadway between Ostend and Nieucourt.

In what is apparently an effort to divert the attention of the Germans from the Belgians, the Allies have begun offensive movements in the center and against the German left wing. In the Vosges district the French have penetrated as far as Thann and have taken possession of that town.

In the Argonne region the French have taken the village of Melcourt, commanding the valley of the Aisne.

In the Woevre district, on the French right, the Germans are using heavy guns in an attempt to break the French line of communication toward St. Mihiel through the Thiaucourt-Nousard road.

The Germans have been forced back 50 miles from the Vistula, thus checking the invasion of Poland, with Warsaw and thence Petrograd as objectives. Austrian troops have been used to cover the general German retreat to its bases near the Silesia-Poland frontier. These, according to Petrograd War Office, are some 50 miles in their rear.

On the San River in the southern field of operations the Austrian advance has been stopped, Petrograd declares.

Russians are at a standstill in Galicia.

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THE WEATHER For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy, unsettled and slightly cooler tonight and Tuesday; moderate southwest winds, changing to northeast. For details see last page.

A STRAP OR A SEAT?

The EVENING LEDGER printed on Saturday, October 24, a notable article in which were set forth the transit problems of Philadelphia and the progress of the plans for their solution, together with the obstacles encountered in the attempt to put these plans into speedy operation.

TOMORROW

The EVENING LEDGER will begin the publication of a series of articles dealing with the peculiar problems of each important geographical section of the city. The first of these articles will deal with

FRANKFORD

And the northeast, where nearly 125,000 riders daily are obliged to use the present inadequate transit facilities. It is a journey of at least 49 minutes from Frankford to the city's business center.

The EVENING LEDGER will also reprint, by request of a large number of readers, the authoritative article of last Saturday, in which the present status of rapid transit in Philadelphia is so admirably reviewed and explained.

GERMANS EVACUATE LODZ, IMPORTANT BASE IN POLAND

Flight Is Precipitate 75 Miles From Warsaw.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 26.—The following official statement has been given out here:

"The precipitate flight of Germans continues. They are evacuating Lodz, 75 miles west southwest of Warsaw. They made an unsuccessful attempt to arrest an offensive Russian movement by clinging to positions at Sokhatchoff, from which, however, they were dislodged with heavy losses."

Lodz is one of the important German bases in the invasion of Poland.

BRITAIN ASSURES AMERICA COTTON IS NOT CONTRABAND

Ambassador Promises That Shipments Will Not Be Halted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, today officially notified Acting Secretary of State Lansing that Great Britain had no intention of placing cotton on the contraband list, and that American shipments of cotton to Germany or Austria would not be interfered with.

This statement of the British Ambassador dispels a fear entertained by this Government that American cargoes of cotton would be detained or prevented from reaching their destination.

In order to prevent possible delay in the receipt of American cargoes sent abroad the Ambassador requested the State Department to instruct American shippers plainly to indicate the nature and destination of their cargoes on the accompanying bills of lading. Such a procedure, the British Ambassador pointed out, would greatly facilitate their delivery.

At the conference between Acting Secretary Lansing and the Ambassador the former stated that he had been officially notified by the Danish Government that Denmark had established an embargo on the exportation of all kinds of oil, and that the other neutral European countries had done likewise.

JAPANESE SINK AUSTRIAN CRUISER IN KIAO-CHAU BAY

Interned Warship Destroyed by Shells From the Hills.

PEKIN, Oct. 26.—Reports reaching the Japanese Legation here declare that an Austrian cruiser, which took refuge in the harbor at Kiao-Chau at the outbreak of the war, has been sunk by the Japanese.

Heavy artillery posted on the hills, near the harbor mouth, destroyed the Austrian craft.

AIRMAN AIMS BOMB AT GERMAN CROWN PRINCE

Missile Kills Fifteen and Injures Twenty-two at Revinjny.

PARIS, Oct. 26.—The Excelsior correspondent at Vitry-le-Francois, Department of Marne, has sent the following dispatch to his paper:

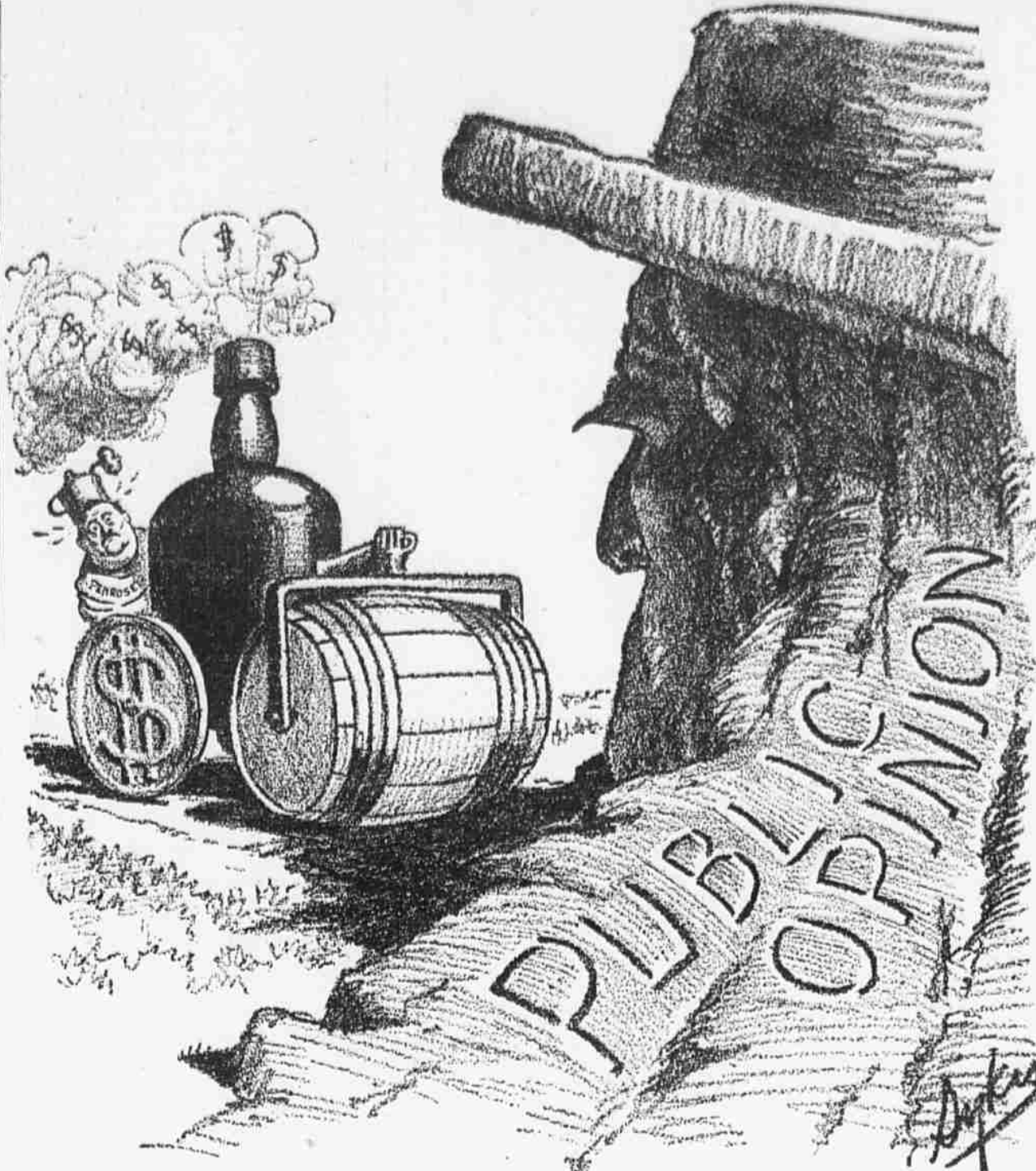
"The town of Revinjny, 12 miles from here, where Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany had his headquarters several weeks ago, at that time received a visit from a French aeroplane. The operator of the airplane dropped a bomb which killed 15 people and injured 22 others, but the Crown Prince was unharmed."

A Havis Agency dispatch from Petrograd, Oct. 26, says that M. Polkov, who is serving with the Russian army, outwitted and escaped three German aeroplanes through flying at a low level, he brought back to the Russian lines important information of the movements of the enemy along the Vistula River.

ENGLAND ORDERS 200 TRUCKS

Syracuse Auto Company Will Rush Work on Motors.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 26.—An order for 200 three-ton motor trucks has been received from England by a local automobile company at an aggregate cost of \$750,000. Some of the machines are to be shipped to England and the others to France for use in the war. It is the largest order yet received here from any of the warring nations and came from Arthur M. Laycock, of London, who has obtained the exclusive contract of supplying the Allies with motorcars. The company already has increased its force and will rush the order. The cars are to be of the same type as those used by the New York National Guard, having an express body and tarpaulin top.



SOLID ROCK

MRS. CARMAN FREE ON BAIL FOLLOWING JURY DEADLOCK

Gives \$25,000 Bond—Glad to Be Home, But Doesn't Know What to Do. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Florence Carman, whose trial for the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey ended in a disagreement of the jury yesterday, was admitted to \$25,000 bail this afternoon in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

The proceedings were conducted in chambers before Judge Kelly, who presided at the murder trial in Mineola last week. Mrs. Carman, accompanied by one of her lawyers, George M. Levy, and by District Attorney Lewis J. Smith, of Nassau County, spent ten minutes in conference with Judge Kelly.

Upon an agreement as to the amount the bail bond was hastily signed and Mrs. Carman left for her Freeport home in an automobile.

Mrs. Carman's bail bond was signed by Smith Cox and Ernest Randall, two friends of the Carman family in Freeport. Upon her arrival at her home in Freeport Mrs. Carman was welcomed by her husband and daughter.

"I am glad to get home, but I don't know what to do," declared Mrs. Carman. "I am ready to go to trial as soon as the necessary details can be arranged."

"I did oppose Mrs. Carman's application for bail for the reason that there is no doubt in my mind that she will be just as available for trial while she is in her home as she would be if she were confined in a cell."

TWO INJURED IN CAR CRASH AT EIGHTH AND SPRUCE STS.

Other Passengers Narrowly Escape Injury From Flying Glass.

Two persons were hurt and many others narrowly escaped injury today when a south-bound car on 8th street ran into an east-bound Spruce street car, at 8th and Spruce streets. The rear of the Spruce street car was battered in, and the forward platform of the 8th street car was badly dented.

Mrs. Anna Murphy, 73 Moyamensing avenue, and Phillip Black, 143 North 2d street, both passengers on the Spruce street car were injured. Black's head was cut by flying glass, and Mrs. Murphy was stunned. Both were taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

VON MOLTKE RUMORED DYING

Failure of Staff Chief's Plans Aggravates Illness.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 26.—It is learned from a semi-official source that Count Helmuth von Moltke, Chief of the German General Staff, is at death's door.

He has been seriously ill for a fortnight; his sickness being aggravated by the failure of the General Staff's military plans in France and the displeasure of the Kaiser. Falkenhayn is acting Chief of the General Staff.

JAPAN OBJECTS TO U. S. HAVEN FOR GERMAN SHIPS

Contention Is Made That Repairs to Geler Are Finished.

TOKYO, Oct. 26.—The Japanese Government has lodged a protest with the United States Government against the German warship Geler being allowed to stay any longer in the port of Honolulu. The Geler was put into Honolulu for repairs, which, the protest asserts, have already been made.

"THE HANDS OF ESAU" INFLUENCE OF RUM IN CITY COUNCILS

Today's installment of this remarkable series of articles on political conditions in Philadelphia deals with the influence of rum in city councils. It discusses the methods of the political ring, working through the liquor interests, to accomplish its sinister purposes. In the editorial page of this issue.

ROOSEVELT STIRS 17,000 IN STRONG PENROSE ATTACK

Great Crowds Cheer as Colonel on Tour of State Flays Senator as Dominant Campaign Issue.

GIRL AND HER SWEETHEART FOUND LIFELESS IN GARAGE

Police Believe Couple Carried Out Suicide Pact.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 26.—Beside a truck in the garage of the Milwaukee Casket Company, Alma Leopold, 17-year-old girl, and Fred Oehler, her sweetheart, were found dead.

Employees broke down the locked doors of the garage and found the girl's body, a bullet wound in her head, lying beside the truck. Sitting in the front seat of the truck, one lifeless hand still gripping the wheel, they found Oehler, who was an employee of the company. There was a powder-scattered bullet wound on the right side of his head. A revolver and a bottle of poison lay at his feet.

Two notes, in different handwriting, were found on an order blank of the company. They read: "Kindly notify Edward Straus, phone corner, thanks for this favor and for all past favors." "Kindly notify Mrs. H. Leopold—Alma Leopold."

The girl's body was cold, showing she had been dead several hours. Oehler's body was warm, indicating he had killed himself but a few minutes before the bodies were found.

BULLET TAKES EYESIGHT

University Student, in Ill Health, Shoots Himself.

James W. Fryer, the University of Pennsylvania student who shot himself while visiting his brother-in-law in Germantown, has lost the sight of both eyes as a result. There is little hope for his recovery. He is in the Germantown Hospital.

Fryer is an honor graduate of the Central High School and entered the University with the intention of completing the four-year course in three years. Realizing that his health was failing, he became melancholy. He had suffered a nervous breakdown and entered a sanitarium. He went to the home of his brother-in-law, George K. Boger, 308 Seymour street, Germantown, last week, apparently in much better health. Yesterday morning he shot himself in the head. The bullet entered near the eye.

MIXED WEATHER IN OCTOBER

Snow and Sunshine Alternate in the Day's Offering.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 26.—Milwaukee saw its first snow of the year today, when the weatherman delivered weather direct from Medicine Hat or Wyoming. For a few minutes during the morning there was sleet, then for half an hour bright sunshine, followed by a light snow. Sunshine and the snowflakes driven before a strong wind, alternately held the upper hand during the morning.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Oct. 26.—A neighborhood (today) north-northern Michigan its first snowstorm of the season. High seas are rolling on Lake Superior and shipping is tied up.

LOGUE IN SWIFT CAMPAIGN

Congressman J. Washington Logue, of the 6th District, starts tonight on a whirlwind tour of the wards included in his district. He will hold open-air meetings at points deemed the most important and will endeavor to cover them all in a brief canvass before Election Day.

Having been kept busy in Congress until last Saturday, Congressman Logue returned to this city to find little attention has been given his fight for reelection. He will take personal charge of the whirlwind campaign. His district includes the 1st, 2d, 5th, 6th, 10th, 14th and 45th wards.

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SENATE HAS PROOF TO LINK PENROSE WITH "SLUSH FUND"

Collections Twice the Size of Lorimer's Indicated in Testimony That Was Prepared for Committee, Making Case Darker Than That Against Illinois Man.

Senator's Re-election Would Be Signal for Immediate Investigation—The Evening Ledger Obtains Much of the Evidence for Publication.

NO. 1. The EVENING LEDGER has obtained for publication much of the evidence which was to have been presented to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections had that body voted to investigate the methods employed to gain the Republican senatorial nomination in Pennsylvania for Boies Penrose.

Parts of this evidence, including the reproduction of letters, outlining the entire investigation, naming witnesses and what is expected to be proved by each, as well as making public the recent activity of the liquor bipartisan combine to re-elect Penrose, are available for publication in the EVENING LEDGER.

It has been learned from an authoritative source that, in the event of the election of Penrose, the investigation, backed by the power of the Administration, will begin immediately. Republican and Democratic members of the Senate who have examined the documentary evidence and the statements of witnesses, maintain that Penrose will never take his seat in the Senate should he be elected.

Several Senators have gone so far as to state that the case against Penrose will be far easier to prove than was the one against William Lorimer, of Illinois, who lost his seat by a vote of 55 to 28. "SLUSH FUND" EXCEEDS LORIMER'S.

Following a resolution presented in the Senate by Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, calling for an investigation of the methods employed to effect the Senatorial nominations of Boies Penrose, Republican, and Roger C. Sullivan, Democrat, of Illinois, the Committee on Privileges and Elections conducted a cursory investigation to determine whether a subcommittee should investigate the nominations and report to the Senate.

Convincing testimony was presented showing that a "slush fund" twice as large as that used to elect Lorimer to the Senate, had been raised in the interests of Penrose. It was also testified, to the satisfaction of the majority of the committee, that enormous sums had been obtained by a direct assessment on manufacturers throughout the State, that Old Guard Democrats were financially supporting Penrose, and that no mention of this money was found in the primary expense account filed by the candidate.

The committee decided, after hearing the testimony, that an investigation should be made after election. LIQUOR MEN'S INFLUENCE SEEN.

It is known that a sufficient number of Senators privately promised to force the investigation before the November election. Within a week after the promises had been given several mysterious calls were made. A prominent politician from Indiana, a close friend of Mr. Sullivan,

EXTRA SESSION NOT IN PLAN OF THE PRESIDENT NOW

To Call Conference of Senators After Election to Map Out Program.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—President Wilson is not now thinking of calling an extra session of Congress in November, or after March 4. He said that shortly after election he would call into conference some leading Senators to map out the legislative program of the winter session. His belief today was that it would take until February to dispose of appropriation bills.

Then bills already passed by one House, or demanding early attention by reason of their importance, will be considered, in the order of their importance. The President said he expected to go ahead with the Government ship purchase bill unless matters of greater importance demanded attention. Conservation bills will be the chief consideration of the winter session.

The President was inclined to feel that no cotton legislation need be attempted, as he felt recent relief measures were clearing up the situation. Cancellation of hostilities abroad, however, he believed would be the only real remedy for the South's condition. He expected considerable relief from the fact that this Government has assurances that all ports will be open to cotton cargoes.

SEVEN-TON CHEESE READY

Largest on Record Made for Panama-Pacific Exposition.

UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The largest cheese on record, weighing nearly seven tons, has just been completed at West Marlinburg, Lewis County. The cheese has been made for exhibition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco next year, and its manufacture required 100,000 pounds of milk. It measures four feet seven inches in height and over 10 feet in circumference.

together with an official who holds one of the most important posts in the country, exerted influence to call off the investigation until after election. There is much speculation in the district as to the arguments advanced to get the tide in the committee. It is generally believed, however, and, in openly stated by many in Congress, that the national liquor interests were not through this prominent Washington official. To gain a postponement was the aim of the Penrose workers, while not a few of the Democrats believed this a wise course to pursue, as the Pennsylvania Senator would become one of the greatest assets of the Democratic party in 1916, should he be expelled from the Senate. In short, a postponement, so eagerly sought by the liquor interests and old-line Republican Senators, dovetailed with such a nicely into many of the Democratic plans that no specific date for the probe was set. The committee returned a report that a sufficient number of Senators could not find time to conduct the investigation before election. VAST AMOUNT OF EVIDENCE. Since the presentation of documentary evidence to the Senators a vast amount of new evidence has been disclosed. This, like the former, has been obtained by internal revenue collectors, detectives employed by several Democratic county committeemen, and a mass of evidence has been procured from brewers, retail liquor dealers and manufacturers who have refused to pay the political assessments and will name on the witness stand the solicitors. In addition, the registration in Fayette County, where the machine of State Senator Crow, Republican State Chairman, has perpetrated registration frauds surpassing the halcyon sang days in this city, will come under the scope of the investigation. Senator Crow is listed as a witness in the event of the Penrose probe to explain the registration frauds, and to account for expenditures alleged to have been made during the campaign. In brief the evidence gathered indicates the following facts: First, That a "slush fund" was gathered by direct assessment of saloonkeepers, brewers and distillers. Second, That the bipartisan liquor combine worked and is working for Penrose and is disregarding the Brumbaugh campaign. Third, That the Old Guard Democrats are supporting Penrose. Fourth, That there has been a general "hold-up" of manufacturers in Pennsylvania, through the efforts of the Pennsylvania Protective Union and a finance committee in Pittsburgh. Fifth, That the Penrose machine has enrolled thousands of fraudulent votes to make sure the election.

PENROSE-LIQUOR MEN TRAIN GUNS ON LOCAL OPTION

Final Battle Now On to Elect Rum's List of Candidates.

Liquor interests today brought into play their heaviest campaign siege guns to batter down local option forts and send Boies Penrose back to the United States Senate. The final battle is now on to elect candidates formally endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Brewers' Association, the Pennsylvania Wholesale Liquor Dealers' League and the Pennsylvania Retail Liquor Dealers' association. Shortly before the primaries a list of candidates favored by liquor men for nomination was issued. Compared with the list of candidates published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the other shows that purveyors of rum have in the field a candidate for United States Senator, three for Congressmen-at-Large, 26 for District Congressmen, 30 for the State Senate and 127 for Representatives in the General Assembly.

Boies Penrose, whose picture has formed one of the most prominent parts in the decorative scheme of saloons, heads the list of candidates approved by liquor dealers. He is the only man for the post of United States Senator favored by them. One of the best-known Penrose workers in the State is also supported by the rum sellers. He is William E. Crow, Republican State chairman, manager of the Penrose campaign and candidate for the State Senate from Fayette County. Prohibition candidates for the House of Representatives who have been endorsed by the liquor dealers are Joseph H. McArthur, of the 11th Philadelphia District; Robert Smith and Leopold C. Scham, of the 1st Philadelphia District; and Horace W. Cromer, of the 8th Pittsburgh District.

"There is overwhelming sentiment in favor of a local option bill. Friends of the movement all over the State are enthusiastic as to the outlook. The situation today is more favorable than it was two years ago."