

FIRE FIGHTERS' PLEA BASED ON JUSTICE ALONE

Councils and the Mayor Faced by Convincing Facts

NEEDS OF MEN SHOWN

What Fireman Gets and What He Spends on Equipment

What a member of the Bureau of Fire, entering the service at a salary of \$75 a month, must furnish before going on duty. A clothing allowance of \$40 a year is expected to cover all renewals:

Flannel blouse	\$8.50
Flannel trousers	5.00
Flannel shirt	3.25
Overcoat	17.25
Cap	1.25
Helmet	7.00
Rubber boots	6.50
Rubber coat	6.00
Total	\$54.75

Councils' favorable action upon the movement to bring the pay of Philadelphia's firemen to a standard equal to that prevailing in other cities of the first and second class is necessary to avert two serious conditions now confronting the Bureau of Fire, declared members of the department today. Unless inducements better than those now held out are offered to the prospective firemen, it is declared, the morale of the service must suffer if the numerical strength of the department is to be kept up to its proper quota.

The pension system, one of the chief attractions, inducing enlistment and afterward tending to prevent resignation, is so depleted to meet the demands made upon it that unless some special relief measure be found for its rehabilitation it must become entirely exhausted within a few years.

The situation in these two phases is known to Mayor Smith and to members of councils, and the members of the firemen's campaign committee are hopeful, as are all of their comrades, that this knowledge will cause the Mayor to reconsider his previously expressed opposition to salary increases in the 1917 budget.

One of the members of the campaign committee, of which Battalion Chief John J. Mehill is chairman, today summarized the situation in these words:

At present the Mayor and Councils have it in their power to relieve a situation which, if permitted to continue, would be little short of a calamity. If they see it as we do—and we firemen hope they do, and will act accordingly—they will not hesitate to grant the appeal for increased pay and shorter hours that is now in the Mayor's hands.

Just now a young man desiring to enter the Fire Bureau faces a proposition that is appalling in these times. If he gets the appointment he receives for the first two years of his service a salary of \$75 a month. This is a little less than \$2.50 a day, or slightly over twelve cents an hour for actual duty. Think of it! Far less, proportionately, than the street sweeper or ordinary laborer. And the latter is employed only eight hours a day and six days a week.

The demands of the service are such that not every man can pass the civil service requirements, and the character of the men in the Bureau of Fire was never higher than at present. But can our citizens hope that this morale will continue, and that recruits of the standard demanded can be obtained if the salary offered is less than that paid to the crossing sweeper or ignorant laborer. The ordinary workman, after his day's work is done, goes home, and on pay day he gets his wages intact. He can give his time and his money to his family.

FIREMEN'S HARD LOT
Now what does the fireman find? He gets his appointment and is assigned to a company. Before he can go on duty he must provide himself with a uniform. The city allows him forty dollars a year for this purpose. Is it sufficient? Certain articles he must have. His flannel blouse costs \$8.50; trousers, \$5; cap, \$1.25; overcoat, \$17.25; shirt, \$3.25, a total of \$35.25, without taking into consideration the rubber equipment which he also must provide before going on duty. A helmet costs \$7; rubber coat, \$6, and boots, \$6.50, bringing the total preliminary expense to \$54.75. If he joins the service near the change of seasons he has a summer or winter outfit to purchase with his first month's pay. He must keep these uniform parts in good condition, and the renewal cost in the course of a year often brings the expense up to double the original outlay.

In addition there is his contribution to the pension fund, a matter of \$1.50 a

month for the beginning; an assessment for death benefits, which runs from \$3 to \$4 a month, and fifty cents to \$1 for "house" expenses.

He is lucky if he can show \$70 at the end of a month, and whatever he may give in the way of political donations still further lessens that balance. His first service at a fire may ruin his rubber coat or boots, and he is a lucky fellow who doesn't have to buy two coats or pairs of boots a year.

Inquiry at five headquarters verified these statements. The records of the pension fund to date show that since January 1 last more than fifty members of the bureau have resigned, of whom twenty-one have gone upon the pension roll. At present there are 297 pensioners, consisting of 252 members of the bureau, thirty-seven widows and eighteen dependent children. The widows receive \$2 and the children \$4 monthly each. The payments vary slightly in their total each month, but the present average is \$13,596.

SUFFRAGE "PUPILS" GET LESSONS IN AGITATION

"First Week of School" Sees Ardent Students From Many Parts of Country

BALTIMORE, Nov. 14.—This is the "first week of school" for the suffragists from many parts of the United States attending the suffrage school opened here under the auspices of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Classes in political organization, public speaking, suffrage history and argument, legislative and Federal work, and press and publicity are now in full swing and the ardent "pupils" are deep in the lessons of suffrage campaigning.

Mrs. Carra Chapman Catt, president of the National Association, will arrive tomorrow to give lectures both tomorrow and Saturday on organization, legislative and Federal work, and will address a large public meeting on Friday night. The school will close on Saturday.

The Baltimore school is but the first of the series that the national association will open throughout all the non-suffrage States, suffragists in many parts of the country having asked for a short course of this kind. Mrs. Catt has arranged to have one school in each of these States to prepare the workers for the 1917 campaign.

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WOMAN AND SON WALK TO DAYTON; HAVE \$1

Evicted From New York Home, They Aim to Reach Ohio City

One lone dollar and indomitable optimism appear to be the capital and stock in trade of Mrs. Mary Kane, who, accompanied by her fourteen-year-old son, will start today to walk from Philadelphia to Dayton, O., a hike of approximately 750 miles.

Footsore and weary, the woman arrived here last night after having tramped from New York, where she was dispossessed from her home after trying desperately to maintain it for three years. Without funds, the woman even is inadequately clad. She said she had no money to start with, and she had to go to a place where she and her son could get shelter for the night. They were sent to the House of Industry at 724 Catharine street.

Mrs. Kane said she had every intention of starting to walk to Dayton today. She has three daughters living there, she explained, and she intends to start fresh in an effort to support herself. "I certainly shall start out tomorrow," she said, "unless I can get a few days' work. If not, why I will trust to the generosity of the people of the road."

The woman is more than optimistic. The world does not owe her anything, she said. She has tried to get the best out of it by her own efforts, but having failed, she will try her luck surrounded by the protection of her three daughters.

"I have nothing to be ashamed of," she said. "My husband died several years ago, and it is no disgrace to be walking. There is a real necessity for it and here we are."



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Thanksgiving turkeys have joined the long list of commodities that have jumped in price.

As usual, the war is the cause in this instance, indirectly. The prices received by farmers in the big turkey-growing sections, mostly in the Middle West and South, for other products have resulted in about one-third less turkeys being raised this year than last.

What with wheat at two dollars, corn at one dollar even and cotton at twenty cents, the farmers are in accord on the Vanderbilt slogan, "the public be damned."

Texas shippers will send to markets about 2,600,000 turkeys for the Thanksgiving trade, according to advices received today from turkey-growing centers. This number is thirty-five per cent less than last year.

The price? Twenty-three cents on the hoof. Absolutely. And last year ten cents a pound was all that the farmers could get and they were glad to get that. Which means that turkey will hover for the consumer around forty cents a pound.

Most of the prices of other Thanksgiving edibles have jumped a trifle, cranberries being the only "vittle" that has fallen in price, with nine cents a quart quoted. Sweet potatoes and dressed duck are the only two things that are reminiscent of father's pocketbook. Both are the same as last year.

Last year's prices and those of today:

Dressed turkey	24¢ to 26¢	1915	1916
Dressed chicken	24¢ to 26¢	1915	1916
Dressed duck	24¢ to 26¢	1915	1916
Dressed goose	24¢ to 26¢	1915	1916
Pork	10¢ to 12¢	1915	1916
Cranberries	12¢	1915	1916
Apples	10¢ to 12¢	1915	1916
Pumpkins	10¢ to 12¢	1915	1916
Corn, canned	10¢ to 12¢	1915	1916
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