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## WEST GAINS LEADERSHIP OF CONGRESS

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of 10 Major Committees in  
Senate—Seven in House—  
Seniority Counts.

## RETURN LEGISLATORS

**PALLADIUM NEWS BUREAU**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Metropolitan newspapers of the east have discovered that with the death of Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, the chairmanship of another senate committee of major importance, the finance committee, will pass to the control of the western wing of the Republican party, and they are making much ado over it. The eastern press, however, finds comfort in the fact that the new overlord of tariff and taxation in the senate, Senator McCumber, of N. Dakota, who under the seniority rule, is to succeed Penrose in the chairmanship of the finance committee, has functioned for the greater part of two years under the guiding hand of a western senator, Watson, of Indiana, by reason of the fact Penrose during that time was unable to take an active part in the legislative work because of ill health. Watson was chosen to serve as acting chairman although he ranked eighth on the list of the Republican members of the committee. Practically all the hearings on the tax revision bill were conducted under the direction of Senator Watson.

If sectional leadership in congress is based on the control of the most important committees of the two houses, then the west and central west practically dominate the present congress.

### West Is Gaining.

With the advent of McCumber to the chairmanship of the finance committee, which is the most powerful of all the committee's in the senate, corresponding to the appropriation committee of the house, western and central western Republican senators hold the chairmanship of six of the 10 major committees. These senators and the committees they preside over are: McCumber, finance; Warren, Wyoming, appropriations; Norris, Nebraska, agriculture; Jones, Washington, commerce; Cummins, Iowa, interstate commerce, and Nelson, Minnesota, judiciary. The four important senate chairmanships held by eastern Republicans are Lodge, Massachusetts, foreign relations; McLean, Connecticut, banking and currency; Walworth New York, military affairs, and Page, Vermont, naval affairs.

In the house western and middle western Republicans hold the chairmanships of seven of the 10 major committees, including the all powerful appropriations committee, which passes upon all legislation authorizing appropriations. Madden of Illinois is chairman of the appropriation committee, and eight of the first 10 ranking Republican members of that com-

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## PENROSE IS BURIED WHILE GUARDS KEEP ALL REPORTERS AWAY

*(By Associated Press)*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The funeral of Senator Boise Penrose was held this morning. The same great secrecy that surrounded the making of arrangements for the funeral was maintained until the body of the political leader was lowered into the brick lined grave in South Laurel Hill cemetery. No information was forthcoming whether there were any religious services at the house of the cemetery. Newspaper reporters were not admitted to the burial ground.

The fact that the body of the senator would be buried today became known late yesterday when the bureau of vital statistics issued a permit for interment for January 5 or thereafter. The immediate family of Senator Penrose, who was a bachelor, consists of three brothers. No information was given out regarding the funeral beyond the brief obituary notice that the funeral would be "strictly private."

Reporters who were on watch at the cemetery yesterday were not admitted today and the newspaper men who followed the funeral party through steady rain to the last resting place of the dead senator were warned that if they entered the cemetery it would be at their own peril. Guards were stationed all around the place. The funeral party was in the cemetery about 15 minutes, and left before 9 a.m.

### No One Invited.

Thus was enacted the final scene in the career of a man who could have had one of the largest funerals in the history of the city. Political leaders from every county in the state came to Philadelphia within the last few days to do honor to the dead chieftain, and not one was invited to the bachelor home of the senator where many political conferences have been held.

Later in the day Senator Penrose's secretary, L. C. Taylor, said there was some sort of service at the grave. He said he did not know who conducted it. Mr. Taylor said Mr. Penrose had an aversion to funerals and attended only three in 17 years, those of two local political leaders and Senator Knox. Interest was manifested among the late senator's friends as to the disposition of his estate. It was said the Penrose family might not go through the formality of having the will probated.

## To Attend Mary



Princess Marie of Roumania.

Princess Marie of Roumania, known as one of the most beautiful royal maidens in Europe, has been chosen as one of the bridesmaids to attend Princess Mary of Great Britain when she becomes the wife of Lord Lascelles early this year.

## DROP 8 POLICEMEN, ADD 7 NEW MEN AT THREE HOUR SESSION

Eight members of the police force were dropped and seven new members were added after a three hour session of the board of police commissioners behind closed doors Wednesday evening. The meeting started at 7:30 o'clock. The action resulted from the board's consideration of the resignations of the members of the force, which had been requested by Police Chief Eversman.

The eight men to leave the service are William Yingling, Homer Ratliff, Omer Ross, Lesta B. Judy, William Lammert, Alpheus Bennett, Roy C. Wright and Henry Reckers. They will be succeeded by William F. Lawler, Wallace Seymour, Elias Bryant, Joseph L. Baetz, Herman Coehorst, Robert C. Martin and Herbert C. Arnold, colored. Lawler, Seymour and Martin have had previous experience as city policemen. Coehorst and Arnold have served as military police. Baetz was a member of the fire department, and Bryant was a deputy sheriff for eight years in a southern Indiana county.

The force now consists of 11 Republicans and 11 Democrats, exclusive of Chief Eversman.

### Traffic Officers

Traffic at Eighth and Main streets will be cared for by the officers of the four districts which end at this point, said Chief Eversman, Wednesday evening. A man will be on duty there at all times, he said, the officer from one district relieving the officer from the adjoining district as the watch is changed.

As the police roster will stand in the future, Chief Eversman heads the list.

Next comes William Longman and Herman Wierhake, first and second sergeants in charge of the desk for day and night duty.

### Other Assignments.

Edward McNally and George Stanbach are day and night headquarters men. Henry Vogelsong and Grover Bundy will serve as plain clothes men. Clesie Kendall and Herbert Ray will act as day and night patrol drivers.

Other officers reappointed were the following patrolmen: Harry Graham, John Cully, Harry Fee, Will Ratliff, Charles Coussins and Charles Wiesmeyer.

The officer appointing the new men takes effect Jan. 16. The old force will be on duty until the night of Jan. 15. About three score of applications were considered by the board.

## HOLD INDIANA YOUTH WHO SHOT COMPANION

*(By Associated Press)*

HYMERA, Ind., Jan. 5.—Edward McKinney, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boone McKinney, was shot and instantly killed early Wednesday evening by James Mildred, a lad about the same age.

Mildred was arrested and is in jail while the authorities are continuing an investigation of the killing.

Mildred claims the shooting was accidental and that the weapon was discharged when he was drawing it from his pocket. It has been learned, according to reports, that the two boys had trouble a few weeks ago, and the parents of the dead youth are not inclined to accept the theory of accidental shooting.

## SPROUT TO APPOINT SENATOR AT ONCE

*(By Associated Press)*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Governor Sprout was expected today to name a successor to Senator Penrose within the next few days. He announced last night that he would not resign to take the senatorship.

The senator to be appointed will serve until the candidate chosen at the November election is ready to qualify. Political leaders generally were of the opinion that Governor Sprout would be candidate for the unexpired term of Senator Penrose.

## REPUBLICANS SEEK STRONG SENATE CHIEF

Penrose's Death Calls Attention to Need for Guiding Hand in Upper Branch of Legislative Body.

## EARLY ACTION URGED

**By MARK SULLIVAN**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The state of mind of Republican leaders in the senate can only be described as little less than excited. It is not that the death of Mr. Penrose as such has made any difference.

Penrose during his sickness of more than a year has been a liability and an embarrassment to the Republican leaders, rather than the tower of strength he was in his prime. It was in fact, Penrose's yielding to the farm bloc that gave the bloc its start.

If Penrose at the beginning of this session had been his old self, he would have stood up publicly for the conviction he expressed privately that the farmers' emergency tariff was "pure bunk."

### Penrose Yields

But Penrose, in his weakness and the fear for his own prerogative that accompanied his weakness, undertook to save the appearance of power for himself by yielding its essence. It was his giving up to the western senators on the farmers' tariff that largely gave the farm bloc the momentum it now has.

Penrose in his prime would have fought the farm bloc and castigated them with scorn and satire, and by ruthless enforcement of party discipline might readily have headed off many another incident rebellion.

It is not Penrose's death as such that has started the Republican leaders to running around in circles. It is rather that Penrose's death has called conspicuous attention to the state of things and has caused the Republican leaders to take excited and belated action in the direction of seeing what they can do about it.

### Its Limitation

As to the farm bloc, there isn't much they can do. The bloc has economic solidarity and the cheerfully self-imposed group discipline that flows from unity of economic interest.

That is exactly what the older and more eastern Republicans have not. As between the farmer bloc and the older Republican leaders, it is difficult for the present, at least, to see any outcome except pretty general victory on the part of the bloc. At least, it will be either victory for the purely trans-Mississippi farmer bloc or for a middle-of-the-road group led by McCormick of Illinois, Lenoir of Wisconsin, and a few more of the middle-western states.

But, aside from ways and means of opposing the farmer bloc, there are

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## TAKE UP \$33,417.41 COAL BILLS OF CITY AT SPECIAL MEETING

Bills for coal, repairs and supplies used by the municipal light and power plant up to Dec. 31, and amounting to \$33,417.41, were to be taken up for consideration by the board of works at a special meeting to be held in the office of the light plant at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Coal bills amounting to \$22,212 are included in the bills. The remainder of the amount, \$11,205, consists of repairs and materials bought by the plant.

At the regular meeting of the board of works Thursday morning a conference was held between the members of the board, City Attorney Kelley, Mayor Handley, L. C. Weldon, superintendent of the light plant, and E. C. Price, of the Price coal company, which is now delivering coal to the city plant under a contract entered into last October.

### 12,000 Tons Delivered

Slightly over 12,000 of the 25,000 tons contracted for by the city at that time have now been delivered, Mr. Price said. This includes a small amount of coal now in transit.

Freight bills on 35 cars of coal delivered during the month of November were inspected by the board, after which Frank Bescher, of the light plant office, was ordered to check over the bills and present them for payment. The bills amounted to a total of \$4,500 and covered freight which had been charged on coal delivered from mines not mentioned in the contract with the city.

Because of this fact, these bills had not been paid by either the city or Mr. Price. Had it not been for the unusual rush of delivery called for by the city, Mr. Price said, the cars would have come from the regular sources and the bills would have been paid by him, instead of through the city.

### Rail Strike Threatened.

At the time the contract was made for coal a rail strike was threatening. The contract was made by the board on the recommendation of Superintendent J. P. Dillon, who advised them that he had only \$12,000 left to buy coal for the plant, and that any large purchase made would have to be set off after the first of the year.

The plant uses from 85 to 100 tons daily, according to L. C. Weldon. Approximately four months supply of coal is now on hand, according to these figures, and the city will purchase coal for the next eight months at the rate of \$1.80 per ton, plus a freight bill of \$2.73, or \$4.53 per ton.

This sum, although above the present market quotations, may be below the "spot market" price later in the year, it was said.

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## Poet's Kin Weds



Miss F. Tennyson Jesse.

British literary and theatrical circles were greatly surprised last week when it was announced that Miss F. Tennyson Jesse, a grand daughter of the poet Alfred Tennyson, who is a prominent novelist, secretly married, two years ago, H. M. Harwood, producer, playwright and business man. The couple are now enjoying a belated honeymoon in Italy.

## PREPARE FOR OPENING OF ALLIED COUNCIL IN FRANCE FRIDAY

(By Associated Press)

CANNES, France, Jan. 5.—Preparations went forward today for the opening here tomorrow of the allied supreme council.

A meeting was held today at which the questions of reparations and the proposed international economic conference were discussed by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the British exchequer; Sir Laming-Worthington-Evans, British secretary of state for war; Louis Loucheur, French minister of Liberated regions and Premier Jasper Theuns of Belgium.

This was the first meeting of these four, and it was described as a preliminary conversation similar to that held yesterday by Premiers Lloyd George and Briand. It was explained that its purpose was as the case with the premiers' meeting, to smooth out difficulties in advance of the supreme council meeting.

The experts of the various delegations also met today to arrange the agenda for the council.

Representatives from France, Great Britain, Italy, and Belgium, held two sessions here today with the intention of putting the reparations and other problems into shape for consideration at the opening session of the allied supreme council tomorrow.

With the arrival of Viscount Ishii, at the head of the Japanese delegation, and of Premier Jasper Theuns, of Belgium, this forenoon, everything was ready for what is increasingly emphasized as the most momentous assembly of the past two years' struggle to set Europe to rights and to get Germany started on her reparations payments.

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## 2,000 LOSE HOMES IN TIMBER YARD BLAZE IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press)

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Enzland, Jan. 5.—Scores of houses had been laid waste today, 2,000 people rendered homeless and more than 1,000,000 pounds sterling damage done by a fire which broke out yesterday in the timber yard here.

Fanned by a strong gale the fire spread throughout the night and by this afternoon had covered approximately 80 acres.

## LOCOMOTIVE BUILDER SAYS POLES FIRST TO RECOVER FROM WAR

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Poland will be one of the first countries of central Europe to recover from the effects of the war, Francis de St. Phal, vice-president of the Baldwin Locomotive works, and president of the Polish chamber of commerce in New York, said today on his return from investigating conditions abroad.

"My confidence in Poland," he declared, is based on the good balance and quality of its natural resources and the industry of its people.

"Beginning with the year 1922, she will have surplus food, oil, coal, textiles, steel and timber available for export."

"President Pilsudsky said to me in Warsaw: 'We have had all the war we want. We want peace. We want to go to work and develop our country as it has now been given to us. This generation wants to work in peace with all the world.'

### Knows Russia

"Poland was the best informed about Russia of all the countries I found. I gained the impression, from numerous conversations with Poles just returned from Russia that the Soviet government is in no danger of disappearing, and that the future of Russia will be in the evolution of present government to suit the dictates and aspirations of the masses."

"Future trade with Russia will depend on the existence of a government which can be depended upon to honor its contracts and concessions, as the only possible basis for trade will be the development of her natural resources, as she now has nothing to exchange."

"He said that while people are dying in the famine stricken Volga district, there is surplus food in the Ukraine, but the Ukrainian peasants can not be induced by his government to part with it, and keeps it hidden, saying the Volga is giving him nothing that he really wants in return."

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## NO PROGRESS IN DISCUSSION OF IRISH PACT

Dail Eireann Adjourns Until Friday Morning After Holding Brief Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

## SEEK COMMON BASIS

**By Associated Press**  
DUBLIN, Jan. 5.—The Dail Eireann after holding brief morning and afternoon sessions today without making further progress in consideration of the Anglo-Irish treaty adjourned late this afternoon until tomorrow morning when it will meet in private session to hear the report of the unofficial committee which is trying to find a basis upon which an agreement might be reached.

The Dail met this morning and immediately adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The adjournment was to give the members an opportunity of discussing the situation created by the presentation of Eamonn DeValera's alternative proposals. It was regarded by