

Washington, Dec. 23.—Fair and colder tonight; Tuesday increasing clouds.

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FINAL

VARE-PENROSE COUNCILMEN JOIN IN COMPROMISE

Sink Factional Spirit, Pass Clerk Hire and Court Bills

BALK MANDAMUS RULE

Municipal Employes Assured of Salary Payments Before Christmas

High Lights of Session Held by Councils Today

Committee on Municipal Government refers to subcommittee bill introduced by Common Councilman Greenfield, Thirty-ninth Ward, to prevent vacancies on important committees being filled with independent-Penrose followers.

Vare-Penrose compromise passes amendments appropriating \$5516 for extra clerk hire in Registration Commission and \$55,118 for improvements to Municipal Court.

That all city and county employes may obtain their salary before Christmas, Councils adopted a resolution authorizing Controller Walton to pay all employes to-morrow.

It will cost \$2.50 an hour to taxi Councilmen on inspection trips and luncheon excursions next year, under bids received today.

Through a compromise between the Vare and Penrose members of Councils, two amendments carrying appropriations for \$50,654 were passed this afternoon by Common Council.

One of these amendments provides an appropriation of \$5516 for extra clerk hire in the Registration Commission. The other carries an appropriation of \$55,118 for improvements to the Municipal Court.

The clerk hire amendment has been the subject of several bitter fights in both branches of Councils for several weeks, and had been defeated three times by the independent-Penrose forces.

Coincidental with the passage of the amendments an order was issued by Judge Rogers, Common Pleas Court, directing that mandamus be issued to obtain the \$5516 for the registration clerk hire.

But the passage of the amendments this afternoon makes it unnecessary to apply for the mandamus.

The amendments passed by a vote of 19 to 8, Common Councilman Charles H. Von Tagen and four other independents being the opponents.

Select Branch Councils, on hearing of the action of Common Council, unanimously approved a joint councilman committee report advocating passage of the amendments.

Select Councilman William E. Finley, Vare leader of the Thirty-ninth Ward, then moved that the amendment be printed and sent to Mayor Smart, requesting that he might sign it, and thus enable the extra clerks in the Registration Commission to obtain their money to-morrow as a little Christmas gift.

While the Penrose members of Councils went along with the independents for several weeks in opposing the clerk hire amendment, the Penroses nevertheless sought to obtain an appropriation for the Municipal Court. This is regarded as a Penrose stronghold.

Coincidence in Court Action. Realizing the desires of the Penrose adherents, the Vare supporters saw a compromise which enable both sides to attain their object.

While the fight was at its height, counsel for the Registration Commission placed the matter before Judge Rogers. The action from the court this afternoon, just when the subject was being debated, was considered quite a coincidence.

It was pointed out by the Vare members that the court's action had removed any responsibility in the matter, from members of Councils.

Five Independents Hold Out. Mr. Von Tagen and four other independents, however, held out. Von Tagen would be still believed payment of these clerks was an utter waste of money, and a needless expense. Although he was a member of the joint committee of Councils appointed to consider the amendments, he refused to sign the committee's favorable report.

Definite action by Councils' Municipal Government Committee on a bill that would deprive the Philadelphia Board of Public Works of the power to fill vacancies on important committees, was deferred this afternoon. It was referred to a subcommittee to determine whether it conflicts with any acts of the Legislature on the subject.

The bill was introduced by A. M. Greenfield, Vare member from the Thirty-ninth Ward, and aimed to prevent vacancies on important committees being filled with independent-Penrose followers.

Doctor Gleason recently appointed Von Tagen to the chairmanship of the Street, Cleaning Committee, and made Robert E. Lamberton, Independent, of the Twenty-second Ward, chairman of the Committee on Surveys. Other independents have been appointed to places on important committees made vacant by the death of Vare members.

Greenfield's bill gives the right of filling vacancies to Councils as a whole. When it falls to exercise this right then it would again devolve upon the president of Common Council.

The bill was referred to a subcommittee on motion of Richard Waggin, Penrose member from the Twenty-ninth Ward.

SANTA CLAUS WEATHER Fair and colder tonight as the reindeer swift skelter To the Land of Good Children without let or pause; And doubtless the cloudiness promised will shelter The coming on Christmas of old Santa Claus.

TROLLEYS CRASH; MANY OF INJURED IN SECOND WRECK

20 Hog Island Men and Women Injured Going to Work

FOG CAUSES ACCIDENTS

Car Receiving Victims for Hospital Struck by Third at 90th and Tincum

More than a score of persons were severely injured and two trolley cars were wrecked in two rear-end collisions today on the Hog Island road near Ninetieth street and Tincum avenue.

While the injured persons were being transferred to another trolley to go to a hospital, a third car came along through the heavy fog and smashed into the trolley bearing the wounded. Several others were injured in the second crash.

Among those injured were: Karl Montgomery, 5511 Woodland avenue, arms and legs hurt.

Miss Jane Mullins, 5444 Market street, head and body cut.

Miss Pearl Nelson, 4611 Sprinkfield avenue, right arm broken.

Louis D'Arata, 2545 South Hobson street, left leg broken.

Mrs. Jane Steuen, 5610 Osage avenue, arms and legs injured.

Harry Newman, 6921 Saybrook avenue, hands injured.

A. R. Munsey, 659 North Markoe street, legs and back injured.

The Rev. F. G. Eland, 902 South Forty-eighth street, pastor of Chester Avenue Baptist Church, head and body injured.

Albert Boyles, 1126 South Ruby street, right side and legs injured.

Jessie Bell, 3720 Brunswick avenue, bodily injuries.

William McVeig, 6900 Paschall avenue, arms and chest injured.

Charles Ellis, seventy-two years old, Chestnut street, fractured right leg.

W. H. Finget, 125 North Twentieth street, fractured ribs.

C. A. Theis, 3253 Woodland avenue, cuts of head and face.

Harry Rogers, 5216 Catharine street, left leg injured.

Mrs. Florence Stewart, 4945 Catharine street, right hip injured.

An impenetrable fog which curtailed the trolley's visibility was responsible for the smash-up.

A trailer car with a trailer, bound for Hog Island and loaded with workers, suddenly stopped, for some unknown reason. While the motorman was making an investigation, a second car, also bound for Hog Island, struck the trailer from the rear.

The impact injured many more passengers. The motorman signalled another trailer coming north and while the injured passengers were being taken to a hospital, another trolley struck the rear of the stalled trailer. None of those in the trailer escaped injury.

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The injured were rushed to the University Hospital.

Several of the women, who were attending the injured in the hospital car, were taken to the hospital and badly cut by flying glass.

Conductors of each car realized that still greater danger was in store unless all cars in both directions were flagged. Fortunately, the fog cleared, and stopped cars coming in both directions.

A clear track was obtained for the hospital car and it ran with all possible speed to Seventy-first street and Elmwood avenue, where the waiting patrol and ambulances were on hand to speed the injured to the hospital.

Several doctors also waited there and gave first aid to many of the injured.

The scene of the double wreck is a desolate waste of land and there are no dwellings within a mile. Many of the women passengers tore parts of their clothing for bandages for the injured. This, of course, saved several from possibly bleeding to death.

District Detectives Printz and Quigley, of the Sixty-fifth and Woodland avenue station, are making an investigation of the accident.

When the hospital car arrived at the end of the line, Island road and Elmwood avenue, the proprietor of a little nearby store refreshed the sufferers with hot coffee. A squad of policemen under the direction of Lieutenant Baunseine also gave valuable aid to the injured.

PRESIDENT HAS USUAL TIME ON CONGRESS ACTS

Gregory Decides Ten-Day Limit Begins With the Reception of Engrossed Bills in Paris

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UPHEAVAL IN RUSSIA URGES PRESIDENT TO REDEFINE HIS POLICY

Restless Forces of Europe Clamor for Light on Allied Attitude—Wilson Favors Only Defensive Intervention

ITALIAN-JUGO-SLAV SITUATION ACUTE, WITH FACTS CONCEALED

U. S. Mission Impatient at Delays Which Will Keep Executive Abroad Longer Than Planned—Date and Place of Meeting Unfixed

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Paris, Dec. 23. The American peace delegation is becoming impatient at delays in the preparation for the Peace Conference. President Wilson is expected to get down to business about January 16, but the holiday celebrations are likely to extend the time a little. In any event, he must remain far beyond the six weeks originally intended.

The British elections and the absence of Lloyd George were factors in delaying the President's trip to England. When President Wilson returns from England, and from trips to the front, Italy and Belgium, the Christmas celebrations will consume the remainder of the month.

Thus the real conferences hardly will begin until January.

Time and Place of Meetings Not Fixed Yet

The organization of the Peace Conference itself waits on understandings to be reached at private conferences, especially the conference between President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. Even the number of delegates to attend the Peace Conference is undecided, and no meeting time or place has been fixed. The European statesmen all are jockeying for places.

If the points at issue between England and America are cleared up and the two work together, the situation may take shape soon. Otherwise, maneuvers may be protracted until Wilson is compelled to return to Washington.

International problems are multiplying and exigent. The Jugo-Slav-Italian situation is acute, but the censorship keeps the facts out of the papers here. The Russian problem is of the highest importance, especially to Mr. Wilson, who depends on the support of liberal and radical opinion in Europe. Mr. Wilson is opposed to intervention in Russia, and has insisted that military movement there be purely defensive in character.

Urged to Redefine His Position

Now that need for reconstructing the eastern front is past, his position in the eyes of liberal opinion in Europe will become difficult unless he redefines his position. Socialist labor papers are agitating for a new policy. The problem is almost as important as that of forming a league of nations.

An article in Europe Nouvel, a liberal weekly, says that to fight the Bolshevik regime with arms is to precipitate the danger of a civil war that would start another international war—not like that of 1914, but one arraying classes against classes all over Europe.

The nearest to an official statement of the intention toward Russia on the part of the Allies is a statement by Monsieur Noulens, the French ambassador at Archangel, who says we must go through to the end until complete peace reigns in Europe.

This appears to mean war on the Bolsheviks; but even conservative opinion in England evidently is dubious of such a policy. Liberal papers in England like the Manchester Guardian advocate recognition of the Bolsheviks on the ground that they have established a government and are restoring industries, and to make war is merely to make war on a government.

London Press for Conservative Policy

The London Telegraph, a conservative paper, supports the Government policy during the war, but says such policy must be redefined. The nation is entitled to know how the war in Russia is going and what end is contemplated by the Government, it says.

The London Times says the Allies must carry on until guaranteed a free Russian government, not partly dependent on Germany, and that loyal friends of the Allies in Russia must not be punished by the Bolsheviks.

No official discussion is going on, because of the absence of Lloyd George, but the problem soon must be taken up. Pressure is particularly strong on President Wilson to settle it conformably with the liberal opinion of the world.

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Provides Allies Adopt Principles and Then Force Germans to Accept

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President Shakes Hands With 1200 American Heroes in Neuilly Hospital