



GOVERNOR DID DECIDE TO QUIT HIS BATTLE FOR PRESIDENCY, SENATOR OLIVER DECLARES

Brumbaugh Gave Assurance Monday That He Would Abandon Fight for Republican Nomination, Says Pittsburgh Politician

Pressure of Associates Made Governor Reconsider and Decide to Continue Contest for Instructed Delegates—Vare Will Demand "Blackmail" Investigation by Congress

A copy of the David B. Oliver letter to Governor Brumbaugh, which accompanied the \$1000 check, is on Oliver's files, but it will not be given out for publication, according to word from Pittsburgh.

That Governor Brumbaugh had fully made up his mind to withdraw from the presidential contest and surrender to Senator Penrose and that he reconsidered and decided to continue the fight only after pressure had been brought to bear upon him by his political associates was declared today by United States Senator George T. Oliver.

Senator Oliver made a positive statement that peace overtures had been made and that the Governor a few days ago had definitely decided to quit. In his statement, discussing the Brumbaugh statement of yesterday, Senator Oliver said:

"On last Monday evening I was called to the telephone by Cyrus E. Woods, Secretary of the Commonwealth, who urged me to meet him in Philadelphia the following day. I did so, and at that interview I received assurance from Mr. Woods that the Governor had decided to withdraw his candidacy and to allow the delegates from Pennsylvania to go uninstructed."

WANT LETTER PRODUCED

Efforts were made today by friends and political allies of the Governor to have him produce the letter David B. Oliver, of Pittsburgh, sent him with the \$1000 check, for which the Governor made no accounting in his statement of his campaign expenses.

That letter, it is urged, would, if given to the public, prove the statements of the Governor that the check was a personal and not a political contribution.

The most bitter political war in Pennsylvania since 1896, when Governor Daniel H. Hastings and United States Senator Matthew Stanley Quay fought for control of the Republican organization in the State, opened its deadly breach between Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Penrose today, following publication of the charge that the Governor had concealed the \$1000 contribution.

Suggestions that the Governor be impeached came from friends of Senator Penrose. The Governor's allies rallied to his support and raised the cry of "blackmail."

Congressman William S. Vare, who originally brought out the Governor as a "favorite son" candidate for the Presidency, will demand that Oliver be asked to explain to both the details of the "blackmailing scheme," according to an announcement made by Vare.

"I am thoroughly familiar with the details of the blackmailing scheme," said the Governor in his statement, "and I will have to say on the subject I will say on the floor of Congress."

The South Philadelphia Representative intimated that he will ask Congress "why a United States Senator has the right to use such methods in an effort to force a political opponent to quit the fight, and why he demands that the anti-Senator organization leaders if the Mayor injected himself into the contest."

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THE WEATHER

Ben Franklin, sitting in front of the Postoffice, bare-headed, never dreamed as he dozed last night that he would be wearing a white tam-o'-shanter this morning, but we did. Nobody is going to believe this, but it's true. We knew this snow was coming, and while we cannot know that we said so in print before the weather bureau, we were sure in our hearts, we intend to lose no time in proving our worth as weather prophets now, and not many hours after the first flakes began to fall, at that. Prophets' reputations are sometimes made at haphazard. There was an atmosphere that was late going to press one day. They hadn't finished all the weather predictions for the year. The typesetter had to fill them in as he went along. "What'll I say in going to happen on June 1?" he yelled to the editor. "Oh, say it's going to snow," was the reply. So he put that in, and it actually did snow on the following June 1.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow followed by rain late today.

LOST AND FOUND

Edgar Rice Burroughs Begins a New Story, "Under the Moons of Mars," on Page 5 of This Issue of the Evening Ledger

"PERSONAL GIFT," GOVERNOR'S DEFENSE; OLIVER DENIES IT; "MORE TO COME," SAYS JAMISON

Brumbaugh Says: He (David B. Oliver) sent me this check with a letter, in which he expressly and definitely requested me to use it for my personal, not political, needs, and asked me not to have his name known or used in connection with it. Oliver Says: The Governor seems to consider my contribution as a personal present. If I had intended to present him with a token of my esteem, it would certainly have taken some other shape than a gift of money. I intended my check to be used for the purpose of assisting him in his campaign and for no other purpose whatever. I would suggest that he make public the letter in its entirety. Jamison Says: (Coroner of Allegheny County.) I've been in the game 25 years and have never known any one to give a man running for office a personal gift for spending money. I have known about the transaction for some time. There are several other matters Governor Brumbaugh will have to throw light on, and we expect to keep him busy explaining.

BRUMBAUGH LETTER TO OLIVER ACKNOWLEDGING CHECK

MARTIN G. BRUMBAUGH 618 WITHERSPOON BUILDING PHILADELPHIA

On Train, P.R.R., Sept. 25, 1914.

Hon. David B. Oliver, 2237 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Oliver:— I wish to add to my telegram a word of the sincerest gratitude for your very cordial letter and your generous help in this fight, which, I am confident, should we win, will work out to the welfare of the good people of this Commonwealth. It is a peculiar source of pleasure that men like you, who know me so intimately, are supporting me so loyally. Just a God-send and a thank you, as we hurry on the train to Altoona. Sincerely your friend, M. G. Brumbaugh

Opponents of Doctor Brumbaugh's candidacy for President point to the significant language of this letter, especially the first paragraph, as indicating that he was fully conscious of the donor's intention of making a campaign contribution.

BIG CITY LOANS THREATENED BY FACTION FIGHT

Penrose Forces Say They Will Defeat Measures if Mayor Interferes

WOULD CRIPPLE PLANS

Smith Commanded to Be Neutral in Brumbaugh Check Incident

The \$67,100,000 loan for transit and the port and the \$17,425,000 loan for general improvements and to pay the city's outstanding obligations have been thrown into the State-wide factional fight, and are in danger of being defeated if Mayor Smith takes an open part in the political war between Governor Brumbaugh and Senator Penrose.

Political opponents of the Mayor openly asserted today that both loans would be knifed by the anti-Smith-Vare organization leaders if the Mayor injected himself into the contest.

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TRASPORTE AUSTRIACO SILURATO IN ADRIATICO

Due Aeroplani Nemici Abbatuti in Una Battaglia Notturna da Aviatori Italiani

Un telegramma da Parigi dice che il Ministero della Marina francese ha annunciato che un sottomarino francese, operante nel Mare Adriatico e addetto alla flotta italiana che è agli ordini del duca degli Abruzzi, ha attaccato e silurato un trasporto militare austriaco, mandandolo a fondo. Si crede che vi sia stata grande perdita di vite umane. L'attacco è avvenuto nell'Adriatico.

Il Ministero della Guerra italiano ha annunciato che sulla pianura tra l'Isone ed il Tagliamento si è avuta una battaglia tra i vittoriosi aviatori austriaci che e' finita con la completa vittoria degli italiani. Due aeroplani austriaci sono stati abbattuti dagli aviatori italiani mentre cercavano di fare una incursione ad ovest dell'Isone e i quattro aviatori nemici sono stati fatti prigionieri.

Un viaggiatore che e' tornato appena da Trieste a Parigi ha raccontato che la popolazione di Trieste e' stata ridotta da 150,000 ad 80,000 abitanti a causa della mancanza di viveri e che molti bambini sono morti di fame. Le autorità austriache hanno assegnato agli abitanti adulti una razione di pane di appena 210 grammi. (Leggere in pagina altre e piu' dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in italiano.)

BREAK UP VILLA BANDITS, THEN QUIT, U. S. PLAN

Funston Told to Leave When Carranza Is Able to Control

FIRST ORDERS REVEALED

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The United States will regard its mission in Mexico completed as soon as the de facto Government is able to relieve American forces of the task they have undertaken, or when "Villa's band or bands are broken up."

This became known today from the original orders given by the War Department to General Funston in sending the punitive expedition across the border.

The War Department revealed its orders of March 19 in response to a question as to whether a time limit had been set upon the operation of the expedition.

In substance the command to Funston was: "You will promptly organize an adequate force under Brigadier General Pershing and direct him to go across the border in pursuit of the bands which attacked Columbus and the soldiers on March 9. These troops will be withdrawn to American territory as soon as the de facto Government is able to relieve them of this work. In any event, their work will be regarded as finished when Villa's band or bands are broken up."

SOLDIERS' WOUNDS SLIGHT. General Funston informed the department today the wounds of the four soldiers injured in the March 29 engagement were very slight and are virtually healed.

Cop Hit by Auto; Dragged 40 Feet. Harry Woodruff, a policeman of the 55th street and Woodland avenue station, was struck by an auto today and dragged 40 feet at 62d street, sustaining severe scalp injuries and contusions of the body. He is in the University Hospital.

'GAS' FROM CITY LAMPS SOLD TO MOTORISTS; LAMPLIGHTERS HELD

Welsbach Employes Made Money Selling Fuel to Garages, Charge—Sold It for 14 Cents

MORE ARRESTS TO COME

Systematic thefts covering a period of more than a year were revealed today when four employes of the Welsbach Street Lighting Company were arraigned before Magistrate Harris accused of being members of a group of lamplighters that stole gasoline worth \$26,000.

It is charged that the men had an easy method of distribution and that garage owners and automobilists throughout the city purchased the stolen goods from the men. At least 25 additional arrests are expected to follow.

MILKMEN STRIKE; NO CREAM FOR HUNDREDS

Doorsteps Empty in West Philadelphia—Concession Soon Ends Dispute

More than two thousand residents of West Philadelphia drank their coffee without milk or cream this morning because of a strike in the "wee sma' hours" of 60 drivers employed by Edward W. Woolman, milk dealer, 4709 Lancaster avenue.

The drivers appeared for work as usual at 2 o'clock this morning, but soon after their arrival at the Woolman milk station on Lancaster avenue, they decided that they would go out unless the company immediately reinstated a driver who had been laid off for 15 days for an alleged violation of the rules of the company.

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GERMANS GAIN NEAR HAUCOURT; LOSE AT VAUX

Paris Admits Foe's Progress on Front Northwest of Verdun

FRENCH PUSH ADVANCE

PARIS, April 8.—German troops are again attacking the French positions on both sides of the Meuse River in the Verdun sector.

The French War Office, in an official communique, today admitted that the Germans have made progress south of Haucourt, on the front northwest of Verdun, but northeast of the fortress the attacks of the Teutons against the slopes of Fort Vaux were repulsed.

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This message was telephoned by an unidentified person to Sergeant Black at the 2d and Christian streets station this morning.

Black bounded to another phone and in 30 seconds got in touch with Policeman Friedenberg at his police call box, at 11th and Catharine streets. Friedenberg didn't stop even to close the door of the police box. He threw out his chest and did a marathon to 5th and Catharine streets. He saw a suspicious looking black object on the steps at 911 Catharine street, smoke was curling from a fuse which had burned about six inches from the bomb.

MUNITIONS JOBS FOR NORTHEAST HIGH BOYS

Positions as apprentices to expert munition workers, with attractive bonuses, have been offered by the Midvale Steel Company to pupils of the Northeast High School. Notices to that effect have been posted in the building and arrangements have been made with the school authorities to take only those pupils who are not behind in their studies. They are to be employed two afternoons a week. Only a small number of pupils have accepted the offer.

QUICK NEWS

HEAVY SNOWSTORM AT HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 8.—Harrisburg is in the grip of a severe snowstorm today. Seven inches have fallen with no sign of cessation. This is the heaviest April snow since 1894.

AERO CORPS ORGANIZATION PROMISED BY BAKER

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The army aviation corps will be re-organized and the personnel changed "by addition, if not by subtraction," Secretary Baker today told the House Military Committee. This was regarded as his answer to the question of what will result from the War Department's expected investigation into the service.

NORSE STEAMSHIP TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

COPENHAGEN, April 8.—Norway's Consul at Rotterdam has informed his Government that the Norwegian steamship Arnen, recently sunk, was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine. His report was made after a careful investigation, during which he obtained affidavits from the survivors.

NORWAY SENDS INTERNED SAILORS HOME

BERLIN, April 8.—Sailors of belligerent countries interned in Norway, but unfit for service on account of ill health, will be permitted to return to their homes under an agreement with the Norwegian Government. The German, French, British and Russian Governments signed the agreement.

HOLLAND TO CALL OUT RESERVISTS OF 1917

THE HAGUE, April 8.—At a meeting of the Dutch Cabinet today it was decided to introduce a bill calling up the 1917 class of recruits "if necessary in view of the prevailing extraordinary circumstances."

GERMAN GOVERNMENT SEIZES COFFEE AND TEA

BERLIN, April 8.—The Government has expropriated coffee, tea and chicory and appointed a commission to regulate their distribution. The regulation applies to persons having in their possession 10 kilograms (about 22 pounds) of unroasted coffee or five kilograms of tea. It is announced that there is a visible supply of coffee sufficient for about six weeks, that the armies' needs are covered for four weeks, and there is enough tea for about a year.

HAITIAN REVOLT NIPPED IN BUD

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, April 8.—The American protectorate and the presence here of American marines and warships prevented a revolutionary outbreak in Port-au-Prince yesterday. Leaders and members of the minority party of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies held a meeting outside of the halls of Congress to protest against the action of the halls of Congress in dissolving the Senate and naming a Council of the Republic. After a resolution to this effect was adopted by them they named a committee to call on the American Minister, Arthur Bally-Blanchard, and Rear Admiral William B. Caperton, in command of the American naval forces here, who were asked to favor a movement for a new presidential election. Political factions which favor an anti-American propaganda joined in the request on the American Minister and Rear Admiral Caperton.

MEN ARE CONTRABAND, CECIL MAINTAINS

LONDON, April 8.—The controversy between the United States and Great Britain over the seizure of Germans and Austrians on board the American steamship China is apparently no nearer settlement than when the first American request was made for an explanation of the action of the commander of the British cruiser in removing the men from the steamship. Discussing the case, Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, said: "All the nations maintain the right to take men from vessels on the high seas, as men are the most dangerous and explosive kind of contraband. Germans and Austrians seized on the China were undoubtedly engaged in warlike operations against the Entente Allies. They were conspiring against us in Shanghai and were bound for the neutral port of Manila, where they could be expected to continue their efforts to stir up trouble."

\$2,678,000,000 SUBSCRIBED TO FOURTH GERMAN LOAN

BERLIN, April 8.—"The total sum subscribed to the fourth German war loan is 10,712,000,000 marks (\$2,678,000,000)," says the Overseas News Agency. "Subscriptions by persons on the firing front and in foreign countries are not contained in this amount. The number of subscriptions was 5,279,646, which proves that success was obtained by a truly popular subscription in which all classes participated. The number of subscriptions for 200 marks (\$50) or less was nearly two millions and a half. These small investors subscribed 200,000,000 marks. Five hundred and seventy-four subscriptions each exceeded 1,000,000 marks and totaled 1,812,000,000 marks. In bank offices 6,000,000,000 marks were subscribed and in savings banks 2,700,000,000 marks."

BRIBERY PLOT BY ALLIES UNEARTHED IN SOFIA

BERLIN, April 8.—Two prominent Bulgarian politicians, Dr. N. Ghenadiev, former Foreign Minister, and M. Malloff, former Premier, have been arrested for accepting French bribes, says a Sofia dispatch to the Overseas News Agency. The dispatch says: "The Bulgarian politician Ghenadiev has been arrested because of the finding of a list of Bulgarians who were bribed by the former French Minister of Justice, Cruppi, in which Ghenadiev was mentioned as receiving 5,000,000 marks (\$1,250,000) as lawyer's fees. The total sum used for corrupting Bulgarian politicians amounted to 18,000,000 marks (\$4,500,000). The money was distributed as payment for pretended corn sales. Ghenadiev was arrested with M. Malloff and other pro-Russians at the request of the examining judge after a dinner given by the President of the Sobranje."

SIX FIRMS LOSE IN FILBERT STREET FIRE

One man was injured and seven saved themselves by climbing down a fire-escape when a \$30,000 fire damaged the establishments of six firms at 1025-28 Filbert street last night. Harry Alderman, the injured man, cut his arm while breaking a window to reach a fire-escape. The World Printing Company, 4th floor; the Adelphi Hat Company, 5th floor, and the children's suit establishment of Alderman, 6th floor, were damaged by fire. The lower floors were flooded by water.

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CLASH IN COMMISSION DELAYS NEW ELECTRIC RATES

Announcement of the rate schedule for the Philadelphia Electric Company is being delayed by a difference of opinion between Commissioner Monaghan and Commissioner Ryan, of the Public Service Commission, according to dispatches from Harrisburg. Further consideration of the schedule, which covers 60 typewritten pages, has been postponed until April 13. Chairman W. D. B. Aney said the delay was caused to allow a thorough study of the rates to be made. Commissioner Monaghan had charge of the hearings in this city.

LORD MONTAGU QUILTS BRITISH AVIATION BOARD

LONDON, April 8.—The resignation of Lord Montagu as a member of the Joint Naval and Military Board in control of the aerial service of Beaulieu is announced. Lord Montagu, like the Earl of Derby, who had previously resigned, is said to be dissatisfied with the limited powers of the Aerial Service Board. It is said that both wanted the centralization and co-ordination of the air services into a single department. The newspapers declare the resignations have not been accepted and that there is no confirmation of the statement made by the Evening Standard that the chairmanship of the committee had been offered to Earl Curzon.