Methodist Association Takes Up Fight for Better Pay and Hours

COUNCILMEN WILL AID

Councilmen Pledge Aid in Firemen's Campaign

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support to firemen's campaign for
shorter hours and fair living wage.
Members of Councils promise to
attend meeting tonight of Hose and
Laddermen's Association.
Methodist Preschers' Association

today appoints committee to wait upon Mayor and urge action that will setter firemen's living conditions.

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United Business Men's Associa-tion and affiliated bodies join movement, adopting resolutions calling upon the Mayor and Councils to take action requested by firemen.

The Methodist Preachers' Association, at its meeting today unanimously adopted resolutions supporting the firemen of Philphia in their efforts to obtain a read-ment of working hours and a more ble salary. Further, the association sinted a committee to visit the Mayor appointed a committee to visit the Mayor on behalf of the firemen and to urge upon the city's executive the necessity for early action looking to the firemen's betterment.

wo members of the firemen's campaign which was held in Matthew Simpson Weeley Building, Seventeenth and streets. Lieutenant John Wills and erman James Simister attended. After Ladderman James Simister attended. After the opening prayer and disposition of pre-liminary business, the Rev. E. D. Hoffman, who presided, called upon the firemen to address the meeting. Both responded briefly, but the cogency of their arguments was so effective that they had scarcely ceased speaking when the Rev. Dr. George H. Bickley proposed the naming of a committee to wait upon the Mayor in the inter-est of public justice and ask that official to urge upon Councils the necessary legisla-tion to give the firemen the relief asked for.

The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Adamson, in conding the motion, remarked that the olicity already given to the campaign nationly stready given to the campaign had induced him to make personal investigation of the firemen's lot, and that, as a result, he was convinced of the full justice of their cause. Doctor Hoffman named Doctors Bickley and Adamson, with the Rev. Dr. John Watchorn, as members of the committee to see the Mayor.

In addition to the formal action of the Preachers' Association, several prominent members of that body today expressed their individual sentiments in favor of the firemen's efforts to obtain a fair living wage and an opportunity to see their wives and families oftener than the few minutes possible under existing regulations. sible under existing regulations.

Among those clergymen declaring their hearty sympathy with the movement was Blahop Thomas B. Neely, who pledged his carnest support and sympathy to the members of the committee. The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. McKenty, whose brother, Robert J. McKenty, is a former Director of Public was also outspoken in his expressions of support and encouragement to the firemen. He promised to make personal effort to bring the matter before the city officials in the name of justice, and pledged the co-operation of his brother, now warden

of the Eastern Penitentiary, in their be

MCKENTYS WORK Warden McKenty, when Director, succeeded in obtaining for the police an increase of pay, and reorganized the detectives on an equalized salary basis. He also established a better system of pay for the House of Correction guards. These syldences of interest were cited by the Rev. Doctor McKenty as guarantee that the warden would support the men of the Fire Bureau.

Public sentiment in behalf of the firemen today took such form that the leaders in the campaign are beginning to feel that Mayor Smith and Councils will recognize the situation as one where any movement toward its alleviation will popularly be regarded as a materiationle for justice and soward its alleviation will popularly be regarded as a master-stroke for justice and humanity. Despite the Mayor's expressed opposition to increasing the city payroll at this time, it is felt that thegranting of the firemen's request would be leoked upon as redounding to the credit of the Administration sanctioning it, and at the same time making for the added efficiency of the service itself.

Several members of Councils, inspired by the growing impetus of the campaign of publicity, have signified their intention to attend a meeting of the Hose and Ladder-men's Association tonight, when the ques-tion of pay and hours will be discussed.

The Councilmen in queston voluntarily requested permission to attend the meeting, which will be held in Veteran Firemen's Hall, Tenth street above Brown. In making the suggestion to the committee in charge of the firemen's campaign the Councilmen took occasion to declare their hearty co-peration with the firemen's efforts and to pledge support to any relieving measure which might come before Councils.

INDICATES POPULAR SYMPATHY This action on the part of members of Councils is received by the firemen as indicative of an aroused public sentiment in favor of their appeal. Although Mayor Smith has given no intimation of his intention in the matter of the petition presented to him last Tuesday, the firemen are hopeful that his delay in amouncing his position is favorable to their cause. They see also in the interest being manifested in their behalf by members of Councils the beginning of popular pressure to bring about a revision of their pay schedule that will place them on a footing with the firefighters of other cities.

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Invitations to attend tonight's meeting of the Hose and Laddermen's Association have been extended to members of the Finance Committee and several other Counties and Several other Cou Finance Committee and several other Coun-climen. The firemen feel that Councilmante disregard of their condition has arisen, not from any intent to slight or overlook the firemen, but from unfamiliarity with the

labor.
This lack of acquaintance with the regurestricted to the private citizen. A former Councilman, chairman of the Finance Committee at the time, in visiting a fire station expressed surprise that beds were in

disposed that half of your company siept at home during the night and that the others went off when the first squad returned to

the engine house."

The impression prevailing today among Councilmen, the firemen believe, is different, and the change of feeling is growing more and more favorable to the men of the bu-reau as existing conditions and the need

for remedy therefor become apparent.
The action of Senator Penrose in openly pledging his support to the movement, and the signing of the firemen's petition by State Senators Vare and McNichol, it is believed by the firemen, presages a nonpartisan approval of the movement for

TO INTEREST REALTY MEN Additional impetus was given to the campaign when members of the campaign com mittee, prompted by the growing feeling of approval that is following their efforts to enlist public support, took up the question of interesting real estate men in their behalf. The realty men have been the most persistent and active opponents of increasing the tax rate for next year. To provide the sum necessary to grant the additional



MISS SYLVIA POLIN

The seventeen-year-old girl whose cries for help routed four cracksmen who were trying to break open the safe in her father's store at 420 Ritner street during the early hours today.

pay and men asked by the firemen a tax jump of 2% cents would furnish adequate funds, if other means of municipal financiering should fail. The firemen feel that even if this last recourse were resorted to the real estate men would submit the more willingly if they knew the morey was to be employed to place the fire protection the city and their properties on a higher dency and more secure basis.

Some members of Councils have not waitfor more formal request or manifestation public will, but have written to the mpaign Committee promising their sun port. An ordinance, drafted by a Council-man rated as an Independent, and present-ed by a member affiliated with the Repubed by a member affiliated with the Republican organization, has been prepared. A member of Common Council, acknowledging receipt of a copy of the firemen's petition, wrote as follows, his letter being typical of other similar communications in possession of the committee: "You may rest assured that I appreciate the necessity for a change in salary and hours. I will gladly vote and work in your behalf, and if in

Indiv let me know,

The United Business Men's Association as have many of the seventy-seven bodies affiliated with that organization, has adopted resolutions calling upon the Mayor to grant the firemen's request. Several prominent merchants and manufacturers have added their personal appeal in this direction and the number of such indorsements In growing daily.

While the Mayor has appounced himself as opposed to salary increases for municipal employes at this time, owing to the city's financial condition, the advocates of the firemen's campaign point out that the sum required for the purpose of giving the firemen a fair living wage can be obtained by transfer of appropriation Items for purposes less needed at this time and for which there is not so great a popular for which there is not so great a popular demand or which are not prompted by such a sense of justice and fair play in return for service fearlessly and unsellishly given by a body of men who daily risk their lives for the benefit of others at a recompense that compares only with that given to the minor clerka and subordinates of other departments and bureaus, whose work is performed in absolute safety and in shorter hours and with numerous holidays.

WOMAN, 70, ASKS DIVORCE

Plaintiff Married in 1907 While Facing Alienation Suit

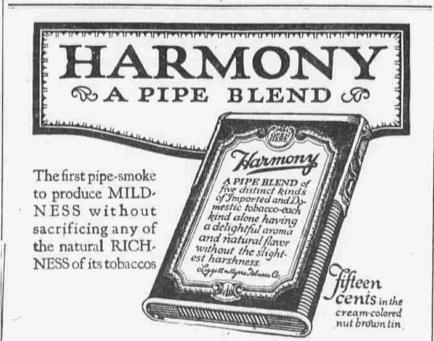
HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Re-becca D. Gunton, of Hot Springs, will begin action for divorce against George Gunton

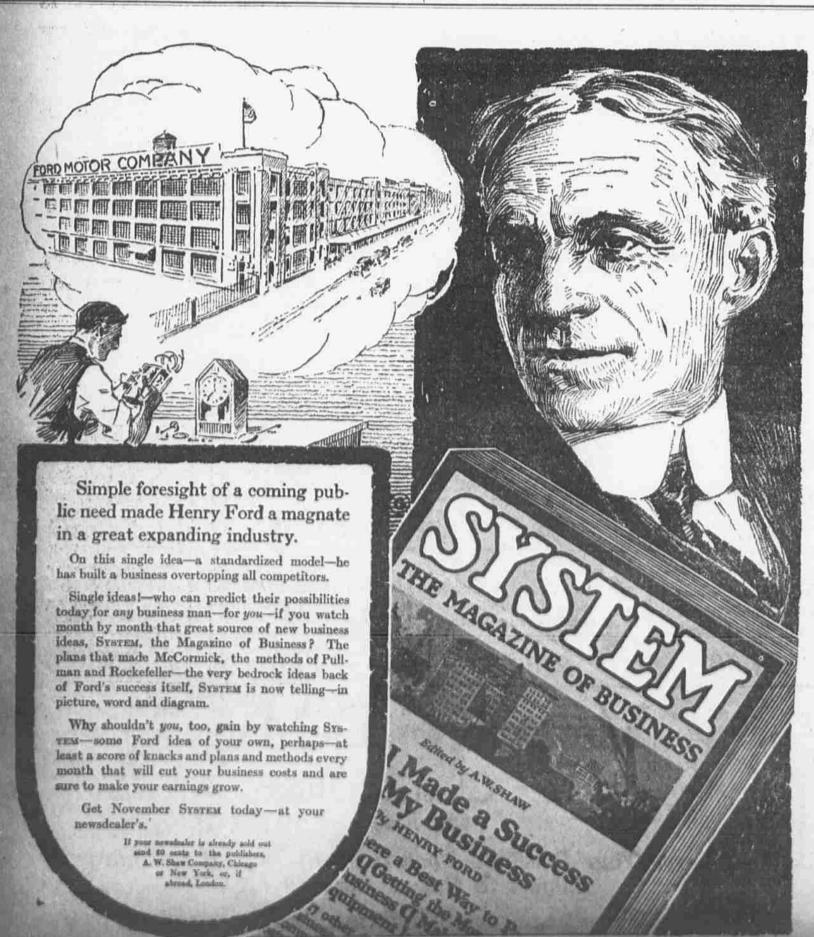
Mrs. Gunton, who is more than seventy Mrs. Gunton, who is more than seventy years old, was the widow of William B. Lowe, of Atlanta, Ga., a wealthy financier, who died in 1991. She is a suffragist and was president for many years of the reneral Federation of Women's Clubs. She married Mr. Gunton in Lewisburg, W. Va., on June 6, 1997, while she was facing a wuit for allenation of affections brought by Mr. Gunton's first wife.

Mr. Gunton, an Englishman, came to America in 1874. In 1890 he became presi-dent of the Institute of Social Economics and editor of the Social Economist, which n 1996 was changed to Gunton's Maga-tine, of which he was the editor. He is eventy years old.

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The couple lived at Gunton Lodge, Hot Springs, until July, 1915, when they separated. Mrs. Gunton has two children by her first marriage. Baroness Rosenkrantz, of London, and William B. Lowe. of New York. Mr. Gunton has several children by





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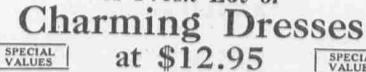
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